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
Jessica – for always trying hard to use her best manners

PS
Kathryn – for making a big effort to catch up on class tasks. Well done!
Cooper H – for working hard in writing

June
13 Cooper H
17 Ryan
24 Emma
29 Ava

July
3 Benjamin
7 Emily
9 Mitchell
13 Ethan
14 Mia

DATES TO REMEMBER
24 June
Disco in the Killerdome at School
6:00pm-8:00pm – Prep to Year 6
26 June
Last Day of Term 2
22-26 June
PS - Parent Teacher Interviews
27 June-12 July
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
13 July
First Day of Term 3
16 Sept
Whole School Musical – “Conundrum”

BOOK CLUB
Book Club Issue No. 4 closed on Wednesday, 17 June. Please allow one week after that date for delivery.

SHARON STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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ASBESTOS WORK DURING HOLIDAY BREAK
On Monday 29th June 2015 there will be work being completed at the school which involves working with Asbestos materials. One of the safety rules with asbestos stipulates that there cannot be anyone on the school grounds during this time. All areas of the school grounds including the tennis courts will be closed on this day. Thank you for your understanding.

SCHOOL MUSICAL – “CONUNDRUM”
Our whole school musical, “Conundrum”, will be performed at 6:30pm on Wednesday, 16 September, at the Shalom Theatre. Every student will need a pair of plain jeans, which are available cheaply at chain stores, and a plain white T-shirt – no buttons or decorations. All classes are rehearsing and performing in the musical.

FAREWELL & THANK YOU, MR KEYS
It’s with a mixture of envy and sadness that I pass on the news that our groundsman, Mr Athol Keys, is retiring. Athol started at Sharon in 1990!
Over this time, Athol has covered countless kilometres mowing ovals, repairing taps & mowers, pruning and carting tonnes of branches, replacing light bulbs & fire alarms, cleaning out gutters, burying dead animals, trimming edges, eliminating weeds, preparing the marking for our various sports. The list just goes on forever. I’m very aware of the number of times Athol went above and beyond the call of duty – often at short notice.
A vast number of children over the past 25 years have benefitted from Athol’s work and, while I know he doesn’t like the limelight; he deserves to be proud of the invaluable contribution he’s made to our school.
On behalf of our school community, thank you, Athol. We wish you all the very best for a long and happy retirement.

WINTER UNIFORM
The mornings and evenings are getting cooler and children are starting to come to school in jumpers and tracksuit pants. This usually brings up 2 problems for us as a school.

Firstly, the days usually warm up and the children remove the warmer clothes – anywhere! Their minds are then totally absorbed with what happens next and the clothing is forgotten. Before long, we have a pile of “orphaned” winter clothes and reports of lost and “stolen” clothing. PLEASE NAME all clothing. In the past, students have confidently stated a jumper is not theirs only to be shown, (much to their surprise), that they have their name on it.
“Working With or C” really means:
• A “Working With or C” no longer means that the student is simply in the middle of the class; it means that the student has met the criteria for a learner at the appropriate age level.
• A “Working With or C” means that the student is doing everything required at their Year Level.
• The best description is that a “Working With or C” means a student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be – A “Working With or C” is ON TARGET or AT YEAR LEVEL STANDARD.

With all of this in mind, we must accept that it may be harder to get an “A” or a “B” than it used to be. These grades are no longer awarded simply to the top students in the class; they are only given to students who show that they are independently capable of working beyond the criteria for their year level.

So what does all this mean?
• Many parents are likely to see more “Working With or C” grades on their children’s report cards.
• The “Effort” grades are a really important reflection of whether your child is achieving the best they can.
• An “A” for effort and a “C” for achievement indicates that your child is “On Target” for their age and “applying their best effort”. This grade should be celebrated with students because they have worked hard to be where they need to be.

As with all communication to parents, we strive to review what is being communicated to ensure it is the most up to date information. With this in mind, conversations will begin next term with teachers around our report cards and what is being communicated to parents.

As always, if you have any concerns about your child’s progress, please see your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

REPORT CARDS

Over recent years, parents, students and teachers across Queensland have been gradually becoming more familiar with a more uniform process for reporting in all schools.

The use of a more consistent 5-point scale:
• Prep – Year 2: Applying, Making Connections, Working With, Exploring, Becoming Aware
• Years 3 to 7: A, B, C, D, E

has been one of the significant developments.

Most of us who were schooled in generations past are familiar with the A-E scale and, for many, it offers a great deal more comfort and better understanding of achievement.

An important point that deserves clarification though is that the 5 point scale has some subtle differences these days and that when we see a “Working With or C” on our child’s report card, it means something a little different to what it used to on our own report cards many years ago.

In the past, the achievement scale used a “Bell Curve” distribution which means that a small group of top students in the class got an “A”, the next group got a “B”, the majority of the class were given a “C” and so on until the whole class represented a distribution from A-E. This means that it was harder to get an “A” in a school filled with academic students and easier to get one in a school with less academic students.

The new system works on “benchmarks of achievement” or “criteria” such that, what constitutes an “A”, “B”, “C” etc. is predetermined. Any student who shows evidence of meeting that level deserves that grade.

This is where we consider the difference in what a

SCHOOL WATCH OVER THE HOLIDAYS

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene.

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Secondly, while we are envied by other schools and parents with the way our students turn up in full uniform, there is often a mysterious deviation with winter uniform. While the vast majority of our students wear royal blue jumpers, we sometimes see a variety of colours when cooler months arrive.

Sharon is NOT a “near enough’s good enough” school. Please help us to maintain our high uniform standards. In the past, many of the chain stores in town have sold full royal blue tracksuit tops and bottoms at ridiculously cheap prices.

I’ve noticed quite a few children wearing a great looking royal blue top which zips up the front with the brand name “School Zone”. I don’t know where they come from. I have an orphaned Size 8 one of these draped over the back of my chair at the moment.

We will never let a child be cold. However, we have spare clean royal blue tops to offer students if they are unable to come in uniform.

If ever purchasing a uniform is a genuine financial difficulty, please contact me and I’ll do whatever I can to help. There are still great 2nd hand jumpers on sale for $2. Just see Sharon in the office.

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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 yourself can be as simple as looking at the speaker when listening.

INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
For the 2nd year in a row, Tantitha has emerged victorious in the annual Interhouse sports carnival.

At the end of 2 days of competition, the final points tally saw Burnett finish with 320 points and Tantitha with 387 points. It was a very close competition, with the relays and ballgames results making the difference.

Congratulations to the following age champions:

Boys:
Born 2006 – Fletcher
Born 2005 – Travis
Born 2004 – Dylan
Born 2003 – Mitchell G.

Girls:
Born 2006 – Talitha
Born 2004 – Emily
Born 2003 – Kateisha

I mentioned this last year. But I’ll say it again because I mean it and it’s worth saying. I occasionally hear about the problems of “ugly parents” spoiling kids’ sporting events at clubs and other schools. I can honestly say that I saw none of this over the two days. Yes, there was plenty of support from family and friends – as there should be. But there was also lots of encouragement for competitors in the other team whether they were winning, coming 2nd, 5th or coming last. Not surprisingly, our kids followed suit. They say it takes a village to raise a child. From what I saw, our kids are growing up in a pretty good village.

SMILE AWHILE
A Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register.
His wife insisted on complaining to the local civic official who apologised profusely saying, (wait for it . . .), "I must have taken Leif off my census."

Thursday
Hot Dog

Friday
Sausage Sizzle
Slice of Bread with Sausage and Sauce $1.20
Ice Block from Home Ice Cream $1.00
Sausage and Ice Block Deal $2.00
Funds raised support school camps to reduce the cost for parents. We’re looking for a kind-hearted volunteer to roll some sausages for this Friday.

Roster:
26th ?

HAPPY HOLIDAY!
Enjoy the holidays with your family and have a happy but safe time. We’ll see everyone back refreshed on Monday 13 July. Remember that Monday 13 July is NOT a Pupil Free Day.

Kind regards,

The next Meeting of our P&C Committee will be held in the Library on Wednesday 22 July from 4:00pm.

Date: 24th June
Venue:Sharon State School
Killerdome
Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm
All School – Prep to Year 6 (No High Schoolers)
$5 Entry (Includes: Pizza, Popper and Fizzer)

Tuckshop will be selling drinks and snacks and we have a great DJ to play all your favourite songs.

DISCO MENU

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**HEAD LICE STOCK HAS ARRIVED**

**Cash Only Sales**

We will be stocking both the packs and the solution in the Tuckshop for sale on Tuesday and through the School Office, Monday to Friday. P&C is only able to accept **Cash Sales**.

**Packs (solution and comb)** $30  
**Solution** $20

The solution as a deterrent will last you several months and parents have mentioned that they have had no issues with head lice with regular use of the product. Christine also offers a service to de-louse your child/children if you are having trouble breaking the cycle. Contact Christine Binns directly on 0438 169 928 or facebook LICEWORX head lice products.

**Stickybeaks Re-Usable Lunch Wallet**

The Tuckshop is taking orders for Re-Usable Lunch Wallets which can be used for Tuckshop orders on Tuesday. This will save on paper bags and problems with ripped and soggy paper bags.

If you would like to make a purchase please fill out the form attached to this newsletter and drop into the locked boxes in the Classroom. Bags will be $8.50 each and can be paid in advance.

**Public Notices**

**Fraser Coast Interschool Equestrian Competition is on again.**

Dates: 20th & 21st August, 2015  
Nominations through: nominate.com.au  
Nominations close: 1st August 2015  
Nominations capped so get in early.

**Get your family active and eating well**

Local families can sign up the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are now open for a new group to commence in Bundaberg at in term 3, 2015. The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age.

It consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit [www.peachqld.com.au](http://www.peachqld.com.au)

**TENNIS HOLIDAY CLINIC** will be conducted at Rotary Park Tennis complex, 69b George Street, South Bundaberg by Tennis Academy Coaches, Murray Whitbread and Kevin Banner.

Monday 29th June, Tuesday 30th June & Wednesday 1st July 2015.

**Times:**
- 8.30am–10am or 10am–11.30am (Junior Beginners 5-12 years)  
- 8.30am–11.30am (Beginners/Intermediate Beginners)  
- 2.30pm–4.30pm (High School/Advanced)

Enquiries & Costs to Kevin: 4152 0753 or 0409 520 753.

**Bookings are essential!**