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typical school day, in terms of timing, processes and systems.

8:50am - Bell - move to class to be ready by:
8:55am - Bell - Official School Day commences
9:00am - Roll is marked
2:30pm - Roll is marked
2:55pm - Bell - Official School Day concludes
3:00pm - Bell - Move to transport areas
3:15pm - Gate Supervision ends - uncollected students - Office
3:20pm - Bus Supervision ends - uncollected students - Office

We have systemised everything in this process surrounding absence, attendance and student/child safety and in that regard, we all have some responsibilities and processes that we hope will support families and the school into the future.

Reporting a Student Absence:
Absence Line - 4130 9266 or (main no. then choose option).
Email - away@sharonss.eq.edu.au

Late Arrival or Early Departure:

If a student arrives after 8:50 they should be presented to the Office with their parent/guardian and the Late Arrival Book should be signed. The student will be issued with a Laminated Card to be presented to their teacher indicating they have been signed in at the Admin Office.

Similarly, if a child is to be collected early - prior to 3:00, their parent/guardian should present at the Office and sign the Early Departure Book, a Laminated Card will be given to the parent which is passed to the teacher, acknowledging that the parent has signed off on the Early Departure at the Office.

If a child is not present in the classroom at 9:00am when the roll is marked, a text message under our new system for unexplained absence will be sent to families requesting explanation, which we hope a reply will be sent in response, ensuring child safety for that day. This is matched to the unexplained absence, imported back into our systems with the corresponding reasoning for the absence that day.

Naturally, there are times when you may have arrived late and
we haven’t yet entered that late arrival and the system will generate an absence. If the Late Arrival Book has been signed you can ignore the message in that specific instance. The Student Absence Line is checked at 8:30 and again at 8:45am. The new Absence Mailbox - away@sharonss.eq.edu.au - is monitored throughout the morning until 9am also. At 9:15am, all information is compiled to the best of our ability and SMS Text Messages are then sent through our systems, for unexplained absences.

This system is robust, sustainable and occurs every school day from now on. I know we all hold student/child safety in the highest regard and if we all follow this procedure, the system will be in place for years to come, with little variation. I appreciate your time and attention to these details. We have employed Mrs Schulze to work in the Office in the mornings for an hour per day, to ensure all these processes and systems are undertaken daily to quality assure the process, especially in regard to relief teachers, as well as take administrative load off teachers, in maintaining absence information.

On a final note, I communicate to you that ClassDojo has been a wonderful thing for us for behaviour, engagement and non-urgent communication. It is imperative to note, that absence information is very welcome, sent directly to teachers and please continue to send that through for their own information in ClassDojo messages. I have however, restricted teachers ability to enter and maintain student absence reasons. This is administrative work, needs to be centralised and systemised to ensure student/child safety, so teachers and relief teachers alike can do what they do best. If you know about upcoming absences/appointments etc, we now have an Future Absence Register at the Office which centralises this information, so it can be recorded correctly at the time the absence occurs.

If you need our support in the afternoons because of change in routine, change in transport arrangements, emergencies or important information needs to get to students or teachers - please phone us. We can only guarantee and deliver on information and communication that is received as a priority in the afternoon, by talking with us directly. If it is important, please ring us, the Office will communicate with me and we will make the necessary arrangements, put support in place and ensure what needs to happen, will happen. Teachers (inc. relief teachers) are not checking Dojo, at all times.

ClassDojo messages are for letting regular class teachers know information that is non-urgent, increasing engagement as well as tracking behaviour through positive and negative reward points.

This can feel like change and a whole lot of process, but I hope this defining and clarity around the purposes of our systems, ultimately supports us all and ensures student/child safety at all times.

If you have any questions feel free to have a chat with your teachers or have a yarn with me and I will bend your ear for a while, about why this is so important and how it all works, to support everyone.

School Photos

Tuesday next week is School Photo Day. All students will be photographed. All photographs will occur in the morning session. Teachers will be asked to remove jewellery that is over and above what we usually allow. We will do our best to ensure all students look their best - neat and tidy. Wipes, tissues and sterilised combs will be available from our photographers, if necessary prior to their photo.

‘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 - Complete
- Bundaberg Zone Athletics Carnival (zone rep) - Complete
- School Photos - Complete

Positive Behaviours for Learning Focus

School Rules
- Care for Self, Others and Environment

RULE OF THE WEEK - Care for Self - Remember to walk on the concrete paths to ensure safety.

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 5

Prep Class Salt and Preppers

Cruze J - for mastering his count on 2 mad minute.

Tia H - for turning up to school with a beautiful smile and applying herself fully to all tasks.
1 Class Salt and Preppers
Eliza M - for a fantastic effort in completing her science to a high standard.

Proud Scholars
Katee R - for being such a kind and patient mentor to her buddy.
Luke G - for his great work ethic and always striving to aim ever higher every day.

3/4 Class
Jack R - for his happy attitude and his willingness to "have a go" even when the work is challenging.

4/5 Class
Patrick C - for always attempting to do his best and persisting in tasks that are more challenging.

5/6 Class
Lara H - excellent concentration and effort whilst learning new mathematical concepts.

Class ‘Golden Bin’ Award
Congratulations - TBA

Class ‘Attendance Annie’ Award
Congratulations - TBA

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

1 Class Salt and Preppers

Year 1’s have been working hard on time and duration of time. They have been manipulating their own digital clock’s and their analogue watches to represent significant times during their day. 11 O’clock seems to be a favourite, as it is play time.

The students are confirming their new knowledge of time through a class game.

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Ms Reidy
Proud Scholars

We welcome Mrs Searle back from her long service leave this week and congratulations to her and her team for winning a gold medal at the softball masters in Brisbane.

In maths we have been learning about measuring volume, mass and length. These are very hands on topics and the children have enjoyed using a variety of measuring tools such as sand, water, rice and pebbles. Allowing your child to help with the cooking is one way you can help them understand measuring volume and mass at home.

Days to remember for the Proud Scholars:

Tuesday – Music and Choir at lunchtime, oral presentations

Thursday – P.E. & Health, LIBRARY.

Many children are forgetting to bring their library books on a Thursday and they are missing out on a great opportunity to borrow from our excellent selection of library books. Children doing free reading at night are allowed, in fact encouraged, to use their library books as their nightly reading.

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Mrs Puie and Mrs Searle

4/5 Class

We are all very excited, and a little nervous, to be heading to the Robotics Challenge on Friday. The children have been working extremely hard in their teams to have their items completed and tested. This has been a wonderful experience for the children as it has extended not only their technology knowledge but also their maths, literacy and communication skills. They have had to communicate their ideas and make group decisions on every aspect of their design, which at times was a little hard to agree altogether.

The groups who are performing also had to create scripts and arrange costumes. There has been lots of trial and error to get their robots to the standard they are at. They are very lucky to have Mrs Lewis and Peter working with them and encouraging them throughout this Challenge process. Thank you Mrs Lewis and Peter.

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Ms Lewis
**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](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
Bundaberg Athletic Club & West Bundaberg Little Athletics
Season 2016-2017

Starts on Friday 2nd September – 5.45pm

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

PARTY LIKE A MOTHER

BAD MOMS

Thursday 8 September
6.00pm

ALL TIX
$20.00

Includes light refreshments
MOVIE COMMENCES
7.00pm

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