Dear families and friends,

Well it is all happening here on campus! I am officially rising through the ranks of the ongoing handball championships at school. Over the years the game evolves but the original skills never changed. Being a good sport, playing fair and good hand-eye coordination, will always get you heaps of mates to play any game with, inside school and out in the real world! I've had a few years in schools to practise, in reality I never left school, so I always enjoy a quick game of handball.

Lunchtime Organised Sports

We are fortunate that all our teachers and staff provide a generous routine of organised sports at school. Currently Newcomb Ball, Tee Ball and Tennis are doing the rounds and students in Years 2/3 seem to be enjoying a bit of tennis out on the courts with me. Remember you can always hire our court on the weekends through the Sharon Servo and the proceeds go the P&C too, if you enjoy a hit with friends or your kids.
**Gin Gin District Athletics Wrap-up**

Sharon SS was well represented at the recent Gin Gin District Athletics Carnival. Commendations to all students on their behaviour and efforts at the event. This makes us all including families, friends, school and community proud!

Well done to the following students who won a place and have secured a spot in the next level, being the Bundaberg Zone Athletics Carnival next Thursday and Friday.

**2007**

Jessie M, Liam and Kai have all made relay teams or 80m races, as well as Kai coming second in his 80m race.

**2006**

Talitha swept the field in the 100m, 200m, 800m and Long Jump with 1st place in all those events.

Lara got 1st in the Shot Put with Manea coming in 2nd.

Ariana picked a 1st in Discus with Lara coming in 2nd.

**2005**

Emma picked up 1st in Shot Put and Discus, with Chelsea getting a 2nd in Shot Put.

Mitchell got a 3rd in Shot Put, with Angus picking up a 3rd in Discus.

**2004**

Ayla came 3rd in the 200m and 800m races.

Lena came 3rd in the Shot Put.

Mason came 3rd in his 800m race. Daniel came 1st in his 100m and 200m races. Daniel had a big day out and also came 1st in Discus and 2nd in the Shot Put.

Congratulations to every participant and those who picked up a place on the day and showed good sportsmanship!

Special mention goes to Talitha and Daniel who both won Age Champions at the Carnival. Good luck next week at the Zone Carnival, for those who have qualified!

Information and permission forms have been sent home today, with students for the Zone Carnival.
Weekly Class Attendance Award

Due to the success of the Golden Bin Award for cleanliness and organisation in classrooms, we have come up with a great new idea to continue our initiatives and encouragement for students surrounding attendance. ‘Attendance Annie’ is the newest student at our school!

She never misses a day of school, she is always quiet in class and she joins your class for the week if you win the Attendance Award for the previous week. Every term this life-size mannequin starts with a Sharon SS uniform and the class adds something to her, as she travels the rooms throughout the term. Be like Attendance Annie, be part of a classroom that shines with smiling faces, because everyday counts!

Spelling Mastery - Upper School Development Spelling

In the Upper School - 3/4, 4/5, 5/6 we have introduced an evidenced based, developmental morphographic Spelling program, called Spelling Mastery. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30am, all students in the 3 classes split into five groups to consolidate and extend their knowledge of spelling rules, choices and word study. This does not replace age appropriate classroom spelling words and lists for English or homework, but extends students spelling abilities and also plugs gaps in spelling knowledge, over time.

School Banking Term 3 Competition

The CommBank has also donated another small prize pack for an in-school competition for this term over and above the regular savings rewards. Braye won the Dollarmites prize pack for banking three times in Term 2. The same competition is on again this term and the prize will be drawn at the end of term, for students who bank three times in Term 3. Good luck!

High School Information

There is lots of information flowing from the 5/6 Class, surrounding High School transition, specifically with our closest linked secondary state school - North Bundaberg SHS. This evening there is an information session at the High School, next week the Day Of Excellence for selected Year 6 students, an upcoming visit to our school by the Principal Mr Robertson and another transition information morning for the students. NB SHS LEAP Applications have also been sent home to interested Year 6 students attending North Bundaberg State High School next year.

International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) Tests

Recently the students in our Upper School have participated in the Digital Technologies Tests. In coming weeks as part of Sharon SS tradition and our focus on academic performance, students in the 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6 classes will also undertake the ICAS English and Mathematics Tests. Good luck!

‘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) - complete
- Bundaberg Robotics Challenge - Year 4/5/6 - TBA
- Bundaberg Zone Athletics Carnival (zone rep) - ASAP

Positive Behaviours for Learning Focus

School Rules

- Care for Self, Others and Environment

RULE OF THE WEEK - Care for others - sportsmanship and fair play, in handball and other games.

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 1 - Week 2

Prep Class Salt and Preppers

Ruby - for engaging and participating in all classroom activities to her fullest potential.

Cruz - for his sensation independent writing.
1 Class Salt and Preppers
Eli - for always giving 100% in all class activities.

Proud Scholars
Grant - for putting in a big effort to complete written tasks.
Katee - for her amazing effort in all class work.

3/4 Class
Dermott - for being organised and responsible in class.

4/5 Class
Skyla - for fantastic effort sin class - Student of the Week!

5/6 Class
Ayla - for neat, tidy and clear setting out in mathematics bookwork.

Class ‘Golden Bin’ Award
Congratulations - Proud Scholars Class

Class ‘Attendance Annie’ Award
Congratulations - 5/6 Class - 94%

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**

This week we have been reinforcing our knowledge of partners to 10 with Rainbow Facts games in maths. We use the cards 1-9 from a single suit in a normal pack of cards. We then lay the cards out upside down and play memory with a partner. A pair is made from flipping partners that make 10: 1&9, 2&8, 3&7, 4&6 and 5 by itself (when a 5 is flipped, if the child says 5 and 5 make 10, then they can keep the card.) The children play until all the cards are used up. The students have really been enjoying the game and we have seen a big improvement in their recall of Rainbow Facts partners to 10. We have also been encouraging the children to ‘count-on’ from the larger number in a pair of cards to find the total and this skill has been used by more children each day. Keep up the great work, Preps!

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Mrs Boving and Mrs Lester

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**Proud Scholars**

We won the Golden Bin Award AGAIN!! The Proud Scholars are very PROUD of their classroom.

We are having a great time with our toys and games units. We are still playing our old games and now we are writing the instructions for other children to follow.

Next Monday the children have been asked to bring along their favourite old teddy.

The Proud Scholars are very sad because we are losing Pedro this week. We will miss him terribly.
Also, Mrs Searle will be on Long Service Leave for the next two weeks.

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Mrs Puie and Mrs Searle

3/4 Class

It’s been a busy start to the term for the Year 3/4 class. We’ve had a change to our maths homework and we’ve started new spelling groups (although spelling homework has remained unchanged). Congratulations to the students for learning a new routine for marking our maths homework! Our sticker chart has helped us all (students and teacher!) by keeping track of who remembers to bring their maths homework each morning.

We’re still working hard on our Mad Minute number facts each day, and Mr Reed has given us a Data Record Card to keep track of our progress and see our improvement. Mrs Arkell has found lots of interesting books to add to our reading homework boxes so that everyone can find something that they might like to read. Thanks Mr Reed and Mrs Arkell!

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Mrs Irwin

5/6 Class

Daniel won Age Champion at the District Athletics with some great performances by all our students in their respective events! Byron, Jess and Charley all headed off for a Multi-cultural Japanese Day at North Bundaberg High this week. Emma, Lena and Charley have also been busy with their new performance - The Little Mermaid at the Playhouse Theatre this week and over the weekend - break a leg girls! If your children are up to exciting things outside school, always keep us posted so we can share in the story, and celebrate with the rest of the school community.

Well done to all our students in the class, for their efforts at the recent Gin Gin District Athletics and congratulations to those who have qualified for Zone level representation of our district, at the Bundaberg Zone Athletics Carnival next Thursday and Friday - Aim Ever Higher - literally!

In class we have been doing some encoding and decoding of messages, engaging with Spelling Mastery, writing some letters, looking at percentage, cartesian planes and we even dabbled in some
pythagorean theorem just to prove that the hypotenuse is easily calculated, when you know the measurements of the other 2 sides of a right-angle triangle.

We have been hooking into some ICAS Testing for Digital Technologies, undertook the 3rd Maths Olympiad and if that wasn't enough, Mrs Lewis is pushing ahead the Science, Geography and Digital Technologies curriculum whilst Ms Herbert takes us for Music, Mrs Stanieg for Art and Health and also the last lesson of AusKick in HPE before Mrs O returns. Mrs Alexander is back this week, recommencing our Japanese lessons too.

Many of our students have also registered for the ongoing lunchtime AusKick, so they will be busy!

Overall, we feel good about the term and think we are on a roll, so keep up the good work students!

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Mr Reed

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**P&C Corner**

The P&C hold a 2nd Hand Clothing Sales in the P&C Room (Small Office at the top of the A Block) stairs on the last Friday of each month!

School Disco

Theme:  Rainbow

Date:  Wednesday 31st August 2016

Time:  5:30-7:30pm

Cost:  $5 (includes, pizza, popper and lollies)

$2 entry (excluding food)

Location:  Covered area behind the Tuck Shop

Parents are welcome, if you are able to volunteer on the night please advise the school.

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**Chappy’s Chat**

The SHINE Program resumes this week for our Girls and we are putting together a program for our Year 6 Boys to engage with towards the end of this term or commencing early in Term 4!

See you soon!

Chappy.
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

South Kolan Kindy Fundraiser

Family Portrait fundraiser with Laura Jean Photography

For $20 participants will get one framed 10” x 13” portrait of their family (or just the kids); and the entire $20 goes directly to the kindy!

The photo shoot will be held on Friday 12th August from 2pm – 7pm.

Please take a brochure from the noticeboard on C Block or in the Office and complete the voucher at the bottom and return to the Office with the $20 as soon as possible.

Once the Kindy has received the voucher and money they will give you a confirmed time for the photo shoot. They will try to keep times close to preferred times; however this may not always be possible.

It will be a fun and social afternoon, please stay for a quick dinner of sausage in bread ($2) or burger with salad ($4) and have a play in the playground. Please bring your own picnic rug or chairs.

Oakwood State School Support

Voting for CUA Community Care Projects is now open and Oakwood State School is keen to get as many votes as they can! Oakwood has the opportunity to win $5000 and start their “Recyclable Garden Gurus” Project. They’re up against 10 other schools in the region, but need our help! Please click on the link below and vote now. It only takes 30 seconds of your time.

1. Enter your email address
2. Enter your postcode
3. Tick – I agree to the Competition Terms & Conditions


Also if you are visiting Hinkler Central, why don't you drop in and place a vote at the local CUA branch.

Oakwood State School thanks you in advance for your support.