Monday 29 August 2016 (26/2016)

Date Claimers
- Friday 12 Aug – Fri 9 Sept – Interschool Sport
- Fri 19 August – Tues 30 August – Life Education visit
- 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  Ryder R  Prep B  Ebony L
Prep C  Shakeliyah F  1A  Gabrella F
1B  Nateesha B  1C  Thomas K
2A  Baily D  2B  Jarred T
2C  Lana E  3A  Zoe W
3B  Bradley N  3C  Jazzarah W
4A  Jin C  4B  Luke M
4C  Zane R  5A  Jackson V
5B  Maureen N  6A  Justin K
6B  Hayden A  PE  Olivia B (2B)
Music  Reegan T (6B)

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.
Prep A: Melanie B, Abbi M, Lincoln T.
Prep C: Ella F, Zavier M, Karlea S, Charli S, Lilian W.
1A: Olivia A, Gabrella F.
3A: Mia A, Nicholas M.
3C: Kylee B, Haylee J, Dwyiet J.
4A: Emily H, Amelia T.
4B: Jessica H.
4C: Isaac J.
5B: Tyler H, Trent H, Parneet K, Maureen N.

Reading is the **KEY** to learning

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

Enrol now for Prep 2017
Walkervale State School is presently accepting Prep enrollments 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.

Kindy Parking for C&K Kindy Parents Only
Please respect the C&K Kindy Parking Area as a parking area for parents of C&K Kindy children only. There is a restricted number of car parks available in this parking area, and these need to be free for parents/carers of students attending the C&K Kindy.

The Disability Parking Area is currently shared, with parents/carers of children at Prep and C&K with a Disability Parking Permit able to use this park.
**Word of the Week**

**valiant**

**Definition** - Possessing the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, pain, etc

**Sentence** - I think Rowan was valiant when he overcame his fears to leap through the silken gap in the spider web.

- I admire how Rowan valiantly held onto the rope and kept scrambling up the huge cliff face when he seemed to be making no progress.

**Synonyms** - courageous, determined, brave, heroic

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**Children's Book Week - Books of the Year 2016**

We are pleased to announce the winners for 'Book of the Year' from the Children's Book Council of Australia.

**Early Childhood Book of the Year**
*Mr Huff* by Anna Walker

**Picture Book of the Year**
*Flight* by Armin Greder

**Eve Pownall (Award for Information) Book of the Year**
*Lennie the Legend: Solo to Sydney by Pony* by Stephanie Owen Reeder

**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.

**Chess Club - Term 3 Competition**

Only the students who are in the term 3 tournament should attend Chess Club for this term.

After last week's matches Jason S was in the lead with only 2 rounds to go. In the event of a tie children will play off for first and second place. The trophies will be presented on Parade in week 9.

**Congratulations to Ashton A**

Ashton demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship when he realised that his opponent was feeling ill last Wednesday, and didn't attend their chess match. Ashton kindly offered to risk the point awarded to him by arranging a catch up match when his opponent felt better. Gotcha - Well done!!!

Ashton was presented with an award for outstanding sportsmanship on Parade today.

**Music Moment**

Our school is participating in 'Music Count Us In' again this year. All classes have been learning the song, 'Let It Play', in music lessons and many students have asked how they can sing it at home. The song is on you tube. I found it by searching 'Music Count Us In Let It Play'. If you have any trouble finding it, let me know!

Students in Year 3 have been learning to read notes on the staff. We are using a game called 'Staff Wars' to help us practice. The game can be downloaded for free to your computer, or to your device at a small cost. This game would be useful for all students in grades 3-6.

Mrs Sauer
Music Teacher

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**The Kid's Got Talent**

Congratulations to all the grade 1 students who took part in Thursday's auditions.

Well done Lilly K (tap dancing to, "Hide Away") who was chosen to perform on Junior Parade today while Aylah N (dancing to, "Hide Away" combined with Zheeva M (hula hooping) have won the opportunity to perform on Senior Parade.

On Thursday next week at second break, after the play bell, children in grade 6 will have the opportunity to audition for The Kid's Got Talent group performances, in our school hall. Groups who audition may showcase any skill they are very good at, to be judged by Mr Bond, Ms Sajko, Mrs Sauer and the panel.

Each group is responsible for the preparing and caring of items they need for the performance with the winners for the week to be asked to demonstrate the act on Monday's Parade next week.

Interested grade 6 students need to let Mr Bond know before school any day leading up to Thursday's auditions.

The year 6 sound crew do an amazing job setting up the sound each week. Thank you grade 6ers!

**Coming up...**

On Thursday, 8 September all winners and a few other talented students who narrowly missed out, will be invited to perform after school in, The Kid's Got Talent Extravaganza. This will be held in the school hall from 3:15pm to 3:45pm. So come in and enjoy a fun-filled, free afternoon's entertainment.

**That Kid's Got Talent 2016**

The 2016 Walkervale That Kid's Got Talent competition is continuing this week with our talented Year 6 Groups 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 on Thursday, 8 September.

Yr 6 Groups – Thursday 1 September, 2nd break in Hall.

From today, we commence the Walk-a-thon Fundraising Program which is a major fundraiser this term so we do ask for your support. The event will take place on Wednesday 7 September 2016. All funds raised will be used to help purchase items to improve the development learning for all the students.

Students have now received a poster size Superhero Sponsorship Form with a great selection of toy brands including Apple, GoPro, Razor, Star Wars, Monster High, Nerf just to name a few. This form will assist with collecting sponsorship donations on behalf of the school.

Students who raise as little as $10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. The greater amount of
sponsorship donations you receive the better prizes you can choose.

Inside the Sponsorship Form you will find helpful tips on how to raise money for the school as well as other benefits such as the chance to win a family holiday staying at Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast including entry to the major theme parks and the choice of either $1,000 spending money or a $1,000 Virgin Australia Gift Voucher.

Once the fundraiser is complete, please ensure you fill out the prize request section on the back of the Sponsorship Form and return to the School Office along with your money inside an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and class. The incentive prizes will be delivered shortly after.

**REMEMBER** - The highest fundraising class gets themselves a PIZZA PARTY and the highest fundraising student gets themselves an MP3 player. Get out there and have a chance of winning a Pizza party for your class or your very own MP3 player.

Thank you in advance for your participation. Happy fundraising!

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**A huge thank you to Megan and the crew at SMIGGLE Hinkler for their fabulous donation of keyrings and erasers they kindly donated to the Walkervale SS P&C.**

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**FATHER’S DAY IS COMING**

On 31 August, 1 and 2 September (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), we will be running our annual Father’s Day stall. Come along to purchase Dad a special gift he will love. We have mugs, hats photo frames and so much more. Limited stock so get in quick! **8:15am each day over in the tuckshop.**

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**Tuckshop News**

Don’t forget to hand your lunch order in BEFORE 9am. If you are leaving school early, and you have a tuckshop order, please pick it up before you leave.

This week’s helpers are –

Wednesday 31 August – Dorothy Christensen
Thursday 1 September – Sheree Bethell and Irene Zahn
Friday 2 September – Karen Balcombe and Tash Sherratt.

*Thanks, Michelle Eyre (Convener)*

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**Gotcha!**

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

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**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE**

**4155 5660**

**24HRS DAY / 7 DAYS WEEK**

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**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](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or 1300 105 343.

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**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.

For more information on this you can visit [http://www.tcaf.org.au](http://www.tcaf.org.au)
Dear Parents
You are cordially invited to attend
The AGM of
Life Education Bundaberg
On Thursday 15 September at 6pm
Red Cross Rooms (Auswide Bank Building)
RSVP 8 September

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