Dear families and friends,

On Thursday we welcomed our newest Prep students for next year. They had a great time undertaking classroom activities, meeting teachers and having lunch with the school whilst their families listened to information about our great school! The beauty of a small school and community is that every child matters and the line of sight to every student is clear. Every student and family has a story and collectively this makes up our school, a diverse community of learners, where we believe that ‘every child matters and can achieve’.

Value of the Month - Positivity

As we celebrated last month and the focus on being ‘Team Players’, we turn our attention to the value of being ‘Positive’. Positivity and mindfulness is a growth mindset. Every challenge makes us who we are and becomes part of our character. Every hurdle is opportunity for growth and development. How we approach school, work and life and
our resilience for bouncing back, is all in our mind.

Combined with the support of teachers and family, students learn that positivity and wellbeing will always lead to improvement and achievement of outcomes and success.

**CQ Uni Mobile Ed Van**

Next week we welcome the CQ Uni Mobile Ed Van and their annual workshop. This great initiative started years ago and we are fortunate to have our visit this coming Wednesday, for the Year 4/5 and 5/6 classes. University is one pathway amongst many others for our students and the links between our partners in Early Childhood, High School and Higher Ed are very important to us, especially with all the great options available to all of us, who live in the greater Bundaberg area.

**Friday Assembly 9 - 9:30am**

I am very proud of our Year 6 Student Leaders! They have taken the concept of a weekly student led Assembly and turned it into something very special. From students setting up the Assembly space, singing both verses of the National Anthem with only the backing track, to weekly MCs, Acknowledgement of Country, Golden Bin and Attendance Awards, through to presentations of Value of the Month and Rule of the Week. They have now added some small role plays surrounding the Rule of the Week. There is nothing more powerful than student leaders modelling how to behave and respect themselves, others and their environment.

Children always want to be like bigger kids and they follow their example. Adding some humour and a bit of fun from student leaders has always got the message through clearer than me telling them what to do! I was so proud when children throughout the school were telling me about the good deeds of picking up litter, they had done over the week because ‘that’s what the leaders told us to do’.

Even more cause for celebration was students sharing stories of their classmates doing good deeds. Positivity and supporting your mates is the Australian way of mateship and is alive and well! Everyone is always welcome at our weekly Friday morning Assembly from 9am!

**‘Aim Ever Higher’**

Benjamin Reed
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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 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 - Permission, Medical and Breakfast Order - Complete (Payment to follow)
- Prep 2017 Orientation - Complete

Positive Behaviours for Learning Focus

School Rules

- Care for Self
- Care for Others
- Care for the Environment

Rule of the Week - CARE FOR ENVIRONMENT - Pick up all litter. If you walk pass litter, pick it up, then wash your hands! Thank you.

Value of the Month - POSITIVE

- Confident
- Optimistic
- Enthusiastic
- Feel good about themselves
- Look for solutions, not just problems.
At Sharon State School each month we focus on one of the 10 important attributes of gr8 people. This month we are focusing on the attribute of being positive.

Your attitude is the personal choice that you make about how you are going to react and what action you will take in any situation.

Every day things are happening to us and around us. Our reaction to what happens and how we respond is in our control. That is our attitude. Just like choosing what to wear each day, you can choose to wear whatever attitude you want. Most of us believe our attitudes are caused directly by other people and the things that happen to us during the day. While these things may trigger our feelings, we choose how we react to them and the attitude we have. We can either let outside things affect the way we feel or we can take charge of our own response.

So what’s your current attitude to your life? Are you a person who makes things happen, do you watch things happen or do you simply say "what happened" as life passes you by.

A good example is how we respond when someone asks, “How are you?” Instead of responding, “Not bad!” or “Could be better!”, try “Fantastic!” or “Great!” You can choose a POSITIVE attitude. It gives you confidence, enthusiasm and energy.

The way that we think and talk to ourselves is very important and powerful. Self-talk is that little voice inside your head. If that little voice is saying negative things try to replace them with positive things. We need to watch out for really negative words like hate. Instead of thinking, “I hate this!”, try changing your self-talk to, “I really don’t like this but I’ll give it my best”.

We also need to be able to forgive ourselves. We all make mistakes. It is important that we learn from them but don’t dwell on them.

"A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.” — Harry Truman

"It is not your aptitude, but your attitude, that determines your altitude.” — Zig Ziglar

**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'.
P/1 Class
Cruze J - for being a great team player during our maths group activities.
Tia H - for being a great team player during our maths group activities.
Sam Z - for making a huge effort and making every day count.

Proud Scholars Class
Imogen B - for being a great team player!
Jaime B - for a greatly improved work ethic. Well done!
Jenna J - for working really hard to catch up her work. Well done!

3/4 Class
Willow A - for always trying her best in class, even with those challenging tasks.

4/5 Class
Fletcher F - for demonstrating the skills of a team player through getting along with different people.

5/6 Class
Noah - being a team player and giving swimming a great go!

Class ‘Golden Bin’ Award
Congratulations - Proud Scholars 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**

Welcome to all our newest Prep 2017 students and their families! We had a great Prep Information and Orientation Day! Welcome to Sharon State School!

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Mrs Boving, Mrs Lester and Ms Riedy

**3/4 Class**

In Year 3/4 the students have been learning about Bundaberg’s early settlers and people of significance to our local history. One of those people was Bert Hinkler, the famous pilot. Because he grew up right here in Bundaberg, there are many memorials and places named in his honour around town. A visit to the Botanic Gardens is well worth the effort if your child would like to see more concerning Bert.

If you feel like going on a treasure hunt, walk around the gardens and see if you can find the plaque in the photograph below. A Dojo Point from Mrs Irwin if you can tell her where you found it! Our History Assessment Task has begun and will continue for the next two Mondays.

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Mrs Irwin

**5/6 Class**

It is important that all permission, medical and special instructions have been forwarded to the school for every child attending camp. All planning is now essentially finalised, bookings and breakfast orders, transport etc are now all complete and confirmed. We are looking forward to a great camp!

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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.

Christmas Cent Sale

Held at Sharon State School
Saturday 26 November
12:30pm Start
$2 entry with kids free
Lunch available from Tuck Shop from 11:30am
Afternoon Tea Provided - Loads of raffles and prizes!
Phone the School Office to book a table!

Community Notices

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

Gin Gin Swimming Pool - New Amenities Block

To celebrate the opening of the new Amenities Block at the Gin Gin Swimming Pool, there will be a Sausage Sizzle, Jumping Castle and Entry will be Free!

Open from 10am on Sunday 13 November!
Sharon State School P&C

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Book a table or for further enquiries
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