Tuesday 18 October 2016 (29/2016)

Date Claimers
- Monday 24 October – P&C Meeting, Staffroom, 3:15pm
- Tuesday 25 October – Book Club orders & money due
- Monday 31 October – Aussie of the Month
- Thursday 3 Nov – C&K Kindy – Yr 2 Disco, Yr 3-6 Disco
- Thursday 10 November – Swimming Carnival for students born 2004 – 2007, 9am – 1pm
- Monday 14 Nov – Prep 2017 Information Evening, 5:30pm
- Wednesday 16 November – Cultural Concert
- Monday 21 November – Bundaberg SHS Yr 5 Transition Day
- Monday 21 November – BOOK FAIR
- 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 Dec – Yr 6 Graduation Ceremony, Hall
- Friday 9 December – Last day of school/Term 4
- Monday 23 January 2017 – School Resumes, Term 1

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

Keep Your Contacts Up to Date
Please ensure you contact the school office to update your new telephone numbers, address, emergency contacts or to update any other information. It is important that this information is accurate at all times.

Our Cool Rule
This week, ROCKY says:

RESPECT OTHERS’ PERSONAL SPACE

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Award Levels

Term 4
A copy of the Gotcha award levels for Term 4 was sent home

with last week’s newsletter. This information will assist parents/carers to monitor how your son/daughter is progressing throughout the term and as we approach the Celebration Days at the end of the term. If you would like more information about the award levels, please contact your child’s teacher.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Information Brochure
A copy of the PBL brochure has been sent home with today’s newsletter. It includes information about PBL and how we are focused upon continually improving student behaviour with our decisions based upon data and the positive recognition of those students who do display the desired behaviours such as our Cool Rule and Attendance for being at school at 9 o’clock.
This week, students from several classes have had the opportunity to vote on their favourite awards. This information / data will inform PBL Team when identifying Gotcha award levels in the future.

Regional Autism Coach – Jill Baldry
The Regional Autism Coach provided all staff with information about Inclusion and Autism on our Pupil Free Day yesterday. The information Ms Baldry provided will assist staff to further differentiate their practice when supporting all students and especially those diagnosed with Aspergers Syndrome/Autism Spectrum Disorder. This is a part of continual learning as staff members develop their knowledge and skills and the information provided will inform future practice.
Walkervale State School welcomes all students, and all staff work towards ensuring that we differentiate our practices and procedures to be inclusive of all students. This is a learning journey and we continue to celebrate our achievements and identify areas where we can become better.

**School Improvement Unit (SIU) - Review Team Visit**

Last Tuesday, two members of the SIU visited Walkervale to monitor the progress we had made on our 12 month action plan. Staff members were able to share their stories of progress, particularly in the two focus areas of Reading and Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). The Review Team provided feedback regarding our achievements and also suggested some areas for future efforts. We will receive a report in the near future.

**World Teacher’s Day**

World Teacher’s Day is celebrated around the world in more than 100 countries every October. In Queensland this year it is to be celebrated on Friday 28 October. World Teacher’s Day recognises the significant contribution our teachers make both in our school and our community. Just as teachers work hard to educate and inspire our students throughout the whole year, World Teacher’s Day is your chance to say ‘thank you’ to your teacher for what they do for you and show your appreciation and ongoing encouragement and support for them.

As the president of the P&C and a parent, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our teachers at Walkervale, for the dedication, commitment, passion and understanding they give to all our students throughout the school year and beyond. They are at school before class and there long after 3pm, they are there for after hours school dances, plays and sports events. I recently heard a quote by Jane Caro, who is a very big supporter of public schooling and a television personality "The best thing as parents we can do for our children’s education, is to RESPECT and SUPPORT their teachers”

On **Friday 28 October**, I encourage you to take the time to say ‘thank you’ to your teacher in person or find your own way to make their day.

**Charise Sell, P&C President**

**Leaving Walkervale?**

Planning for classes in 2017 will begin shortly. Please contact the school office if you know your child will be leaving Walkervale at the end of this year to assist with this forward planning.

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

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**Book Club News**

Issue 7 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 **Tuesday 25 October** for ordering. **THIS WILL BE THE LAST BOOK CLUB FOR THE YEAR.** 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.scholastico.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**

Term 4 weekly Chess Club lessons with Mr Menham & Mr Bond resumed last Wednesday in the Innovation Centre at First Break.

**Walk A Thon Results**

A huge thank you to all students that participated in the Walk-A-Thon last term. The students raised over $4400 for our P&C. What a fantastic result! The class that raised the most amount are to get a Pizza party and our lucky class is......... 1A – Mrs A and her students.

And the students that raised the most get a fantastic prize, this year we had two students that raised the same amount...... Alleiya C and Tallen C. Congratulations to 1A and Alleiya and Tallen.

**ICY CUPS THIS FRIDAY**

Don’t forget that Icy cups are back! Our famous Friday afternoon Icy cups are back this term. The P&C are selling from a new location at the tuckshop, every Friday afternoon at 3pm for only 50 cents each.

If you are able to donate cordial or cups, you may please bring them to the office, all money raised to support our students at Walkervale. SEE YOU THERE.

**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.

**Back Gate Closed**

The gate at the back entrance to the school is locked each afternoon 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.

**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

**Tuckshop News**

Chocolate Sipahh Straws are back! We also have Banana, Mint, Strawberry, and Cookies N Cream, $1.70 with a carton of milk. Rainbow Paddlepops have sold out for 2016, and there aren’t many chocolate paddlepops left. We still have plenty of all other iceblocks. This week’s helpers are —

- Wednesday 19 October – Dorothy Christensen
- Thursday 20 October – Irene Zahn.
- Friday 21 October – Karen Balcombe and Tash Sherratt.

*Thanks, Michelle Eyre (Convener)*

**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.
P&C WILL BE SELLING ICY CUPS THIS TERM!!!

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!

GotCha!

This week Watkin has been awarded the most points. Congratulations Watkin!

Some easy to follow tips on how to get along with almost anybody in almost any situation.

10. Agree to Disagree
Recognize that there will be times that you will not agree with another person’s views and opinions. Recognize, too, that disliking a person’s opinion is different from disliking that person. Accept that his or her view is not yours, and move on.

11. Figure Out Who Bothers You and Why
If someone bothers you, figure out what it is about that person that you don’t like. If it is something he or she can’t change (skin colour, disability, gender, etc.), figure out a way to overcome your problem. If it is something that he or she can change, but chooses to not, decide whether or not you can overcome being bothered. If you decide you cannot, minimize your interactions with that person.

Interactions with people who feed your negative energy are harmful. These interactions, and your negative responses to them, make it more difficult to have positive energy in your next interaction with anyone.

12. Respect Yourself and Others
Without exception, give everyone respect. Treat each person as the human being they are. This includes yourself. If you have no respect for yourself, you have no respect to give. You have hero worship, but not respect. Respecting a person does not mean you have to respect that person’s choices or actions.

WHAT’S ON

Plan a play

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Entry

*Voucher apply *Valid off
Full price entry only
*Must present voucher
Valid 31/12/16

Mon-Sat 9am – 5pm Sun 10am – 4pm
Don’t forget your socks!
(including adults supervising toddlers)

WANTED: FEMALES FOR AFL FOOTBALL!
Hot on the success of girl’s development in Metropolitan areas we are aiming to start up female AFL in the WIDE BAY REGION.

The aim is to have an U/12 girls as well as an U/17 girls competition. Early feedback suggests that there will be some strong interest in both areas. There will be opportunities for girls next year in wide representative teams in the age groups of U/12 school girls and U/17 girls. As well as this, there may be an opportunity for open girls to play in a completion in 2017 being club based teams.

There will be come and play days for free on Wednesday afternoons starting from 26 October at 4pm-5:30pm at Clayton Rd, ATW AFL GROUND.

CONTACT:
Shaun Stone on 0420960514 or email shaun.stone@aflq.com.au
HOW BAD ZZAT?
It's not as bad as you think it is!
Why is PBL important?

Positive behaviour is vital in order to maintain a safe and engaging environment where students and staff feel valued and respected and can reach their full potential.

PBL Committee

Our PBL team (consisting of administration members, teachers, teacher aides, parents and community members) meet on a monthly basis to guide the implementation of PBL at our school. The committee discuss ways to improve behaviour systems at the school, make recommendations for the future, analyze behaviour data and ensure that we have a consistent and effective range of strategies to implement throughout our school.

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Positive Behaviour for Learning

What is PBL?

Positive Behaviour for Learning aims to build a safe, positive and productive learning environment.

- The whole school community is involved and shares a common language.
- PBL acknowledges and encourages student success.
- Students understand the expectations.
- Explicit teaching of positive behaviours.
- Students not following the schoolwide expectations are issued consequences based on our school policy.

PBL elements at Walkervale State School

POSTEMINENTLY LESSONS

Each fortnight, all students are taught a ‘Cool Rule’. This is a behaviour concept relating to the school-wide goals and principles. The concept is introduced on parade and followed up in class by the teachers and teacher aides. It is also included on our Facebook page and website.

GOTCHA TICKETS

Our school has three main rules/expectations:

BE SAFE – BE RESPONSIBLE – BE RESPECTFUL

When staff recognize students making positive behaviour choices that reflect our school rules, students will receive a Gotcha! These accumulate over time and are used for individual, class and whole school awards and incentives as students move through Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. Students achieving these levels will be invited to a special event Celebration Day at the end of each term.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK/AUSIE OF THE MONTH

Teachers will nominate students each week for the “Student of the Week” award and each month for the prestigious “Ausie of the Month” award. Winners will receive a certificate on parade.

The awards are based on the “You Can Do It” key to success – a program which promotes student achievement and social emotional well-being. Topics (The Keys) include: Organisation, Confidence, Getting Along, Persistence and Resilience.

ROCKY THE BEHAVIOUR MASCOT

Rocky, the Walkervale Wombat, advocates good behaviour. He is regularly in classes spreading messages to students on how to make the best behaviour choices and get the most out of school.

PARENTS / CARERS & PBL

To be successful, our PBL program needs to be a partnership between home and school.

Parent Tips:

- Ask your child each afternoon about the Gotchas they have earned and for what.
- Praise them for their achievements. Your encouragement will help promote the desired behaviours.
- Discuss the Cool Rule for each fortnight. The current Cool Rule can be found in our school newsletter, Facebook page and on the school sign.
- Ask your child what their aim/goal is.
Term 4

What we’ve been up to in the past fortnight!

Welcome back to the final term for the year. Not long now till the end of the year. For the past fortnight we all participated in our fun filled Holiday club program. The children really enjoyed all of our incursions that were on offer. We made some great straw constructions to learn about architecture, our cooking day was a blast as the children got involved in making their own feast of rice paper rolls, dip, tortillas, and smoothies. But the most favourite incursion of all was out Lego day where we all got to take home a Lego set to build. Our 1st excursion to the movies to watch “The Secret Life of Pets” went smoothly and all children and staff had a fantastic time. Afterwards we all discussed what part of the movie we liked the best. We also finally drew the winners to our guessing jars and the winners are for Jar 1- Kyle S with a guess of 110, and Jar 2- we had 3 children with spot on guesses of 76 they were Tiffany R, Bella T and Hayley J. But we could only have one winner so we placed their names in a hat and drew out a name and the Jar 2 winner was Bella T. Tiffany and Hayley didn’t miss out, they got runner up prizes from our special prize box.

What we have planned for the next fortnight!

For the next fortnight we are going to revisit our expectations for homework club and continue our interests in gardening and knitting by constructing our own individual green houses and learning how to knit a small square each to stitch together for a blanket, and we will be having a variety of tabloid sports and games on the oval.

Our very own Ms Judy is participating in the Great Cycle Challenge all throughout October to raise money to help fight Kid’s cancer. If you would like to sponsor Ms Judy, please feel free and have a chat with Judy or you can go to www.greatcyclechallenge.com.au/riders/JudyBrown to sponsor. Thanks in advance!

We’re here to make after school care visits the best experience possible – for you and your child.

If you have any questions about the program – please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in after school care first hand.

The Camp Australia Team

Ms Tamara, Ms Judy and Ms Maree
My favourite thing at Camp Australia is:

Eating.

My favourite thing at Camp Australia is:

Making kids SMILE!

Playing soccer

Miss Judy.

My favourite thing at Camp Australia is:

Playing with my friends.

My favourite thing at Camp Australia is:

Playing with all my friends.

My favourite thing at Camp Australia is:

Playing tennis with my friend.

My favourite thing at Camp Australia is:

Making new friends and playing with them.

My favourite thing at Camp Australia is:

To play with my friends in the playground.

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