Dear families and friends,

This week we welcomed Eric, Alex and their family, as our newest students to Sharon SS. In welcoming 2 new families to Sharon SS in as many weeks, we are naturally pleased that our reputation and daily work with students, continues to make our state institution, a school community of choice, within the Bundaberg area. We are all in this together, for the kids!

**Swimming Program**

I enjoyed attending the Swimming Program this week with the Year 3-6 students, Mrs Orreal and Mrs Irwin. This program is very well supported by families, yet there is room for improvement in the organisation before, during and after the weekly Thursday Swimming Program. With the largest number of Sharon students ever attending the program, over 80, we have implemented a few additional supports.

We have organised an extra 22 seater bus in addition to the coach, to ensure the coach is not at maximum capacity. The
Swimming Academy will organise an additional instructor to cater for the increased numbers of students attending. The swimming costume change and sunscreen application routine of students at Lunch will be arranged and spaced out, in three separate class groups, to alleviate the congestion on the Amenities Block towards the end of the Lunch Break.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Parent-Teacher Conferences commenced this week and continues next week. The online PTO Booking System is a necessity for us in a school of this size and most have experienced a smooth experience in making bookings. I am aware however, that some families have found it to be difficult either due to home internet connectivity or other reasons.

Please contact the Office if you experience ongoing issues in registering to use the online booking or have no internet connectivity either at home or on your mobile/smart phone.

**Student Free Day**

A reminder that Monday 17 Oct is a Student Free Day and all staff will be at North Bundaberg SHS. We engage in Professional Development and Moderation with cluster schools, to ensure collegiality and collaboration for all staff.

**Year 5/6 Camp to Tallebudgera**

Information has been sent home this week regarding our second camp this year. There is assurance from myself that payment plans will be offered to families throughout Term 4, please contact the Office to discuss further. I have spoken with the P&C at our recent meeting around this topic.

That is, ensuring in the future that we offer payment options throughout the year to cater for all families, especially those with multiple siblings attending a 3/4 or a 5/6 Camp or even both, in any one year to ensure maximum participation.

The Camp Year alternates with the Musical Year, so this option requires further discussion, however the P&C, Staff and I all agree though, that regardless of the outcomes from our discussions we will put in place processes for payment options well ahead of time for families in the future.

I will be attending the 5/6 Camp along with Ms Reidy and hopefully Chappy will also be able to attend too.
Permanent Principal Recruitment and Selection

Please be advised that throughout the week I was notified that the recruitment and selection process for a permanent principal for Sharon SS has moved through the relocation process without appointment. This has now progressed to an advertised open merit application process on the online website Qld Gov SmartJobs, to ensure appointment of a permanent Principal for commencement at the beginning of 2017. I notified the P&C and staff throughout the week and this timeline regarding recruitment, selection and appointment is to ensure the school community gets the best person for the job and can be advised of the appointment, prior to the end of this term and school year.

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Benjamin Reed
Principal - breed15@eq.edu.au

Explicit Improvement Agenda

READING

Ensure relentless and continuous focus on individual reading improvement and achievement, for every student.

WRITING

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

Current Permission Information

Term 4 2016
- Swimming Yr 3-6 - Complete
- Gin Gin Soccer Fun Carnival - Complete
- 5/6 Tallebudgera Camp - Confirmation Due (Payment to follow)

Positive Behaviours for Learning Focus

School Rules
- Care for Self
- Care for Others
- Care for the Environment
RULE OF THE WEEK - Care for OTHERS - Welcome to more new students to our school - Introduce yourself, show them where things are, include them in games!

VALUE OF THE MONTH - Team players...

At Sharon State School each month we focus on one of the 10 important attributes of gr8 people. This month we are focusing on being team players.

Teamwork is one of the attributes most highly prized by employers. They want people who co-operate and can work well with others.

It is easy to get along with people who are like us. It is much more difficult to get along with people who are different to us.

Teams work best when each member of the team knows their role and works with others to achieve the goal. It is much more helpful to encourage and support other team members rather than criticise and put down.

Sporting teams are a great example of good teamwork. Whilst in every team there are some high profile ‘stars’, without the other team members they can not achieve very much. A great goal scorer for example, will not be able to score many goals without their team mates to get the ball to them. Good team players appreciate or value the contributions that their team mates make.

The following sayings help us to remember the importance of teamwork:

There is no "I" in TEAMWORK

TEAM = Together Everyone Achieves More

Teamwork: Simply stated, it is less me and more we.

None of us is as smart as all of us.

A team is more than a collection of people. It is a process of give and take.

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 4 - Week 1

P/1 Class

Jessica – for making an enormous effort in all her class activities.
Isla O - for her superb listening and being a welcome addition to our class.

**PS Class**

Ben W - for his wonderful attitude towards his school work since the new term began!
Tamara O - for a great start to her term at Sharon. We love how you ask lots of questions!

**3/4 Class**

Bryce H - for being encouraging and friendly to all his classmates.

**4/5 Class**

Tarnay K - for always working hard and being willing to have a go at new and challenging tasks.
Shanae O - for becoming a valued member of our class.

**5/6 Class**

Byron L - for consistently fair and a positive attitude to work and play.

**Class ‘Golden Bin’ Award**

Congratulations - P/1 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.

**Sausage on bread - $1.50**

Please select a date that suits from the Roster in the Date Claimers...

Term 4 - P/1 Class - Contact P&C President Hayley, on pandcpresident@sharonss.eq.edu.au
In The Classrooms

P/1 Class

For History this term the Prep’s are examining “Family Stories” and how we celebrate family traditions and special occasions. Each of our students have been asked to bring in three items from home that represent a special event. They will use these items to help them remember their family stories. Scarlett, Toby and Ruby shared some of their family celebrations with us today. The Grade 1’s on the other hand are examining how family structures have changed over time.

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Mrs Boving, Mrs Lester and Ms Riedy

4/5 Class

Welcome to our two new students who have settled into our room quickly. Well done to our class mates who have helped our new students’ transition into our room. This term is jammed packed full of exciting events and I am sure our time together is going to go by quickly.

Our focus for English this term is advertising and how it has progressed over time through the introduction of different media and technology. We have already shared our favourite and least favourite ads and what it is about them that excites us or bores us.

The class is very excited to be going swimming this term on Thursdays. It will be a great way to cool down as the weather warms up. Those who are not attending will be doing focused learning work back at school.

In history we are exploring the changes that have occurred to Bundaberg over the years and how different people have made an impact on the Bundaberg region.

Art has been occurring Friday afternoons and the class has been experimenting with different textures and styles of producing work. They are all very engrossed in their activities and producing some amazing art samples. Everyone has enjoyed Mrs Pippia coming and working with us during this time and sharing her art knowledge with us.

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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.
STUDENT BANKING

Exciting new Term 4 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

Bush Fly Fan

Wriggly Glow Worm

For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every Tuesday.

Remember Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school, raising 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Sharon State School. We would also like to thank the wonderful parents who volunteer as our School Banking Co-ordinators and process our banking every week.

Community Notices
All prospective Preps for 2017 are invited to attend our orientation day on

**Thursday 3 November 2016 from 9:00-12:00pm.**

Children will participate in a range of activities with their classmates and teachers for 2017.

They will also play on the playground and stay for lunch.

Children will need the following items:

- Hat
- Water bottle
- Fruit
- Lunch in a lunch box
- Bag to pack their belongings in

Parents are encouraged to drop their children off and then return at 11:00am for a Parent Information session from 11-12pm with the Principal and classroom teachers.

We look forward to meeting you all then!
Congratulations to all School Banking participants who have qualified for the Term 3 Prize Lights and Grand Prize competitions by displaying consistent savings behaviour. Will your child be the one to meet Robert and Bindi Irwin on a VIP visit to Australia Zoo? The Grand Prize winner will be posted at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking on 17 October. The Prize Lights winners will be posted on commbank.com.au/prizelights from 19 October.

Remember, there are more rewards before our Outback adventure is over. School Banking is releasing two Term 4 reward items that are sure to keep students saving. After completing 10 deposits, your child can redeem a Bush Fly Fan or a Wriggly Glow Worm.

Add to your child’s financial literacy
While School Banking aims to make money skills more fun and engaging for your child, you can further fuel that interest at home. For example, have you explained the difference between needs and wants? A simple way to demonstrate this is to get them to help write your shopping list, placing the “needs” and the “wants” into separate columns. Then let your child find each item at the shops and tick it off their list, to reinforce the idea.

That’s one of many educational tips you’ll find in three new videos we’ve added to The Beanstalk. These short videos cover easy ways to help teach smart money management to your kids. To watch them, and to discover other insightful articles and activities, go to commbank.com.au/beanstalk

Activity: Outback checklist
As the Dollarmites prepare for their trip home through the Outback, they need to buy supplies for the road. Can your child help them work out what will be essential and what are treats they can do without? All they have to do is organise these items into “needs” and “wants”. Then add up the price tags of the wants to figure out how much the Dollarmites would save by only buying the needs.

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