Monday 05 December 2016 (36/2016)

Date Claimers

- **Tuesday 6 December** – End of Year Family BBQ
- **Wednesday 7 December** – Yr 6 Bundaberg SHS & Kepnock SHS Transition Day
- **Wed 7 & Thurs 8 Dec** – Lost Property on display, A Block
- **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
- **Wednesday 18 – Friday 20 January 2017** - Tuckshop Open for uniform sales, 8am – 3pm
- **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.

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**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.

1B: Telisha A, Mia B, Elissa B, Aidan E, Hannah-Lee H, Jacob L, Isaac L, Liam M.
2C: Lana E, Blayde R, Indianna R, Will S, Liam V.
6B: Quinlyn A, Makayla D, Cooper S.

**Class Organisation 2017**

Prep A  Ms Natalie Chase
Prep B  Miss Kylie Coles/Mrs Jaimea Collins
Prep C  Mrs Kylie Heycox/TBC
1A  Mrs Joanne Robinson/Mrs Sharyn Batt
1B  Mrs Elizabeth Ridge
1/2C  Mrs Emily Atkinson
2A  Ms Kathy Steindl
2B  Mrs Nicole Harvey
2/3D  Ms Deb Sajko
3A  Ms Kate Cook
3B  Mrs Wendy Driver
4A  Mrs Jodie Hack
4B  Mr Julian Bond
4C  Mrs Donna Watton/Mrs Cheryl Hazelwood
5A  Mr John McKenzie
5B  TBC
6A  Mrs Deb Anderson
6B  Mrs Erin Batterham

**Farewells**

We have some staff leaving us at the end of this year, or finishing extended contracts at our school.

Our Facilities Officer, **Mr Tony Tilley**, is commencing leave prior to retirement. Mr Tilley has cared for our grounds and facilities for many years since commencing at Walkervale in 2004. We wish him all the best for his impending retirement. Mr Jason Love will take on the role of Facilities Officer until the position can be filled permanently.

**Mr Allen Bergman**, a member of our fantastic cleaning team, will be commencing leave with a view to retiring in 2017. He has worked at Walkervale since 1987. We wish him all the best. Mr Bergman has kept our buildings and pool clean for many years. We wish him the best as he transitions toward retirement.

We would like to acknowledge the work done by both **Ms Stefanie Rehein** and **Mr Damon Crook** who have been working on long term teaching contracts at Walkervale. Ms Rehein has worked with the students of Yr 3B and Mr Crook has worked with the students of Yr 4C for this year. Both Ms
Rehbein and Mr Crook have worked hard to provide their students with the best opportunities to learn and achieve their best. At this stage it is uncertain as to whether Ms Rehbein and/or Mr Crook will be continuing at Walkervale in 2017. We wish them both all the best for 2017.

Thank you Ms Carly Naughton (Yr 3C) for keeping the students of Year 3C on track and achieving their best. Ms Naughton has accepted a contract at Bundaberg Special School for Semester 1, 2017.

We also wish Mrs Benita Wake all the best as she finishes her contract in Prep A at the end of this year. Mrs Wake has worked with the students of Prep A since Mrs Hodge started her leave this year. We welcome Ms Natalie Chase as the new teacher for Prep A for 2017 while Mrs Hodge continues her leave.

We also wish to thank Mr Ken Jarman who has worked as an additional support to our Yr 5 and Yr 6 classes. The support Mr Jarman has provided to both Yr 5 and Yr 6 teachers and students has been appreciated.

Ms Belinda Worrad and Ms Melissa Barritt have been working as temporary teacher aides for a significant length of time during 2016. Thank you both for your contribution to our school.

There have also been many other teachers, teacher aides and cleaners who have worked for short term contracts throughout the year and have made a positive contribution to our school. We thank you also for working towards ensuring Walkervale State School continues to be a safe, supportive learning environment with high expectations for all.

We are still awaiting confirmation of the staff who will work with Mrs Heycox (Prep C, 1 day/week) and for Yr 5 for 2017.

**Year 6 Graduation**

The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will be held on Friday 9 December at 9:30am, here in the school hall. Year 6 students are required to wear full school uniform for this ceremony. Students have the option to wear their Senior Shirt. All Year 6 students will need to be seated in their designated areas before 9:30am. Parents, Grandparents and their friends are welcome to attend.

Please return LIBRARY BOOKS!
The Library still has well over 100 student loaned books not returned. Could you please check if your child has a library or reading book at home, clearly identifiable by the barcode on the back and inside the front cover, and have the book/books returned as soon as possible this week. Failure to return books to the school which have been borrowed, incurs a $15.00 replacement cost.

**Our Cool Rule**

This week, ROCKY says: **BE SUN SAFE**

**Non-Uniform Day**
The last day of term, Friday 9 December, will be a non-uniform day for students. Please remind your children that sunsafe clothing is required. No thongs, singlets etc. **No coin collection will be taken on this day.**

**Student Medication**
If you have children taking medication, please make sure that it is collected on the last day of school. **WE ARE NOT HOLDING MEDICATION OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD.** Also for those students who will have ongoing medication needs, a new form must be completed in 2017 before any medication can be administered.

**Lost Property**
Lost Property will be on display under A Block this Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8 December. A quantity of jewellery, wallets, watches etc. is also located at the office if you would like to provide a description.

**School Grounds Over Vacation Period**
Please remember that the school grounds will be closed over the vacation period and that nobody should be near any section of the school unless prior permission has been granted by the Principal.

**Help Keep an Eye on Our School this Holiday**
If you’re passing Walkervale State School out of hours or during the holidays, please look; listen; and report any suspicious activity. Phone School Watch on 131 788 or the Bundaberg Police on 4153 9111.

**Break-Up Day Arrangements**
Break-up day this Friday is a day for Walkervale Primary students. No secondary school age students should attend on this day unless accompanied and supervised by their parents.

All students are reminded that normal school rules apply on Friday. Misbehaviour will not be tolerated on this day.

**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.

**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/walkervaleless

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

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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 (walkervaleless.eq.edu.au). We are excited to welcome the Prep students who have already enrolled.
Tuckshop News
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.
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: www.campaustralia.com.au or 1300 105 343.

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

What’s On

TEENI4S HOLIDAY CLINIC
for children, will be conducted at Rotary Park Tennis complex, 69b George Street, SOUTH BUNDABERG by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Coaches, Murray Whitbread and Kevin Banner - Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th January 2017 - Times: 8.30am - 10am or 10am - 11.30am (Junior Beginners 5-12 years); 8.30am – 11.30am (Beginners/Intermediate Beginners); 2.00pm - 4.30pm (High School/Intermediate/Advanced). Enquiries please phone Kevin: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753. Bookings are Essential!
Habits of the Mind
Come for a day, every day or anything in between

SENSATIONAL SUMMER
HOLIDAY FUN

AT WALKERVALE STATE SCHOOL, BUNDABERG

Join in the fun of the Sensational Summer these school holidays at the Walkervale State School, Bundaberg holiday program!

- Fun for primary school aged children, each day over the school holiday period.
- Including a variety of Club Based Days (in-program theme days), Incursions (extra special activity in house at the program) and Excursions (to popular local destinations)
- Come for one day, every day or anything in between
- Save 50% or more on program costs with government rebates

To view what's on and to book, visit us at www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayfun