Monday 07 November 2016 (32/2016)

Date Claimers

- Wednesday 9 November – Yr 5/6 Instrumental Music Transition – Kepnock SHS
- Thursday 10 November – Yr 2 History Excursion, 8:45am
- Thursday 10 November – Swimming Carnival for students born 2004 – 2007, 9am – 1pm
- Friday 11 November – Friday afternoon sport concludes – all bus fares to be paid
- Monday 14 Nov – Prep 2017 Information Evening, 5:30pm
- Thursday 17 November – Cultural Concert, Hall, 6:30pm
- Friday 18 November – Library borrowing ceases
- Monday 21 Nov – Bundaberg SHS Yr 5 Enrichment Day
- Monday 21 – Friday 25 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
- Izaiah F
Prep C
- Lucas D
1B
- Jackson A
2A
- Jet W
2C
- Angus M
3B
- Riannon C
4A
- Liarah T
4C
- Isaac J
5B
- Jesse S
6B
- Zayden W
PE
- Kiara C (2C)

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.


Student Discos

More than 350 excited students danced their way through some great music at either the Prep-Yr2 or Yrs 3-6 Discos held last Thursday afternoon and evening. This P&C event was well supported by our students (and parents/carers) who stayed with the Prep-Yr2 students. Special thanks to our P&C and their supporters who assisted with the organising of the canteen, our talented DJ, Mr Kelly, Mr Tilley and the many Teachers and Teacher Aides who assisted with the organising and/or supervision of this event.

Lucky Door Prize Winners

The following students won $20 Smiggle vouchers:

- P-2 disco – Azri T (Yr2) and Alleiya C (Yr1)
- 3-6 disco – Amber R (Yr4) and Leala K (Yr 4)

School Sign Update

Some parents/carers have asked as to why our electronic sign is not being used. The manufacturers of our electronic sign are manufacturing a new sign for us as we had continuing problems with our existing sign. The new electronic sign will be installed as soon as possible.

School Dental Service

The dental van is currently at Walkervale School and is offering treatment for all students whilst the van is at the school.
Medical consent forms have been sent home already. If you haven’t received one please contact the office or the dental van. Please state on the form if you would like to be present for your child’s dental examination, otherwise your child will be collected from class for their examination. A separate consent form will be sent home if treatment is required. The consent form must be returned for your child to receive their treatment. The dental van is positioned near the basketball courts. If your child has a toothache or you have any questions please contact 4303 8059 (office) or 0408 772 976 (van). The dental van is also taking appointments over the December/January holidays.

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.

Office Hours
Please note School Office Hours are from 8:00am – 3:45pm. Students must sit quietly under A Block until Breakfast Club opens, then stay in this area OR in the quadrangle if they arrive to school early.

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.

Class Organisation for 2017
Your child’s current classroom teacher has commenced working to develop class lists for 2017. Teachers will work together with other teachers of the same year level to consider where to best place students for their academic success in 2017. Current classroom teachers complete this task as they know their current students best, together with other teachers from the same year level.

Parents/carers who wish to make a request about the placement of their son or daughter for 2017 should make this request to their current classroom teacher by Tuesday 15 November. Teachers will record these requests and will consider them when developing class lists. While all requests are considered and are met where possible, we cannot guarantee that all requests will be able to be met. Classroom teachers have been reminded that they cannot guarantee a specific placement of any child.

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 or 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

Chess Club News
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. So bring along a friend and have a game of chess this week.

Book Fair 2016
Our School Library will be holding our annual book fair from 21 November to 25 November. We once again will have a great selection of books, which will be great Christmas presents.

Classes will be viewing books on sale, writing a wish list and will have designated purchasing times during this week.

This is a great opportunity for the school to raise funds to buy new books for our library for 2017.

Swimming Times
Students are reminded to be organised and remember their swimming gear. Phone calls for forgotten swimming togs, towel, etc will not be made from the office.

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.

Tuckshop News
If you’d like your child to buy tuckshop for lunch, please write out an order instead of giving the money (especially to the younger children), as I have found that some children are not putting in orders, just purchasing chips and drinks with their lunch money. Remind them to put their order in before school.

This week’s helpers are –
Wednesday 9 November – Karen Balcombe.
Thursday 10 November – Sheree Jones & Irene Zahn.
Friday 11 November – Karen Balcombe & 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 Watkin has been awarded the most points. Congratulations Watkin!

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

Thank you Chipmunks!

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

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

2 for 1 Entry
*T&Cs apply *Valid off Full price entry only
*Must present voucher *Valid 31/12/16

I Can Do It!

For further information
PLEASE VISIT COuCIE’S WEBSITE OR PHONE & CALL CENTRE:
1300 863 679
www.walkervaless.eq.edu.au
1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
For Parents

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers
at Engaging Early Learners – Woondooma Street (Opposite the library)
on Wednesday 16th, 23rd & 30th November 2016
Time: 9:30am – 12:00noon
Childcare Available (Please indicate when registering name & age of child)

Maximum 20 participants!

Learn:
✓ To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
✓ To set clear expectations and help them to develop frustration tolerance
✓ To help children’s brains to develop filters for behaving well
✓ To resolve family conflict quietly
✓ Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent

Registration Fee
This is a free, proactive program being supported by our State Schools to assist in providing additional strategies that arise with the challenges of parenting. With this program, you will receive a workbook and refreshments.

For more information or to register for this course contact Amanda Ericson on 0448 197 075 (between 8:00am – 5:00pm)
SWIMMING CARNIVAL BBQ

THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2016
10AM TO 2PM
LOCATED OUTSIDE THE POOL

MENU

Sausage on Bread (with or without onion) $2.50
Soft drinks $2.50
Water $1.50
Bags of mixed lollies $1.00
Chips $1.00
Cream Buns (Only available at the pool BBQ) $2.00

Please return this section to the office if you are available to help out for an hour at the BBQ on Thursday and a friendly member of the P&C will contact you.

Name:........................................................................

Time available:...................................................................

Phone number:.....................................................................