Monday 10 October 2016 (28/2016)

**Date Claimers**
- **Tuesday 11 October** – Sport forms and money due
- **Tuesday 11 October** – Keppock State High School Enrolment Evening, 3:45pm – 6:00pm in Hall
- **Friday 14 October** – Interschool Sport commences
- **Monday 17 October** – Student Free Day
- **Monday 24 October** – P&C Meeting, Staffroom, 3:15pm
- **Monday 14 Nov** – Prep 2017 Information Evening, 5:30pm
- **Wednesday 16 November** – Cultural Concert
- **Tuesday 22 November** – Prep Transition Day, 9am – 10am
- **Wed 23 November** – Prep Transition Day, 9am – 10am
- **Thursday 24 November** – Prep Transition Day, 2pm – 3pm
- **Friday 9 December** – Last day of school/Term 4

**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  Isaac N  1A  Dai-shaun T
- 1B  Elissa B  1C  Gemma S
- 2A  Breana A  2B  Zoey A
- 2C  Breeanna F  3A  Charisma M
- 3B  Camden V  3C  Haylee J
- 4A  Malakai R  4B  Leala K
- 4C  Zac D  5A  Lachlan D
- 5B  Maureen N  6A  Brydee P
- 6B  Makayla D  PE  Hayden A (6B)

**School Review Team – visit Tuesday**
Two members of the School Improvement Unit – Review Team will be visiting Walkervale tomorrow, Tuesday, for the 12 month review of our school’s progress. Their focus will be upon our improvement agenda, specifically reading, and our work towards establishing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) across our school.

This is an opportunity to show our positive progress and share our successes.

**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: Olivia A, Amelia A, Alleiya C, Angela D.
- 1C: Zheeva M.
- 3C: Lachlan H.
- 4B: Ashton A, Matthew S.
- 4C: Brooke T.
- 6A: Kaydence C, Skye D, Tegan F, Brydee P.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**
The members of the Walkervale PBL Team met before the end of last term to review the behaviour data and award levels trial in Term 3. Teachers were also asked to provide feedback and identified positives, challenges and ideas. This information has informed the Cool Rule focus and award levels for this term.

PBL is a process where school based data informs focus (Cool Rules) and continual improvement and refinement of effective strategies to support positive behaviour for learning.

**Members of PBL Team**
Emily Atkinson (Yr 1 Teacher)
Nicole Harvey (Yr 2 Teacher)
Kate Cook (Yr 3 Teacher)
Stefanie Rehbein (Yr 3 Teacher)
Deb Anderson (Yr 6 Teacher)
Paige Lindedale (Inclusive Education Teacher)
Tess Downes (Teacher Aide)
Tamara Smith (Teacher Aide)
Annette Logan (Teacher Aide)
Charisse Sell (Parent Rep/P&C President)
Narelle Reid (IMPACT – Psychologist/Community Representative)
Dorothy Brown (Parent Representative - Indigenous Community)
Brad Young (Principal)
10 Weeks of Learning

On Tuesday there were many happy faces as students returned to school after the September holidays and caught up with their classmates. It was also pleasing to see students starting back into their work routine and focus on their learning from the first day of the term. Classroom teachers have been revisiting classroom rules and expectations as well as routines/procedures to ensure a smooth start to the term.

Thank you to those parents and carers who work hard to ensure that their son/daughter is in the correct school uniform each and every day. Your efforts are appreciated and help to ensure Walkervale continues to be a proud uniform school.

Our improvement agenda continues this term with the specific focus continuing to be upon students improving their level of reading achievement. The support students receive from their parents/carers in relation to home reading helps ensure that they are able to achieve at their best.

The Parent/Community Reading Framework provides an overview of the components of our reading program and shows how each component is aligned. If you would like to know more about the Framework, please speak to your child’s classroom teacher or Maddy Lloyd, Master Teacher (Reading).

Safety First

A reminder, for the safety of our students, please remain vigilant when driving around the school and parking.

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 (walkervales.eq.edu.au). We are excited to welcome the Prep students who have already enrolled.

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

Word of the Week

ascent

Definition – going up, being arranged from smallest to largest
Sentence - The class was asked to ascend the stairs quietly but did so in a boisterous manner making the teacher quite annoyed.

- Frank was asked to arrange the numbers in ascending order.

Synonyms – increase, rise, escalate
Antonyms – decrease, descend

Swimming Times

From today, Monday 10 October, children in Years 1 – 6 will begin swimming lessons. Your help during these swimming lessons will assist your teachers to create a safe and fun learning experience for all. Parents are asked to please notify class teachers if they can assist. If there are no parent helpers, there will be no swimming for class members. Providing a safe swimming environment for your children is our number one priority.

*Remember it is compulsory for all students to wear a swimming cap AND a rashie (swimming sunshirt).
Swimming caps can be purchased from the office for $4.00.

Chess Club

Term 4 weekly Chess Club lessons with Mr Menham & Mr Bond resume on Wednesday this week in the Innovation Centre at First Break.

Pupil Free Day

A reminder Monday 17 October is a Pupil Free Day. There is NO school for students on this day. During this day staff will undertake professional development and discussion.

Interschool Sport

Interschool Sports starts this Friday 14 October. This term, students in Years 4-6 were able to choose from Basketball, Touch, Table Tennis, AFL and OzTag. Payment for these sports is $15 or $3 per week. Payment and permission forms are both due on Tuesday 11 October. Buses depart Walkervale at 12:30pm to various venues and return approximately 2:50pm back at school.
Telephone Messages – Friday
A reminder to families of Year 4-6 students involved in sport to phone any messages through prior to 12pm so these can be delivered.

Dental Van Visit
Thank you to those parents who have returned dental forms. The dental van will be here in week 3 or 4 to see students. If you have not already done so, please complete and return your dental form and hand in to the office.

Tuckshop News
Rainbow paddlepops have sold out, but all other iceblocks are still available. We still have some trackpants for sale only $25, save $10!! (sizes 8 – 14).
This week’s helpers are –
Wednesday 12 October – Dorothy Christensen
Thursday 13 October – Irene Zahn and Jenelle Dunn.
Friday 14 October – Karen Balcombe and Tash Sherratt.
Thanks, Michelle Eyre (Convenor)

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

Child Protection Week Colouring In Competition
Last month, a colouring-in competition was held to coincide with Child Protection Week (4-10 September). The great news is – one of our students here has won 1st prize: Kaylee R, in the 5-8yrs division! Congratulations Kaylee!

Get involved in the School Banking program.
Walkervale State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.
The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

These 2016 rewards are currently available:
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made throughout the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!
All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. To open an account for your child, you can visit your local branch. All you need to bring is your current personal identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account for your child online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is FRIDAY. Each week you need to fully complete the deposit slip (including amount deposited), and drop bankbooks to the office by 9AM.

If you would like to know more about the School Banking program, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program parent pack from the school office.

7. Take Time for Yourself
Everyone needs to recharge sometimes. Learn to recognize when you need to get away from people, and make time to do so. Whether curling up with a book and some hot cocoa, or going on a solitary jog, make sure you have “alone time” as often as you need it.

8. Be Yourself
Recognize and accept your limitations. This is not a free pass to bad behaviour. Crudeness, insults, and selfishness are not limitations – they are choices. If you choose them, be prepared that people will generally not like you.

9. Empathy
People have the gift of imagination. Seeing yourself in another person’s life is a great way to use it. Imagine how you would feel in a situation similar to one someone is describing. Of course, you can’t know precisely how another person feels, but empathy can get you close.
P&C WILL BE SELLING ICY CUPS IN TERM 4!!!!

AT THE TUCKSHOP
EVERY FRIDAY FROM 3PM –
ONLY 50C

IF YOU CAN DONATE
CORDIAL OR CUPS TO HELP US, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE OFFICE!
### Term 4 Positive Incentives

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