Monday 28 November 2016 (35/2016)

Date Claimers

- Tuesday 29 November – Year 6 HRE sessions-classrooms
- Tuesday 29 November – Surf Life Saving Presentation-Hall
- Wednesday 30 November – Prep/Year 1 excursion refund forms due
- Thursday 1 December – Year 6, 2017 Camp Deposit Due
- Thursday 1 December – Choir students break-up in Music Room - 11:00am-12:30pm
- Friday 2 December – Last day for student banking
- Friday 2 December – LAST DAY FOR TUCKSHOP
- Friday 2 December – Christmas raffle tickets & money due
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- Friday 2 December – Swimming lessons conclude
- Tuesday 6 December – End of Year Family BBQ
- Thursday 8 December – Book Pack order forms due at school
- 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
- Thursday 26 Jan 2017 – Australia Day Public Holiday

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: Ciara C
Prep B: Elisha R
Prep C: Elise V
1A: Patrick R
1B: Tia N
1C: Anzac G
2A: Mia D
2B: Angel M
2C: Alexis B
3A: Andee S
3B: Dulcie-Ann F
4A: Nina J
4B: Matthew S
4C: Chesney W
5A: Jett P
5B: Tyler H
6A: Kye L
6B: Bella B
Music: Chelsey D (2A)

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 B: Blake K, Declan L, Faith P.
Prep C: Elle F.
2A: Landen B, Serryna K, Mikayla M.
2B: Mia D, Ruben W.
3A: Mia A, Ethan C.
4B: Tristan M, Ryan M, Abby S, Cyle S, Madison V, Riley W.
4C: Brooke T.
6A: Elle H, Phillip L, Jakob M, Charley T.

Aussies Of The Month

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

- PREP A – ZULEYHA H – Zuleyha is always a kind, helpful and friendly student who is always trying her best to be a safe, respectful and responsible learner.
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- 1C – ALESSANDRA D – Alessandra is a confident and persistent learner who is always striving to do her best. Every morning she greets her teachers and friends with a happy smile and then she organises her desk so she’s reading for learning. At carpet time Alessandra always shows her best whole body listening and puts her hand up to speak in class discussions. She gets along well with her peers because she treats others with kindness and respect.
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- 2B – ZOEY A – Zoey is a treasured member of our class. She consistently works well with others in a caring, respectful and helpful way. Zoey is a hardworking and organised student who always strives to do her best. She wears her uniform proudly and is a role model for other students at Walkervale.
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Together we achieve the extraordinary.
3C – MADISON P – Madison has an enthusiastic approach towards her learning and for making an impressive effort to apply herself in all areas of the curriculum. Madison is a responsible student who can be depended on and when she is faced with challenges, she displays resilience and persistence. Madison works to the best of her ability whilst always being willing to help others in need. She is a wonderful asset to the classroom.

4A – EMILY H – Emily has demonstrated that she is an organised student. She arrives to the classroom early to organise her desk, equipment and homework. She also willingly helps others to be more prepared for the day ahead. Emily has displayed great persistence with her reading and maths work this year. She has worked hard to achieve her goals by doing some extra practice at home. As a result, her confidence in these and other areas has continually improved. Emily constantly displays the skills of getting along with others and is a valued member of the class. She always follows Walkervale’s ‘Cool Rules’ and shows respect to her peers, teachers and adults. Emily wears her school uniform with pride each and every day. Congratulations Emily on achieving ‘Aussie of the Month’.

5B – CHEYENNE T – Cheyenne is a wonderful asset to Walkervale State School. Cheyenne is always organised for learning activities and is keen to participate in any lessons. Cheyenne shows persistence during subjects she finds difficult – this displays true resilience. Cheyenne helps others and is always friendly to others. Well done, Cheyenne!

6B – AJAY W – Ajay is a respectful, responsible and hardworking student who always tries his best! He displays all five of Walkervale’s ‘Keys to Success’ and consistently follows the PBL Cool Rules. Ajay’s friendly and caring personality has enabled him to get along with students and teachers across the school. A great example of this is his wonderful work with Ms Sakjo and the younger members of the Gardening Club. Ajay is developing into a confident and resilient student, and he is very deserving of this award. Well done, Ajay!

School Dental Service - UPDATE
The dental van will be closed from Friday 2 December until Monday 9 January 2017. Please contact the dental van on 0408 772 976 or school dental admin on 4303 8059 if you’d like to make an appointment over the school holidays for your child’s check up or to continue their treatment. Thank you.

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 SUN SAFE

With the end of Term fast approaching students are really focusing on following our fortnightly Cool Rules to help them to Celebration Day. Achieving a Bronze certificate (40 Gotchas) receives a Paddle Pop ice-cream, a Silver certificate (80 Gotchas) receives an entry into the activity extravaganza, and a Gold certificate (120 Gotchas) receives an entry into Wet n Wild at Walkervale. What a line-up of fun! To fit all these exciting activities into one day was impossible, so we have stretched the celebration over week 10 of Term 4, the 5th-8th December. Children who have reached Bronze will receive their Paddle Pops on the Monday. Tuesday will see our activity extravaganza take place for children who have reached Silver.

Students in grade 1 to 5 who have reached Gold will participate in Wet ‘n’ Wild at Walkervale on Wednesday. Prep and Year 6 will have their Wet n Wild at Walkervale on Thursday. Remember the easiest Gotcha to receive is the one for being at school by 9am!

Leaving Walkervale?
Planning for classes in 2017 is now underway. 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.

Unexplained Absences
Parents/Caregivers are reminded to notify us when students are absent from school. We would like to reduce the number of unexplained absences as much as possible appearing on report cards. Please remember the various options available to notify the school of student absences.
Web: www.walkervales.qld.edu.au
Email: absence@walkervales.qld.edu.au
Absence line: 07 4155 5660 (24 hour line)
School phone: 07 4155 5666 (business hours)
Alternatively, you can send a note into the school office when your child returns to school.

Book Lists-Note for Parents/Caregivers
Each year the P&C offer parents the opportunity of having the convenience of book packs prepared for them. This service is not only a convenience to parents but it is also a major fundraiser for the P&C. However, it is not compulsory to participate in this fundraising venture. Book Lists and order forms for book packs were sent home previously. If you wish to take advantage of this service, orders for book packs will need to be returned to the school office by Thursday 8 December or directly to AASTAT by Monday, 19 December 2016. Payment is not required with the order. You may pay by Cash, EFTPOS, Cheque or use AASTAT’s Layby system to pay off the pack over the holidays.
Book packs will be available for pickup from AASTAT (13b Electra Street, Bundaberg) on either Sunday 8 January or Friday, 20 January 2017.
THE P&C ASSOCIATION WILL AGAIN OFFER 2 X $30 FUEL VOUCHER PRIZES TO FAMILIES WHO PLACE A BOOK PACK ORDER WITH AASTAT BY THE DUE DATE. VOUCHERS WILL BE DRAWN AT THE START OF SCHOOL NEXT YEAR.

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

Prep/Year 1 Fame Musical Excursion
Parents/Caregivers who paid for the Fame Musical to Moncrieff Theatre were issued with a ’Request for Refund’ form. Parents/Caregivers are reminded to complete this form and return to the school office as soon as possible, but no later than 30 November, so refunds or credit balances can be processed.
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.

Surf Lifesaving will be visiting Walkervale to present their annual Surf Life Saving presentations.
When: Tuesday 29 November Where: Hall
Time: (Prep to 3) 11.35am – 12pm
(4-6) 12.05 – 1pm

Chess Club for 2016 ends this week
The final Chess Club for 2016 with Mr Menham and Mr Bond will take place at the usual time of 11:05am on Wednesday in the Innovation Centre room. Mr Bond and all of Walkervale’s chess players would like to thank Mr Allan Menham for his ongoing dedicated support of Chess Club at our school. This is greatly appreciated by us all.

Tuckshop News
This is the last week of Tuckshop for 2016. Tuckshop re-opens on Wednesday 25 January 2017. We will also be open to sell uniforms on Wednesday 18 January – Friday 20 January from 8am – 3pm. As it is the last week, some items will be sold out. Please check at tuckshop when you hand in your order.
Helpers are:
Wednesday 30 November – Dorothy Christensen.
Thursday 1 December – Irene Zahn.
Friday 2 December – Karen Balcombe & Irene Zahn.
Thanks, Michelle Eyre (Convenor)

Camp Australia providing Before/After School Care
Camp Australia provide a before/after school and vacation care service. Information and links have been included on our Facebook page. For bookings:


Music News
All instruments are due NOW, please drop instruments off at the office.

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!

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

Food for thought
If I had to use one word for this time of the year it would have to be “Exhausting”. Staff, students and parents alike are all feeling the pressures that this time of year brings: we have had assessments, reports and perhaps the start of numerous social engagements and almost no time to rest.

PLEASE NOTE – THIS WEEK WILL BE THE LAST WEEK FOR BREAKFAST CLUB.

Stay safe over the Christmas period and I am looking forward to a great 2017 with Walkervale families.

Chappy Steve

Gotcha!

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

2 for 1
Entry
*T&Cs apply *Valid off 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)
When: April to September
Where: Bundaberg Superpark Netball Complex, Enid Ethel Drive, Kensington (out near the airport)
Game Times:
• Division 11 & 12 (8-10yrs) Wednesday 5:15pm – 6:15pm
• Division 1 & 2 Wednesday 6:30pm onwards
• Division 3-10 Saturday 2:30pm onwards

For further information and to join a club:
Alloway Netball Club, Lyn Newport, 4152 8298, allowaynetballclub@outlook.com
Blazers Netball Club, Debbie Corrigan, 0428 910 691 debbiecorrigan@live.com
Brothers Netball Club, Jodie Brooks, 0432 121 791 brothersnetballclub@gmail.com
Natives Netball Club, Kellie Hansen, 0419 763 796 nativesnetball@gmail.com
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