Dear families and friends,

Welcome back to Semester 2 and Term 3. We hope everyone had a relaxing and revitalising holiday break!

Sign-in and Sign-out

As detailed in the welcome back letter, sent home on Monday, please note all signing in and out of students, is now undertaken at the Administration Office in A Block.

QParents

QParents has launched at Sharon SS! This means that invitations to register will be with parents soon. Once registered, parents will have their children's student information at their fingertips. You can register online at https://qparents.qld.edu.au using the unique invitation code attached to the letter or email sent out from us. Otherwise please contact the school for further information on how to get involved.
School Opinion Survey

Have your say! The School Opinion Survey is a great way to anonymously have your say about our school. We are all in this together and we value your feedback to ensure we relentlessly improve. Let us know how we are going! All the information will be invaluable in our Quadrennial School Review process and formulation of the next 4 year strategic School Plan for our school and community.

3/4 Camp

The Camp was a winner at Barambah and whilst we all acknowledge it was chilly, it certainly wasn't as cold as we know it can get at those spots in our country. We had a great time, the students were well behaved and the accommodation was excellent. Food was fantastic and we look forward to the next one. Mrs Irwin has the wrap-up in her class news item this week and thanks again to Mrs Irwin and Chappy Lynn.

Fire and Lockdown Drills

Over the next week, we will be holding drills for safety and security at school. For our youngest students this can be somewhat distressing, but it is good to start early and practice. We will undertake rehearsed drills with notification that it will happen for fire and lockdown. Then later in the week we will undertake a real exercise without notification to ensure we learn from the drill, all the things that can be improved or changed, to make school safer for all.

Same day absence notification of Outside of Home Care students

As of recent findings and a report for all state schools, students who are ‘Outside of Home Care’ will now have same day notifications of absence. Beginning next year all schools will have to ensure same day notification of absence to parents/guardians, for all students in Queensland. We will be evaluating a text solution alongside our close local state schools and bringing information on our selected solution to our communication with families as soon as we can. Always let us know if your children, our students, will be away.

Thank you.

‘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 3 2016
- Gin Gin District Athletics Carnival (district rep) - ASAP

Positive Behaviours for Learning Focus

School Rules
- Care for Self, Others and Environment

RULE OF THE WEEK - Motto - Aim Ever Higher

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 11

Prep Class Salt and Preppers

1 Class Salt and Preppers

Tyler - for trying hard to follow classroom rules.

Tyson - for improvements in his writing and for producing some wonderful sentences.
**Proud Scholars**

Braye - friendly attitude and willingness to always have a go.

Jenna - lovely manners and great attitude towards school work.

**3/4 Class**

Hayley - for working well in reading groups.

**4/5 Class**

**5/6 Class**

Charley - being a wonderful student and trying her best at everything she does.

Lena - for being a great student and producing some fantastic writing in class.

**Golden Bin Award**

Term 2 Raffle Winners - 3/4 Class

**Friday Sausage Sizzle**

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 an ice block 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 3 - 4/5 and 5/6 Classes - Contact P&C President Hayley, on pandcpresident@sharonss.eq.edu.au

**In The Classrooms**

**Prep Class Salt and Preppers**

We are all excited to be back at school and the students have surprised us with how quickly they have adjusted to our new routine and classroom layout. They have all come back to school refreshed and ready to learn.

During our writing lessons, we have been using a variety of stimulus material to group brainstorm and generate ideas and then write independently. We have been astounded by the results! Here are some fabulous writing examples from these 20 minute sessions this week.
Once upon a time there were five little chickens. Very hungry chickens. Very naughty chickens. It was night time. The little chickens were not eating their dinner. Mother chicken said, 'You five little chickens won't get any dessert!' The little chickens snatched the dessert off mother chicken. They ate it all up. Later, when they woke up, they couldn't see mother chicken....

By Eli Year 1

There's a lot to know about bees. They make honey. Bees have six legs. Bees get grumpy when you go near their hive. Bees sting you. They die when they sting you. I have been stung two times.

By Dakota Prep

There was one chicken. She had eggs. She was the only chicken on the farm and her three eggs hatched. Hens lay eggs on a farm but they only lay eggs when the hen feels like it. The eggs are hard.

By Nate Year 1

'Aim Ever Higher'

Mrs Boving and Mrs Lester

Proud Scholars

The Proud Scholars came back from their holiday ready to work hard. This term we will be learning about toys and games which is going to cover English, Science and History. In English we are learning about reading and writing procedures. We began with recipes and on Wednesday we had to make chocolate balls by ourselves. It was messy, but fun! Keep your eye out for our Newsletter articles to find out all the awesome things we will be doing this term!

The Proud Scholars' Parent Teacher interviews begin next Monday. If you wish to have an interview and haven't already booked a time, please return the form we sent home at the end of term 2, or dojo us.

'Aim Ever Higher'

Mrs Puie and Mrs Searle

3/4 Class

The last week of term two saw the year 3 and 4 students heading off to camp at Barambah Environmental Education Centre. And what a fun time we all had! Our camp teachers, along with Mr Reed, Chappy Lyn and Mrs Irwin, took us for walks into the bush and showed us many interesting plants and sites. Over the three days, we were taught how the indigenous people of Australia made shelters and looked for food. We even learnt how to throw a spear and a boomerang! A lot of the activities taught us how to work as a
team, like the low ropes course and the hut building. On the first night we had several activities that our teams rotated around – star gazing, string making and stories around the camp fire. The second night was a choice between watching the first half of the State of Origin game with Mr Reed or Minute To Win It games with Mrs Irwin. For some students, it was the first time away from home, and they all did really well at showing their independence and having a go at trying something new and different.

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Mrs Irwin

5/6 Class

Welcome back to all the students for what will be an exciting term ahead! Welcome back to Mrs Lewis and Mrs Stanieg. Mrs Stanieg will replace me on Monday and teach The Arts - Visual Art, also continuing to deliver Health for the whole school on Thursdays. Mrs Lewis will replace me for Science, Geography and deliver Technology for the whole school. Mrs Alexander will continue to deliver LOTE Japanese on Monday and Wednesdays. Ms Herbert will deliver The Arts - Music on Tuesdays. Students have a rough draft timetable which they may have brought home to discuss or share with families. They have a copy at school as well, which updates if and when things change!

We have AusKick for the first 3 weeks during HPE - Physical Activity whilst Mrs Orreal is on Competition and Long Service Leave. We wish her every success at her Cross Fit event!

We have 10 new wireless laptops as our classroom computers now, as we gave the 4/5 class most of the new desktop computers, but we think it was a good deal. Can’t wait for a few more upgrades!

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Mr Reed

P&C Corner

Special Meeting Wednesday 20th July 6:15pm - Adopt the 2016 Constitution.

Followed by a General Meeting - 6:30pm - 8:30pm. All welcome!

Friday Sausage Sizzle Volunteers

It is 4/5 and 5/6 classes turn to support the Friday Sausage Sizzle, please let Hayley our P&C President know on pandcpresident@sharonss.eq.edu.au or touch base with us here in the Office via phone, email or pop-in if you can help out on a Friday throughout this term. Thanks in advance!

Chappy’s Chat

Welcome back to Semester 2 and Term 3 - talk with you all soon! Chappy Lynn
**Community Notices**

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

**Avoca Family Cent Sale**

The Avoca Family Cent Sale will be held at the Bundaberg RSL on Saturday July 30th at 1pm. Entry will be $5.00 and includes afternoon tea. There will be plenty of prizes, jackpots, whip arounds and raffles. Come along for a fun afternoon.

For bookings please phone Naomi on 0401 947 757 or email: teshah24@gmail.com
We’re bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

**How to enter**

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more school Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting [commbank.com.au/prizelights](http://commbank.com.au/prizelights).

**Win a bag of sports equipment for your school**

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

*To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit [commbank.com.au/prizelights](http://commbank.com.au/prizelights).*

**Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.**


Promotion starts 9.00am AEST 11/7/16 and ends 11.59pm AEST 30/9/16. Student Element: Entry is open to all Youthsaver customers aged 5-13 years. 1 entry received into Star Saver draw when 3 deposits are made through the School Banking program. 1 entry received into Supernova when also completing the fun Stargazing online activity at [commbank.com.au/prizelights](http://commbank.com.au/prizelights) and submitting a fully completed entry form. Max. of 1 entry per person per draw. Entries will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Tas, Qld and WA. A total of 390 prizes comprising 50 PlayStation 4 packs valued at $607 each, and the Star Saver draw for 50 camping kits valued at $234.93 each, 90 instant camera packs valued at $114 each, and 200 12-month subscriptions to Total Girl or K-Zone magazine valued at $49.95 each, will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. The SA/NT winners’ names of the Supernova draw will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 19/10/16. All winners’ names will be published at [commbank.com.au/prizelights](http://commbank.com.au/prizelights) on 19/10/16.

School Element: Entry is open to all schools operating in Australia who participate in the School Banking program and have at least 1 student entered into the Star Saver draw for this promotion. Limit 1 entry per school. Entries will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Tas, Qld and WA. A total of 75 prizes of a ball sports pack to the value of $200 for each winning school will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. Prize draws will take place at 12 noon AEDT 12/10/16 at Commonwealth Bank, Level 3, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney. Total prize value $77,346.50. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 3, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. NSW Permit No LTPS/16/03433; ACT Permit No TP16/00862; SA Permit No T16/764.