Monday 14 March 2016 (07/2016)

**Date Claimers**
- **Wednesday 16 March** – Boys AFL Gala Day
  (Year 4 & 6 selected students)
- **Wednesday 16 – Friday 18 March** – Year 5 Camp
- **Saturday 19 March** – Election Day BBQ
- **Monday 21 March** – P&C Meeting, Staffroom, 3:15pm
- **Thursday 24 March** – Last day of Term
- **Monday 11 April** – Term 2 begins

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

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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.

1A: Patrick R.
2A: Indiana A.
2B: Lily S.
2C: Aleyah B, Kyron C, Lana E, Izaiah P, Indianna R.
3C: Jai J, Madison P.
4B: Lachlan H, Ryan M, Tyrone M, Abby S, Jesse W.
5B: Tyler H.
6A: Kaydence C, Hailey N, Holly S, Abbygail P.

**School Vacation Care – Easter Vacation**

For this vacation period, before our new OSHC provider commences their service at the beginning of Term Two, PCYC Vacation Care is available for families with children who require Vacation Care.

Easter Vacation Care – PCYC
Ph: 4154 2813

See flyer at the end of the newsletter

**German news**

The students of the month are selected for being continuously on task and demonstrating excellent manners as well as an above understanding of the German language.

Destiny W (5A), Ella A (5B), Parneet K (5B), Abbygail P (6A), Makayla D (6B).

**Improvement Agenda – Reading**

At Walkervale State School all staff are united in working to ensure that with Reading we achieve the following goals:

- 100% of students achieve the National Minimum Standard (NMS) in NAPLAN Reading;
- 85% of students achieve a ‘C’ or better in their reading assessment; and
- 20% of students achieve in the Upper Two Bands (U2Bs) of achievement in NAPLAN Reading.

Teachers know the target that they are working towards in their year level cohort.

Teachers work in Year Level Cohorts to identify common reading goals. Classroom teachers use Running Records and their observations of students when listening to them read to identify individual reading goals for students.

Parents/carers can support students and teachers by ensuring that students with Home Readers do complete some reading.

Keep up to date with what is happening at school - follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/walkervaless
each night and that their Home Reader book is returned each day.

3 Way Reporting
Teachers have spoken very positively about the 3 Way Reporting Meetings that they were able to have with parents/carers and students who did attend. Teachers were able to provide a summary of student progress including attendance rates and levels of achievement for areas including reading, maths and writing.

The purpose of 3 Way Reporting is to provide parents/carers and students with specific information about progress made at school. Teachers then work with parents/carers and students to set goals for the future to further improve student achievement.

If you do want to meet with your child’s class teacher to see the progress that your son/daughter has made, please make contact with the office, or your child’s teacher, to make a time to meet.

Chappy Spin-Off
On Saturday 12 March, students and staff from Walkervale participated in the Chappy Spin Off. Spin Off is an exciting stationary gym bike challenge where teams compete against each other to ride the farthest and provide an effective fundraising vehicle for state schools and their communities to support their local school chaplain.

Teams consist of 5 to 10 competitors who will ‘push the pedals to the max’ over a 30 minute period. The overall aim is to be the team who pedals the most kilometres.

Students placed a very respectful 11th while our teachers did us proud finishing 4th. I would like to thank all those involved in the very first Bundaberg Chaplain’s Spin Off.

Volunteers needed for Election Day BBQ!!!!
This coming Saturday 19 March, our P&C will be running a BBQ from 7:30am – 3pm and will need volunteers to help run this. All money raised is going to P&C for the benefit of all our students, so please help where you can by giving your name to the office ladies, or turning up on the day. Thank you!

German news especially for parents/guardians of year 6 students.
In some German areas like Cologne and Mainz, people celebrate Karneval every year at the end of February. Carnival season is a time of wild fancy-dress parties and costume-balls, which are open to the public. Karneval reaches its climax in big street processions with elaborately decorated floats. Karneval celebrations happen mainly in the Catholic parts of Germany. The celebration goes back a long time, and was a way of driving out the evil spirits of winter and encouraging the coming of spring and good crops. Ugly masks worn for this purpose are still worn in Karneval festivals in southern Germany. “Berliner” is a traditional snack/cake eaten to celebrate Karneval at all parties. Karneval is part of the German curriculum and as the conclusion to our German Karneval Unit, we are holding a small Fancy Dress Parade for our Year 6 German students in week 9 during their normal LOTE lessons on Wednesday, 23 March.

Students will celebrate by having a small parade in their LOTE class. Students have chosen a picture card to represent a character. Any simple mask or costume that relates to this character, and that they could easily change into at school, would be ideal to support their presentation.

Thanking you for your assistance.

Charlotte Guenther
German teacher

Help Urgently Needed
Mrs Lloyd is looking for parents and friends willing to help out with preparing resources for reading. There are books to be covered with contact as well as laminated resources to be cut out. Please contact the office or Mrs Lloyd (mlloy16@eq.edu.au) and we will organise a date. A cuppa and some home cooking will be provided!!!

Chess Club
Term 1 weekly Chess Club lessons with Mr Menham and Mr Bond conclude on Wednesday this week and resume on Wednesday in Week 2 after the holidays.

Tuckshop News
Thinking of something for morning tea? Why not try raisin toast, a banana muffin, or maybe a ham and cheese toastie, all available on our tuckshop menu. Our helper for Wednesday 16th March is Dorothy Christensen. Thursday 17th March – Sheree Bethell. Friday18th March - Karen Balcombe and Tash Sherratt.

Thanks, Michelle Eyre (Convenor)
If you’re not receiving our newsletter, don’t worry, it’s on our website: https://walkervaless.eq.edu.au

Or let the office know your email address so we can send it there.

Gotcha!

This week Watkin has been awarded the most points, followed by Walker, Walsh and then Watson. Congratulations Watkin! Gotchas are awarded to students who demonstrate our “Keys to Success”.

Get your whole family active and eating well

The PEACH™ (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program is NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS for groups running in school term 2.

Enrolments closing soon - Groups commencing the week of 18 April.

The program is FREE for families with a primary-school aged child and is run in the local community within a school term and after school hours. The program covers:

- **Nutrition** – lunchbox and snack ideas, reading labels and ingredients, dealing with fussy eaters, making healthier takeaway choices, making healthy eating affordable and tips on planning ahead.
- **Physical activity** – the benefits of exercise, how to be more active as a family, physical activity recommendations for children, how to reduce screen time and help with setting goals.
- **Parenting** – setting boundaries, planning for change, managing resistance to change, role modelling and how to be balanced and consistent.
- **Family focus** – the program recognises that each family is different and so our facilitators work with individuals to come up with a plan that suits them.

Kids love the PEACH™ program as it helps build their confidence and make new friends. It is run by trained PEACH™ facilitators and aims to help the whole family lead healthier lives.

The PEACH™ program is run by the Queensland University of Technology and funded by the Queensland Government. The program will only be available in term 2, 2016 so register now.

**LAST OPPORTUNITY** to access the FREE program - don’t delay! Ask us about PEACH™ Online.

Free call 1800 263 519 or www.peachqld.com.au

What's On

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MONDAY 21ST MARCH
Public Holiday

TUESDAY 22ND MARCH
Easter Incursion

WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH
Forkyland

THURSDAY 24TH MARCH
Easter Excursion

FRIDAY 25TH MARCH
Animal Hospital Incursion

MONDAY 4TH APRIL
Special Incursion

TUESDAY 5TH APRIL
Candle Making Incursion

WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL
Good Friday Incursion

THURSDAY 7TH APRIL
Back to School Day

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