Dear families and friends,

I received some news throughout the week that is important to share with the school community. Mrs Mac has decided to extend her long service leave for the remainder of the year and after that time, will join Mr Mac in a new period of their personal life. Whilst I speak with Mr and Mrs Mac professionally and personally on a regular basis and having only known them a short time, I know this news will be met with our natural sadness, as to the end of a highly successful passage of time and legacy at Sharon State School.

I also thank Mrs Mac for conveying this undoubtedly difficult decision in a way and timeframe that allows Sharon SS to acknowledge change and move forward with certainty surrounding our ability to staff the classrooms for the remainder of the year, to provide consistency for the students.

We wish them every success and happiness in the next set of adventures that await them in the short term and the future.
**P&C MEETING**

3rd Wednesday of the Month
Wednesday 15 June - 4:00pm

BOOK FAIR
Monday 16 - Fri 20 May
Purchasing - Friday morning

SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME
Wednesday 25 May - 11am

BUNDY SHOW HOLIDAY - PH
Thursday 26 May

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Thursday 16 Jun - Jumps & 800m
Friday 17 Jun - Races & Relays

YEAR 3/4 CAMP
BARAMBAH EEC
Tue 21 - Thu 23 Jun

REPORT CARDS HOME
Last Day - Friday 24 Jun

TERM 2 LAST DAY
Friday 24 Jun

TERM 3 COMMENCES
Monday 11 Jul

FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Term 2 - Lively Learners
W1 Apr 15 - Gaye - thanks
W2 Apr 22 - Paula - thanks
W3 Apr 29 - Hayley P&C - thanks
W4 May 6 - Gaye - thanks
W5 May 13 - ?
W6 May 20 - ?
W7 May 27 - ?
W8 Jun 3 - ?
W9 Jun 10 - ?
W10 Jun 24 - ?
Please contact the office for info.

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**Macs Class Teacher Information Session**

After joining Sharon SS and teaching the students of the Macs classroom for half the term, and in light of the above information, I would like to offer a Teacher Information session in the Library on Wednesday at 3:15pm, to meet all the Macs classroom parents, so you can put a name to a face, if we haven't caught up in passing. I can then also outline the plans for Semester 2 from a teacher perspective, in terms of curriculum, timetables, teaching arrangements, programs and activities in the Macs classroom moving forward.

Whilst we all acknowledge that usually this is undertaken at a Term 1 Welcome / Information Night, I would like to ensure that I meet as many Macs families as possible for the students for whom I teach, whilst conveying information about the staffing, timetables, program and classroom moving forward.

**Drop off and Pickup Times**

Students have been arriving quite early to school recently and therefore supervision and care is becoming a concern. Please also ring the office if running late for pickup, so we are aware and can put arrangements in place, so that students are collected in timeframes, where we can ensure supervision.

**In the classrooms**

I would like to extend my thanks to all teachers (for everything they do), but specifically, for now providing us all with newsletter updates from the classrooms, on a rotational fortnightly basis. Whilst my keynote is undoubtedly read with interest, I know that parents really want to know what is happening for their children in their respective classrooms.

**Book Fair and Simultaneous Story time**

What a fantastic week of Book Fair, don't forget that Friday morning is Purchasing Day, please bring along your wish list!

As part of National Simultaneous Story time, we will be reading the book ‘I Got This Hat’ in the Library on Wednesday 25 May at 11am, with Mrs Searle and Mrs Puie.

‘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

RULE OF THE WEEK - All classes lining up together.

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 5

**Salt and Preppers**

Aden - for always completing his homework to a high standard

Cruz - for a fantastic attitude towards his school work.

**Proud Scholars**

Cooper - for consistently doing his best.

Kobe - for great improvement in story writing.

Tupelo - for being a kind and caring classmate.

**Lively Learners**

Jack - for having some great answers in our class discussion times.

**Macs**

Dee - for improved effort in homework tasks and increased classroom participation - Keep up the great work!

Mia - for positive participation in classroom tasks and a great attitude!

**Golden Bin Award**

Proud Scholars

**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 - Contact P&C President Hayley, on pandcpresident@sharonss.eq.edu.au
**Student Banking**

Sharon State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Tuesday.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please wait for a 2016 School Banking program information pack to be sent home in the very near future. Keep an eye out!
In The Classrooms

Salt and Preppers

Wow. Can't believe we're half way through term 2. We have been ultra busy little learners in the Salt and Prep’s room, with our children striving in a range of areas. Developing our skills in reading, writing and maths has been the main focus in our classroom throughout the year, but the other areas of study for our classroom this term have included the following:

• Poetry oral presentations: These have been very successful. Our children have really excelled in these projects, their confidence in themselves and in their peers has really developed.

• Art: We have created some wonderful dot painting, collage and drawing projects this term and of course our Mother’s Day creations were extra special.

• History: Learning about family structures and their similarities and differences has been our focus this term and it has been wonderful having everybody’s family photos line our classroom.

• Technology: These lessons have been packed with fun and laughter as we learn how to use different apps on the iPads to photograph ourselves in unusual ways. We will be printing some of these out to put on display in the coming weeks.

• Music: During music lessons we have been continuing to develop our singing skills and have been learning how to clap rhythms.

• Health: Life, living and the human body have been explored this term. We have labelled, moved and watched how we grow and made balloon and crepe paper replicas of our body. In the next few weeks we will also look at how to keep ourselves healthy, fit and strong.

• Science: We have enjoyed investigating materials and testing their strength, wind resistance, weight and whether they are waterproof. We have been collecting a variety of objects and next week we begin to design and construct wind ornaments. We can’t wait to start!

• Sports: One of our biggest challenges this term has been ball games! We are learning 3 ball games for sports day: Tunnel Ball, Captain Ball and Leader Ball. We have seen a vast improvement in our ability to watch the ball, throw and catch it. In fact the ball has spent much more time in the air recently than at the start of the term so we must be making improvements!

As you can see we've been working really hard but we've had a wonderful time doing it. So until next time, Salt and Preps, over and out.

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Mrs Lester, Mrs Boving and Miss Reidy
**Lively Learners**

Now that NAPLAN week is behind us, the students in LI's have been looking at our English, Science and History units in preparation for upcoming assessment tasks. All students have been enjoying hearing and reading about the hilarious antics of the dogs in our novel “Dog Tales”. Just ask any LI's about the burglars! We’ve been looking at photos from the past in History. We’ve seen photos of Townsville, Rockhampton and Burleigh Heads and how they’ve changed over time. In Science we have been studying the sun and planets, and will now focus on the earth. This will involve some fun experiments – one is called “Rockin’ Rocks”, but it has nothing to do with Elvis!

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Mrs Irwin

**Macs**

I will be hosting a teacher and classroom information session on Wednesday afternoon next week, at 3:15pm in the Library, to meet as many Macs parents, who can spare 30 -45 minutes, to put names to faces and outline some of the Semester 2 plans, timetables and programs moving forward.

It would also be a great chance to get the jump on forming a parent graduation group, to ensure we commence initial planning for the graduation dinner (if one is desired) for the end of the year. These things tend to creep up on us, as the school takes responsibility for the EOY School Concert, Celebration and Graduation Night, but it is important that Yer 6 graduating parents begin planning the separate Graduation Dinner, whether that be a casual BBQ or a formal restaurant dinner.

Don't forget next Thursday is the local Bundaberg Show Holiday.

Have a great week ahead!

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Mr Reed

**Community Notices**

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

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

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

Student Displays
Memorabilia
Class Stalls
Rides n Slides
Community Stalls
Old School Room
Entertainment

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Temporary positions are available in your local area to work on election day.

Even if you haven't worked on an election we want to hear from you. Training is provided.


We are seeking registrations for:
- polling officials 7am until finish of counting
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If you are interested please register online at the above website and contact our office on 4276 5011.