Dear families and friends,

We welcome our newest family to our school and community! We know you will find our school to be a safe and supportive environment for Dooley, Darryl, Sam and Stevie-Lee to thrive within, through engagement in all aspects of our school.

Prep - Now Compulsory

Since 2007, Prep has been considered the first formal year of schooling, however it was not compulsory. As of today, Prep is now compulsory in Queensland. There should no longer be any ambiguity, Prep is the first formal year of schooling and compulsory. Children must now be enrolled in schooling once reaching the required age to start school and Prep.

Explicit Improvement Agenda

Part of the improvement journey of any school is ensuring that many targets and goals are met. We have many priorities, aims and projects. What is Sharon SS working on as a school?
to improve for your children, our students? - Writing.

Writing will continue to be our focus moving into next year and I believe for many years to come. I have narrowed our Explicit Improvement Agenda, to communicate one word to everyone about what we are working to improve... Writing!

*Motto, Vision, Purpose, Goals, Values, Mantras, Behaviour and Rules*

Often I am asked about how it all fits together. Simply, as a state primary school we share the same vision, purpose and goals as all state schools. I prefer clear and specific statements to create ultimate alignment with our system and sectors in state schooling and education across our great state.

**Motto** - ‘Aim Ever Higher’


**Purpose** - Preparing Queenslanders with the knowledge, skills and confidence to participate effectively in the community and the economy.

**Goal** - Every student succeeding.

**Mantra** - Every child matters and can achieve.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning** - Effective Learners are safe, respectful and responsible.

**School Rules** - Care for self, others and the environment.

**Values** - These are what I would like to explore with the community at our Community Info Session next week. What are the characteristics that Sharon SS values for your children, our students? What does 2017 look like so far for Sharon SS?

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Benjamin Reed
Principal - principal@sharonss.eq.edu.au / breedt5@eq.edu.au

**Explicit Improvement Agenda**

**WRITING**

Improve writing for all students, through the continual refinement of the Sharon SS Writing Program and the explicit teaching of writing in all curriculum subjects, encompassing the ten elements of successful pieces of writing and literature.
**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
- Maths Team Challenge - TBA

**Positive Behaviours for Learning Focus**

School Rules
- Care for Self, Others and Environment

RULE OF THE WEEK - Care for Others - Be kind to your friends and family.

**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 7

**P/1**

Ruby C - for being very attentive and striving to do her best.
Stevie-Lee Z - for her superb listening and being a welcome addition to our classroom.
Tayla R - for her enormous effort in reading groups.

**PS**

Kandese C - for consistently giving 100% to all class activities.
Manea P - for her lovely manners and excellent listening in class.
3/4
Bryce H - for putting in a great effort with his homework.

4/5
Lilly S – for always applying her best effort in all aspects of her work.

5/6
Dooley Z - Welcome to Sharon SS - Aim Ever Higher!

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

Class ‘Attendance Annie’ Award
Congratulations - 5/6 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

Proud Scholars Class

Unbelievably, it is week eight already and we are starting to work on our assessment tasks for history and science so attendance is very important over the next three weeks.

We would like to thank the children in our class for diligently completing their morning tasks each day without being reminded. They are doing a great job.
A quick garden update – The lettuce is growing well as are our pansies and purple carrots. The children are very proud of the garden so please have a little look if you are at school.

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Mrs Puie and Mrs Searle

3/4 Class

Year 3/4 have finished their previous English Unit about convict children of the First Fleet by writing and then presenting a story about one of those children to the whole class. All the students spoke well, and some even dressed up in costumes to help us imagine that they really were convicts! (Thank you to parents who I am sure, helped with organising these costumes.) We have now started our new English Unit – and it’s about a dragon!!!

Quest novels are a favourite at any age, and we are following our hero Lily as she fights to save her town from a desperate situation. Our task at the end of this term, will be to explain how Lily’s character changes through the story as she faces many challenges and adventures (and maybe learn a thing or two about being resilient and persistent ourselves along the way!)

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Mrs Irwin

4/5 Class

This week saw our class start a quest adventure theme for English. Over the next few weeks we will explore the features of a quest narrative and the various creatures and people in the stories. We are all looking forward to what the topic holds ahead of us.

In class we created a Tootling board. Every time we see someone doing something good we grab a sticky note, write it down and thumb tack it to the board – Emerson.

In LOTE we have been making paper cranes and everyone has been helping us. We will send them to Japan and they will be hung in a gallery – Dee

Maths has been very hands on with some of our experiences. Last week we worked on symmetry and tangrams, while this week explore we explore different measurement concepts.

Lots happening in the last few weeks of this term and we are working hard to get it all completed.

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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!!

**Community Notices**

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

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INTERESTED IN CRICKET?

North Bundaberg Cricket Club is currently seeking players for the upcoming season in U10’s, U12’s, U14’s and Seniors which commences soon…..

- U10’s are on Thursday nights under lights at Salter Oval
- U12’s and U14’s are on Saturday at Kendalls Flat
- Seniors and on Saturday afternoon and Sunday mornings depending on grades

Training held at Norths Training Complex (next to Bundaberg Hockey Grounds) Tuesday and Thursday Nights from 5:15 pm

Please contact Shaun Rose for more details.
Email: shaun.rose@westnet.com.au
Mobile: 0411 637 003
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RODEO

10 September, 2016

123 Lakeview Drive, ALLOWAY, BUNDABERG

Come and see a professional rodeo at its finest – BULLRIDING, BRONC RIDING, BARREL RACING & LOCAL PODDY RIDING.

Gates open at 4.30pm with the Rodeo action starting at 6.00pm.

Food stalls (BBQ, Pizza, Coffee & Sweets) and full bar facilities will be available – proudly supporting Apex, Rotary, SES and Girl Guides (Bundaberg).

Jumping castle and bucking bull machine

Come and see some of the best Rodeo bulls and horses in Australia

ADMISSION PRICES

Adults: $20.00
Children: $8.00
Family Pass: $50.00 (2 adults, 2 children)
Under 6 years: Free

Bring a chair and blanket
Camping available

Follow signs down Wise’s Road at Alloway

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