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

Dear Parents,

Student of the Week

S&P
Chase - for his attentiveness and always trying his best
Jessica - for always applying herself to her work

PS
Harper – for great blog writing.
Jaime – for her beautiful artwork and neat handwriting.
Manea – for her lovely attitude and giving her best at all times.

LL
Izac – for being organised and responsible

MACS
Lena – for consistently demonstrating exemplary behaviour. 100% reliable.
Byron - for consistently demonstrating exemplary behaviour. 100% reliable.
Jack L. - for consistently demonstrating exemplary behaviour. 100% reliable.
Emma - for consistently demonstrating exemplary behaviour. 100% reliable.

GIN GIN DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
The date for the Gin Gin District Cross Country is Friday, 22 April, (2nd week of Term 2). This is not a day for anyone to come “if they feel like it”.

Firstly, students must be born in 2006, 2005 or 2004 to be eligible to compete. Secondly, they must be in training for the event. They should be able to run a time at school to convince me that they are serious about competing and not just going up to Gin Gin to walk around the school.

Students hoping to compete in the Bundaberg District Cross Country must qualify through the Gin Gin Cross Country.

MATHLETICS 100% CLUB
Students in the Macs for maths are set a Mathletics task each week. While we try to set the task at the ability level of each student, it takes a lot of concentration & determination to pick up a perfect score. Congratulations to the following students who did exactly that:

Patrick, Lara, Noah, Daniel, Emma, Lena & Byron.

NEW PRINCIPAL APPOINTED
Mr Benjamin Reed, currently principal at Coalstoun Lakes State School, has been announced as Acting Principal for Sharon State School for Terms 2, 3 & 4.

Mr Reed made a flying visit to the school today. After spending time with him today, I’m very confident Mr Reed will be a great fit for Sharon and take us on to better and brighter things in the future.

By way of introduction, Mr Reed has penned a few words about himself below.

Dear families and community,

With pride I have been appointed to Acting Principal of Sharon State School. I share in the excitement and responsibility for the learning and development of your children, our students. We look forward to a successful and rewarding year ahead.

I began my career as a Teacher Aide at Narbethong Special School and then spent many years as Teacher Aide and

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22 Apr Gin Gin District Cross Country
21 Jun Year 3/4s leave for Barambah Camp
23 Jun Year 3/4s return from Barambah Camp

24 March 2016 - Mitchell, Bryce
29 March - Annabella

March 26th - Mitch, Bryce
29th - Annabella

April 9th - Sebastian, Piper

24 Mar Oakwood visiting for interschool sport
Final Day of Term 1.
25 Mar Good Friday Holiday
11 Apr Term 2 Starts
Technology Officer for Red Hill Special School. I became a Teacher at Red Hill Special School and continued for several years working with students with multiple impairments and specialised health requirements. I then blended my primary and special education qualifications and experience, as the Head of Special Education Services at Petrie Terrace State School, in Brisbane, for 2 years.

I was appointed to Principal of Muttaburra State School in the centre of Queensland, for three fantastic years in the outback. After this time, I transitioned to Coalstoun Lakes State School in the North Burnett, where I have been Principal for 2 years. I have just recently returned from an Acting Principalship at Anakie State School on the Gemfields, for the past 6 months.

Now I join with you, as Acting Principal of Sharon State School, whilst Mr McGovern undertakes leave, for the remainder of the year.

I am proud, privileged and excited to provide consistency and continuity in the vision, teaching and work of Mr McGovern, the staff, P&C and community, which we will continue together, throughout the rest of the year.

A strong partnership between the home and the school is vital for the provision of a successful educational program for children, I therefore invite you to participate in all aspects of our school curriculum, homework, learning and co-curricular programs, class and extra-curricular activities, special events, school celebrations, P&C activities and initiatives.

Sharon State School endeavours to provide a holistic multi-age and inclusive program promoting core values in primary school education. With a clear focus on the literacy and numeracy development and proficiency of all our students, we are committed to ensuring the continual improvement of outcomes, through personalised learning.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss any aspect of our school or your child’s welfare and education. I look forward to working with you from the commencement of Term 2 and throughout the remainder of the year, and hopefully into the future for years to come and developing a strong positive and professional relationship.

‘Aim Ever Higher’

Regards,
Benjamin Reed

STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE
Have you moved house, changed phone numbers, emergency contacts, email addresses or work details recently? Please send a note or, (preferably), an email along to school with the new details so that we can update our emergency contact files.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR PROUD SCHOLARS
Only the Proud Scholars classroom is participating in Religious Instruction lessons for this year. Religious Instruction at Sharon School is non-denominational which means that each class is taught from a workbook provided by Bundaberg Co-Operative Religious Instruction Working Committee for each year level and not for each particular religion.

Lesson workbooks are provided at a cost of $5 per child or $10 per family. As it was not included in the book lists, all families of children in the Proud Scholars are asked to make a payment. All the funds go directly to the Bundaberg Co-operative Religious Instruction Working Committee. As the levy is voluntary, we don’t bill families.

Any shortfall in funds is met by this committee. Payment is requested by end of Term 1, Thursday 24 March. If you do NOT wish your child to attend Religious Instruction classes then please notify Sharon in the Office to update your child’s file.

WORKBOOK COST PER CHILD $5, PER FAMILY $10 DUE BY 24 March.

Please place money in a school collection envelope marked with your name/names and “Religious Education” and place it in your classroom collection box.

HOT DOG THURSDAY

Every Thursday is Hot Dog Day.

$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.

Sausage and bread $1.20
Ice block $1.00
Sausage and Ice Block Deal $2.00

Please select a date that suits against one of the school calendar. That is your ‘Children’s attendance days’ and then let Hayley Lerch, President, P&C know at hayleylerch@anet.com.au

Roster – Term 1
18th Mar  Ben Ward’s Family

Roster – Term 2 – Lively Learners
15th April  22nd April
29th April  6th May
13th May  20th May
27th May  3rd June
10th June  17th June
24th June

Roster – Term 3 – Macs
15th July  22nd July
29th July 5th Aug
12th Aug  19th Aug
26th Aug  2nd Sept
9th Sept  16th Sept

Roster – Term 4 – Salt and Preppers
7th Oct  14th Oct
21st Oct  28th Oct
4th Nov  11th Nov
18th Nov  25th Nov
2nd Dec

Macs

DUE BY 24 March.
We are looking for 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.

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!**

**CAMP BUDGETING**
Just a reminder that we have 2 relatively expensive camps later this year. We do not have final costs at this stage. However, as a guide to help families plan for the expense, our final costs for these same camps in 2014 were as follows:

- **Barambah:** (21 June to 23 June) $128 per child. With sausage sizzle subsidy, we were able to bring the cost down to $75 per child.

- **Tallebudgera:** (14 November to 18 November) $330 per child. With sausage sizzle subsidy, (of just over $4,000!), we were able to bring the cost down to $240 per child.

**GRIN & TONIC VISIT**
On Monday, Grin and Tonic came to visit Sharon to perform a play to teach us about Australian history. It was funny and educational.

I also give a thumbs up for Byron who had to play the wonderful “Trixie” in one of Grin and Tonic’s little plays about what television would be like if they had it in the early 1900s. It was hilarious.

I enjoyed it heaps. I only hope I can be at Sharon next year to watch them perform again.

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**SOUND OF MUSIC TRIP**

*Last Wednesday, most Macs and some LLs went to the “Sound of Music” in Brisbane. We went on the bus to Gympie for our second breakfast. Then we arrived in Brisbane and had lunch at South Bank. After that, we lined up to go in the theatre and watch the first part of the “Sound of Music”.*

*During interval, Mrs Mac and Mr Mac kindly packed a little treat for each of the travellers. We had about 5 minutes to have a break before watching the second part. It was awesome! When we walked out, we met Cameron Dado who was playing Captain Von Trapp. All the adults were so excited that they had a photo with him. I think the children were pretty excited as well. Some of the Mums and Mrs Mac were squealing like little girls. So a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Mac for buying the Sound of Music tickets. Also a big thank you to Mrs Lerch, Mrs Walz, Mrs Gunning and Mrs Dudman for helping out.*

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**CAUGHT ON THE WEB**

*Caught on the Web spotlights web sites for learning and fun - for kids and parents to share.*

This week’s site to visit is: [https://www.eduplace.com/tales/](https://www.eduplace.com/tales/)

Reinforce parts of speech as kids create silly stories.
SCHOOL RULES
Our school has identified the following 3 overriding school rules to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour. They’re all based on the idea of “caring”.

- Care for yourself
- Care for others
- Care for your environment

Caring for your environment can be as simple as caring for the equipment you’ve been given to use.

FUN FACTS

The world’s biggest sharks -- the basking shark and the whale shark -- are also among the least dangerous sharks.

When an armadillo gives birth, it almost always has four babies.

Baby camels are born without a hump.

END OF TERM ONE – THURSDAY, 24 MARCH - TODAY

Just a reminder that today is our last day of term. Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Easter break with your family.

Students return to school on Monday, 11 April.

FAREWELL

This is my final newsletter to the Sharon School community. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Thank you to the staff who have worked so hard to make our school what it is and cover for my many shortcomings.

Thank you to our parents for trusting me with your children and being so supportive.

And a huge thank you to the many wonderful kids who I’ve had the good fortune to work with at Sharon. It’s been a privilege working here and I wish everyone of you all the very best for the future.

Kind regards,

“If there is no struggle, there is no progress.”
Frederick Douglass (1857)