Monday 30 January 2017 (01/2017)

Date Claimers
- Friday 3 February – Student Banking recommences
- Wed 15 – Fri 17 February – Year 6 Camp

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

Positive Start to Term One 2017

Last Monday, we welcomed students as they arrived for the first day of school. Our many returning Walkervale students together with our new Prep students settled into their classes quickly by their class teachers and teacher aides.

Teachers spent a significant amount of time last week teaching students the classroom routines and expectations as well as our Cool Rule for the first two weeks ‘Follow Instructions.’

Staff News

We welcomed Ms Natalie Chase to our staff as our Prep A teacher. Ms Chase was able to visit Walkervale on two occasions last year to support a smooth transition to our school.

Mrs Donna Watton (Monday/Tuesday and alternate Fridays) and Mrs Cheryl Hazelwood (Wednesday/Thursday and alternate Fridays) are teaching Yr 4C. Both Mrs Watton and Mrs Hazelwood have worked at our school on support programs over the recent years.

Mr Damon Crook is continuing at Walkervale as classroom teacher for Yr 5B after working in Yr 4C last year. He is replacing Mrs Maree Barrink who is on leave for most of 2017. Mrs Barrink is working in a support role for weeks 3-8 of term one.

Mrs Naomi Shield (Acting Deputy Principal) and Ms Veronica Walker (Acting Head of Inclusion) are continuing in their roles replacing Mrs Jenny Bisley (Regional Curriculum Manager) and Ms Leesa Turnbull (Head of Special Education) as they continue in their current roles.

Mr Jason Love is working as our Facilities Officer replacing Mr Tony Tilley who is on leave prior to retiring. Mr Love has worked as a cleaner at our school previously.

We farewelled cleaner Allen Bergman at the end of the 2016 school year as he commenced leave before retirement. He has been replaced by Mr Richard Williams. Mr Barry Draganaitis has also joined the cleaning team.

Mrs Julie Mason commenced her retirement at the start of the new school year. Julie has worked at Walkervale for 3 ½ years and has made a significant contribution to our school. We wish her the very best in her retirement.

Ms Charlotte Geunther (LOTE) is currently on leave and is expected to return on Monday 6 February. Mrs Lorraine Hodge is on leave for 2017.

Attendance goal: 94% or better

Many of our classroom teachers were very happy to have 100% attendance in their classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday last week. Unfortunately, with the Australia Day Holiday our attendance dropped with 25 students absent from school.

Please ensure that you give your child the very best chance to learn and achieve their potential by supporting their attendance each and every day. A lost day of learning at school is lost forever.

Our uniforms look great!

Thank you to every parent and carer who has made sure that their son/daughter has the full school uniform. Our students looked very smart and a part of our school as they arrived each day last week in their correct uniform.

Walkervale t-shirts ($24) and Walkervale bucket hats ($10) are available from our tuckshop each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Remember, our school uniform requires black shoes (sports shoes or leather/vinyl traditional style school shoes). When your child’s shoes need replacing, please remember to buy those black shoes.

Cool Rule

**Our Cool Rule**

This week, ROCKY says:

**FOLLOW DIRECTIONS**
**No parking in School Grounds**

Parents and carers are reminded that there is **NO PARKING** permitted in our school grounds. Our back gates will be locked in the afternoons to prevent parents/carers accessing our school grounds in an effort to keep our students safe as they leave at 3:00pm.

Also remember:
- Teach your children to use the supervised crossings correctly.
- Observe 40 km/h speed limit each morning and afternoon.
- Park legally in the streets around our school grounds.
- Be considerate of neighbours. Running your engine for a significant length of time can be annoying for neighbours due to engine noise and fumes.

**Parade - Monday from 2:00pm**

Our weekly Parade will be held each Monday from 2:00pm (Prep-Year 3) and 2:30pm (Years 4-6). Parents/carers are always welcome and are encouraged to attend as we recognise and celebrate the achievements of our students.

**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.

For more information, go to www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/atod/tobacco-laws/schools/default.asp

**No hat – Play in the Shade**

Our school is a SUNSMART school and we work to reduce the damaging and harmful effects of the sun upon our students. As a part of this commitment to good practice, **it is a school rule that all students must wear a maroon Walkervale bucket hat when they are playing outside. Students without a hat are expected to sit/play under a roofed or shaded area**. Staff members are also expected to model this behaviour by wearing a hat when on playground duty.

**Absences**

If your child is absent from school, it is preferable if you contact us on the day of your child's absence if possible. The student absence line is available 24/7 and is 4155 5660. Alternatively, you can email us at absence@walkervaless.eq.edu.au or register the absence on our website – www.walkervaless.eq.edu.au or simply phone through on 4155 5660.

**Every Day Counts**

Please work hard to ensure that your son/daughter attends school each and every day. The Education Act and Regulations require students to attend each and every day unless they are sick or have a doctor/dentist appointment.

Visiting relatives, birthdays and shopping days are not reasons to miss a day of learning. If your child misses a day of school that day is lost forever. They cannot attend on the weekend to catch up on the learning that they have missed.

**Remember, Every Day Counts!**

**Booklists**

If your child still needs book list items, these can be sourced from any supplier. AASTAT, opposite Hinkler Central in Electra Street, can supply some or all of our school requirements.

**Enrolments**

If you know of any students proposing to enrol at our school in the future, please encourage them to do that by Friday this week if possible. The number of students enrolled at this time informs our total teacher numbers of Teacher Aide hours, general and special ed office hours and Investing for success funding and general school grant.

**Arrival at school**

All students must be present for the 8:50am roll marking. If students arrive anytime after **9:00am**, they will need to collect a late slip from the office. **Children should not arrive at school before 8:25am wherever possible.** All children are encouraged to attend school regularly. The "preparation bell" sounds at 8:45am when children are to go to their classrooms. A bell at 8:50am signifies roll marking and a bell at 8:55am signifies the start to the school day. If children need to leave school early for appointments etc. an early departure slip is required from the office. If students are going to an appointment during the day and returning, they must be collected from the office and signed in and out. Students arriving at school before 8:15am must go to the Yr 4/5/6 eating area and remain until the 8:25am bell sounds.

**Awards**

Student of the Week awards will begin from next week with one award per class being presented each Monday. Aussie of the Month awards (one per year level) will also be presented each month. These awards are presented to students who exhibit the You Can Do It! Behaviours and continued adherence to our school motto – "Always Do Your Best".

**Welcome back to Walkervale**

As we return to Walkervale for a new school year, it is great to see so many new faces. Welcome to our new Prep students and families and to those students who are moving to Walkervale from other schools this year, you have chosen a wonderful school to start or continue your child’s education in. So great to see all the familiar faces back too.

Behind the scenes, our wonderful teachers and other support staff have been making every preparation to get the school ready for us. I would like to thank them for their tireless effort. At Walkervale SS, there are many opportunities to contribute to help your child’s education

- By attending P&C meetings and events (Meetings held every 3rd Monday @ 3:15pm)
- Volunteering in the Tuckshop (Wednesday, Thursday or Friday)
- In the classroom or on excursions
- Busy Bees and sporting events

This is to name a few. By volunteering your time, you will be enhancing your experience in our school, our student’s experience and strengthen our school’s sense of community. I encourage you all to come along and meet the P&C and see what your contribution can bring to your child’s education. As President of Walkervale SS P&C, I am excited at the prospect of opportunities and challenges that 2017 will bring and look forward to working with you all over this fantastic year.

Charise Sell, P&C President

**Music Moment**

Welcome back! Choir rehearsals began today, and will be running a little differently this year. Junior Choir (Tues 11:05) will now involve students in Years 1, 2 & 3. Senior Choir (Wed 11:05) will consist of students in Years 4, 5 & 6. Walkervale Sings Performance Choir (Mon 11:05) will begin with students who successfully complete an audition, in Years 3 - 6. If your child is interested in joining choir, they may attend rehearsal and find out more information, or come and find me in the music room anytime!

Mrs Sauer, Music Teacher
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 commenced.

Chess Club
Weekly Chess Club lessons with Mr Menham will recommence on Wednesday this week at first break, after the play bell. Chess games / lessons will be held in the Innovation Centre. Mr Bond will also be there to supervise students.

Insurance Cover for students undertaking physical activities
Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and Employment (DET) does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students. Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver. It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.

School Grounds
Children may not leave the grounds to go home for lunch or leave the school grounds to purchase lunch.

Home/School Communication
There are a number of ways you can be kept informed about what is happening at your school. One of the most important means of communication is this newsletter which will be sent home each MONDAY with the eldest child in the family. Please look for the News and Views and take a few minutes to read it each week. The newsletter is also available from our school website: https://walkervaless.eq.edu.au. There will also be letters sent home occasionally with individual students or class groups, some of which will require a response from home.


The last and most obvious way to keep informed about what your child has been doing at school is to talk to them and to be positive and interested about what they have been doing. This type of support is invaluable. Please also keep in close contact with class teachers and support their efforts. Each teacher will be holding a meeting for parents in the first four weeks of school to provide some information about planning for the year, routines and expectations. Through the continued development of worthwhile partnerships, our school will continue to move from strength to strength. As our vision statement suggests, “Together we achieve the Extraordinary.” Parents play a key part in this very important partnership.

Belongings
A reminder to parents that ALL ITEMS including hats, lunchboxes, school supplies must be named. The lost property is located under A Block, so please check this from time to time.

Medication During School Hours
At times it is necessary for children under doctor’s instructions to take medication during school hours. We are aware of this need, and are willing to assist you in this situation. For the safety of the child, it is of utmost importance that the medication form (available from the office) is completed in full or a written request detailing similar information be received. All medication will be administered by a person authorised by the Principal. Unless advice is received of the existence of special circumstances, this request will be valid until the set course of medication is completed. Special exemption is allowed for Ventolin administered by the child. All prescribed medication needs to be sent in with chemist label attached. The dosage we give must match that on the label. Over-the-counter medications (paracetamol, etc) Schools are required to receive medical authorisation from a prescribing health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist, optometrist, but NOT a pharmacist) to administer ANY medication to students, including those bought over-the-counter.

Mobile Phone Usage
Mobile phones are not to be used during school time under any circumstances and must be turned off during school hours and handed into class teachers or the school office. The use of camera mobile phones to take any images is strictly prohibited. Should students need to contact parents urgently for a worthwhile reason, a phone call may be arranged through the school office for a small cost, at the discretion of school staff. No responsibility will be taken by Walkervale School for lost or stolen units.

Cash Collection
For any cash payments you make to the school, please drop payment envelopes into the cash collection slot in the office. Please ensure you include your child’s name and payment details on the front of the envelope. Payment envelopes will be sent home in coming weeks for school fees and religious instruction. Alternatively, payments for school invoices can be made by Eftpos, BPay or BPoint. Details will be provided on the invoice.

Tuckshop News
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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.

Before and after school care costs start from only $2.54 per session (100% CCB). Morning session is from 6:30am – 8:50am. Also from only $3.91 for the afternoon session (3:00pm – 6:00pm). Call 0438 428 701 for more information.

Netball Sign On - Want to join our Brothers Netball Family this year? We are now accepting registrations for the 2017 season. We are extending invitations to anyone 8 years and over who would love to have fun and make friends playing netball. Head over to our website at www.brothersbundaberg.qld.netball.com.au Here you will find the online registration form. We will be holding a “sign on / uniform try on day” on Sunday 5 February in the Shamrock room at the Brothers Sports Club from 10am until 2pm. On this day you will be able to try on a uniform to ensure you get the correct sizing and also order your uniform. If you have any questions please email us at brothersnetballclub@gmail.com

Alloway Football Club Inc. is looking for boys or girls aged 5-12 years wanting to play football (soccer) in 2017. Beginners or experienced players are welcome. Trainings are on a Thursday afternoon from 4pm at St Luke’s Anglican School starting on the 16th February, 2017 and games are on a Saturday at Football Bundaberg. Junior sign on for members is at the Melbourne Hotel on Sunday 12th February from 9am - 12pm or register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au. Any problems please contact our registrar, Dee Peever, on 0428 030 583.
A Free workshop (Labrador, Gold Coast) for all cancer warrior women on their journey that might need a little TLC for their hair, face and skin. This is a nourishing day but also a day where we can share some of our tips and tricks such as fabulous Turban Tying, Making your own natural moisturises and some Old Hollywood Glamour Makeup tips to try.

Email to register: lindycharmschool@gmail.com or call me if you need: 0409 727 888.

Getting involved in school - some ideas

- meet your child’s teacher
- visit the school
- go to parent-teacher interviews
- assist the P&C
- help in classrooms
- get to know more about your school
- read the school rules and policies
- volunteer your time and talents
- attend school events
- have fun

Bundaberg Cricket MILO T20 BLAST

When: Thursday 9th February (8 week program)
Where: Salter Oval, Tondmin St, Bundaberg 4670
Time: 4pm-5.30pm
Cost: $99 includes insurance, hat, shirt, bag and MILO
Contact: Paul Trace paul.trace@cricket.com.au or 0409476320
Register today at www.playcricket.com.au and search postcode 4670

Free Pamper Day for Women affected by Cancer

Friday 24th February 2017
11am - 1pm
Labrador Community Hub - Email Chris to register, Lindycharmschool@gmail.com

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A Place on the Field for Everyone

Sign up today!

- Touch Football is a fun game providing a great social environment for both boys and girls.
- Competitions for all ages and skill levels.
- Touch football is a great, minimal contact sport to get kids active and meet new friends.
- Mid-week and after hours’ games will keep your weekends free.
- Join the NRL family - develop skills that support other sporting interests.
- Representative pathways that lead to clubs, states or even national honours.
- Catering for individuals or as a team - A place on the tent for everyone.

Team/Player Registrations OPEN NOW

Juniors, Premier, Masters, Mixed and Women

Competition dates 16th February 2017 – 20th June 2017 (Grand Final)

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