Monday 31 October 2016 (31/2016)

Date Claimers

- **Thursday 3 Nov** – Music: Count Us In Performance, Hall, 11:35am
- **Thursday 3 Nov** – C&K Kindy – Yr 2 Disco 5pm – 6:30pm
- **Thursday 3 Nov** – Yr 3-6 Disco, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
- **Thursday 10 November** – Swimming Carnival for students born 2004 – 2007, 9am – 1pm
- **Monday 14 Nov** – Prep 2017 Information Evening, 5:30pm
- **Thursday 17 November** – Cultural Concert, Hall, 6:30pm
- **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
- **Tuesday 6 December** – Family BBQ
- **Friday 9 Dec** – Yr 6 Graduation Ceremony, Hall, 9:30am
- **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

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**
  - Elise F

- **Prep B**
  - Blake K

- **Prep C**
  - Alyssa W

- **1A**
  - Ruby K

- **1B**
  - Liam M

- **2A**
  - Chelsey D

- **2C**
  - Knate D

- **3B**
  - Sarah B

- **4A**
  - Stephen C

- **4C**
  - Jared M

- **5B**
  - Mitchell W

- **6B**
  - Tyrone S

- **Music**
  - Melanie B (Prep A)

- **PE**
  - Amelia T (4A)

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, Koby F, Charlie-Rose U.

- **Prep B**
  - Zayne S.

- **Prep C**

- **1A**
  - Riley C, Azara G, Zach H.

- **1C**
  - Alessandra D.

- **2B**
  - Zoey A, Olivia G, Jarred T.

- **2C**

- **3A**
  - Andee S.

- **3B**
  - Kanan B, Katrina K, Ryan M.

- **6A**
  - Kallam A, Kynan A, Ebony N.

Aussies Of The Month

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as Aussies of the Month for October. They have continually set an example for others as the following comments indicate:

- **PREP C – EWAN V**
  - Ewan is an organised and responsible student in Prep C. Ewan gets along well with a range of peers in the classroom and playground and is developing the confidence to seek assistance in resolving problems when required. Ewan always tries his best and always follows the Cool Rules. Keep up the great work, Ewan!

- **1B – EKAYLAH M**
  - Ekaylah has been chosen as Aussie of the Month because she works constantly to meet Walkervale’s ‘Keys to Success’ and ‘Cool Rules’. Ekaylah perseveres at tasks, always giving it her best shot before asking for help. She organises her belongings and desk equipment in a timely manner and also helps her friends to do so. Ekaylah participates in group discussions and works well with her peers in learning situations as well as play situations. Ekaylah wears her school uniform proudly and treats her belongings and those of others with respect. Well done, Ekaylah!

- **2A – CHANEL B**
  - Chanel follows all of the school rules each day, conscientiously. She is always polite and respectful and accepts responsibilities given to her such as handing out resources and helping other students. Chanel consistently strives to achieve the best standard of learning she can. Well done, Chanel!
3A – NATASHA L - Natasha is a motivated student with a positive attitude to her school life that is quite infectious. With a growing confidence in her abilities as a learner, Natasha takes great pride in her work. Throughout the day, she displays an understanding of and ability to follow the school rules, both in the classroom and in the playground. She is a student who has empathy for those around her and displays this caring nature in many small ways, each and every day. Natasha’s willingness to attempt new tasks and persist until she improves her understanding is a great asset for future learning. Congratulations on being selected as the 3A Aussie of the Month.

4C – CHESNEY W – Chesney is a responsible, organised student. She is always ready for work and is rarely absent. Chesney is an enthusiastic student who is prepared to have a go at any task. She asks for help and is willing to help others. She is cheerful, reliable, honest and fair. Every day the school is a better place for having Chesney in 4C. Thank you for a great year, Chesney!

5A – SHANIA W – Shania tries to do every task to the best of her ability. She is confident enough to ask for help when she needs it and always willing to help other classmates. Shania is always respectful and polite and shows great pride in being a Walkervale student. Shania’s attendance rate is a staggering 100%. She has not missed one day of learning this year. Well done, Shania!

6A – CHARLEY T - Charley is a friendly, courteous student who demonstrates excellent behaviour, consistently following Walkervale’s cool and school rules. He is an organised student who gives every task his best effort. Charley is considerate of others, enjoying positive relationships with both peers and staff. Charley’s pride in his school and his safe, respectful and responsible conduct mean he is a worthy recipient of this award. Well done Charley!

Day for Daniel - Last Friday
Last Friday our Year 2 students and their teachers joined many students from other Bundaberg schools to recognise Day for Daniel at the Botanical Gardens. As well as being a part of this special community event, students had the opportunity to see a range of emergency staff and their support vehicles. Our own Adopt-A-Cop, Constable Tim Clark was one of the key organisers of this event and we were proud to be able support the event.

World Teachers’ Day
Last Friday was World Teachers’ Day, a day where the work of teachers is recognised and valued. Walkervale State School P&C provided a special morning tea for our Walkervale teachers, to recognise, acknowledge and thank them for the work that they do with all of our students each and every day. Thank you to our P&C for organising this event.

Past Walkervale Students Shine
I had the pleasure of attending the Bundaberg State High School and Kepnock State High School awards night last week. Personally, I enjoy seeing past students being recognised for their academic, sporting, cultural and/or community achievements and continue their learning and hard work after leaving their primary school. While there were many Walkervale students receiving awards, the following students were recognised with special awards and/or were elected as School Captains.

Bundaberg SHS Special Award Winners:
Year 9 Outstanding Achievement - Alex Buckholz
Year 10 Outstanding Achievement - Indy Burt
Contribution to Cultural Activities Senior - Kirsten Buckholz
Gladstone Ports Corp. Year 12 Student of The Year Bursary - Sarah Andrews

Australian Defence Force Awards - Indy Burt, Yr 10
School Captain: Kirsten Buckholz
2016 Luke Turnbull Trophy - Brendan Stewart, Yr 12

Kepnock SHS Special Award Winner
Gold Academic Award – Tahli Thomas Yr 9

School Dental Service
From this week the Dental Van will be seeing students. For any urgent appointments, please phone the dental clinic at the base hospital on 4303 8059. This is a new phone number.

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:
BE RESPONSIBLE – STOP, THINK DO

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.

Prep Information Evening 14 November 5:30pm
Prep teachers are very excited about handing out the Prep sample bags. A BIG thank you to the following for supporting our future Prep students and donating vouchers, brochures and merchandise;
• Walkervale Tuckshop
• Maddy Lloyd
• Mrs Logan
• Walkervale PBL Team
• Chipmunks
• McDonalds
• C&K
• Qld Cancer Council
• Bush Children’s

Remember it’s not too late to enrol your child at Walkervale. Once we have your details we will let you know of some important events at Walkervale that your child may be able to attend. Being involved in these occasions will help prepare your child and make a successful start to school.

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 via the school website (walkervaless.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/walkervaleless

Walkervale_3rd_in_Bundaberg_Schools_Chess_Tournament
Kanan B represented Walkervale State School proudly in the Bundaberg School Chess Championship held last Tuesday at Avoca State School, with Walkervale 1 finishing in 3rd place. Primary school students from across Bundaberg district competed in the tournament. The Walkervale 1 team was picked by selecting our top 4 performers on the day. They played very well to finish in 3rd place for all primary schools. The team was made up of: Jason S, Cyle S, Ashton and Ryan M, with Lachlan H narrowly missing out on the top 4 position on count back. Our Chess Club coach, Mr Menham presented the team with bronze medals at the conclusion of the tournament. Well done, Walkervale!

All of our students did well to win games and played with excellent sportsmanship. They had great fun playing in the chess tournament and achieved some excellent individual results. Jason, Cyle and Ashton won 5 out of 7 games and received $20 prize money as did Ryan who won 4 out of 7. Once again Lachlan (4 wins out of 7) missed out on the cash on count back but he handled this disappointment very maturely for someone of his age. Congratulations Lachlan!

A fantastic day was had by everyone. Our thanks go out to the hard work of Mr Menham and the other officials for all of their efforts.

Chess Club will continue with Mr Menham and Mr Bond at the usual time of 11:05am each Wednesday in the Innovation Centre room until week 9 this term. All chess players are welcome.

Word of the Week

symmetry

Definition – When one half of an object is a mirror image of the other half.

Sentence - The butterfly had exactly the same markings on one side as it had on the other. It was symmetrical.

- When we folded the shape in half along the line of symmetry one side exactly matched the other.

Music Moment

Special whole school parade to celebrate music education- Thursday 3rd November 11:35am. All invited to attend.

Music: Count Us In (MCUI) is Australia’s biggest school initiative. In 2015, more than 550,000 students from over 2,100 schools participated nationwide. Music: Count Us In brings teachers, parents, students and the music industry together in celebration of music and music education. In 2016 we celebrate our 10th anniversary! Music: Count Us In exists to advocate for improved access to music education for all students across Australia.

In late 2005, the federally-funded National Review of School Music Education found that most students miss out on meaningful music education in schools. It said that we needed to lift the status of music in schools, to remind teachers, parents, principals, kids and the community about the value and benefits of learning music. Music: Count Us In has a dual purpose – it advocates for music education by promoting and celebrating its value and offers resources and training to teachers to help them deliver music in the classroom.

Decades of research shows that learning music can help students’ self-confidence, self-discipline and team work. It can help students engage in school, can improve school attendance and can even help students make healthy life choices. There are also strong links between music learning and academic skills in literacy and numeracy. Research shows that music is unique in its flow-on benefits to students who learn it.

Peita Sauer, Music Teacher

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the Sandwell Family for their generous donation of sweet potatoes to the school. If any families would like some, please see Chappy Steve in Room 13/14.

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, can you 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.

Tuckshop News

Beat the 2017 back-to-school rush... buy your uniforms today!
Polo shirts $24 - sizes 4 – 24.
Hats $10. We have EFTPOS! (20c transaction fee)
This week’s helpers are – Wednesday 2 November– Dorothy Christensen.
Thursday 3 November – Sherree Jones and Tash Sherratt.
Friday 4 November–Karen Balcombe and Irene Zahn.

Thanks, Michelle Eyre (Convenor)

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.

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

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
4155 5660
24HRS DAY / 7 DAYS WEEK

WEBSITE: www.walkervaless.eq.edu.au
EMAIL: absence@walkervaless.eq.edu.au
SCHOOL PHONE: 07 4155 5666
Some easy to follow tips on how to get along with almost anybody in almost any situation.

17. Don’t Take Things Personally
Often when someone has levied a hurtful comment or look at you, or has simply ignored you, it has nothing to do with you. The person may have other things on his or her mind and not be aware of how he or she is coming across to others. Give each person a second chance.

18. Be Supportive
Whenever possible, offer encouragement and support, kindness and praise. Praise people not only to their faces, but also to the people who are important to them. Give credit to others whenever it is due. If someone asks for your help, give it to him or her, steer him or her toward a more appropriate source, or explain why you cannot help. If someone seems to be struggling, ask if that person wants help. Accept that help may not be wanted. Even when you know that the person is making a mistake, if that person does not want help, don’t press it. Mistakes are inevitable in life.

19. Positive Focus
In thought and conversation, focus on positive things. Rather than focusing on the things that bring you down, focus on things that make you feel good and that shine in a positive light. Cheerful conversation is much less draining than negative conversation.

20. Smile
There’s an old saying that says if you keep a smile on your face till ten o’clock, you’ll smile all day. If you aren’t in a good mood, or aren’t ready to interact, simply wearing a smile can make it so you are. A smile is welcoming to others, and you become more approachable just by showing yours.

Thank you Chipmunks!

Plan a play date!
$5 entry
after 3pm
Mon-Fri
school term
Members special

2 for 1 Entry
*T&C apply
Full price entry only
*Must present voucher
valid 31/12/16

59 Johanna Blvd 4151 4363
Mon-Sat 9am – 5pm Sun 10am – 4pm
Don’t forget your socks!
(including adults supervising toddlers)

Bundaberg Junior Basketball – Come and try!
Bundaberg Junior Basketball offers a special $5 registration (plus $2 a game) for a two week trial! This special is available throughout the season and places are available in all teams. At Bundaberg Basketball teams are based on ability so if you are a beginner you will be placed in a team with similarly skilled players. First games start at 4.20 however new players should arrive at 4 pm so we can put you in the right team. Basketball is played on Friday nights at the courts on Flint Street. All you need is black shorts and sports shoes and if you decide to register as a full time player a singlet will be provided. If you have any questions email juniors@bundybasketball.com.au or just come down on any Friday night and ask a friendly volunteer at the front desk!

Sharon State School P&c
Christmas Cent Sale
at Sharon State School
Saturday 26 November 2016
11:30am Start
$2 Entry (kids free)
 Loads of Raffles, Grocery Items and Fantastic Jackpot Prizes,
Adults and Kids Lucky Door Prizes

Lunch available at Tuckshop from 11.30am
Afternoon Tea Provided

Book a table or for further enquiries
Sharon State School
16 Sharon School Road, Sharon
Ph: 4130 9222