Monday 22 August 2016 (25/2016)

Date Claimers
- Mon 16 May – Fri 26 August – Premier’s Reading Challenge
- Friday 12 Aug – Fri 9 Sept – Interschool Sport
- Fri 19 August – Tues 30 August – Life Education visit
- 20-26 August 2016 – Children’s Book Week
- Monday 22 August – P&C Meeting, Staffroom, 3:15pm
- Tuesday 23 August – B’berg SHS, Yr 7 Enrolment Meetings, 3:30pm & 5:00pm
- Tuesday 23 August – Kepnock SHS, Yr 7 Enrolment Meeting, 4:00pm – 6:00pm
- Friday 26 August – Book Club orders due
- Wed 31 Aug – Fri 2 Sept – Fathers’ Day Stall, from 8:15am
- Wednesday 7 September – Walkathon
- Thursday 15 September – Walkathon Forms & Money due

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
- Willow B
- Lilly T
- Chanel B
- Payton N
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- Miles B
- Tahya H
- Jade H
- Ashton H
- Music

Prep B
- Rocco T
- Olivia A
- Alessandra D
- Casper K
- Natasha L
- Micah H
- Issac P
- Ivy J
- Ella H
- PE
- Benji A (Prep A)

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: Montanan F, Aleigha S.
- 2A: Serryn K, Keilee P, Frederic R.
- 2B: Mia D, Summer E, Jarred T.
- 4B: Katrina K, Matthew S.
- 4C: Brooke T.
- 5A: Destiny W.
- 5B: Emily C, Tyler H.
- 6A: Ryan B, Lincoln D, Tegan F, Ella H.

Our Cool Rule
This week, ROCKY says:

ONE VOICE AT A TIME

We have already covered the following Cool Rules:
- Follow instructions
- Keep hands and feet to myself
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Speak respectfully
- Walking on concrete

NAPLAN Student Reports Yr 3 & Yr 5 students)
NAPLAN Student Reports were sent home last Monday. If you did not receive a copy of your child’s report, please contact your child’s classroom teacher or the office.

Emergency Evacuation Drill and Lock Down Drills
Each term we hold practise drills to help ensure our staff and students know and understand what to do in the case of a real situation. Students will be reminded of the two different signals on parade this week and we will then be holding practice drills before the end of the term.

Bundaberg Primary School Netball Competition
Our netball team played well again last Thursday and showed...
how much they had improved since last week. Again, they were great representatives of Walkervale State School and worked well as a team. Mrs Batt, their coach, was again very proud of their performance.

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.

Prep Open Day
Our Prep Open Day was held on Friday 12 August. It was a lovely, relaxed and successful morning. The children and their families had a wonderful time exploring the quality learning environment at Walkervale State School and increased their understanding of the Prep curriculum. "Starting school is an important time for children and families. Children who make a positive start to school are more likely to:
- Feel comfortable, relaxed and valued
- Feel excited and motivated to learn
- Have good relationships with others
- Develop a sense of belonging within the school community" (Kids Matter, 2016)

Pool Maintenance
Repair and maintenance works are expected to start on our pool this week. We have been working towards ensuring the pool will be ready for use in term 4 for swimming sessions for students in Years 1-6.

Recognising student achievement
Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) plan has set out achievement levels for our students. The award program, recognising students who are meeting school expectations, is based on our new 'Rocky the Wombat' gotchas. When students are seen following our Cool Rules, they are recognised for their positive behaviour with a 'gotcha'. If students are in their class at the start of the day when the roll is marked, they also receive a 'gotcha'.

As the number of 'gotchas' increases, they are able to reach different award levels. In our current trial, as students reach a level they receive the incentive at that level. Current incentives include: 'Rocky' sticker, lollipop, Bronze Certificate, zooper dooper, 'I know the Cool Rules' pencil, Silver Certificate, Walkervale Safe Responsible Respectful wristband, tuckshop voucher and Gold Certificate.

It has been great to see so many of our students following our Cool Rules and reaching the different levels of achievement.

Sport Congratulations
Wednesday this week, Destiny W and Ryan K will be travelling to Kingaroy to represent Bundaberg at the Wide Bay Athletics Trials. We wish them all the best!

Ten Pin Bowling Success
On Sunday 14 August, Walkervale School had two teams play in the 2016 Primary Schools Finals for Ten Pin Bowling. Walkervale 2, which was made up of Skye D, Bella T and Abby S came third in our region's games (yet to announce the state standings) just missing out on second place which went to East State School by only 9 pins. Coming in first for our region was Branyan Road State School.

Fourth was our Walkervale 1 team of Cyle S, Montana T and Ryan M. All our students bowled great and a good morning was had by all.

Bundaberg Primary Schools Maths Team Challenge
Walkervale will be entering five teams into the Bundaberg Primary Schools Maths Team Challenge on Thursday 8 September this year. This event allows the selected students to:
- foster an interest in creative problem solving
- further stimulate their interest in Mathematics

Word of the Week
intriguing

Definition- when something is interesting or curious because it is unusual.
Sentence - Sally thought Sam’s plan was intriguing but she wondered if it would work.
- Kumako found the dragons intriguing and found that she was not afraid of them.

Synonyms- fascinating, enthralling, gripping, captivating

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

**P&C Meeting today at 3:15pm**
• participate in a day of intellectual fun in a scholarly atmosphere.

If your child has been invited, they will have received a permission note which needs to be completed and returned to the office as soon as possible. There is a change to the transport arrangements for the excursion. We will now be travelling by bus instead of private transport. There will still be no cost involved for the students as the school will pay the cost for travel and entry to the competition.  

Mrs Watton

BOOK WEEK AWARDS 2016
Presented on parade today were the lucky winners of our yearly book prizes. Congratulations to these children.

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Children’s Book Week, 20–26 August 2016
The Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) is a not for profit, volunteer run organisation which aims to engage the community with literature for young Australians. The CBCA presents annual awards to books of literary merit, for outstanding contribution to Australian children’s literature.

Established in 1945, the Children’s Book Council of Australia was founded at a time when Australian children’s books were few, and Australian authors and illustrators were virtually unknown. In 1946 the CBCA established annual book awards to promote books of high literary and artistic quality. These awards are now the most influential and highly respected in Australia.

Each year, across Australia, the CBCA brings children and books together celebrating Children’s Book Week. Throughout the year, the CBCA works in partnership with authors, illustrators, publishers, booksellers and other organisations in the children’s book world to bring words, images and stories into the hearts and minds of children and adults.

‘Mrs Ridge and Mrs Booth have been reading the shortlisted books to classes during library lessons this term.

Book of the Year winners will be announced in next week’s newsletter.

Canteen Week Colouring-In Competition
To coincide with Canteen Week, students participated in a Colouring-In Competition. The following students handed in some beautiful work and won themselves a $5 tuckshop voucher:

Prep– Charli S, Year 1/2– Zoey A, Year 3/4– Teyha H, Year 5/6– Bella T.

Zoey A was also the overall winner. Well Done Zoey!

Important Information for Yr 7 2017 students - BSHS
Enrolment documentation for students entering Year 7 in 2017 at Bundaberg State High School was accepted at an enrolment information session conducted at Bundaberg State High School on Tuesday 2 August. We anticipate that a number of students intending to enrol were not in attendance at the enrolment session and we wish to advise that these documents are now overdue.

Our school is required to conduct an enrolment interview with every family, so parents who have not yet enrolled their child will need to attend the second information and enrolment session on Tuesday 23 August at either 3.30pm or 5.00pm.

All forms should be completed fully and be accompanied by proof of student identity (copy of either a birth certificate or passport) and proof of residency (copy of either a rates notice, tenancy agreement or electricity bill).

Those families residing outside the approved catchment area for Bundaberg State High School should write to principal@bundabergshs.eq.edu.au or deliver a letter to the school detailing the reasons why you seek an exemption.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Chess Club Tournament in Term 3
On Wednesday, at first break, the Walkervale State School chess championships will continue with Mr Menham and Mr Bond at the Innovation centre. The competition is close with several players still in contention to win the 1st or 2nd place trophies.

The Kid’s Got Talent in Term 3 - Auditions are now on Thursdays
Congratulations goes to Lana E (Tap Dancing) who won the grade 2 auditions and was chosen to perform her act on Junior Parade today while the other winner, Indiana A (Ballet Dancing), was chosen to perform her act on our Senior Parade.

These students will also be asked to perform at the KGT Extravaganza at the end of the term.

This Thursday at second break, after the play bell, children in Year 1 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, to be judged by Mr Bond, Ms Sjajko, Mrs Sauer and the panel.

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 they he/she will then be asked to demonstrate their act on Monday’s Parade next week. Grade 6 groups will be the final auditions held in week 8.

**Interested children need to see Mr Bond at his classroom any morning between 8:30am and 8:45am to give him your name, class and the name of your act in the lead up to auditions.** Thanks again to the year 6 assistants for this week who helped out.

**That Kid’s Got Talent 2016**
The 2016 Walkervale That Kid’s Got Talent competition is continuing this week with our talented Year 1 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.

Yr 1 Auditions - Thursday 25 August, 2nd Break in Hall
Yr 6 Groups – Thursday 1 September, 2nd break in Hall.

**Book Club News**
Issue 6 Book Club order forms have been sent home. Children are asked to show their parents the book catalogues and to have their orders returned to the school office by Friday 26 August 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*

**Tuckshop News**
Have you tried a chilli chicken wrap yet? Buy one today only $3.80. Wash it down with our new Sippah Straws for $1.70, which are available in 5 flavours.

This week’s helpers are –
Wednesday 24 August – Dorothy Christensen.
Thursday 25 August – Sheree Bethell and Irene Zahn
Friday 26 August – Karen Balcombe and Tash Sherratt.

*Thanks, Michelle Eyre (Convenor)*

This week **Walker** has been awarded the most points, followed by Watson, Watkin and then Walsh! Congratulations Walker!

**Camp Australia providing Before/After School Care**
Camp Australia provide before/after school care service. Information and links have been included on our facebook page. For bookings: www.campaustralia.com.au or 1300 105 343.
CAMP AUSTRALIA NEWS
We are raising funds to support The Smith Family’s Learning for Life program. We will be offering a guessing game, the winner gets to take home the contents of the jar. This will be at the Camp Australia room before and after school for the next 2 weeks. This is to provide disadvantaged children with education essentials (e.g. books, bags, uniforms) and learning support. Our not for profit organisation, the Camp Australia Foundation will proudly match every dollar raised. Please help us support the education of disadvantaged Australian children.
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2016 - 17 Season

What’s On

Elliot Heads Surf Life Saving

Queensland Road Safety Week
22-28 August 2016
JOIN THE DRIVE TO SAVE LIVES

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Sign On Day!

Where: Elliott Heads Surf Life Saving Club House
When: Sunday 28 August 2016 9.00am to 11.00am
Bring Identification required:
Birth Certificate, Driver’s License (adults)
Togs, towel, sunscreen, goggles and smile
Cost $30 per green cap, $100 per person $300 per Family
Season Start: Sunday 18 September at 9am

Come & Try Days: 18, 25 Sept or 2 Oct 2016
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Bundaberg Swim Academy- Fitzgerald Street

Contact: Ruth Royan - rroya2@eq.edu.au

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A Grade Women & Men, B Grade Women
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For more information contact Jan Law—0438 597 086

SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST
WALKERVALE STATE SCHOOL HALL
ENTRANCE THROUGH CRAWFORD STREET BUNDABERG

BAR OPERATING WITH BEER AND WINE
TEA AND COFFEE
SNACKS & DESSERT

$10 per player – Maximum of 6 people per table
Bookings only – Please contact Gaye Limpus
gaye.limpus@yahoo.com.au or Mobile 0407715765

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Regular school attendance
Information for parents and carers

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.
- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?
Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school.

Principal's decide if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for:
- birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as hair cuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?
You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?
Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within two school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?
- won't get out of bed in the morning
- won't go to bed at night
- can't find their uniform, books, school bag ...
- slow to eat breakfast
- haven't done their homework
- watching TV
- have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
- it's their birthday.

If so, a set routine can help
- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won't go to school?
You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.