Monday 18 July 2016 (20/2016)

Date Claimers

- Mon 16 May – Fri 26 August – Premier’s Reading Challenge
- Monday 18 July – P&C Meeting, Staffroom, 3:15pm
- Wednesday 20 July – The Kid’s Got Talent Auditions – Yr 6, 2nd break in Hall
- Mon 25 July – Fri 5 August – 3-way Reporting Interviews
- Thursday 4 August – Jumps Day, St Luke’s
- Friday 5 August – Salter Oval Sports Day
- Wed 31 Aug – Fri 2 Sept – Fathers’ Day Stall, from 8:15am

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: Abbi M
Prep C: Ella F
1B: Asseyah M
2A: Landen B
2C: Aleyah B
3B: Riley G
4A: Emily H
4C: Chesney W
5B: Tammy-Ly C
6B: Kristal F

Prep B: Mia A
1A: Amelia A
1C: Gemma S
2B: Olivia B
3A: Makaila S
3C: Zoe S
4B: Lachlan H
5A: Bella T
6A: Montana T
PE: Lachlan H (4B)

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: Angela D.
1B: Mia B, Elissa B, Shane G, Jackson G, Hannah-Lee H, Jacob L, Isaac L, Aseeiah M-F, Liam M.
2A: Chelsey D.
2B: Zoey A, Summer E, Jarred T, Azri T.
3A: Mia A.
3B: Codie B, Riannon C.
3C: Haylee J, Savannah M.
4B: Katrina K, Tristan M, Matthew S.
5A: Bella T.

Has your child’s class seen Rocky?
Rocky, our new wombat mascot, is visiting every class in the school. Last week he started in prep A and made his way through each of the other prep Classes and is now in the Year 1 and Year 2 classes at our school. Ask your son or daughter if they have seen Rocky and do they know this week’s Cool Rule!

Parent/Caregiver School Opinion Survey
Tomorrow, the eldest child in your family will bring home a letter about the 2016 School Opinion Survey for Parents/Caregivers. The blue survey letter includes your unique passwords to participate in the survey. Your response is confidential.
Your opinion about our school is very important and we want to understand what parents/carers believe our school is doing well, and the areas in which we can work to improve. Classroom teachers and teacher aides can help you to access and login to a school computer to complete the survey. If you wish to access a school computer, please ask your child’s class teacher and they will assist you to get started.

Attached to your survey letter is a ‘return slip’ that you can sign and return to the school when you have completed your survey. This slip should be completed and signed when you have completed your survey and then returned to the school office. Returned slips acknowledging your survey is completed
will go into a draw for one of 3 vouchers ($30/$20/$10) at Freshfields.
Thank you for taking the time to complete your survey. The information you provide will assist our school to continue to look for ways to improve.

**Eight Staff attending Professional Development – Focus: Autism Spectrum Disorder**

A team of teachers and teacher aides is attending a full day professional development and training session to further develop their knowledge and skills around Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Aspergers. At Walkervale we support 23 students diagnosed with this disability and we want to further develop our skills and knowledge to ensure these students are supported effectively as possible at school.

**Election Day Sausage Sizzle – Thank you!**

Our P&C Election Day Sausage Sizzle raised a significant amount of money for our P&C Association that supports the students of Walkervale State School. Thank you to those parents and community members who supported this event by purchasing a sausage in bread, burger or drink. Special thanks to the P&C members who worked on the day to ensure the success of this event and to support our school.

**Student Opinion Survey**

Students in Years 5 and 6 will be completing a Student School Opinion Survey. Like the Parent/Caregiver Survey, this survey provides our school with information about what we are doing well and areas in which we can improve. Students complete their survey at school.

**Great Opportunity - Three Way Reporting**

Class teachers will be meeting with the parents/carers of all students in our Three Way Reporting meetings 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, history 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.

**Interschool Sport commences Week 5**

The Interschool Sport season for Term 3 commences on Friday of Wk 5 (12/08/2016) to Wk 9 (09/09/16). Mr Kelly will be speaking to students about the sports that will be available to them.

**Club Move students perform**

Students from Club Move performed on our school parades today. It was great to see the high quality of their performances, a result of the many hours of lunch time and after school practise they have completed. Special thank you to Miss Cook and Mrs Atkinson who freely give their time to support the Club Move students and provide them with this fantastic opportunity.

**That Kid’s Got Talent 2016**

The 2016 Walkervale That Kid’s Got Talent competition is starting this week with our talented Year 6 students auditioning for the opportunity to perform in front of our students on our weekly parades, as well as a spot in our Kids Got Talent Extravaganza near the end of the term. Thank you to Chief Talent Scout, Mr Julian Bond, the staff member who organises this event supported by other staff members as judges. Next week it will be the Year 5 students who will be auditioning.

Yr 6 Auditions – Wednesday 20 July, 2nd Break in Hall
Yr 5 Auditions – Wednesday 27 July, 2nd Break in Hall
Yr 4 Auditions - Wednesday 3 August, 2nd Break in Hall
Yr 3 Auditions - Wednesday 10 August, 2nd Break in Hall
Yr 2 Auditions - Wednesday 17 August, 2nd Break in Hall
Yr 1 Auditions - Wednesday 24 August, 2nd Break in Hall

**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.

**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.

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**Important information for the enrolment of students into Year 7 – Bundaberg State High School in 2017**

Bundaberg State High School will be accepting enrolments for Year 7 2017 on **Tuesday 2 August** when the school hosts an information and enrolment session at **either 3:30pm or 5:00pm** in the school’s Assembly Hall.

Administrative staff from Bundaberg State High School visited current Year 6 students last week. ENROLMENT REQUEST forms were issued to all those students who reside in the approved ‘catchment area’ for the School. All other students who indicate an interest in attending Bundy High will be issued with details on how parents/guardians can apply for an exemption from the school’s Enrolment Management Plan. If you are unsure of the approved ‘catchment area’, please refer to the school’s website or phone the Enrolments Officer at the school on 4154 5333.

All families are reminded of the need to have PROOF OF IDENTITY for the student and it is suggested that you organise Birth Certificates NOW in readiness for the submission of your ENROLMENT REQUEST which needs to be delivered to Bundaberg State High School prior to Friday 29 July.

**Kepnock State High School Information Evening**

The Kepnock State High School Junior Secondary Team extend an invitation for you to attend our 2017 Year 7 Information Evening. The evening will be held on Tuesday 2 August 2016 from 5-6pm in the RJ Young Hall.

At this event you will be able to find out more about...

- The application processes for the following programs:
  - Student Bursaries
  - Academic Challenge and Excellence (ACE)
  - Instrumental Music
  - Sports Development
  - Student support networks
  - Extra-curricular activities
  - Curriculum and assessment including displays of Year 7 student work from across our learning areas for you to enjoy.
• The PE@K Program for student wellbeing
• Day-to-day and general expectations

We hope that you are able to attend and look forward to meeting you!

Students Mobile Phones and other Mobile Devices
Students, parents and carers are reminded that mobile phones and other mobile devices are to be signed in at the office when students arrive at school. This expectation is outlined in our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. If students do have a mobile phone or mobile device in their possession during the school day the device will be collected from them and held at the office for a parent/carer to collect.

Attendance
We have sent out large numbers of letters for unexplained absences from last term. If your child is away, please phone the absentee line on 4155 5660, go to our website and register an absence or phone the school office on 4155 5666.

Word of the Week
Words that tell us how…. 

- Excitedly – You are feeling very excited when you do something.
- Quickly – You do something very fast.
- Loudly – To call out very loud.
- Proudly – To feel proud when you do something.
- Exhaustedly – To feel very tired and exhausted.

Book Club News
Issue 5 Book Club order forms have been sent home today. Children are asked to show their parents the book catalogues and to have their orders returned to the school office by Monday 25 July for ordering. If you decide to order, please return completed “Student Order Form” placed in an envelope with your child’s name and class written on the front.

Payment Options: If you are paying by cash, the correct money is to be placed in the envelope with the order form. If paying by Credit Card, this may be done either by Free call 1800 557 908 or online to www.scholastic.com.au/payment. A receipt number will be provided, which should be recorded on the Credit Card Receipt Details coupon on the Order Form.

Thank you for your support.
Mrs Hegarty, Book Club Organiser.

Chess Club Tournament in Term 3
On Wednesday the Walkervale chess championships begin during Chess Club time and will continue for 7 weeks. Who will win the trophies this year???

Only the 20 students who are listed in the tournament should attend Chess Club for this term. Players who do not attend and without giving Mr Bond a good reason will lose their match and the point will go to the opponent. Good luck!

The 20 Walkervale SS Term 3 Chess Competitors are:

The Kid’s Got Talent in Term 3
On Wednesday of Week 2 at second break, after the play bell, children in Year 6 will have the opportunity to audition for The Kid’s Got Talent, in our school hall. Children who audition may showcase any skill they are very good at, which is suitable for others to watch.

Suitable acts need to be well rehearsed and go for no longer than 1 minute – to be judged by Mr Bond, Ms Sajko, Mrs Sauer and the panel.

Examples of performance acts may include, singing, dancing with special move/s, juggling, reciting a poem they’ve written, playing an instrument etc. Each child is responsible for preparing and caring for the items they need for their performance.

Only 1 person will be picked as a winner for the week and then he/she will then be asked to demonstrate their act for the following Monday’s Parades.

We look forward to seeing people with the confidence to enjoy auditioning in front of a supportive audience. Interested children need to see Mr Bond at his classroom in Week 2 from Monday to Wednesday mornings between 8:30am and 8:45am to give him your name, class and the name of your act in the lead up to auditions.

Religious Instruction
A reminder to those yet to pay Religious Instruction fees, please do so as soon as possible. Fees are $5 per child or $10 per family. Payment envelopes are available from the office.

State of Origin FOOTY PASS COMPETITION!!
Last week, students participated in a Footy Pass competition to coincide with State of Origin. Congratulations to the following students:
Upper school (Yrs 4-6): Declan B (Winner), Ryan B (Runner-up)
Lower school (Yrs 1-3): Sarah B (Winner), Zoe S (Runner-up)

TAPE CR BATT TO THE WALL - THIS SATURDAY
This Saturday 23 July, at 11am, we are taping Cr David Batt to the wall at Hinkler Shopping Centre in an effort to raise additional funds for chaplaincy. Bundy Broadcasters will also be there on the morning.

Tuckshop News
Needing something warm for lunch? Why not order a cheeseburger, sweet chilli chicken sub, chicken and gravy roll, or maybe a ham and cheese toastie. Check these out on our latest menu.

This week’s helpers are –
Wednesday 20 July- help needed.
Thursday 21 July – Sheree B and Jenelle C.
Friday 22 July – Karen T and Tash S.
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”.

School Banking
PRIZE LIGHTS HAVE APPEARED IN THE OUTBACK SKY!
This term, the Dollarmites are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour, the chance to win one of hundreds of prizes.
Star Saver Prizes:
- 90 x Fujifilm Instax Mini 8 Instant Cameras plus Mini Film (10 pack).
- 50 x camping kits including headlamp, Bluetooth speaker and sleeping bag
- 200 x 12-month subscriptions to Total Girl or K-Zone magazines

Supernova Prizes:
- 50 x PlayStation 4 packs plus Just Dance 2016 and FIFA 16 games.

How to enter – Students who make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 will be automatically entered into the Prize Lights competition for the chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes.

What’s more, students have the chance to also win one of the Supernova prizes by successfully completing the fun, Stargazing online activity, along with making the three or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Our school also has a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200. For our school to be automatically entered into the draw, one student must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during this term!

Camp Australia providing Before/After School 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.
Paint Bundy REaD is an early literacy community engagement project that is about getting the whole community to read, talk, sign, rhyme, draw and move with children from birth, so they’ll be ready for reading and writing at school. Currently Bundaberg region’s early language and literacy results are one of the worst in Queensland. Many of our local children are presenting to Prep never having had the joy of picking up a book, being read to or experiencing special reading time with their parents.

We have been invited to join this great project by hosting a reading egg that we will help to nurture and grow. As Walkervale School and Kindy students read, sing, talk, and draw with these eggs, they will grow closer to hatching. Children are encouraged to investigate the eggs – asking questions about what might hatch out of them. Who do they think left the eggs and where did they come from? They will hatch – but when and where...this will be revealed in late August 2016 during Book Week.

We are looking forward to hosting an egg at our school from the 25th July. We know that the egg will love being at Walkervale for the week as we do so much reading and talking and singing. Watch the newsletter and Facebook for the adventures of our egg.