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
Ryan - for creating wonderful sentences during his daily writing sessions
Noah - for his great sentence writing

PS
Austin – for giving 100% effort in all areas.
Manea – for coming to class every morning with a beautiful smile.

EE
Ariana – for 7 consecutive weeks of 100% scored in spelling tests and being promoted to Level E in Maths.

MACS
Lena – for great behaviour and consistently giving her best effort

September
12 – Tyson
13 – Luke, Bridie
14 - Bree

DATES TO REMEMBER
16 Sept Whole School Musical – “Conundrum”
17 Sept Netball & Touch at Oakwood State School.
18 Sept Last Day of Term 3 (Free Dress Day)
5 Oct Public Holiday
6 Oct First Day of Term 4
13 Oct School Photos

ENROLMENT FOR 2016
Please contact the office for an Enrolment Pack if you have a child starting Prep at Sharon School next year or know someone who is enrolling in Prep at Sharon next year. A parent Information Session will be held later in the year.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Have your details change, phone, address, emergency contacts, then please let the office know. We have a whole of school excursion coming up with Musical and we need to have all contact details up to date in case we need to contact parents while off campus.

Email: admin@sharonss.eq.edu.au
Put it in an envelope in the locked boxes or drop into the office and advise Mrs Stapleton.

SWIMMING YEARS 3-6 – TERM 4
Swimming starts on Thursday 15th October and runs for 8 weeks concluding on Thursday 3rd December. Lessons are at Bundaberg Swimming Academy from 1:00pm to 2:00pm – Bus departs at 12:20pm to return by 3:00pm.

1. PROPER SWIMMING COSTUME
   (Our preference is for a ONE PIECE costume for girls. It’s difficult to make a hard fast rule as there are some 2 pieces which can be acceptable. What we’re trying to avoid is excessive sun exposure or a bikini glamour contest. If in doubt ask us or simply send in a t-shirt to wear with the costume.)
2. A Towel
3. Sunscreen (not coloured zinc) for the outdoor group.
4. A SUNSAFE T-Shirt is recommended for the outdoor pool group.
5. A Swimming bag for the above items (a plastic or environmental bag will do).
6. Children with long hair must wear swimming caps or elastic bands to allow clear vision and breathing.

BELONGINGS ARE TO BE CLEARLY NAMED
(UNIFORMS IN PARTICULAR.)

How much does it cost?
I’m still working on a budget, but to allow families time to put money aside, please budget on the cost being somewhere around $50 per child to cover the 8 weeks. This will not be the actual cost. For example, the pool charges us $7.50 per child per visit. Thus, we’re looking at $60, ($7.50 x 8), per child before paying for each bus trip. DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY YET.

Please see me if cost is an issue for you.

MATHS TEAM CHALLENGE LEGENDS!!

Last Thursday, we sent 5 teams to North High to compete in the Bundaberg Maths Team Challenge.
I was very proud of all the students who put their hand up to take part. As you can see from the questions in last week’s
newsletter, the challenge is not for the faint-hearted. One of our teams came away with a win on the day. However, I honestly don’t believe, as a community, that we really understand the magnitude of the result.

Bundaberg East State School won the “A-Schools” (enrolment 300 +) section with 79 points. However, Sharon outpointed them in winning the “B-Schools” (enrolment 100 to 300) section. This year we won with 92 points! And yes, the questions are the same for ALL primary schools.

We’re at the smaller end of the B Schools Group and yet our students are beating all, (both state and private), the primary schools in the Bundaberg District. Our winning team was made up of Byron, Ben, Cameron, Olivia and Alex. Congratulations on a mighty achievement.

For the record, the results in the different sections were as follows:

A Schools (enrolment 300 +)
1st Bundaberg East State School (79 points)
2nd Woongarra State School (73 points)
3rd Bundaberg North State School (48 points)

B Schools (enrolment 100 to 300)
1st Sharon State School (92 points)
2nd Kolan South State School (67 points)
3rd Moore Park State School (63 points)

C Schools (enrolment under 100)
1st Gooburrum State School (23 points)
2nd Wallaville State School (22 points)
3rd Maroondan State School (22 points)

NEWSLETTER TO BE “ELECTRONIC” IN TERM 4

In Term 4, our Sharon State School newsletter will no longer be distributed in a hard copy format. Our newsletter will be available online at our school website https://sharonss.eq.edu.au and emailed to families who have provided us with an email address. I also tried, (successfully – much to my surprise), putting a link on our Facebook page last week.

If you’d prefer an emailed copy, please provide a preferred email address by sending me an email. This will ensure that you are included in our distribution list and that we’ll have your most current email address.

It’s also worthwhile to download the QSchools App on your mobile phone which will automatically give notification of newsletters once they are uploaded to the website.

Email: principal@sharonss.eq.edu.au

Why do this? I like a paper copy.

1. Time. I print the newsletter from my computer. Technology can be fickle. Sometimes it works; sometimes it doesn’t. Even when there are no paper jams, empty trays, empty toners, “unable to locate printer” messages etc., the newsletter can take 15 to 20 minutes from the time I press print to the time it completes its run on our photocopier. This is time I’m not teaching. It’s also time the photocopier is tied up and unavailable to other classes. We then have students taking newsletters to different classrooms during their class time.

2. Cost. Paper and print costs add up over time.

3. Effectiveness. From what parents tell me, and the fact that I find newsletters in port racks & blowing around the school, many paper copies of the newsletter simply don’t make it home. An “electronic” copy cuts out the middle man. Having the QSchools App (see above) will even ensure you get an alert when a newsletter is published.

4. Caring for our environment. Using less paper is more environmentally friendly. We’re living one of our school rules.

I don’t want school newsletters cluttering up my inbox!! Don’t request an email copy. Either download it from our website or access it on your phone via the QSchools App.

Having said all of this, we’ll still leave a few paper copies of the newsletter in the office for those who need them.

SCHOOL MUSICAL – “CONUNDRUM”

6:30pm Wednesday, 16 September, Shalom Theatre.

A 2nd very important musical note was sent home with all children yesterday. Please take the time to read.

Musical note? I didn’t get any musical note.

If yesterday’s musical note didn’t make it home, you’ll find another on our school website at https://sharonss.eq.edu.au

Underneath the heading, “Support & Resources”, you’ll find “Forms and documents”. Click on “Forms and documents”. Then click on “Documents”. The musical note is about 14 spots down on the list. It’s called “Musical News 7 September”.

Ticket Sales.

Tickets have been on sale for 3 weeks. All tickets $7. Please put all ticket orders in Macs’ money collection box. Mrs Mac will endeavour to get tickets back to children at the end of that day. Up to this point, we’ve limited tickets to a maximum of 5 per family in order to allow every family the chance to see their children perform. I’m very aware that this limitation has been a source of frustration for those who wish to bring extended family and friends to the show.

From this Friday, 11 September, the limit of 5 tickets per family will be lifted. So, if you wish to see the show, get your tickets before Friday.

Cabriona

Is there a charge for the children to take part? No. This is an experience we want the children to have. There are substantial costs but we’re hoping ticket sales will go close to covering them.

Do I need to buy tickets for children who are performing? No. As the performers will not be using a seat in the auditorium, there is no charge for them. The $7 tickets are for those using a seat in the auditorium.

Do I have to buy a ticket for little kids? We have allocated seating. Thus, if they’re using a seat, yes. If you’re nursing them for the whole show, no.
Can we film the performance or take photos?
Flash photography is a massive distraction for the members of the audience and the performers. To put it bluntly, don’t do it. You only need one flash going off for everyone’s night to be ruined.
Last year, with the hope of preventing anyone blocking the view from the audience, we organised for the show to be filmed. It didn’t work. We also had a photographer. However, those photos didn’t make it either.
I’m asking that you don’t film or take photographs during the show. However, in reality, I’m not going to emerge from behind the curtains and wrestle a camera from you. However, please keep in mind that:
1. Holding a camera or tablet up in the air for extended periods will impede the view of those behind you.
2. Parents of several of our performers have NOT given permission for their photo to be taken and CERTAINLY haven’t given permission for their children’s images to be published in any form.
3. We do allow time at the end of the show for parents to take photos of groups and individuals.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
We’re travelling to Oakwood State School on Thursday, 17 September for games of Netball & Touch. This will involve students primarily from Years 4, 5 & 6 who have been playing these games during organised sport days. Being the day after our musical, there’s also a possibility that we might need to ask other students to have a run as well.

FREE DRESS DAY
Our last day of term is Friday, 18 September. On this day, students will have the option of coming to school out of uniform. The cost will be a gold coin donation. Money raised will be sent to the Bundaberg Salvation Army who do so much to help people and families in the Bundaberg area.
Please be aware that, while the day is “free dress”, clothing with inappropriate slogans/illustrations or clothing that is not “unsafe”, (e.g. singlets or peak caps), is not allowed.
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SCHOOL PARKING AREA ISSUES
1/. The “2 Minute Maximum Loading Zone”
Some parents use this very well. Others, not so well. Part of the problem lies with kids who stay back for a chat or visit the adventure playground after school. If they keep you waiting, move on. Either find a park or “loop” around at a safe distance. I’ve noticed some astute parents have taken to using the normal parks and are actually getting away well before those using the 2 minute zone. That’s great! However, the 2 minute zone should be quicker when used properly.

I’m particularly grateful to those parents who seem to be deliberately arriving to collect children from around 3:10 onwards. This helps enormously with reducing congestion. Remember, we have a teacher on gate duty until 3:15 anyway. We also have a teacher on bus duty until around 3:25 if you arrive a little later later than that.

2/. Speed
Police, (yes, I’ve contacted them), have advised me that cars should be travelling at 5km/h in our parking area. However, I’d hope that we’re more concerned with running into a child than picking up a ticket. Remember, many of our kids have not developed enough awareness to protect themselves from what we might consider to be obvious. Please slow down in our car parking area.

3/. Parking Nose In or Out?
There’s no legal requirement to do one way or the other. Having said that, I think it’s safer to park by backing into the parking space. This allows you the best view of children and other cars when you’re leaving. However, that’s merely my personal belief. Please remember that backing can only be done safely if you arrive early enough to back in when there are no children around. Please do whatever you think is safest.

The staff tend to, (voluntarily), park on the far side of the road in the hope of freeing up spaces on the near side for the after-school pick up. If children don’t have to cross over where cars are moving, the chances of an accident are reduced that little bit more.

MATHS CHALLENGE ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK
So, how did you go?

144 m²

A gardening centre sells a certain brand of potting mix in two different sized bags, namely 25 kilograms at a cost of $5.99 per bag and 30 kilograms at a cost of $7.48 per bag. A keen gardener needs at least 200 kilograms of potting mix to establish a balcony garden. What combination of bag sizes will result in the cheapest buy?

8 x 25kg, 0 x 30 kg

The sum of the interior angles of a convex polygon is 1800 degrees. What is the name of this polygon?

Dodecagon

I walk from home to school in 30 minutes but my brother takes 40 minutes. If my brother leaves 8 minutes before I do, in how many minutes will I overtake him?

24 minutes
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:

Dermott, Patrick, Fletcher, Emmy, Dylan, Jake, Noah, Bree, Xander, Mitchell R., Micheal & Cloe.

SPELLDROME HIGH FLIERS

Students in the Macs class only have to score 300 points in Spellodrome each week. However, quite a few live up to our school motto of "Aim Ever Higher" and go well beyond that minimum expectation.

Special congratulations to Cloe (1,010 points) who finished with the highest score in Spellodrome last week.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Thanks to all those who have already dropped off sheets and stickers – we already have 84.5 full sheets. Will be get to 100 Sheets...

Finishes today, Tuesday 8 September at 4:00pm

More Volunteers Needed for Term 3

Funds raised support school camps to reduce the cost for parents. We’re looking for kind-hearted volunteers to roll some sausages on a Friday. Please contact Sharon in the Office if you are able to help.

Roster for Term 3

4 Sept – Leonie Jacobs
11 Sept – Kate Giles
18 Sept – Colleen Budd

Anyone interested in being on the roster is Term 4 please email or facebook your name and dates. Thankyou to all our wonderful volunteers.

Public Notices

Alfresco Movie Nights:
FREE school holiday event!

Maleficent, Bargara Neilsens Park, Tuesday 29 September, 5:30pm
Into the Woods, Bundaberg North Lions Park, Wednesday 30 September, 5:30pm
Movie, Gin Gin Showgrounds, Thursday 1 October, 5:30pm

Bring a blanket and a picnic. Food Stalls Available! All welcome!

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 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th September & Thursday 1st October 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 520753. Bookings are essential!

CAR SCAVENGER HUNT

Register by 10 September at Oakwood State School by phoning Nicole on 0434059195

Thursday

Hot Dog
Hot Dog Roll with Hot Dog and Sauce $2.00

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