Dear families and friends,

I had the opportunity to speak with many parents and guardians, throughout the week, to hear what is important to them at school for their family, for their children, for their friends, neighbours and community. I appreciate hearing everyone’s story and what it means to be part of a fantastic school community, like the one we have here, at Sharon.

**NAPLAN**

Next week on Tuesday through Thursday (Friday catch-up) we will undertake the Year 3 & 5 National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy. On a side note, it is also important that schools begin preparing for further learning programs and assessment to move online, as well as NAPLAN. ‘Aim High - Show us what you’ve got’!

**ICT, iPads and Laptops**

We have replaced several older iPads to ensure we have a
quality fleet of wireless mobile devices for all teachers and the
students of the Proud Scholars classroom.

We have just received a new additional set of 10 iPads, funded
by the P&C, to be shared between the Salt and Preppers,
Macs and Lively Learners, thank you P&C. The school is also
rolling out the first wireless student laptops for the Macs and
LL classrooms, as their work often requires online tools and
research aspects for their learning, subjects and units.

Unexplained Absence Letters

Throughout the week, some families may have received an
‘Unexplained Absence Letter’. Please understand these
system generated letters are part of our process of ensuring
quality attendance standards that contribute to effective
learning for every child at our school. Our school currently
boasts 94% attendance ‘year to date’ which is above the
Queensland State School average.

The school captures attendance and absence information in
such a blended method, including ClassDojo, that we use this
process to make sure we get all the correct information. This
is important for families, us as school and also features on
Report Cards. We generate these letters every 3 weeks.

Our Library Online

Exciting news - our Library went live online this week. You
can now access our Library Catalogue online at http://
sharonss.cmeweb.libcode.com.au - Links on our website...

Special Mention

Congratulations to Talitha Parker for her participation in the
Bundaberg Zone Cross Country! Congratulations to Jada
Critchlow for several highly commended and merit awards at
the recent Bundaberg Eisteddfod! Well done and we are
proud of you both, in representing our school at these events.

Happy Mother’s Day!

From the students and staff of Sharon State School, to all the
Mum’s, near and far, have a great day!

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Benjamin Reed
Principal - principal@sharonss.eq.edu.au / breed15@eq.edu.au
Explicit Improvement Agenda

Improve writing for all students, through consolidation of student friendly marking guides and explicit teaching of the ten elements of successful pieces of writing and literature.

Literacy and Numeracy Aims - All students to be above the National Average in NAPLAN and improving at a rate greater than the nation. Increase percentage of students achieving in the Upper 2 Bands to greater than 50%.

Australian Curriculum Aims - All students achieving C+ or better in English, Mathematics and Science and making Adequate Yearly Progress or Value Adding in achievement.

Current Permission Information

Term 2 2016
- 3/4 Barambah EEC Camp - please return Commitment Note - complete
- Gin Gin District X Country - complete
- Bundaberg Zone X Country - complete
- Year 6 Day of Excellence at High School - complete

Positive Behaviour Focus

School Rules
- Care for Self
- Care for Others
- Care for Environment

STUDENT LEADER RULE OF THE WEEK - Safety First! No running on the concrete!

Student of the Week Awards

On our weekly Assembly, we present our Student of the Week Award, which recognises positive student achievements and can be nominated from any of our staff for many reasons - personal learning goal improvements, outstanding achievement, demonstrating leadership, or an attribute that exemplifies our motto, through compassionate and thoughtful acts that embody 'Aim Ever Higher'.
2016 - Term 2 - Week 3

Salt and Preppers
Kira - for producing some wonderfully creative sentences.
Layne - for his excellent effort in maths and phonics.

Proud Scholars
Pedro - for his use of awesome language in his writing.
Harper - to our quiet achiever for consistently producing work of a high standard.

Lively Learners
Jeremy - working hard to improve his handwriting.

Macs
Umairah - listening and accepting feedback, to improve her writing throughout the week.
Jessica - demonstration perseverance and great effort in her writing throughout the week.

Hot Dog Thursdays and Sausage Sizzle Fridays
Every week we fundraise with the ever popular Hot Dog Thursday! For $2 you can get a Hot Dog with your choice of Sauce and be part of the greatest primary school tradition ever - Hot Dog Day!
Our P&C Sausage Sizzle is on every Friday and the monies are collected in the classrooms. Students are able to purchase a sausage on bread with sauce for lunch, and a Home Ice Cream for afternoon tea.
Sausage on bread - $1.20
Ice block - $1.00
Sausage and Ice Block Deal - $2.00
Please select a date that suits from the Roster in the Date Claimers...
Term 2 - Lively Learners, and contact P&C President Hayley, on pandcpresident@sharonss.eq.edu.au

Book Fair
Coming Soon!!! May 16th to May 20th...
In The Classrooms

3/4 Barambah EEC Camp

Chappy will also be coming on camp with Mrs Irwin and Mr Reed, this will be a great support to staff and students alike!

MACS

The Macs have been super busy during these past 2 weeks as we have only had 4 days every week! Some of our students also headed off to the North Bundaberg SHS Day of Excellence and from all reports they represented themselves and our school proudly. It is a selected group of students who were and continue to excel in their studies and commenced the program during Term 1 of this year.

I have been so proud of the way the students have been demonstrating their leadership in terms of enthusiasm for reinvigorating the weekly whole school assembly. It is in their best interests to take control of assembly and organise the whole show, because they already know that if I am left to my own devices with a platform and audience, that I will simply prattle on forever :) They even hooked up the new iPod via Bluetooth to the stereo, so they don't need cords anymore for the National Anthem music. They have grand plans and whilst not all of them will work, that is part of leadership development and resilience of character - aiming high, dreaming big, sometimes we fall, but bouncing back. Every challenge is just an opportunity... Every failure is just a setup for a fantastic comeback!

As NAPLAN will be occurring throughout next week, eat, sleep and exercise well, as you should always. Try your best, as you should everyday and it is another chance, to show us what you've got!

Have a great week ahead!

'Aim Ever Higher'

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au

Community Notices

Please send community information for inclusion in our newsletter to admin@sharonss.eq.edu.au

AFL

Girls AFL Come and Try Day!

Girls the AFL in Bundaberg is hosting a Girls AFL come and try day at the Across the waves grounds on Clayton Road!

It is a great opportunity for you all to get involved in a fun, safe and exciting new environment. Female Football is also a great way for girls to make friends, keep active and learn new skills which will continue to come in handy. In saying this, I recommend that everyone of you girls should give AFL a try on the 11th and/or 18th of May from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
WHERE: ATW GROUNDS CLAYTON RD

WHEN: 11th and 18th of May

TIME: 4:30pm-5:30pm

UNDER 7's-

Boys and girls if you are under 7 and are looking to have fun in a safe environment such as one provided by AFL then look no further than to come to the AFL grounds at Across The Waves on Clayton rd! We are calling on anyone who is or may be interested in participating in Australian football which will also in hand help you make life long friends and build on as well as develop motor and fundamental learning skills. In saying this I encourage you all to come along to the AFL grounds on the 13th of May at 5:00pm-6:00pm to have a good time. If you are currently a member of AUSTRALIAN KICK the registration fee will be only $40 for every Friday after the 13th of May.

WHEN: 13th May

WHERE: AFL ATW Grounds Clayton Rd

TIME: 5:00pm-6:00pm

DAY: Every Friday

I hope to see all you Juniors under 7 out on the field with a footy in your hands and a smile on your faces!

Thank you, Shaun Stone.
BUNDABERG SOUTH STATE SCHOOL

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1891-2016

Saturday 21st May 2016

Ph 07 41 308 333 Email: admin@bundsoutss.eq.edu.au

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

9:00 am Registrations @ School Hall
ABC Radio Broadcast
Devonshire Tea

11.15 am Bundaberg Caledonian Pipe Band

11:30 am Official Ceremony, Decade Roll Call,
Time Capsule, 125 Cake, Photographs
BBQ Lunch

1.30 pm Multi-Draw Raffle

2.00 pm Close

6.00 pm 125 Anniversary Dinner @ Bundaberg RSL
(Bookings essential – contact School)

School Displays
Devonshire Tea
BBQ Lunch
Vintage Cars
Multi-Draw Raffle
125 Anniversary Pavers
125 Anniversary Book

Email: 125th@bundsoutss.eq.edu.au

Student Displays
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Community Stalls
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