Dear families and friends,

As the end of term and the school year approaches quickly, we reflect on the journey of our Year 6 graduates who celebrated their improvements and achievements at the Graduation Dinner Ceremony on Wednesday night. Overall it was a successful event and the students have made themselves, their families, staff and school proud in their final year at Sharon.

**Last Week Bits and Bobs**

Next week there will be no Tuck Shop, Swimming or Sausage Sizzle. There will be Student Banking on Tuesday in the last week, we have our School Concert and Graduation Celebration on Wednesday night.

Thursday will be a Free Dress Day with Class Break-ups and Clean-ups. Friday is our Excursion to the movies to see ‘Trolls’. Uniform is required on Friday for the excursion and Morning Tea and Lunch is provided by the School and P&C.
Date Claimers

** P&C MEETING **
3rd Wednesday of the Month
TBA - AGM and General - 2017

LIFE EDUCATION VAN VISIT
Wed 30 Nov - Fri 2 Dec

CONCERT / GRADUATION
Wednesday 7 Dec

FREE DRESS DAY
Thursday 8 Dec

TERM 4 CONCLUDES & BREAK-UP MOVIE/EXCURSION
Friday 9 Dec

2017 TERM 1 COMMENCES
Monday 23 Jan

PH - Australia Day
Thursday 26 Jan

FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Term 4 - P/1 Class
W1 Oct 7 - Karla - thanks
W2 Oct 14 - Karyn - thanks
W3 Oct 21 - Bernadine - thanks
W4 Oct 28 - Hayley - thanks
W5 Nov 4 - Leisa - thanks
W6 Nov 11 - Sharon - thanks
W7 Nov 18 - Tracey/Holly - thanks
W8 Nov 25 - Rebecca - thanks
W9 Dec 2 - Tarnee/David - thanks
W10 Dec 9 - N/A
Please contact the office for info.

Life Education

At our recent P&C Meeting, it was agreed that all students at Sharon SS will be subsidised to attend Life Ed with Kathy and Harold, this year and for years to come. This is to ensure maximum participation in this valuable annual educational program. It has been a pleasure to have the Life Ed Van, Kathy and Harold at our school over the past 3 days. All students have enjoyed their annual, age appropriate Life Ed lessons, as they do every year.

Thank you Kathy and Harold!

Student Banking Update

Our in-house Student Banking Competition for Term 4 has been finalised with 36 out of 61 students banking 5 times or more, throughout Term 4. What a fantastic achievement and the winner of the Money Tin and $20 iTunes Card raffle, drawn by the CommBank, is Mark S. Congratulations!

Maths Mentals Books in 2017

A long standing successful daily maths mental and homework routine for Sharon State School and all students has been the ‘Maths Strips’. No longer in 2017 though can these be photocopied and glued into Homework Books for every student. The school has purchased a supply of the Maths Mentals books and all families will be invoiced for the cost of a book @ $12 each per student, early in the new year. This ensures we are compliant with copyright material, as well as every student having their own Math Mental book. Thank you for understanding the necessity to move to a compliant way forward, for the entire school.

Tuck Shop and P&C News

Leonie, Bec, Clair and Michelle have done a fantastic job at ensuring we have a healthy and nutritious Tuck Shop on Tuesdays throughout 2016. I would like to sincerely thank them on behalf of the students, families, staff and P&C for their time and efforts in ensuring Tuck Shop on Tuesdays. Please contact the school or P&C President, if you would like to be part of the Tuck Shop team in 2017. Thank you.

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  Water $1.00

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 your 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 Tuck Shop and also allows all monies to be handled at a single point for our cashier.

If you are planning to partake 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 so to space out the catering. 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 to ensure a successful night.

With all of that in 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.

2017 Class Lists and ClassDojo

Next week Class Lists will be released and teachers announced for forecast classes at Sharon SS.

Mrs Tanya Sly has been transferred to Sharon SS from Gladstone and Mr David Teefy will replace me as permanent Teaching Principal. I wish at this stage again to thank Mrs Nancy Lewis and Ms Janelle Riedy for their service to Sharon SS over the course of the year.

It is again unknown as to whether we will have 6 or 7 classes at Sharon SS. Classes have been formulated to ensure minimal disruption to the students if a seventh class and teacher is appointed after Day 8. Year One students only, would be affected if a seventh class eventuates and some need to return to the P/1 Class as an additional teacher would likely be added to the Early Years team. This should not be perceived as a negative if a student moves from the Proud Scholars but rather that all students in the P/1 Class and Proud Scholars would have a better teacher-student ratio.

Class Dojo will also be updated and allow most parents to see their new class towards the end of next week. Some of the older students accounts would need to be reconnected as they need to be added to the overall Student Directory; which means this is the last time that students need to be reconnected to Sharon SS. As stated, this predominantly is only applicable to older students whose accounts have been active for a couple of years at Sharon SS. Thank you for your understanding in this matter, as it is necessary to ensure all students are connected to the overall ClassDojo School Directory.

‘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 - Complete
- Break Up Day Movie Excursion - ASAP

Positive Behaviours for Learning Focus

School Rules

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

Rule of the Week - CARE FOR ENVIRONMENT - Ensure we are looking after the stage and special equipment in the covered eating area when practicing for our concert.

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 8

P/1 Class

Congratulations to all students on their behaviour at the Sleepover and on excursions.

Proud Scholars Class

Charlotte M - for working hard and continually improving in her Friday tests.
Zaidee H - for improved neatness in her homework. Well Done!

3/4 Class

Izac D - for being a friendly, positive class member.

4/5 Class

Tahlia W - for having a positive and enthusiastic attitude to her leaning.

5/6 Class

Mitchell R - for being a great team player, having a positive attitude and supporting classmates on Camp.

Class ‘Golden Bin’ Award

Congratulations - 4/5 Class

Class ‘Attendance’ Award

Congratulations - Complete for 2016.
**In The Classrooms**

**P/1 Class**

Week 9 started with a lot excitement as the Prep/1 class experimented with movement by measuring and adjusting their ramps and their vehicles to maximise distance and speed.

We had a great time making our ginger bread men. This activity complimented our role play and letter to the fox.

'Aim Ever Higher'

Mrs Boving, Mrs Lester and Ms Riedy

**3/4 Class**

It has been an exciting time of year as we finish final assessment tasks, learning tasks, and do our last nights of homework. Our school work now has a festive theme! We have also had fun making decorations for our classroom and even some to take home. I have been a teacher at Sharon School for a whole year now, and as the last term draws to an end, I would like to thank my exceptional class, the students I have met from other classes and all the staff, for making my first year here so wonderful. I was so pleased to have received a transfer to Sharon School, and the smile when I first received the good news has not left my face! The children in my class know how wonderful I think they are because I tell them all the time! And I look forward to my new students next year.

'Aim Ever Higher'

Mrs Irwin

**5/6 Class**

The students have had a lot on over the past couple of weeks since Camp! The Year 5 students are increasing their time with their peers in the 4/5 class in preparation for next year and the formation of the new 5/6 class for 2017. Many Yer 6 students have had transition days to their chosen 2017 High Schools including the North Bundaberg SHS transition and Orientation Day.

The Year 6 Graduation Dinner was overall a successful event and the students enjoyed dinner with their families, relatives, friends and staff and are now very much ready for the next step in their schooling life, being Year 7, in High School. Swimming has now come to a close for the term and all students who participated will receive their certificates to take home this week. They have been practising their songs for Concert Night and are excited about the activities and experiences of the last week of school!

'Aim Ever Higher'

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.

A big thank you all our helpers and volunteers for making the annual P&C Cent Sale a reality. It was a successful event and a great fundraiser for our P&C and school!

The Concert Night approaches quickly and all support and help is appreciated, Please see information in the Principal Keynote for further information and contacts!

Community Notices

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

Sharon Recreation Reserve

A public meeting is to be held at the Sharon Hall on Wednesday 14th December at 5:00pm regarding the future of the Sharon Recreation Reserve, 5 acres of land fronting Sharon Road, the original site of Sharon State School.

This community land has been held in trust since the school was relocated in 1920. It was used as a cricket field but is now unkempt. Presently there is only one trustee living and the future of the reserve is in doubt.

The meeting is open to anyone in the Sharon community who is interested in preserving this public land for community use. The future tenure and use of the area will be discussed and any suggestions most welcome.
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!

Commences: 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