For access to documents, newsletters, calendar of events and more, go to our website at: https://sharonss.eq.edu.au

Our Facebook page is used to get quick and/or interesting messages out to our parents.

Dear Parents,

S&P
Darcie – For always working neatly and taking pride in her work.
Emmet – For his terrific concentration and listening skills.

PS
Erin – For good listening and always being on task.
Colby – For working so hard and being a great friend.
Elia – For participating in class lessons and giving great answers.

LL
Mark – For being a helpful class member.

MACS
Katie G – Showing great maturity and independence. A joy to have in the room.
Tarnay Kauvai – Superb behaviour and setting a great example to others during group work.

BOOK CLUB
Book Club Issue 1 has gone home and the closing date is Wednesday 17 February. A huge thankyou to all parents that supported Book Club in 2015, with your support 20% of all sales go back to the school to buy books and resources for the library.

AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION - THANK YOU!
A big thankyou to everyone, (parents and students), for taking the time and care to use the correct exit gates over the past few weeks.
I have to make a special mention of thanks to everyone in the car park. I have no idea why but, even with our largest ever enrolment, it’s by far the smoothest I’ve ever seen our “drop and go zone” being used after school.

MOVIE FUNDRAISING EVENT

Mark It In Your Diary
Thursday 19 February 7:00pm
You are invited to come along and see “Sisters”, (MA Rated), at the Moncrieff Theatre to raise funds for Anita Wright and family.
Tickets are on sale NOW at the Moncrieff Theatre or at the School Office for $20 each and there will be great prizes to win on the night.

This is NOT a night to bring children. However, please consider coming along with your significant other or even have a night out for yourself and leave the kids at home.

If you are unable to attend but still want to make a donation, please see Sharon in the Office or put your donation in a payment envelope and drop in the classroom locked boxes.

YEAR 3 AND 4 CAMP AT BARAMBAH
Just a reminder to parents of children who will be attending camp at Barambah from Tuesday, 21 June to Thursday, 23 June. It is very likely that this will be a COLD camp – especially at night! It’s possible that it will be colder than anything the children may have experienced before (which is exactly why we chose this time of year). To give you an idea, way back in 2004, we measured the
temperature during the astronomy night at Barambah. It went down to 3°C! Fortunately, it was a still night.

While we haven’t been quite that cold since, it’s certainly a good idea to be prepared. Now is the time to scout around with friends and relatives for sleeping bags and warm clothes. Second hand shops are another budget friendly way to find warm clothing. Best to start looking now – before the other parents beat you to it.

A letter will soon be sent home with Year 3/4 students indicating approximate costs and asking parents to indicate whether or not their children will be taking part. As a guide, the actual cost in 2014 was just over $128 per child. With sausage sizzle subsidy, we were able to bring the cost down to $75 per child.

For more information, visit the Barambah website at: http://www.barambaheec.eq.edu.au/

YEAR 5/6 CAMP AT TALLEBUDGERA
While our Barambah camp is cold, our Tallebudgera Camp, (14 November to 18 November), is warm but more expensive.

As a rough guide for families to start budgeting, the actual cost per child in 2014 was around $330 per child. With sausage sizzle subsidy of just over $4,000, we were able to bring the cost down to $240 per child.

At this stage, we do not have final costs from Tallebudgera. Nor have we finalised bus quotes. So please understand that the $240 mentioned is a guide only.

We’ll be sending a letter home with Year 5/6 students later this term indicating approximate costs and asking parents to indicate whether or not their children will be taking part.

For more information, visit the Tallebudgera website: http://www.talloec.eq.edu.au/

HOT DOG THURSDAY
Every Thursday is Hot Dog Day for those students who wish to have one. Orders will take place in the same way as last year. Orders must be placed before school. Students from the Macks classroom will set up a desk for orders in each of the classrooms from 8:30 am until the bell rings at 8:55 am. Please understand that the students, from the Macks classroom who are taking orders, need to be back in their classroom by 8:55 to begin lessons.

$2.00 per hot dog. No ice-block deals.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAY
Sausage Sizzle is on every Friday and money is collected in the classrooms. Students are able to purchase a sausage on bread with sauce for lunch and a Home Ice Cream for afternoon tea.

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Roster – Term 1

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We are looking for other parents who would like to add their names to the roster for this year. 10:45am until 12:00pm to cook sausages and help serve to students. Please contact Sharon via email sstap26@sharonss.eq.edu.au or phone the office 4130 9222 if you can spare a Friday morning.

We use the bulk of our sausage sizzle funds to subsidise the cost of our camps and excursions. I know for a fact that quite a few children would not have attended school camp at all were it not for the assistance of sausage sizzle funds. This year is Camp Year!

STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE
If you have changed phone numbers, emergency contacts, email addresses or work details in the past year, please send a note along to school with the new details so that we can update our emergency contact files.

QPAC EXCURSION – THE SOUND OF MUSIC
We still have a few seats left for any LLs who are interested in coming on the Sound Of Music Trip. Interested children should see Mrs Mac as soon as possible for an information/permission note.

MOVEMENT OF CLASSES
As per the note that went out on Friday, "LLs" and “S&Ps” have started swapping rooms. This is a complicated drawn-out process. However, we’re aiming to have the rooms ready for students to be working in by this coming Monday, 22 February.

Why the move?
In a nutshell:
- We have a new teacher, Miss Riedy, who has joined us as a result of the growth in our enrolments.
- Miss Riedy has joined the S&Ps who will cater for students in Prep & Year 1. (most of the Year 1s from Proud Scholars will join the Year 1s in S&Ps)
With the extra teacher, the S&Ps need a double classroom.

They will swap rooms with the Lively Learners who do not need a double classroom.

**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS**

As of today, we are emailing our school newsletters to school families.

Why?
1/. It saves enormous amounts of time.

- We have had waits of up to 20 minutes for the newsletter to make it out of the photocopier from the time I’ve pushed “print”.
- Paper jams, (at the worst possible time), take time to unravel and that wait time can be even longer.

2/. Students don’t need to wait back, because of the above-mentioned printing delays, to collect newsletters. If needed, I can send the newsletter out after school.

3/. It saves massive amounts of paper, (pretty obvious really), which, in turn, saves the school money & looks after the environment.

4/. We know it gets home to you.

You can also access our newsletter via:
- our school website at [https://sharonss.eq.edu.au](https://sharonss.eq.edu.au). You can also access old newsletters from the website.
- our school Facebook page.

I will also endeavour to leave a few paper copies of the newsletter up in the office for those who need to see a paper copy.

**QSCHOOLS SMARTPHONE APP**

Queensland school communities can interact with their favourite state schools using the QSchools smartphone app.

The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools.

While all schools are searchable using the app, the full app features are designed to integrate with the department's preferred school website platform, to allow users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to their selected school website. Users can also see other useful information provided by the school, such as tuckshop menus, uniform shop information, class times and the school's and the department's social media feeds.

The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.

The QSchools app is particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools.

Kind regards,

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**MESSAGE FROM CHAPPY LYNN**

I was very excited to come back to School this year and was genuinely disappointed to miss the end of school year, due to my Fathers’ passing. Thank you to those who sent me messages during that time, I felt very conforted and supported by your kindness.

Those children who have read his book have been able to experience a little ‘step back in time’ and I’m very happy and proud, to have Dads’ memories recorded in a book which future generations can read. If you would like a copy of his book, at no charge, please ask. A great love of reading was modelled to me by both my parents and my own love of reading widely helps me to enjoy life, (the best relaxation!) be resilient and problem solve every day.

I have been enjoying getting to know the new students at our school and look forward to a successful, fun year ahead.

Please feel free to talk to me about any challenges you or your child may have. I have developed networks within my community and can put you in touch with people who may specialise in an area where you might require assistance.

If the positive and enthusiastic way your children have approached the start of the School year is any indication, Sharon School students are going to have a wonderful learning experience this year!

See you in the playground. 😊

Chappy Lynn
[lynnr@chappy.org.au](mailto:lynnr@chappy.org.au)

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**BOYS/GIRLS TENNIS 2016**

Nominations are being called from all schools in the Bundaberg Zone for boys and girls to attend the 2016 Tennis Trials.

**Trial Date:** 10th March 2016

**Time:** 8.45am-3.00pm

**Where:** Rotary Tennis Courts, George Street (entry off Tanitha Street)

**Who:** Boys and Girls born 2004, 2005, 2006 (only exceptional 10 year olds) who display a high level of skill. These trails are in the form of a tournament whereby the top 4 in each boys and girls competition will be selected in the Bundaberg team if they perform at a competitive Wide Bay level.
As these tournaments are time consuming, please do not include beginner players or players who simply interested in having a go.

**Cost:** $12 a player to be **paid on the day** to cover court hire and the purchasing of tennis balls.

**What to bring:** School sports uniform, shoes and socks, hat/cap, sunscreen, water bottle, food for the day (no canteen in operation)

**Training:** For those selected, there will not be any training afternoons as these players are usually under the direction of coaches.

**Nomination Forms:** These must be sent/faxed/emailed to me by the 9th March 2015 in order for the players to be seeded and the tournament drawn up.

NAOMI SHIELD
Oakwood State School
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EMAIL nshie5@eq.edu.au

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Bundaberg District School
Sport (Swimming)

Once again it is that time for the Bundaberg District’s swimmers to nominate for the 2016 Queensland 10 - 12 Years Schools Swimming Championships which will be held at Chandler Aquatic Centre, Brisbane over 3 days. (Sunday 20 March to Tuesday 22 Sunday March)

As in past years, selection in the Wide Bay Regional Team is gained by submitting times swum in the 50 metre pool in a QSA sanctioned meet. When times are submitted, they must be verified by printouts from Meet Manager and then stamped and signed by the club’s secretary or record keeper. If this procedure is not followed, times will not be accepted.


Times need to have been swum in the current 2015/2016 season.

**Nominations close on Wednesday 17 February 2015 at 3 pm at St Luke’s Anglican School Main Office.**

After our Bundaberg District nominations are sorted and checked, they will be sent to the Regional Sports Office where a Wide Bay Team will be selected by a panel. Successful swimmers will be notified through their schools by Justin Lane – Regional Sports Officer.

If you have any questions about the selection process or Championships, contact me:

St Luke’s Anglican School: Ph 41327568
Mobile: 0428753441
Email: maryann-baren@stlukes.qld.edu.au

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**SOFTBALL TRIALS – 2016**

Nominations are being called from all schools in the Bundaberg District, for GIRLS and BOYS to attend the 2016 Bundaberg Zone 10-12 years old Softball Trials.

**TRIAL DATES:** Monday, 15 & Thursday 18 February, 2016.

**TIME:** 3.30 – 5.00pm

**WHERE:** Bundaberg Softball Grounds, Claytons Road


**WHAT TO BRING:** School sport uniform and or knickerbockers, glove, hat, water bottle, sunscreen. District NOMINATION FORM signed by the teacher.

A TEAM OF 12 GIRLS and 12 BOYS will be selected to attend the WIDE BAY REGIONAL TRIALS IN HERVEY BAY on WEDNESDAY 23rd and THURSDAY 24th March, 2016.

From the Regional Trials a WIDE BAY BOYS TEAM (State carnival 9-11 September, in Noosa) and a WIDE BAY GIRLS TEAM (State carnival 25-28 August, Logan City) will be selected.

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:** Parents and Teachers are urged to use discretion when sending students to these trials. Please send students who have good throwing, catching, eye hand coordination and hitting action. Children involved with weekend fixtures or who have displayed a strong athletic ability level and interest in softball are worth sending.

A player who is interested in attending these trials but for some reason is unable to attend should contact: Di Phillips

Bargara State School
41 505333 or 0413605403

For further information required contact:
Di Phillips
Bargara State School 41 505333 or 0413605403