Keeping Mrs Williamson for the past 2 years has been a bonus as the Department of Education is obliged to employ permanent teachers over teachers on contract. We knew that, sooner or later, they would catch up with us.

Thank you, Rache, for all the work you’ve done and all the very best for the future.

WELCOME MRS IRWIN

While it’s disappointing to be losing Mrs Williamson, we’re very fortunate to have Mrs Alexandra Irwin transferring into our school to take her place.

Mrs Irwin comes to us from Walkervale State School and is delighted to be returning to a multi-age school.

CLASSES FOR 2016

Please understand that, at Sharon, an enormous amount of worry and thought is put into the placing of children in classes – especially when year levels are split. Parents have occasionally come to me (after we’ve announced classes) requesting their child move to another classroom.

Let me assure you this is EXCEPTIONALLY difficult.

For a start, one of the reasons we group children the way we do is the “chemistry” (positive and negative) they might have with other students. In practical terms, this means that, if we move one, we will have to move others as well. This “follow-on” movement will then result in some disappointment which will lead to further requests for movement which could, in turn, result in more movement and so on and so on.

As the year progresses, we also tend to move children to where they’ll be challenged without being overwhelmed. This placement is a “point of difference” for our school and a huge reason behind our strong results.

If you have a pressing concern over who your child will be working with next year, PLEASE CONTACT ME BEFORE WE FINALISE CLASSES. Even then, while I’ll certainly consider your request, I cannot promise you’ll get exactly what you want. You’ll stand a much better chance asking before than after however.

If you know a child who is enrolling at Sharon School in 2016, please advise us. Some students may be transferring from other schools to Sharon next year or leaving Sharon. We need to know this information soon to finalise classes for 2016.

At this stage, with what we know about transfers, estimated student numbers for next year and staff input, we’re looking at the following arrangement for 2016.

Salt ‘n’ Preppers Mrs Michelle Lester & Mrs Tarnia Boving (shared teaching)
Proud Scholars Mrs Janette Puie & Mrs Wendy Searle (team teaching)
LLs Mrs Alexandra Irwin
Macs Mrs Catriona James-McGovern and Mr Tony McGovern (team teaching)
Curriculum Co-ordination & Teaching Principal Relief Mrs Shontelle Lewis

Again, this is not set in concrete but is looking very likely based on what we do know at the moment.

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FAREWELL MRS WILLIAMSON

It’s with much sadness that I have to pass on the news that Mrs Williamson, (aka Miss A), will be leaving us at the end of the school year.

Mrs Williamson started at Sharon as a student teacher in the Macs’ classroom in 2013. Since then, she’s touched the lives of all of our students by teaching subjects across the entire school.
Strangely enough, our main concern is that our estimated 2016 enrolment looks to be around 146 students. While 146 makes it certain that we'll hold onto all of our teachers, it’s only a handful of students away from getting another teacher.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS OF 2016 PREPS

A Parent Enrolment/Information session is organised for Thursday morning 19 November 9:00am-9:30am in the Salt ‘n’ Preppers’ classroom with Mrs Michelle Lester and Mrs Tarnia Boving. Please bring your completed enrolment forms and birth certificates on that day.

Any 2016 Preps are invited to stay for a “get to know you” morning with the teachers from 9:00 through to 11:00 on that day. Each child will need a hat, water bottle and fruit for the morning.

NO YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER

With Mr & Mrs McGovern taking Long Service Leave from Wednesday, 25 November through to the end of the school year, and the rising costs of venue-catered dinners, we are unable to organise a year 6 Graduation Dinner this year. We have some parents looking into the feasibility of a “Graduation Disco” on Friday, December 4. However, this has not been confirmed just yet.

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 record number of students who did exactly that last week: Izac, Rhys, Umairah, Porter, Jessie M., Masin, Brooke, Hermione, Charley, Paddy, Jeremy, Jada, Skyla, Talitha, Angus, Dee, Dylan, Tahlia, Ariana, Riley C., Fletch, Bryce, Lara, Jayke O., Jess S., Cody, Jake D., Emmy, Bree, Mitch R., Lilly, Tony, Noah, Byron, Ben O., Madi, Cameron, Olivia, Lena, Cloe & Alex.

SPELLODROME HIGH FLIERS

Students in the Macs class only have to score 300 points in Spelldrome 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 (1 070 points), who finished with a fantastic score in Spelldrome last week.

CONCERT NIGHT – WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER

Our concert night is being held on Wednesday, 9 December with a sausage sizzle operating from 6:00pm until 6:45 pm. Please aim to arrive by 6:30 pm if you are planning to have a sausage sizzle. One year, we had a massive queue at 6:45 pm and simply couldn’t get everyone served by 7:00 pm. Please remember that our servers are volunteers who are keen to watch all the performances as well. Cold soft drinks will also be on sale. Concert items are due to start at 7:00pm. Small concert items will be performed by the children as well as presentations. Our P&C Association will be selling raffle tickets on the night so bring your money! It’s also a good idea to bring your own chair and insect repellent.

A space will be left at the front for children to sit. Although students are mainly under the care of their parents on the night, I’d ask that parents help us by encouraging their children to sit in this group at the front. This allows teachers to quickly organise the performance groups as well as giving the children a good spot from which to view other performances. We have tried having the children sitting in amongst the main audience in the past. However, this has resulted in delays “searching” for kids along with children occasionally missing out on their performance.

I do need to remind everyone that Education Queensland has a No Smoking Policy which applies anywhere within the school boundary at any time. Please understand that this is a legally enforceable policy.

Being a night for the kids, I’d also request that alcohol be left at home.

NEW START TO THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

A new start date for Term 1 of the 2016 school year will see Queensland students return to the classroom on Wednesday 27 January 2016 - the day after the Australia Day public holiday.

The previous start date of Monday 25 January 2016 will become a flexible professional development day for school staff.
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 visiting the toilet during break time.

PROUD SCHOLARS EXCURSION TO HERVEY BAY
DATE: Wednesday 2nd December

COST: $10 per child
Actual cost is $3 entry + $15 dollars bus = $18. The school is subsidising each child $8 bringing the cost per child down to $10 per child.

TIMETABLE: Depart school at 8:30 am and return at approx. 3 to 3:15 pm.
Please note that children will need to be at school at 8:20 am at the latest on this day.

WHAT TO WEAR: Correct school uniform including hat, shoes and socks.

WHAT TO BRING: Your own morning tea, lunch and water bottle in your school bag. You also need to bring or wear sunscreen.

Please pay by Friday 27th November.

Mr & MRS MAC ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE
Mr & Mrs McGovern will be taking Long Service Leave from Wednesday, 25 November through to the end of the school year. Taking their place in the Macs classroom will be Ms Chris Black and Mrs Janelle Parker.

XANDER’S ON TOP OF THE WORLD
Xander really went for it in Spellodrome this week and ended up having the highest score in the world!! Congratulations Xander! Well done!

STEWART & SONS TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE
When applying for Transport Assistance on Stewart and Son’s Coaches, parents are required to have a copy of their children’s Birth Certificates with them.

Students moving onto high school or changing schools or addresses will need to do this as well.
As of 2016, Stewarts will be moving to a cashless system on their school buses. They’ve asked that all parents contact the office at Stewarts to find out the details.

Phone: 4153 2646   Email: stewarts.coaches@gmail.com
Website: www.stewarts-coaches.com.au

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

More Volunteers Needed for Term 4

Roster Term 4:
13 Nov - ? 20 Nov - ?
27 Nov - ? 4 Dec - ?
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.

Anyone interested in being on the roster, please see Sharon in the office or email or facebook your name and dates. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers.

North Bundaberg Scouts Group
Free trial/come and give it a go
BE PREPARED to discover a new adventure

Have fun meeting new friends
- Learn new skills and make a difference
- Bush craft, camping and compass
- First Aid
- Cooking
- Construction
- Craft
- Canoeing
- Abseiling
- Helping others
- Discover your community
- Talking on the airways

Where: 25 Thygesen Street, North Bundaberg
Day: Tuesday cubs and scouts
Time: 6:00-8:00pm
Age: Cubs – 7yrs 6mths – 11yrs
Age: Scouts – 11yrs – 15yrs
Contact: Noel Roche 4159 8402

SU UPGRADE CAMP 2015
UPDATE! The Camp is 11th, 12th and 13th December 2015 this year!
Where: Bucca Retreat: Waterslide, canoeing, swimming (with life vests) planned activities, excellent food and fun!

When: Friday 11th (5pm drop off), Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th December (1pm pick up)
Cost: $125.00

Transport: Family car (30 minutes’ drive from Bundaberg – no traffic)

Directors:
SU QLD School Chaplain Lynn Rathbone: West Bundaberg, Alloway and Sharon Primary Schools
SU QLD School Chaplain Steve Parker: Gooburrum and Walkervale Primary Schools
Leaders: Trained SU QLD School Chaplains and SU QLD trained Leaders, 2 trained first aid officers

How to Register and Pay:
Go to the website: click on Upgrade camp Website: wwwsuqld.org.au/camps

Register child’s details, including Dietary requirements, Medicare card number & Expiry Date and all other relevant fields
Payment: can be immediate or closer to the time
Financial or Internet Difficulty: Please talk to Chappy Lynn about part sponsorship of your child: thatsrustic@bigpond.com