Dear families and friends,

AFL AusKick is well underway and the students seemed to be enjoying the drills and game on the oval today! Well done to all our students who represented the Gin Gin District at the recent Zone trials. Congratulations to Lara and Emma who have qualified to represent the Zone at Wide Bay Region at the end of August! Practice is the key to all things in life!

Mobile SMS Notification System

We are pleased to bring to fruition a Mobile SMS Notification System for our school. It serves three main purposes. General information, emergency alerts and same day absence/late notifications. The information is drawn from our OneSchool information system and our partnership is with SMS4schools.

We have activated both parents/guardians/caregivers to be notified as opposed to just one selected parent, except, where a parent is flagged in OneSchool as ‘not residing with the

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Sharon State School
18 Sharon School Road
Sharon Bundaberg, Qld, 4670
admin@sharonss.eq.edu.au
phone - 07 4130 9222
fax - 07 4130 9200
SCHOOL WATCH - 13 17 88

Notices
Please keep your contact details up to date with school.

Uniforms
Contact the Office for info...

Connect
web- sharonss.eq.edu.au
fb- SharonStateSchool
twitter - @SharonSSQLD
apps - QSchools & QParents

Tuck Shop Tuesdays
Check the website for menu...

Sports
Term 3 - AFL and Various

Student Banking
CommBank - Tuesdays

Book Club
Issue - #6 - Due - TBA
We have reflected on whether to activate replies as we already provide options in the form of our student absence line, QParents, email to admin@sharonss.eq.edu.au and ClassDojo. We will trial capturing explanations for absence through this form of SMS style communication, but only in response to a notification message sent out.

Please do not ‘text’ the number as a way of communicating or explaining absence proactively. Only in the case of sending an SMS absence notification, can we gather replies/explanations and match them to the student absence, that the notification was sent for, on that particular day.

This system and same-day notification is a child safety and notification process and whilst we feel it provides another layer of ensuring child safety, when a student does not attend on a given day, it is not an additional incoming communication method for us as a small school.

This is a complicated process and system for small schools and combines classroom electronic roll marking with timelines on completion (factoring in relief teachers), to be able to export unexplained absences from OneSchool, then imported to our SMS system, for notifications to be sent by 9:30am daily. Paramount to this process, is who does this work daily and the robustness and sustainability of the system, given a Teaching Principal and single Admin Officer.

An additional benefit is we have added a ‘Bus Group’ so in the event the bus is running late or breaks down, prior to getting to the school, we can SMS ‘Bus families’ to let them know.

I know we all see this as a positive step in the right direction surrounding student and child safety for schools, families and communities, however I ask that all are patient if we make a few mistakes along the way, which is why we have started early, to be ready for compulsory state schooling same-day absence notification in 2017, for every Queensland student.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Award

Stay tuned for news surrounding an award for Sharon SS !!!

‘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 - ASAP
- 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 others - respectful language at home, school and in the playgrounds.

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 4

Prep Class Salt and Preppers

Chase S - for creating some wonderful sentences during our daily writing sessions.
Zander R - for being a super mathematician.
1 Class Salt and Preppers
Mason G - for always striving to complete this classroom tasks.

Proud Scholars
Tyson H - for his determination to improve: particularly when writing his procedure of a science game.
Isabelle S - for her wonderful work ethic and beautifully presented bookwork.

3/4 Class
Jesse W - for working to improve his story writing.

4/5 Class
Jahvin L - for being an active participant in class discussions and sharing experiences.

5/6 Class
Connor M - for his efforts and perseverance in mathematics.

Class ‘Golden Bin’ Award
Congratulations - 3/4 Class

Class ‘Attendance Annie’ Award
Congratulations - 5/6 Class - 95.6%

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!!

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

Last week the Prep’s made “Straw Paper Planes” in our Friday afternoon building challenge. Students used paper, straws and sticky tape to create a flying machine. We went outside to test them and to see who’s went the farthest and why? We will make modifications to our planes this week to see if we can make our planes go even further.

It is with much sadness that our class and our school said goodbye to Eli Peterson, our friend and classmate, last week. On Friday afternoon we celebrated our friendship with pizza, cheerios,
cheezels, cake, juice and games. We will miss Eli and his brother Pedro and wish them all the best in their new school.

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Mrs Boving and Mrs Lester

**Proud Scholars**

We thank Mrs Johnson for her warm smile and great teaching within the Proud Scholars classroom. We wish her the very best for her wedding tomorrow and we hope to see her again very soon...

Mrs Searle will be back on Monday!

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Mrs Puie and Mrs Searle

**3/4 Class**

Year 3/4 are reviewing our Reading strategies from Semester one, and as part of this, we made a Reading Quilt over the last two weeks in our Reading group rotational activities. Our reading strategy was visualising, so Mrs Irwin read us a poem called “Old Man Platypus”. We then drew a picture of (visualised) what we imagined the platypus looked like, and what he was doing. All glued together, they made a beautiful and colourful “quilt”. Other reading strategies we have revised this term have been Making Connections (what does this remind me of that has happened to me, or that I have read) and Questioning (what do I want to know about this text).

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Mrs Irwin
5/6 Class

The North Bundaberg SHS Transition Teacher and students visited us on Monday and we engaged in a drama and art activity this time round. Students are also working hard on their robotics projects for the upcoming Bundaberg Robotics Challenge, please return permission notes as soon as possible. 5/6 Class parents can check out some photos of us working on robotics in ClassDojo Class Story.

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Mr Reed

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.

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**Bundaberg Athletic Club & West Bundaberg Little Athletics**

*Season 2016-2017*

Starts on Friday 2nd September – 5.45pm

Cone & Try Day – Sunday 21st August (9am – 11am)

Cone & Try Day – Sunday 28th August (1pm – 3pm)

*Bundaberg Regional Athletics Complex Enid Ethel Drive (behind the Airport)*

**Registration Fees**

- Tiny Tots - $45.00
- U6 - $75.00
- U7 - U17 - $80.00

**Weekly Ground Fees**

- $5.00 per athlete
- $12.00 for family of 3 or more

New athletes are eligible to trial for 2 weeks – just pay ground fees.

*For further information please contact Sheree (Secretary) – 0459 278 366 or Linda (Registrar) – 0400 774 081*

Email enquiries to bundabergathleticclub@gmail.com

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Thursday 8 September
6.00pm
ALL TIX
$20.00
Includes light refreshments
MOUSE
COMMENCES 7.00pm

PARTY LIKE A MOTHER
BADMOMS

Thursday, 11 August 2016
sharonss.eq.edu.au

SHARON STATE SCHOOL
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 CO2 dragsters!!!

Fun! Fun! Fun!

See the website for more details. www.marybroughtech.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 vans/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