Monday 13 February 2017 (03/2017)

Date Claimers
- Wed 15 – Fri 17 February – Year 6 Camp
- Friday 17 February – Prep Newsmail Photos, 9:30am
- Friday 17 February – Yr 6 Senior Shirt Money due
- Monday 20 February – School Leaders Induction, 2:00pm
- Monday 20 February – Swimming Lessons commence
- Friday 24 February – Friday afternoon sport commences
- Monday 27 February – P&C AGM, Staffroom, 3:15pm

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
- Jasmine H

Prep B
- Indi B

Prep C
- Madelin D
- 1A
- Charlie-Rose U

1B
- Ebony L
- 1/2C
- Rayden V

1/2C
- Anzac G
- 2A
- Alessandra D

2/3D
- Decoda F
- 3A
- Dianne B

3B
- Chelsey D
- 4A
- Blake G

4B
- Zoe W
- 4C
- Nicholas M

5A
- Katrina K
- 5B
- Miles B

6A
- Tammy-Ly C
- 6B
- Narie M

Music
- Kanan B (5A)
- Phys Ed
- Walker B (2A)

Attendance – Congratulations!
It has been great to see so many classes working towards a goal of 100% attendance.
Standout classes have been Prep A, Prep B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 6B. All of these classes are above 94% attendance. Congratulations!!

Please cross safely!
Last Thursday afternoon I received a phone call from a member of the public whose husband had just narrowly missed hitting one of our Walkervale students. This occurred near Flippers Takeaway and involved three students (one on a bike) crossing the road with an adult male following them. The driver of the car arrived home very distressed and concerned that children were not using the supervised crossing.
Please ensure that your child/ren use the supervised crossing when walking to/from school.
Please MODEL the correct and safe way to cross the road at these crossings.

Back Gate Closed
The back gate will be closed in the afternoons to stop parents/carers driving into and parking in our grounds. Only authorised vehicles are permitted to access our grounds.

Leaders’ Induction Ceremony – New Date
Our Leaders’ Induction Ceremony has been moved to Monday 20 February 2017 in the Hall at 2pm.

Class Information Sessions
Class teachers will soon be contacting parents about their Class Information Session. This is an important opportunity for parents/carers and class teachers to start building the positive relationship between home and school that will see your son/daughter achieve their best.
Please make the time to attend this information session and also start to build a positive relationship with your child’s class teacher. If you are unable to attend, contact your child’s class teacher and ask for
an opportunity to meet with them to discuss your son/daughter’s progress.

**Lunchtime Aquatic Activities**
Many of our upper school students are participating in the lunchtime aquatic activities that have been organised by Mr Mac with support for supervision from Mr Kelly and Mr Johnson (Mr J).

Students complete their aquatic activities before hopping out of the pool and getting changed quickly to have their lunch before returning to class for the middle session.

**Submission for Shade**
Following the removal of several dangerous trees in our Yr 2/3 Eating Area and the need for additional shade in the Yr 1 Playground Area, we have applied for funding through the Gambling Benefit Fund for shade covers for both of these areas as well as security pathway lighting from our car park to the hall. We expect to hear the result of our application in April.

**Facilities Maintenance- Painting**
Block A is in the process of having an external repaint. It is expected that this maintenance project will be completed over the next few weeks. The project includes repainting of all external surfaces and the undercover areas.

**Chinese New Year – Dragons and Lions visit**
Walkervale State School was host to the students of Burnett Heads State School and their supervising teacher, Mr Trevor Standfast, as they shared with our students some of the traditions behind Chinese New Year celebrations and the lions and dragon.

**Cool Rule**
This week, ROCKY says:

**KEEP HANDS & FEET TO OURSELVES**

**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.

**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 5666.

**School Leaders Induction Ceremony**
Next Monday 20 February at 2:00pm in our hall, we will be inducting our 2017 School Leaders. Positions appointed include:
School Leaders, Sporting Leaders

Parents, friends and community members are invited to join us for this ceremony.

**Chess Club**
Weekly Chess Club continues with Mr Menham on Wednesday this week at first break, after the play bell. Chess games / lessons are held in the Innovation Centre. Mr Bond will also be there to supervise students. So bring a friend along and enjoy a fun game of chess.

**Inter-School Sport**
Students in Year 4, 5 & 6 will participate in Friday Afternoon Inter-School sport from Friday 24 February – Friday 24 March. Children have been able to select from Hockey, Tennis, AFL or Soccer.

It is anticipated all students will participate in Inter-School sport as it develops co-operation, team work, sportsmanship and skills. Thank you to Mr Kelly who spent a large amount of time maximising participation, organising transportation and developing our students’ skills. It is an expectation that children are on their best behaviour at sport. Poor behaviour displayed will result in the student unable to attend sport.

**Application for Exemption for Students not attending School for more than 2 Weeks**
The Education Act and Regulations require students to attend school each and every day unless they are sick or have a doctor/dentist appointment. However, there may be occasions when families would like to take their child out of school for an extended period (eg family holiday) or if their child is on extended sick leave (eg operation). In these instances, parents/carers must complete an Application for Exemption form (available from the office or on our Website) and submit it to the Principal for consideration prior to commencing the leave. The Principal will consider the Application for Exemption (Part A) via the information provided and make a determination as to whether the exemption is approved or amended. This form must be completed for any period exceeding two (2) school weeks.
NAPLAN

Students in years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN testing this year from 9 May – 11 May 2017. Below is an example of a NAPLAN Numeracy question for each of the year levels involved (Years 3 & 5. These questions were taken directly from a previous NAPLAN Tests.

**Year 3**

Here are some cherries.

Which of these shows one way to work out the total number of cherries?

- $2 + 2 + 2$
- $1 + 3$
- $3 + 3 + 3$

**Year 5**

Bill rolled a number on a dice.
The number was odd and less than 5.
Which of these numbers could Bill have rolled?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

Spare Clothes

From time to time, students will need a change of shirt/shorts for toileting accidents, split food etc. Please ensure that you have a spare set of clothes in your child’s bag.

Tuckshop News

Please remind your child to put their order in to tuckshop before 9 am. We work on a bag system, so there usually isn’t any ‘spare’ food to purchase at lunch times, it must all be ordered in the morning. Paper bags can be purchased from us for 5c each.

Our helpers are: Wednesday 15 February - Dorothy Christensen and Carolyn Griffin.
Thursday 16 February – Irene Zahn and Sherree Jones.
Friday 17 February- Karen Balcombe and Carolyn Griffin.

Michelle Eyre (Convenor)

ICY CUP SALES

A big thank you to all the students, parents, teachers and friends that purchased an icy cup or 3, during term 4, 2016 and a thank you in advance for your continued support during term 1, 2017. All profits raised by the P&C from the icy cup sales, is to help the students and parents of Year 6 to attend their camp each year. Year 6 camp is a valuable and fun experience for all students.

This year Walkervale SS P&C have donated $750 to the 2017 Year 6 Camp. We hope all students have the chance to attend and enjoy the experience.

DO NOT FORGET!!
The sale of icy cups started back in Week 3, 3pm every Friday afternoon, from the Tuckshop. Only 50c each.

If you are available to help with the selling of our icy cups (Friday afternoon 2:50pm to 3:20pm) or making them (usually Monday or Tuesday morning), please leave your name and number with the ladies at the office and a member of the P&C will be in contact with you.

CUPS NEEDED - CORDIAL NEEDED - Green Coola, Raspberry, SARS, Orange. Please leave at the office or Tuckshop. Thank you

Charise Sel, P&C President

Religious Instruction Permission Notes

Year 1-6 students received permission notes for Religious Instruction last week. Please return these forms to the office NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY. Religious Instruction classes are due to commence in week 5 and classes need to be finalised based on information provided on this permission note. Payment envelopes will be sent home when classes commence, the cost is $5 per student or $10 per family. Please do not pay until classes have commenced as we need to ensure we have RI instructors available for each year level.

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

CAMP AUSTRALIA PROVING 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.campaustalia.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.

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!**
Carers of Young People with a disability Support Group

Monday 20th February
9.30am to 11.30am

Boundaries Workshop

Spotted Dog Tavern
217 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg

Morning tea provided
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Advice for State Schools on Acceptable Use of ICT Facilities and Devices

This advice supports the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Procedure.

Acceptable/appropriate use/behaviour by a student

It is acceptable for students while at school to:

- use mobile devices for
  - assigned classwork and assignments set by teachers
  - developing appropriate literacy, communication and information skills
  - authoring text, artwork, audio and visual material for publication on the intranet or internet for educational purposes as supervised and approved by the school
  - conducting general research for school activities and projects
  - communicating or collaborating with other students, teachers, parents or experts in relation to schoolwork
  - accessing online references such as dictionaries, encyclopaedias, etc.
  - researching and learning through the department's eLearning environment
- be courteous, considerate and respectful of others when using a mobile device
- switch off and place out of sight the mobile device during classes, where these devices are not being used in a teacher directed activity to enhance learning
- use personal mobile devices for private use before or after school, or during recess and lunch breaks
- seek teacher's approval where they wish to use a mobile device under special circumstances.

Unacceptable/inappropriate use/behaviour by a student

It is unacceptable for students while at school to:

- use the mobile device in an unlawful manner
- download, distribute or publish offensive messages or pictures
- use of obscene, inflammatory, racist, discriminatory or derogatory language
- use language and/or threats of violence that may amount to bullying and/or harassment, or even stalking
- insult, harass or attack others or use obscene or abusive language
- deliberately waste printing and internet resources
- damage computers, printers or network equipment
- commit plagiarism or violate copyright laws
- ignore teacher directions for the use of social media, online email and internet chat
- send chain letters or spam email (junk mail)
- knowingly download viruses or any other programs capable of breaching the department's networks security
- use in-phone cameras anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate, such as in change rooms or toilets
• invade someone's privacy by recording personal conversations or daily activities and/or the further distribution (e.g. forwarding, texting, uploading, Bluetooth use etc.) of such material
• use the mobile phone (including those with Bluetooth functionality) to cheat during exams or assessments
• take into or use mobile devices at exams or during class assessment unless expressly permitted by school employees.

Sign-off

Student:

I understand that the school's information and communication technology (ICT) facilities and devices provide me with access to a range of essential learning tools, including access to the internet. I understand that the internet can connect me to useful information stored on computers around the world.

While I have access to the school's ICT facilities and devices: I will use it only for educational purposes; I will not undertake or look for anything that is illegal, dangerous or offensive; and I will not reveal my password or allow anyone else to use my school account.

Specifically in relation to internet usage, should any offensive pictures or information appear on my screen I will close the window and immediately inform my teacher quietly, or tell my parents/guardians if I am at home.

If I receive any inappropriate emails at school I will tell my teacher. If I receive any at home I will tell my parents/guardians.

When using email or the internet I will not:
• reveal names, home addresses or phone numbers — mine or that of any other person
• use the school's ICT facilities and devices (including the internet) to annoy or offend anyone else.

I understand that my online behaviour is capable of impacting on the good order and management of the school whether I am using the school's ICT facilities and devices inside or outside of school hours.

I understand that if the school decides I have broken the rules for using its ICT facilities and devices, appropriate action may be taken as per the school's Behaviour Management Policy, which may include loss of access to the network (including the internet) for a period of time.

I have read and understood this procedure/policy/statement/guideline and the Code of School Behaviour.

I agree to abide by the above rules / the procedure/policy/statement/guideline.

____________________________________ (Student's name)

____________________________________ (Student's signature) _____________(Date)
Parent or guardian:

I understand that the school provides my child with access to the school’s information and communication technology (ICT) facilities and devices (including the internet) for valuable learning experiences. In regards to internet access, I understand that this will give my child access to information on computers from around the world; that the school cannot control what is on those computers; and that a small part of that information can be illegal, dangerous or offensive.

I accept that, while teachers will always exercise their duty of care, protection against exposure to harmful information should depend upon responsible use by students/my child. Additionally, I will ensure that my child understands and adheres to the school’s appropriate behaviour requirements and will not engage in inappropriate use of the school’s ICT facilities and devices. Furthermore I will advise the school if any inappropriate material is received by my student/child that may have come from the school or from other students.

I understand that the school does not accept liability for any loss or damage suffered to personal mobile devices as a result of using the department’s facilities and devices. Further, no liability will be accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft or damage to any device unless it can be established that the loss, theft or damage resulted from the school’s department’s negligence.

I believe _________________ (name of student) understands this responsibility, and I hereby give my permission for him/her to access and use the school’s ICT facilities and devices (including the internet) under the school rules. I understand where inappropriate online behaviours negatively affect the good order and management of the school, the school may commence disciplinary actions in line with this user agreement or the Behaviour Management Policy. This may include loss of access and usage of the school’s ICT facilities and devices for some time.

I have read and understood this procedure/policy/statement/guideline and the Code of School Behaviour.

I agree to abide by the above rules/the procedure/policy/statement/guideline.

_________________________ (Parent/Guardian’s name)
_________________________ (Parent/Guardian’s signature) ____________ (Date)
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www.bundytouch.com

COMPETITION DATES: 17th February 2017 - 16th June 2017 (Grand Final)

Catering for individuals or as a team - A place on the field for everyone!
WALKERVALE STATE SCHOOL
Swimming Timetable Years 2-6
MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2017 – FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2017

Swimming Lessons with Mr Kelly, the Physical Education teacher. Parent helpers required.

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5A- Swimming will be held in weeks 5 (21/2), 7 (07/03), 9 (21/03).
5B- Swimming will be held in weeks 6 (28/2), 8 (14/03), 10 (28/03).
6A- Swimming will be held in weeks 5 (20/2), 7 (06/03), 9 (20/03).
6B- Swimming will be held in Weeks 6 (27/2), 8 (13/03), 10 (27/03).

Parent helpers are needed to help assist with lessons, which benefit the children’s knowledge, confidence and safety.

1. Parents are encouraged to assist in YEAR LEVEL SESSIONS (1 hour) improving skills and knowledge.
2. Year 2-3 classes require 2-3 parents. Year 4-5 classes require 1-2 parents and Year 6 classes would benefit from 1-2 parents to assist the Physical Education teacher with swimming lessons.
3. Swimming is compulsory, and if a child is not to attend because of a medical condition, a note to that effect must be brought to the teacher concerned.
4. Bathing caps are compulsory for all children - both boys and girls. Children will not swim if they do not have a cap. (Wakervale swimming caps are available at the office at a cost of $6.00).
5. Swimming togs should not be worn under clothes, but carried separately with a towel, preferably in a bag.
6. All items of clothing, towels and carry bags must be clearly marked with the child’s name.
7. Students suffering from infections, suppurating sores or suspected contagious conditions will be excluded from all swimming activities.
8. Swim shirts/rashies are now compulsory for all state primary school students.
9. If a student suffers from a medical condition, which might put that swimmer at risk in the water, eg. epilepsy, diabetes, heart condition - written parental consent, supported by a medical certificate, must be obtained for the student to participate in the swimming program.

Signed
Brad Young
PRINCIPAL