Welcome to all our new and existing families for 2017.

I would just like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is David Teefy and I am extremely honored to be the new principal of Sharon State School. A school that truly is at the pinnacle of Education in Queensland.

This week, I have had the pleasure of being able to go around into classrooms and see all of the smiling, happy faces ready to start the new year. To work with the incredibly dedicated staff who have put in a huge amount of time to get the classrooms ready for your children. I have never seen such dedication in all of my career.

I’d also like to thank everyone for your support in the first few days. I was truly humbled by how many people took the time to have a chat and introduce themselves.

What a great community this school has and I look forward to working with you all this year.

From the Principals Desk

New Morning Routines

As discussed on parade, our teachers are extremely dedicated and often are here very early in order to prepare for the day. In order to allow the teachers to prepare for exciting new learning experiences we ask that any students arriving before 8:15am in the morning to sit in the undercover area. At 8:15am Mr Teefy will let the students go to class, where they will await their class teacher’s instructions.

By doing this, it enables the school to ensure that all students are safe before they start the day.
Welcome back to the new school year from Grade 5/6!

My name is Tanya Sly and I have been a teacher for 9 years, with the majority of those years spent in the upper primary grades. I am a wife, and mum of two crazy kids, and we have returned to the Bundaberg region after a 3 year placement in Gladstone where I was lucky enough to work at Gladstone West S.S as a Year 5 teacher and Year Level Coordinator. We made the decision to return to Bundaberg last year and I was thrilled to receive my transfer to Sharon! This school has an amazing reputation for learning, supportive community and amazing children who thrive under the tutelage of the exceptional staff of Sharon. What an amazing thing to be a part of!

In my classroom, I love to create fun and engaging learning experiences for my students, with lots of laughs and learning (and terrible singing) happening every day. As an experienced senior primary teacher, I try to encourage and develop my students’ ability to think, act and learn with confidence and independence as we prepare for the transition into high school. Simple tasks such as preparing themselves for the day and supporting children in younger cohorts are vital tasks that I hope to see the children of Grade 5/6 develop this year.

I am so excited to begin 2017 at Sharon with the 5/6’s and hope that you will support us on our learning journey this year.

Salt & Preps Update

The children (and their teachers) have had an absolutely fantastic start to the year! Everyone has come to school excited to learn and be part of the class. The children have quickly settled into the classroom routine and are enthusiastically following the classroom rules and expectations to earn stickers and class dojo points! Here are some happy snaps from our first couple of days!

Michelle, Tarnia & Sarah -Jane
Salt & Preps Update Cont.

Aim Ever Higher

gr8 people are ...balanced

At Sharon State School each month we focus on one of the 10 important attributes of gr8 people. This month we are focusing on being balanced.

The pace of life is very fast. Getting the balance right is a difficult challenge. Most people are very busy and there are many demands on our #me. However each day only has 24 hours and each week, 7 days.

To remain healthy we also need to ensure that we have enough time for exercise, rest, relaxation and play. Growing bodies need between 10 and 12 hours sleep each day. The way that we use our time is therefore very important. Keeping a log of how we spend our time can be very interesting. Are our priorities right? Do we watch too much TV or spend too long in front of a computer?

Laughter is good medicine. There are many stresses in daily life. Having a good laugh releases serotonin into our brains (also called the feel good hormone).

Eating well is also an important part of looking after ourselves. Eating a balanced diet just means that you choose foods in the right amounts from each of the food groups. A well-balanced diet includes food from the five main food groups. Most people should be eating three main meals a day.

Fruit and vegetables are packed with vitamins and minerals, low in calories and high in fibre. Eating lots of fruit and vegetables keeps the heart and body healthy. They are also an ideal alternative to eating crisps and chocolate as snacks between meals.

www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk
The P&C would like to welcome all new and existing parents and students back for 2017.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the Library on Wednesday 15 February at 7:00pm.

All executive positions will be made vacant and nominations will be taken for all positions.

The following positions will be made available:

**Executive Positions:**
- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

**Other Positions:**
- Tuck Shop Convenor
- Banking Coordinator
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Grant Coordinator

For further information regarding the requirements of the positions please contact Hayley our current President via email presidentpandc@sharonss.eq.edu.au

The General Meeting will follow conducted by the incoming committee.

The Tuckshop will be run by Ian Stapleton until the AGM where a Tuckshop Convenor for 2017 will be appointed.

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**Newsletter Emailed**

Our newsletter will be emailed in future to all families.

If you are a new parent or were not receiving the newsletter via email last year, please provide a current email address.

Copies will also be available at the office for parents who cannot access an emailed copy.

See return slip on the back page of the newsletter.
Tuckshop Menu 2017
Term 1

DRINKS
FLAVOURED MILK (Chocolate/Strawberry) $1.50
FRUIT JUICE (99% Fruit) $1.00

SNACKS
ICE CREAM CUP (Vanilla) $2.00
POPCORN $1.00
FRUIT SALAD $2.00
SCROLL (Vegemite & Cheese/Ham & Cheese) $1.00

HOT FOOD
CORN COB $1.00
MEAT PIES (Homemade muffin sized) $2.00
SAUSAGE ROLL (Homemade) $2.00
PIZZA (Homemade Ham & Pineapple/Margarita) $2.00
CHICKEN NUGGETS (Homemade 3 per serve) $1.50
CHICKEN NUGGET MEAL $2.50
(Homemade) 3 nuggets with sweet potato wedges
NACHO CUP $3.50
(Homemade Crisp Tortilla Cup filled with red kidney/cannellini beans & chunky tomato passata, cheese and sour cream)
CLASSIC WARM CHICKEN SALAD $4.50
(Bowl/Wrap – 2 x chicken breast strips - choose crumbed or grilled, garden salad & cheese with sweet chilli sauce or sour cream)
DELI WRAPS (Ham/Chicken/Egg & salad) $2.50
BTR Performing Arts Academy would like to invite you to our open house!

For one week only we open our doors to you FREE of charge.
Come and immerse yourself in Kindermusik, Drama, Musical Theatre or Private Instrumental Music Lessons.
Meet our BTR Team, families and students.
There will be raffles, themed days and so much more!
A special something for you!
Receive a bonus gift from our heart to yours upon enrolment!
Open House - February 6th to 11th
Simply call Eunice - 4151 4144 to register.

Class Times!
Kindermusik Village: (newborns to 18 months) Monday, Tuesday @ 11:00 am
Wednesday, Thursday Friday @ 10:00 am
Kindermusik Our Time: (18 months to 3 years) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday @ 9:00 am, Saturday @ 8.45 am
Kindermusik Imagine That: (3 - 5 years) Tuesday @ 10:00 am
Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday @ 11:00 am, Friday @ 12:00 noon
Kindermusik Young Child: (5 - 7 years) Monday, Wednesday, Friday @ 3.30 pm
Saturday @ 9.45 am and 12.15 pm
SuperSTARTERS: (3-5 years) Monday - Friday @ 12.30 pm
SuperTROOPERS: (6-9 years) Monday and Wednesday @ 4:45 pm
Drama: (10 years and over) Thursday 3:30 pm
Musical Theatre: (10 years and over) Thursday 4:30 pm
Private Tuition: Monday - Saturday (Guitar, Drums, Strings, Piano, Vocal, Drama, Musical Theatre)

We first attended BTR in the Kindermusik Program of 2006 when my first child was a few months old and continued through to Young Child. This was an amazing foundation for my daughters music studies at school and her ability to read music, pick up an instrument and play it confidently. I have continued attending BTR with my other three children with the same results. All the teachers are caring, passionate, encouraging and guide the children to share in their love of music. I highly recommend BTR for all ages.
Nicole Parrissis-Miller, January 2017
Gin Gin Little Athletics 2017 season starts on 22nd April

Our emphasis is on Family, Fun & Fitness. Children can join with any level of skill or fitness, as our main aim is for our athletes to achieve personal bests (PB's). We cater for Tiny Tots –U17’s and run on Saturday mornings from April to September in Gin Gin.

Round 9 Get Started Vouchers open for eligible families on 25th January, so get in early as we are a registered Get Started Club and this round covers our upcoming season.

For more information on Little Athletics please go to www.ginginathletics.org.au or phone 0422 303 223
**Netball Sign On** - Want to join our Brothers Netball Family this year? We are now accepting registrations for the 2017 season. We are extending invitations to anyone 8 years and over who would love to have fun and make friends playing netball. Head over to our website at [www.brothersbundaberg.qld.netball.com.au](http://www.brothersbundaberg.qld.netball.com.au) Here you will find the online registration form. We will be holding a “sign on / uniform try on day” on Sunday 5th February in the Shamrock room at the Brothers Sports Club from 10am until 2pm. On this day you will be able to try on a uniform to ensure you get the correct sizing and also order your uniform. If you have any questions please email us at [brothersnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:brothersnetballclub@gmail.com)

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**Sharon Recreation Reserve**

A public meeting is to be held at the Sharon Hall on Wednesday 1st February at 5:30pm to begin the formation of an incorporated association to manage the Sharon Recreation Reserve on Sharon Road.

This meeting follows the 14th December 2016 meeting held to gauge local interest in preserving this reserve for community use now that the trust that held the land for many years has expired. There was sufficient interest shown to form an association.

The 1st February meeting is open to anyone in the Sharon community who is interested in being a part of the proposed association. Details of the member’s responsibilities, running costs and the procedures for the establishment of the association will be provided.
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