Monday 13 June 2016 (17/2016)

Date Claimers
- Mon 16 May – Fri 26 August – Premier’s Reading Challenge
- 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
- Friday 24 June – Last day of Term 2
- Saturday 2 July – Election Day BBQ
- Monday 11 July – School Resumes, Term 3
- Wednesday 13 July – Footy Pass Competition
- Wednesday 13 July – Semester 1 Report Cards sent home
- Mon 25 July – Fri 5 August – 3-way Reporting Interviews

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.

Prep A: Koby F, Prep B: Eli V
Prep C: Chace L, Prep 1A: Amelia A
1B: Nateesha B, 1C: Aylah N
2A: Hayley D, 2B: Rylan P
2C: Rylee F, 3A: Emily P
3B: Harrison B, 3C: Jai J
4A: Jyn C, 4B: Matthew S
4C: Preston M, 5A: Destiny W
5B: Tammy-Ly C, 6A: Montana T
6B: Kelly P, Music: Decoda F (2B)
PE: Jessica A (Prep B)

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, Patrick R.
1C: Bailey P, Dominic R.
2A: Indiana A, Hayley D, Serryna K, Angel M.
2B: Zoey A, Mia D, Catherine L, Rylan P, Lily S, Hayley W.
3B: Tallen C, Riannon C.
4B: Lachlan H, Ryan M.
4C: Preston M, Nigel P, Brooke T.

Student Banking Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have banked 10 times or more this year and have earnt themselves a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate:

Behaviour Focus for the Week – Keeping your hands and feet to yourself

Our school-wide focus for student behaviour for this week is **Keeping your hands and feet to yourself**. This focus has been identified by our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) team, based on school data about student behaviour. The need for students to **Keeping your hands and feet to yourself** will be discussed on our Prep-3 and Yr 4-6 Parades as well as in class by classroom teachers.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) – Update

Our students have been involved in a school-wide competition to decide the name for the ‘wombat’ mascot for our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) messages. Each class has had the opportunity to participate, completing individual student entries. Each class has then identified their favourite two class entries which have been shortlisted for judging with others from classes across the school to determine the name of our ‘wombat’ mascot.

Leaders Meet Leaders

Our 6 School Captains will be attending the annual Leaders Meet Leaders luncheon this Wednesday. This is a wonderful opportunity for our School Captains to meet with the Mayor and Councillors of the Bundaberg Region, as well as the meeting with other student leaders from primary and high schools from across the Bundaberg Region.
School Holidays
Classes finish on Friday 24 June for the 2 week June/July school holidays.

Term 3 – Classes start Monday 11 July
All classes start on Monday 11 July 2016 for Term 3 following the June/July school holidays.

Report Cards and 3 Way Reporting
Teachers are currently working on report cards to provide students, and their parents/carers, with important information on their progress over Semester One. Semester One report cards will be sent home in the first week of term 3 (Wed 13 July).

Great Opportunity - Three Way Reporting
Class teachers will be meeting with the parents/carers of all students in our Three Way Reporting meetings next term in weeks 3 and 4 (Monday 25 July – Friday 5 August). This is an excellent opportunity for parents/carers, students and class teachers to meet and then work together to review current progress, strengths and weaknesses as well as agreeing on strategies to support improvement.

As well as outlining your son/daughter’s progress in curriculum areas such as English, maths, science and geography, your child’s class teacher will also specifically focus on how your son/daughter’s attendance, reading and numeracy is progressing. Please make the time to meet with your child’s teacher to work together and plan for your child’s success this year.

No Smoking
Parents/carers and community members are reminded that NO SMOKING is permitted:
• within our school buildings or grounds, or
• within 5 metres of a school entrance.

No Parking in school grounds
Please ensure that you park outside of our school grounds.

There are quite a few parents/carers who are continuing to drive/park within our school grounds, both in the mornings and afternoons.

Only vehicles with permits are permitted within the school grounds.

There are many free parking spots available at 3:05pm in the afternoon, especially in New Street and Crawford Street.

Thank you for parking outside of our school grounds to help ensure the safety of all of our students.

This is an important safety issue. Please help to keep our students safe…park on the street.

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.

NAIDOC Celebrations - Wednesday 22 June
Walkervale State School will be celebrating NAIDOC Week on Wednesday 22 June. Staff have been working together to develop an exciting program for our celebrations this year. More information will be provided next week. If there are any members of our school community who would like to offer their time, skills or would like to run an activity, please let the office know as soon as possible.

If anyone has paper towel rolls or cling wrap rolls, please drop them off at the office (no toilet rolls please).

State of Origin FREE DRESS DAY
On Wednesday 22 June, we will be holding a State Of Origin day. There is a gold coin donation for everyone who comes in their favourite colours (Maroon of course). Students can wear their favourite State of Origin team colours for Qld or NSW, or they can wear their favourite sporting team colours for another favourite sporting team, or their own team uniform for a sport that they play.
All money raised will help the P&C to continue the hard work they do within our school for our students.

Enrol now for Prep 2017
Walkervale State School is presently accepting Prep enrolments for 2017. Parents/carers are encouraged to make contact with the school office or via the school website (walkervaless.eq.edu.au). We are excited to welcome the Prep students who have already enrolled.

Absences
If your child is absent from school, please contact us on the day of your child’s absence if possible. The student absence line is available 24/7 and is 4155 5660.

Every Day Counts
Please work hard to ensure that your son/daughter attends school each and every day. The Education Act and Regulations require students to attend each and every day unless they are sick or have a doctor/dentist appointment.

Visiting relatives, birthdays and shopping days are not reasons to miss a day of learning. If your child misses a day of school that day is lost forever. They cannot attend on the weekend to catch up on the learning that they have missed.

Remember, Every Day Counts!

Moon Buggy Fun
For the technology unit for semester 1, Year 3 students designed using recycled items (cardboard boxes, milk bottle caps) and made ‘moon buggies’. A visit to the garden (the moon surface) to try out the buggies was a great success - Mrs Driver provided "moon rocks" that were carried around. The students enjoyed the activity and then evaluated their buggy to see how it could be improved.

Instrumental Music
Mr Little will be absent Wednesday this week so there won’t be any Brass/Woodwind/Percussion lessons. Lessons will resume next week, Wednesday 22 June.

Vocabulary
Countless studies worldwide have shown the importance of conversations in the home. Children who come from homes where families chat regularly from birth typically perform...
better later on in areas like reading and writing. A general chat about what has happened in the day, funny anecdotes about things that have happened, current affairs and what would happen if... are all great topics to discuss. General chatter and nursery rhymes are invaluable in brain development of babies. Scans have shown the staggering physical differences of babies with and without high levels of talk. Studies have followed the progress of these children and have reported a significant difference in reading and writing development.

Our Word of the Week is another way that we support vocabulary development at school. I encourage you to talk to your children and have fun with bigger words. Children love to learn new words and experiment with using them in new situations. Turn the telly off and ignore the phone while you share a meal together and chat!!! The benefits to your child’s brain development have been proven!!

**Camp Australia providing Before and After School Care and Vacation Care**

Camp Australia have started their before/after school care service and service 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.

**Chess Club**

Regular Chess Club will conclude for Term 2 on Wednesday at first break in the Innovation Centre.

Last chance: Anyone wanting to join the annual Walkervale SS chess tournament that runs throughout Term 3 will need to sign up with Mr Bond at Chess Club this week.

**Tuckshop News**

Have you thought about helping us in tuckshop? I’m looking for a new volunteer who I can call on when others are sick/away. This person needs to be available Wednesday – Friday, usually within a day’s notice. If you think this is you please come and see me at tuckshop for more details.

This week’s helpers are: Wednesday 15 June - Dorothy Christensen. Thursday 16 June – Sheree Bethell. Friday 17 June – Karen Balcombe and Tash Sherratt. Thanks, Michelle Eyre (Convenor)

**P&C News - Family Contribution**

Family contribution letters have gone home to all families, to help raise funds to support all the students with valuable resources at our school by the P&C. The envelopes can be returned to the office with cash or cheque or payments can be made at the tuckshop with Cash & EFTPOS or online by direct deposit. Payments due 24th June 2016. Thank you for your support.

Charise Sell, P&C President

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

**Student Banking**

Well Done! to those students who have been banking regularly. This week we will draw the name of 1 lucky student, who has banked 5 times or more from 22 April – 10 June and they will win a prize pack. Stay tuned.........

**Athletics Carnival – Thursday 23 June**

Our Inter-House Athletics Carnival is on Thursday 23 June. All students have been reminded of expectations relating to sports day. All students are expected to remain in House areas when not competing. Parents are most welcome to come and watch the sports. If possible could your child please wear a T-shirt in his/her House colour.


Please also assist our efforts by reminding students of the need to be wearing hats with brims when not competing and to wear sunscreen where needed. Water bottles will be of great benefit as well. Please ensure that shirts have sleeves for sun safety – No strappy tops, please!

**History of Walkervale State School Sporting Houses**

With our Inter-house Sports being held on Thursday 23 June, now seems an opportune time to re-visit the history of the names behind Walkervale’s Sports Houses.

Walkervale State School was opened in 1955 however because of the conditions of the grounds, sporting houses were not initiated until 1956. It was decided to select names beginning with the letter ‘W’ for Walkervale, so the committee looked around for historically significant individuals whose names also began with a ‘W’.

The first person selected was Herbert Watkin. In 1956, he was an important public servant, the Director of Education, therefore deemed suitable to name a school sporting house after. According to the late Mr Barry Hough’s research, Mr Watkin was a man of very big stature.

The second man chosen was similar to the first in that he was also a very big man. Ted Walsh was the local Member of Parliament for the Bundaberg area and also deemed a worthy public figure to name a Sporting house after.

Thirdly, the committee turned to Bundaberg’s pioneer past for inspiration and selected the name Watson. The Watson family were the second family to settle in the Bundaberg district and the first to open a shop, which was situated in North Bundaberg. They were another obvious choice in the selection of names for Sporting houses. Finally, again from early history: a Scotsman, local land-holder, school teacher, farmer and author, Mr Walker, was chosen to give his name to the fourth Sporting house. Among other things, Mr Walker is remembered for writing the first history of Bundaberg. Another interesting fact Mr Hough pointed out was that while Mr Watkin and Mr Walsh were very large men, Mr Watson and Mr Walker were quite the opposite. So, there you have the short and the tall of the origin of Walkervale State School’s proud Sporting houses. (A special thanks to the late Mr Barry Hough, past Walkervale teacher and local historian for this information which he presented to Walkervale students in 2002.)

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

**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

IF YOU’RE NOT RECEIVING OUR NEWSLETTER, DON’T WORRY, IT’S ON OUR WEBSITE: https://walkervaless.eq.edu.au
OR let the office know your email address so we can send it there.

HOLIDAY FUN!
Join in the fun of the Amazing Games at Walkervale State School
To view what’s on these school holidays and to book, visit us at

Habits of the Mind

© You Can Do It! (Australia)
This year the P&C will be holding the Sports Day BBQ closer to all the action, so family and friends won't miss one second of your child's event. We will be located near the cricket nets on the oval. Start selling 9:30am to 1:30pm.

**BBQ MENU**

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Tuckshop will be running on paper bag orders, with ALL orders to be placed before 9am. Parents if you are requiring food from the tuckshop, please place a bag order. No orders can be accepted after 9am. The tuckshop will be selling cream buns and iced buns on this day. If your child would like food from the BBQ, please do not place an order at the tuckshop, just purchase any items from the BBQ.

**EXCITING NEWS**

Pedals Espresso Bargara will be coming along to our school on sports day for all our hot and cold coffee beverages. They will be ready for selling at 9am. Please support this local business at our school, as the will be donating $0.50 per cup sold back to our P&C, to help support our students and the school. They will be located outside Lunch Club room (Room 30) (oval side).

The P&C would like to hear from you if you are available to assist in the sports day BBQ. If you can spare half hour or more, please fill in the details below and return to the office, the P&C will contact you shortly. Thank you.

Name: _______________________________________________________

Phone Number: _______________________________________________

Best Suitable Time: ____________________________________________
WALKERVALE STATE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

INTER-HOUSE FIELD EVENTS DAY

TUESDAY 21st June 2016

COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM

HOUSE COLOURS:
WALKER - BLUE
WALSH - GREEN
WATKIN - GOLD
WATSON - RED

‘Always do your best’
# Program of Events

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Students not participating will be in Miss Cook (3A) or Miss Rehbein’s (3B) class.