Dear families and friends,

This Friday, the 11th day of the 11th month, marks Remembrance Day. We will observe 1 minute silence throughout the school at 11am, to remember all those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

Book Lists

The teachers and I have worked to create an easier, more sustainable and future orientated Book List system. All Book Lists will be available next week from our website and the Office, as well as a copy sent home with each student. The alignment of the Book Lists will ensure that items can be purchased independent of, and without the necessity to know, which class or teacher a student will be with. There will be simply seven Book Lists for each year level - Prep, Y1, Y2 etc.

Class Lists

As a multi-age small school and with our known exits and
entries into the school for 2017, we are planning for a six class model. Teachers have worked alongside myself to design a model that suited the school this year, next and into the future. Throughout next year, all classes are at near maximum capacity, and decisions regarding extension are made by teachers collectively and approved by the Principal. The Class Lists will be released in Week 10, the last week of term.

Permanent Principal Appointment Update

Interviews will be held this Friday 11th of November for the appointment of permanent Principal of Sharon State School. We are hopeful we will have the outcome of the recruitment and selection process, upon returning from the 5/6 Camp.

5/6 Camp

Only a few more sleeps now until the 5/6 students head off on Camp! We are looking forward to a great camp. The 5/6 students had an online web conference with the Camp Teachers and they spoke about the ‘Hero Journey Program’ and some of the activities that we will be taking part in. The big question that I receive is usually about phoning home. In my experience, home sickness fades quickly and allowing students to phone home at night, usually brings up more emotions when they make the call and talk to family than alleviate them. Unless there are special circumstances, with over 40 students on camp, no calls home are planned.

Above all, ensure a good rest on the weekend, pack according to the checklist and get ready for 5 fun-filled days of camp!

‘Aim Ever Higher’

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 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 SELF - Bring a positive attitude to school and learning, everyday!

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’.

2016 - Term 4 - Week 5

**P/1 Class**

Jake R - for being a bucket filler and making others feel good.

Layne W - for being a great team player and the first to show he is listening.

Sebastion M - repeatedly reminding his class that commands start with a verb. A valuable team player.

**Proud Scholars Class**

Brody H - for his fantastic work ethic and great attitude.

Toa K - for his friendly, thoughtful and helpful attitude.
3/4 Class
Austin H - for working hard to improve his reading and writing.

4/5 Class
Brooke M - for being an awesome member of our class through co-operation and team work.

5/6 Class
Jack L - for embracing Student Leadership and being a Team Player!

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
Prep/1’s have been busy reading their favourite stories to each other as part of their oral presentations. Students have completed this task with some fantastic performances. Thank you to all the parent and carers who helped out with practise sessions at home.

We also enjoyed making iced funny face biscuits during the Prep Orientation morning. They were delicious! We are really enjoying learning how to write
procedures and create recipes.

Our building challenge Fun Friday afternoon sessions continue to be a huge hit with the older children and our class! We recently competed against each in a bridge building challenge and cup tower challenge! These sessions are so much fun and also foster problem solving and team skills.

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Mrs Boving, Mrs Lester and Ms Riedy

**Proud Scholars Class**

The year threes have been enjoying their weekly swimming lessons on Thursdays and while they are away we have been happy to welcome groups of the Prep/1 class into our room. This gives them the opportunity to experience working with us and learning about our rules and routines. They have joined us for poetry reading, writing and weaving.

Our school value for this month is to be positive. We have discussed with the children that this means to be confident, optimistic and enthusiastic. We are encouraging them to feel good about themselves and their efforts.

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Mrs Puie and Mrs Searle

**4/5 Class**

Excitement is brewing as the grade 5 members of our class prepare for camp. We have explored what type of hero we are and what the characteristics of that hero encompass. This knowledge will assist us while on camp with activities specific to our hero type. We have also looked at other elements of our camp participation through a book from the camp venue.

Swimming has been a welcome relief for all involved. It has been very refreshing to jump into the cool pool on these very warm days. Lots of great listening and learning occurring in the pool.

Our focus for the last few weeks is all about positive learners and positive people. We will be exploring how positive thinking about
ourselves and our situations will encourage positive and rewarding results.

It has been great to see all the positive interactions occurring as working as part of teams and with different people. Some of our class mates have learnt to appreciate the differences in others and how they can be positive in different learning experiences.

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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.

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!

CENT SALE HELP NEEDED

A couple of weeks ago a flyer went home in regards to our Christmas cent sale.

Thank you to all of those who have returned their “helpers needed” flyer indicating when they will be able to assist with the preparation and running of the cent sale.

We still need more helpers, so please fill in your flyer (See Attached) and drop it in the collection box in your child’s class room.

For those of you who haven’t been to one of our cent sales before, here is a brief run down on the procedures.

On the Saturday, we provide a free afternoon tea for all who attend the cent sale. So, to allow this to happen we ask for donations of slices that we can cut up. We need approximately 15 slices (15x24 serves).

• On Friday afternoon 25 November at 1:30pm we have a group of helpers that make the sandwiches for the afternoon tea. The bread and sandwich filling will be in the tuckshop and we require about 4 helpers.

• Also on Friday afternoon we will set up the tables and chairs and give the tables a quick wipe. For this we need 4 helpers as well.
• On Saturday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 we need all of the prizes bought down from the P&C room.
• Our Tuckshop will be open from 11:15 to 12:30. We require 2-3 people to serve.
• We need 5 helpers to sell Cent Sale Tickets, Raffle Tickets and Lucky Door Tickets from 11:15 till 2:30.
• Then 2 or 3 to help pack up once we are finished from approximately 3:00pm.

So as you can see you would only be required to help for 2hrs at maximum. Please consider offering your assistance or maybe come along and help in the tuckshop or with ticket sales and then stay and enjoy the afternoon.

CENT SALE NEWS

Write it in your diary, grab a few friends and book a table and join in a fun afternoon of winning prizes.

If you can't assist on the day but would still like to do something to contribute. Can we please suggest you purchasing a gift item for the prize table to the value of $15, and hand it in as a donation. All donations need to be in by 16 November please. Maybe you have something new and unopened at home. This would be a similar idea to our Easter Raffle we had earlier in the year.

Maybe you work for or have a family member who works for a business that you could ask kindly if they could assist your child's school fundraiser by making a donation.

There is an old saying “many hands make light work”, and with this in mind I don't see why we can't raise a substantial amount of money for the benefit of the students at Sharon School.

Our Menu for the Tuck Shop that will run at the Cent Sale is attached at the back of the newsletter. Also if anyone has any fold out tables could you please contact Sharon at the office and let her know how many you can allow us to borrow and their size please.

Any questions please see Hayley, Leanne, or Sharon. Please refer to the flyers attached for all other details.
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
Christmas Cent Sale
Being held at Sharon State School
26 November 2016
Starts at 12:30pm, lunch available from 11:30am

“Helpers Needed”
Are you able to help with any of the following?
I please tick where you are able to offer help
☐ Selling for the sale or afternoon tea
☐ Cakes, cakes, muffins etc
☐ Setup in the Tuckshop Friday afternoon
☐ Food preparation in the Tuckshop Saturday morning
☐ Serving in the Tuckshop on Saturday from 11:30am until 11:30pm
☐ Setup Cent Sale Friday afternoon, tables etc
☐ Setup Cent Sale Saturday morning, Prices etc
☐ Clean up Saturday afternoon

Name: __________________________
Contact Number: __________________________ or/and
Email: __________________________

UPGRADE CAMP
9TH, 10TH & 11TH December 2016
Grade 6 students—“Come along and learn more about God, yourself and others”
Activities—Waterslide, swimming, bonfire, bushwalks, canoeing, games
Great food! Make new friends!
Comences: 5pm Friday 9th December 2016
Concludes: 2pm Sunday 11th December 2016
Parents to provide transport to and from camp
Cost $130 per person

Talk to your local School Chaplain today about attending Upgrade Camp
For more information please contact Lynn Rathbone on 0448 898 796
Sharon State School P&C

Christmas Cent Sale

at Sharon State School

Saturday 26 November 2016

12:30pm Start

$2 Entry (kids free)

Loads of Raffles, Grocery Items
and Fantastic Jackpot Prizes,
Adults and Kids Lucky Door Prizes

Lunch available at Tuckshop from 11:30am
Afternoon Tea Provided

Book a table or for further enquiries
Sharon State School
18 Sharon School Road, Sharon
Phone: 4130 9222