Dear families and friends,

This week Year 3 and 5 students were issued with their NAPLAN Student Reports. There are many views across our communities surrounding NAPLAN and testing but overall it provides insight into student performance against national benchmarks at a point in time, surrounding literacy and numeracy. It is also useful to our school to identify areas for improvement overall and for individual students. I am pleased with the performance of Sharon State School students in the 2016 testing, as we are of them daily, in all they do.

School Photos

School photos are almost upon us again! The school has engaged MSP Photography to create your school photographic records for this year and you are invited to purchase prints of your child.

On photo day, every student will be photographed regardless of whether you are purchasing or not.
Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you to avoid any late fees.

For those of you ordering online, you will notice a new, improved version this year. Please take care to follow the instructions carefully and ensure you log onto www.msp.com.au to enter your child’s ‘shoot key’.

Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for separated parents, blended families and grandparents. You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day. Be sure to write “Mum’s order” or “Dad’s order” on top of your envelope.

To order a sibling or friends photo, please collect Sibling and Friends Order Envelope from the school office on or before photo day, or order it online at least 24 hours in advance. Note: Sibling photos are only for siblings within the school.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning - 4921 3355

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day. Keep smiling!!

ClassDojo Upgrades

We have had reports of ClassDojo not working correctly on a recent upgrade of the smartphone app, especially on iOS. There is now a newer 4.0 upgrade to the ClassDojo app and we recommend that upgrade, to see it it resolves the issues for connected family accounts.

Class Story functionality is also being trialled by teachers in some classes and we look forward to seeing the feedback surrounding this newer in-app style of communication over time for our families and school communities.

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Benjamin Reed
Principal - principal@sharonss.eq.edu.au / breedis@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) - Complete

Positive Behaviours for Learning Focus

School Rules

- Care for Self, Others and Environment

RULE OF THE WEEK - Care for environment - picking up rubbish after eating breaks and keeping areas tidy.

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 3

Prep Class Salt and Preppers

Henry - for creating some wonderful sentences during our daily writing sessions.

Jacob - for trying really hard in his Maths Mad Minute.
1 Class Salt and Preppers

Baillie - for always being ready to help her classmates.

Proud Scholars

Taylah - for her commitment to class tasks and willingness to help others.

Ella - for consistently presenting neat book work.

Colby - for great improvement in his blog writing.

3/4 Class

Hermione - for working to do her best in all lessons.

4/5 Class

Mia - for being a diligent worker in all aspects of her learning.

5/6 Class

India - for excellent efforts in class alongside a consistently cheerful attitude everyday!

Class ‘Golden Bin’ Award

Congratulations - Salt and Preps

Class ‘Attendance Annie’ Award

Congratulations - 5/6 Class - 98.4%

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

1 Class Salt and Preppers

This week the year one’s had some yummy learning moments while experimenting with halves and quarters. They halved pizza and some lovely pancakes made by Nate’s mum. We found it easier to remember what a half and a quarter was when it meant that it was the size of the helping they were receiving. We also compared capacity of liquids and what is an equal half and what was not.

Year one’s also created 3D shapes. We discussed edges, faces, points and shapes of surfaces.

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Ms Reidy

Proud Scholars

Last week the children started their latest gardening adventure. We have been given three raised beds which were placed near the front fence beside our classroom. Our budding gardeners planted the beds with vegetable and flower seedlings. Now we can’t wait for them to grow.

A very exciting time was had by all on Monday when our teddies and soft toys visited the classroom. We had a picnic afternoon tea and then compared teddies from the past with teddies from the present, observing ways in which they have changed and, ways in which they are still the same.

While Mrs Searle is away on leave for two weeks we welcome to our room Miss Johnson. Please feel free to pop in and say hello.

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Mrs Puie and Mrs Searle
**4/5 Class**

We have been very busy with Mrs Lewis working on our robotics projects to have them ready to go for the competition. Lots of discussions, negotiations and team work has occurred, which has assisted in our ability to improve our robots and our skills.

In English we have begun to research specific aspects of the First Fleet for our oral presentations and recount assessments which will be our focus for the next few weeks.

Science and Geography with Mrs Lewis has been intriguing with lots of good quality questions arising in the discussions.

This week we began borrowing from the library on Wednesday afternoons. The children need to remember to bring their library bags and books in to change each Wednesday. If they need to change them during the week Mrs Arkell has let the students know that she is available from 8:30 most days to assist them in the library.

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Ms Lewis

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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.

Sharon State School P&C are hosting a Movie Night Fundraiser showcasing the movie "Bad Moms" at the Moncrieff Entertainment Centre on Thursday 8th September 2016 starting at 6pm. This is a major fundraiser for the School and we would like to invite all parents, friends and family to come and enjoy a ‘kid free’ evening while helping to support Sharon State School. We will be raffling off various prizes and vouchers on the night and will be sending raffle tickets home with your children soon. Movie Tickets are available to purchase NOW!! You are welcome to purchase tickets online at http://www.moncrieff-bundaberg.com.au/theatre/sharon-state-school-pc-fundraiser-bad-moms or in person at the Moncrieff Entertainment Centre in Bourbong Street, Bundaberg or alternatively at the administration office at school. If you have any questions or would like to assist on the night please direct your enquiries to Mrs Stapleton in the office or alternatively Kate Giles. We look forward to seeing you all there!!

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.

Community Notices

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

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.
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The MTC is a different kind of robotics experience to the Bundaberg Challenge and offers events such as: Dance, Sumo and Rescue. All students who have explored robotics at Sharon State School have the skills and knowledge to be able to enter these events.

Mrs Shontelle Lewis will be a judge at the MTC. As this event is held on a Saturday, it has been decided that it is up to parents to travel their child (or team?) to and from the venue.

The MTC is a fantastic opportunity for students to see how events organised can be a very different experience. The MTC is not just robotics. It is a huge event that is an amazing experience for children (and parents) to observe activities such as: Human Powered Vehicles (HPVs), Solar boats, push carts, 24 hour cycling endurance and CD2 dragsters!!!

Fun! Fun! Fun!

See the website for more details. www.maryboroughtech.org

A robotics rules booklet can be downloaded from the website.

Maryborough Technology Challenge

When? Saturday 10th September (11th as well if you want to see everything)
Where? Maryborough
Cost? $7 per student
How? You need to enter your team on the website ASAP (spots fill extremely fast!)
Lunch? Food is available from many food van/carts or you can bring your own.
Camping is available through the website if you wish to see everything (highly recommended)

Hope to see you there!

S. Lewis

From Mrs Lewis