Monday 16 May 2016 (13/2016)

Date Claimers
- Mon 16 May – Fri 26 August – Premier’s Reading Challenge
- Thursday 26 May – SHOW HOLIDAY, NO SCHOOL!
- Monday 30 May – Aussie of the Month
- Tuesday 31 May – Yr 6 Transition Information Session, Kepnock State High School
- Wednesday 1 June – State of Origin Coin Trail
- Tuesday 7 June – School Photos
- Tuesday 21 June – Jumps Day
- Wednesday 22 June – NAIDOC Celebrations
- Wednesday 22 June – State of Origin Free Dress Day
- Thursday 23 June – Interhouse Sports Day
- Saturday 2 July – Election Day BBQ
- Wednesday 13 July – Footy Pass Competition

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Our Improvement Agenda
Our school improvement agenda remains focused upon:

Attendance
- Students will attend school 94% of the time or greater

Reading
- 85% of students will attain a ‘C’ Level or better using regional benchmarks; and an
- increased number of students will achieve in the Upper 2 Bands in NAPLAN Reading

Numeracy
- 20% of students will achieve in the Upper 2 Bands of NAPLAN Numeracy

Student of the Week Awards
Congratulations go to the following children who were selected as Students of the Week. Their efforts also set an example for others to follow.

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Reading Awards
Reading continues to be our whole school focus. The following students were presented with a reading award on parade today for continuing to read for enjoyment and education.

1A: Riley C, Angela D.
1C: Jayden-Thomas C, Tyler H, Zheeva M, Dominic R, Jacob S.
2A: Indiana A, Hayley D, Chelsea D, Grace G.
2C: Hailey C, Lana E, Montana M, Izaiah P.
3A: Mia A, Emily P.
3B: Tyler F.

Back Gate Closed
The gate at the back entrance to the school will be locked in the afternoons to prevent unauthorised vehicles entering our school grounds. Parents and Carers are not permitted to drive onto the school grounds for pickup or drop-off or parking.

Show Holiday – Thursday 26 May
Thursday 26 May is our Bundaberg Show Holiday. **Friday 27 May is a regular day at school and all students are expected to attend classes.**

School Photos
Payment Envelopes were sent home previously with the News & Views.

All photos are taken on a pre-paid basis, with the preference being to hand photo payment envelopes directly to the photographer on the day. However, payment envelopes can be handed in at the office prior to photo day if you wish.

There will be both a Class Group photo and a Composite photo taken of all classes for the super low price of $24 (except ECDP which will be a Composite photo only). Other packages are also available as well as individual items (E – I).

Photos will be taken on Tuesday 7 June. Family Photos will also be taken and separate payment envelopes are available from the office for these. This year, families have the option of ordering family photos only if you wish without ordering class photos.

Camp Australia providing Before and After School Care and Vacation Care
Camp Australia have started their before /after school care service and student numbers are increasing. We will continue
to work closely with Camp Australia to develop and enhance the before/after school care services for our students and their parents and carers.

Information and links have been included on our facebook page. For bookings: www.campaustralia.com.au or 1300 105 343.

SSP News
12 of the fabulous Walkervale staff gave up their Saturday to attend an SSP Professional Development day. SSP (Speech Sound Pics) is an exciting new approach we are implementing that assists our students in learning to read, write and spell. It was a great day of learning and connecting with other teachers who are implementing SSP in their schools. We are lucky to have such dedicated teachers at our school who are willing to give up their own time for the benefit of our students. Our Walkervale students are the ones who benefit from this. A huge thanks to Lorraine Hodge, Kylie Heycox, Jaimea Collins, Leanne Schneider, Emily Atkinson, Elizabeth Ridge, Joanne Robinson, Paige Linedale, Amanda Ogden, Catherine Laven, Kerylea Kenway and Maddy Lloyd.

Application for Exemption for Students not attending School for more than 2 Weeks
The Education Act and Regulations require students to attend school each and every day unless they are sick or have a doctor/dentist appointment. However, there may be occasions when families would like to take their child out of school for an extended period (eg family holiday) or if their child is on extended sick leave (eg operation). In these instances, parents/carers must complete an Application for Exemption form (available from the office or on our Website) and submit it to the Principal for consideration prior to commencing the leave. The Principal will consider the Application for Exemption (Part A) via the information provided and make a determination as to whether the exemption is approved or amended. This form must be completed for any period exceeding two (2) school weeks.

Strings News
No string orchestra or string lessons next Monday 23 May due to Mrs Ulbl being involved in the Fanfare Festival.

Inter-School Sport
Students in Year 4, 5 & 6 will this week participate in Friday Afternoon Inter-School sport. Children have been able to select from Hockey, Tennis, Oz Tag, Rugby League, Soccer, Table Tennis or Netball.

It is anticipated all students will participate in Inter-School sport as it develops co-operation, team work, sportsmanship and skills. Thank you to Mr Kelly who spent a large amount of time maximising participation, organising transportation and developing our students’ skills. It is an expectation that children are on their best behaviour at sport. Poor behaviour displayed will result in student unable to attend sport.

Chess Club
Term 2 weekly Chess Club lessons with Mr Menham and Mr Bond are on every Wednesday this term until week 10 in the Innovation Centre at First Break.

You are welcome to bring a friend and play a game of chess together.

All the best to our school team competing in the Wide Bay North school chess tournament being held at our school hall on Tuesday, 24 May.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
See insert included with today’s newsletter.

Keep up to date with what is happening at school - follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/walkervaless

TAPE CHAPPY TO THE WALL
TOMORROW (Tuesday) we are taping Chappy to the Wall from 1:30pm – 2:30pm. So don’t forget your gold coin donation for a length of tape.

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition– Kepnock State High School
This year we have moved all of the key dates for your transitioning students forward. The first key date to be aware of is the ACE and Bursary Information Session, Tuesday 31 May, 2016. This session will coincide with our Subject Expo allowing parents to view the future options for their students should they come to Kepnock. More details regarding times and location to come shortly. Alongside the ACE and Bursary evening are our annual Year 6 School Visits. This is where all Year 6 students from our Cluster Schools come along to Kepnock and spend part of the day experiencing a high school classroom and having a tour of our facilities.

Walk Safely to School Day– Friday 20 May
The goals of National Walk Safely to School Day are:
- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with their primary school age children
- To promote healthy benefits of walking and creating regular walk habits
- To help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 years hold an adult’s hand when crossing roads
- To reduce car dependency and traffic congestion
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles
- To promote the use of public transport

Take the time to walk to school, or park the car a little further away and walk a little further, to support National Walk to School Day this Friday 20 May.

Word of the Week

**ridiculous**

Definition- something that is so silly that it makes you laugh

Sentence - It is a ridiculous idea to wear your pyjamas to school.
- That is a ridiculous face that you are pulling.

Synonyms- laughable, silly, absurd
**Tuckshop News**

School jackets ($45 each) are only available in sizes 6, 8 and 10. There are no size 14 or 16 polo shirts, more are on order. This week’s helpers are –

Wednesday 18 May - Dorothy Christensen.
Thursday 19 May – Sheree Bethell and Jenelle Charlton.
Friday 20 May – Tash Sherratt and Karen Balcombe.
Thanks, Michelle Eyre (Convenor)

**Gotcha!**

This week Watkin has been awarded the most points, followed by Walker, Watson and then Walsh. Congratulations Watkin! Gotchas! are awarded to students who demonstrate our “Keys to Success”.

**Student Banking**

Now is a great time to be involved in student banking! This term we have two new reward items available:

- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag

And an even better reason to open a student banking account – **those savers who bank 5 times or more from 22 April until 10 June will go in the draw to win a PRIZE PACK!!**

**FOR SALE**

All 3 items for $40. Size 10
Cold Weather Jacket worn twice. Bucket Hat is Brand new. School shirt has been used. Please text Brian on 0429 172 980.

**Support Group for Carers of Young People with a Disability**

The support group aims to provide support to those caring for a young individual with a disability who may be either at School or transitioning to young Adulthood.

Our focus will be to:

- Share knowledge about local services in our community e.g Disability Service Providers and Respite Services
- Discuss information relating to the NDIS
- Learn about relevant services through guest speakers
- Meet other carers and share experiences in a warm, friendly environment
- Access free one to one counselling services and self-care strategies

**What’s On**

**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE**

4155 5660
24HRS DAY / 7 DAYS WEEK

**WEBSITE:** www.walkervaless.eq.edu.au
**EMAIL:** absence@walkervaless.eq.edu.au
**SCHOOL PHONE:** 07 4155 5666

**Taking Risks**

... leads to confidence and not feeling worried

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Family Volunteering

Family volunteering allows parents, children and other family members to spend time together while contributing to the community and causes they care about. It’s a great way for families to enjoy quality time with each other and introduce family members to the benefits of volunteering.

Family volunteering can be a practical way to express values to children and young people. Volunteering provides parents and other family members the opportunity to be a positive role model by demonstrating how to be involved with the community, and how to make a difference and enjoy it. People who volunteer when they are young are more likely to continue to volunteer throughout their adult life.

Some examples of family volunteering activities:

- Fetes and festivals
- Reading to children
- Fundraising activities
- School and kindergarten activities
- Planting trees/bush regeneration
- Recycling projects
- Sporting club activities
- Surf lifesaving
- Visits to nursing homes
- Caring for animals
- Sorting donated books