Keynote

Dear families and friends,

The Camp photo above is of a group of Year 5s, arms linked, facing the waves, to be stronger together and not break the chain. A great example of the value of Team Players that we focussed on last month. It was also a wonderfully fun activity with classmates, in a fantastic outdoor classroom!

This month as we focus on being Positive, it is important that we keep this value at the forefront, as the term begins to move into overdrive with so much learning, activities, events and celebrations ahead for your children, our students.

Appointment of Permanent Principal

After the recruitment and selection process that has been underway for the appointment of the permanent Principal for our school community, I wish to congratulate and welcome Mr David Teefy as the successful applicant, who has accepted and been appointed to the position of permanent Principal of Sharon State School. Mr David Teefy currently leads the
small school community of Brooweena State School as Principal. I have every confidence that Mr David Teefy will lead Sharon State School into the next era of success for all of our students, staff, families and school community.

Our New Buddy Bench

Whilst I was on Camp we had a special delivery from Hon. Mr Stephen Bennett MP and the Bargara Mens’ Shed. Recently they collaborated with local schools to deliver a beautiful timber handcrafted Bench Seat that now sits proudly under our beautiful fig trees. The concept of the Buddy Bench came out of the work of the Alannah & Madeline Foundation amf.org.au - and the concept is that if a student has no one to play with at lunch time, then we all have a responsibility to go and offer friendship and support and bring that person into a game, so that no one is left out.

Our Buddy Bench will be with our school for years to come. I invite you to check it out, have a sit and try out some good old fashioned woodwork and the beauty of natural timber and craftsmanship that went into the Buddy Bench. I expressed my appreciation on behalf of the students, staff, families and community to Stephen Bennett MP and the Bargara Mens’ Shed who also presented us with a new Queensland Flag to add to our weekly Assembly Nation Anthem flag ceremony.

P&C Cent Sale

Don’t forget that this Saturday is the annual P&C Cent Sale. This is a major fundraiser for our P&C and School and we look forward to a great event with lots of money raised. A big thank you to all the people, families, businesses, community and naturally, our P&C and all volunteers.

Student Banking Update

Our Student Banking Program has been a huge success since its introduction in Term 2! Please ensure that ‘Reward Order Slips’ are returned next week (Week 9) as these need to be submitted for rewards to be received for distribution in the last week. Student Banking will occur right up until the last Tuesday of term (Week 10). The CommBank will notify us soon, who has won the internal banking prize this term, selected randomly from those who banked 5 times or more.

Book Lists and Invitations Distributed
Book Lists have been sent home towards the end of last week. They are based on teachers getting together, aligning and streamlining the resources required for purchase at our school. Please note that invitations for 2 very special events being the Year 6 Graduation Dinner and the whole school End of Year School Concert and Graduation have now been sent home with students. Thank you.

_Tuck Shop News_

There is no Tuck Shop in the last week of school (Week 10). Next week will be the last week of Tuck Shop on Tuesday. Our Tuck Shop volunteers are stepping down at the end of this year and we will formally thank them in weeks to come. This quick newsletter insert is to let parents and guardians know that if they would like to be involved in Tuck Shop next year to ensure it occurs in Term 1, then now is the time to let myself or the P&C know, so we can support new volunteers in a transition process. Tuck Shop does not need to be on Tuesdays and can look different to how it has looked traditionally. There is much flexibility for any interested parties who would like to take on the Tuck Shop in 2017, whether just initially or over the longer term. Thank you for your consideration.

_Life Education Van Visit_

Next week we welcome Kathy and Harold the Giraffe and the Bundaberg Life Education Van for their annual visit. This program that occurs over three days ensures that our students receive age appropriate differentiated life education programs about healthy living and lifestyles. This program is funded at Sharon SS by the School and P&C with no costs to families.

_Concert Night P&C Info_

As in previous years the P&C will be running a sausage sizzle commencing at 6pm prior to our concert.

Sausage on Bread $2.00    Soft Drinks $2.00    Poppers $1.50

We will also have a raffle on the night of a Christmas Ham, Bottle of Bundaberg Rum and a Grocery Hamper. Raffle Tickets will be $2 each.

When purchasing you Sausage Sizzle at the canteen, you will be given a piece of coloured cardboard if purchasing drinks. This is to be taken to the drinks bar to exchange for your choice of drink. This frees up space in the tuckshop and also allows all money to be handled at 1 point.

If you are planning to partaking in the sausage sizzle please do not arrive at 6:50. As you can imagine it takes time to serve the big crowd we hope to have on Concert night. So if you can arrive early please do. As our volunteers are parents as well the concert will not commence until everyone is served and we would like our concert to start on time.

With all of that is mind, none of this gets cooked or served itself, so if you are willing to help out in any way please contact Hayley Lerch on 0407 652056.

_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 - Complete
- Prep 2017 Orientation - Complete
- P-2 Sleepover - Complete
- Life Education Van Visit - Due ASAP

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 and greet every adult who enters and walks throughout our school!

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 7

**P/1 Class**

Toby H - for being a sensational reader during his book presentation.

Max D - for being a sensational reader during his book presentation.

Tyson G - for being a sensational reader during his book presentation.

Hunter H - for being a sensational reader during his book presentation.

**Proud Scholars Class**

Braye J - for making a great effort in spelling and always having a positive attitude.

Emily S - for working hard in class and always giving good answers.

**3/4 Class**

Ava S - for working independently in group work times to get her tasks completed.

**4/5 Class**

Kysen M - for having a positive attitude in class and to all his learning activities this week.

**5/6 Class**

Camp Week!

**Class ‘Golden Bin’ Award**

Congratulations - 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

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**In The Classrooms**

**P/1 Class**

The students in Prep/1 enjoyed being very creative this week. We crafted finger puppets for our play, which proved to be a challenge for some of us. We also used our fingerprints to create colourful dandelion artworks. Using our fingers was obviously a focus in our creative exploits this week! Our class is eagerly awaiting our sleep over and excursion THIS Thursday night and Friday.

The students all received torches from Ergon Energy a few weeks ago, which will be used for various activities Thursday night, so please include them when packing your child's belongings. The weeks are going by so quickly but we are busy trying to cram in as much as we can before the end of the year is upon us!

'Aim Ever Higher'

Mrs Boving, Mrs Lester and Ms Reidy

**Proud Scholars Class**

The Proud Scholars did their final assessment before report cards. They had to finish off their Science which was to make an object that was strong enough to carry an orange for 5 metres and be water-resistant. They could only use two materials of the four we tested and one type of glue from the three we tested.

Testing them was a lot of fun! We are now really looking forward to the sleepover!

'Aim Ever Higher'

Mrs Puie and Mrs Searle
4/5 Class

It has been a hub of excitement and busyness in the classroom the last two weeks. The grade 5’s came back with lots of exciting adventures to share about their camp while the grade 4 students created mathematical board games to play with their peers. The grade 4’s realised that creating a game is not as easy as it seems. It involved lots of thinking, planning and trialling, rewriting of rules and ensuring that the equations were correct.

The students have been very busy this week completing their assessment tasks for English, Science and Technology. We are also finalising our art work over the next week to ensure everyone has completed the set tasks.

The next two weeks are packed full with concert practice, swimming, activity tasks, Life Education van and other exciting learning events.

‘Aim Ever Higher’

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!
Community Notices

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

Sharon State School

UPGRADE CHRISTIAN CAMP AT
Bucca Retreat

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!
Commemences: 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

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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
Oakwood Outside School Hours Care
125 Oakwood School Road, Oakwood Q 4670
Ph: 0468553576
oakwoodostc@gmail.com

Come and have fun at VACATION CARE these school holidays!

Haven’t finished your Christmas shopping? Don’t panic! Leave the children with us and head out to the shops. We cater for all school aged children from Prep to High School.

Affordable fees - the cheapest in town!
Children are in a safe, air-conditioned environment with qualified staff!
Lots of fun, stimulating activities to entertain the kids. No mess at home to clean up.

CCEP Fee Estimator for Bookings at Vacation Care

The Child Care Benefit Percentage (CCB %) is calculated on your family’s annual income and is the amount your family may be entitled to once it is capped electronically to your nominated bank account. Please be aware that this is an ESTIMATE only. Also families are entitled for CCB % to cover their OOB Rebs for every three or more children in childcare. Any delight that you don’t know how to calculate CCB % use your DFP to find out what rebates you may be entitled to.

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North Bundaberg S.H.S
Orientation Day – Wed 30th Nov

NORTH BUNDABERG STATE HIGH SCHOOL

- See static displays in the hall 8am-9am and meet key members of the Junior School team
- At 9am students will be dispersed to class to meet their teachers & peers for 2017
- Seek information about sport, music, support, guidance or ask any questions you may have
- School will finish at 3pm, students can be picked up or catch a bus outside the school hall

North Bundaberg State High School welcomes your students to Year 7 in 2017.

We are a small and supportive school where your child will receive a quality education from committed and caring teachers.