Monday 15 August 2016 (24/2016)

Date Claims
- Mon 16 May – Fri 26 August – Premier’s Reading Challenge
- Friday 12 August – Fri 9 September – Interschool Sport
- Fri 19 August – Tues 30 August – Life Education visit
- Monday 22 August – P&C Meeting, Staffroom, 3:15pm
- Wed 31 August – Fri 2 September – Fathers’ Day Stall, from 8:15am
- Wednesday 7 September – Walkathon
- Thursday 15 September – Walkathon Forms & Money due

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 Alexis E Prep B Eli V
Prep C Christopher H 1A Azara G
1B Mitchell P 1C Olivier M
2A Patrina H 2B Decoda F
2C Izaih P 3A Linkin P
3B Tallen C 3C Madison P
4A George N 4B Riley W
4C Ethan P 5A Talitha C
5B Hayley J 6A Hailey N
6B Rory B PE Zoe S

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 A: Marley B, Izaih F, Riley P, Lincoln T, Charlie-Rose U. 1A: Olivia A, Archie D, Angela D, Indy-Leigh J. 2A: Indiana A, Krista S. 3B: Lara L, Aidan T.

3C: Sky K, Ruby-Ray P.
4B: Amber R, Jesse W.
6A: Skye D, Phillip L, Nerry R, Brittany R, Charley T.

Our Cool Rule

This week, ROCKY says:

WALKING ON CONCRETE

We have already covered the following Cool Rules:
- Follow instructions
- Keep hands and feet to myself
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Speak respectfully

Year 3 and Yr 5 NAPLAN Student Reports

Individual student reports for the Yr 3 & Yr 5 2016 NAPLAN (National Assessment Plan- Literacy and Numeracy) will be sent home today with students. If you do not receive your NAPLAN Student Report, please contact the office. The information provided within these reports shows where your son/daughter scored (black dot), the national average (black triangle) and the middle range of achievement for the majority of students in Australia in the test (light shaded band). Please make contact with your child’s classroom teacher, or the Head of Curriculum, Mrs Sharyn Batt, if you wish to clarify the meaning of your child’s report.

Netball Success

Congratulations to our Walkervale netball team who played in the first round of the Bundaberg Primary School Netball Competition (BPSNC) yesterday afternoon/evening. Coach, Mrs Batt and Mr Young were very proud of these girls as they represented our school in the 3 games that they played. Following two close losses, to Bundaberg North Flames and Woongarra, they won their 3rd game 4-3 against Branyan Road State School. It was fantastic to hear the ‘1-2-3-Walkervale’
The award program, recognising students who are meeting school expectations, is based on our new ‘Rocky the Wombat’ gotchas. When students are seen following our Cool Rules, they are recognised for their positive behaviour with a ‘gotcha’. If students are in their class at the start of the day when the roll is marked, they also receive a ‘gotcha’.

As the number of ‘gotchas’ increases, they are able to reach different award levels.

In our current trial, as students reach a level they receive the incentive at that level. Current incentives include: ‘Rocky’ sticker, lollipop, Bronze Certificate, zuoper dooper, ‘I know the Cool Rules’ pencil, Silver Certificate, Walkervale Safe Responsible Respectful wristband, tuckshop voucher and Gold Certificate.

It has been great to see so many of our students following our Cool Rules and reaching the different levels of achievement.

Instrumental Music News
No early morning string orchestra rehearsal next week. In class lessons as per usual.

**P&C Meeting (now Monday 22 August)**

Kepnock State High School ACE Workshop
This Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 August, selected Year 5 students are invited to a 2-day Workshop. Just a reminder to parents that transport to and from Kepnock school is your responsibility. Students will need to be dropped off at the RJ Young hall.

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.

Wide Bay North Chess Tournament at Walkervale
-Walkervale 1 Comes 3rd
Jason, Cyle, Lachlan and Henery from Walkervale Team 1, and Jayden, Mitchell and Ashton from Walkervale Team 2 represented Walkervale proudly in the final of the Wide Bay North School Chess Championships held last Tuesday at Walkervale State School.

The children played well throughout the day with some great results. Congratulations Walkervale!

Special mention goes to our Walkervale 1 team who came 3rd overall, and also to Jason S who won an individual Merit Ribbon for winning 5 out of 8 games.

Cyle S had a magnificent day out winning the equal highest number of games for the day with 7 out of 8 and receiving a 3rd place medallion on count back.

All children had an enjoyable day of chess and learned new skills.

The school Chess Club tournament with Mr Menham and Mr Bond continues every Wednesday this term at 1st Break in the Innovation Centre.
The Walkervale Chess Team after a successful day of chess pictured with a proud principal, Mr Young.

Salter Oval and St. Luke’s Athletics
On Thursday 4 August and Friday 5 August, Walkervale students participated in the Bundaberg Athletics Carnival at St. Luke’s Anglican school and Salter Oval. All of the students competed well and displayed excellent behaviour throughout both of the days. Well done to all of these students. Congratulations to Destiny W and Ryan K for being selected to represent Bundaberg and the Wide Bay trials to be held in Kingaroy later in the month. Thanks to all the teachers that helped with the supervision and organisation of both days, it is a wonderful opportunity for the students to perform at a higher level of competition.

Life Education
The Life Education Van will be visiting from Friday 19 August – Tuesday 30 August. A big thank you to our P&C, who will be paying the $5.00 entry fee for all students again this year. A letter to parents, Harold Products Order Form and Life Education Timetable are with today’s newsletter.

Child Safety Handbook
Year 6 students have received a Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook with the News & Views today. These handbooks have proven to be a valuable tool for discussing safety topics and important issues facing children and young adolescents. It reminds families of the importance of being aware of the dangers in our community and how to keep our children safe. Parents are encouraged to read and discuss topics outlined in this handbook with their children.

The Kid’s Got Talent in Term 3 - Auditions are now on Thursdays
Congratulations goes to Mia A and Sarah B (Dancing) who won the grade 3 auditions and were chosen to perform their act on Junior Parade today while the other winner, Mikayla S (Gymnastics), was chosen to perform her act on our Senior Parade.

These 3 students will also be asked to perform at the KGT Extravaganza at the end of the term.

This Thursday at second break, after the play bell, children in Year 2 will have the opportunity to audition for The Kid’s Got Talent, in our school hall. Children who audition may showcase any skill they are very good at, to be judged by Mr Bond, Ms Sajko, Mrs Sauer and the panel.

Each child is responsible for preparing and caring for the items they need for their performance.

Only 1 person will be picked as a winner for the week and they he/she will then be asked to demonstrate their act on Monday’s Parade next week.

Interested children need to see Mr Bond at his classroom any morning between 8:30 am and 8:45 am to give him your name, class and the name of your act in the lead up to auditions. ‘Special thanks go to the year 6 assistants for this week who helped out.’

That Kid’s Got Talent 2016
The 2016 Walkervale That Kid’s Got Talent competition is continuing this week with our talented Year 2 students auditioning for the opportunity to perform in front of our students on our weekly parades, as well as a spot in our Kids Got Talent Extravaganza near the end of the term.

Yr 2 Auditions - Thursday 18 August, 2nd Break in Hall
Yr 1 Auditions - Thursday 25 August, 2nd Break in Hall

Tuckshop News
Size 14 & 16 school shirts are available from the Tuckshop now – EFTPOS facilities available!
Also, school tracksuit pants in sizes 8 – 14 are now available for $24 each!
NEW ICEBLOCK – Dory $2.00 each.
Attention Years 4-6 – no second break orders if you attend Friday interschool sport.
Please return your Canteen Week Colouring picture on Wednesday if you haven’t already done so, winners announced next week. This week’s helpers are – Wednesday 17 August – Irene Zahn and Allie Tahuaroa.
Thursday 18 August – Sheree Bethell and Irene Zahn.
Friday 19 August – Karen Balcombe and Tash Sherratt.
Thanks, Michelle Eyre (Convenor)

This week Watkin has been awarded the most points, followed by Walker, Walsh and then Watson! Congratulations Watkin!
Across the Waves JRL are looking for **12-13 year old Girls** to join the ATW Tigers Girls team. A meet and greet session will be held on **23 AUGUST** at ATW sporting complex from **4-5pm**.

**DATE CLAIMER**

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

For **2016-17 PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM**


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**What’s On**

Fantastic, fun filled free frivolities for the whole family!
Take the whole family on a free reading adventure. There is a fabulous exhibition on from 19 July – 18 September at BRAG – Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery, that I encourage you to take your kids to. Gallery 2 is set up as the fictional Grandma Kate's Cottage. Visitors to the exhibition read an introductory poem and then explore the house to find clues to the end of the story. The house is filled with paper mache animals, paintings, sculptures, quilts and flowers which all play an important part in the exhibition’s story. This is a free exhibition where the whole family can be **text detectives** and work together to solve the mystery.

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**1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING**

For Parents

**Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old**

A three-session program for parents and carers

at Engaging Early Learners – Woondooma Street (Opposite the library)

on Monday's 22 & 29 August & 5 September

Time: 9.30 am – 12.00 noon

Please indicate if childcare is required

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**Registration Fee**: This is a free, proactive program being supported by our State Schools to assist in providing additional strategies that arise with the challenges of parenting. With this program, you will receive a workbook and refreshments. Register for this course by contacting Amanda on 0448 197 075 (between 8:00am – 5:00pm).
Life Education Timetable

2016

Please remember that the Life Education Van will be visiting our school from Friday 19 August to Tuesday 30 August.

Admission fees are being paid for by our P&C.

If you would like to make a donation to Life Education (donations $2.00 or over are tax deductible) donation envelopes are available from the office.

Friday 19 August
1st Session: 9:00am – Set Up Time
2nd Session: 11:35am – Spare
3rd Session: 1:45pm – Prep B Mrs Collins

Monday 22 August
1st Session: 9:00am – 5B Mrs Barrink
2nd Session: 11:35am – 3B Miss Rehbein
3rd Session: 1:45pm – 6A Mrs Anderson (second free session)

Tuesday 23 August
1st Session: 9:00am – 6A Mrs Anderson
2nd Session: 11:35am – 4B Mr Bond
3rd Session: 1:45pm – 1C Mrs Robinson

Wednesday 24 August
1st Session: 9:00am – 6B Mr Gehrke
2nd Session: 11:35am – 2C Ms Saiko
3rd Session: 1:45pm – 2B Mrs Harvey

Thursday 25 August
1st Session: 9:00am – 5A Mr McKenzie
2nd Session: 11:35am – 2A Miss Steindl
3rd Session: 1:45pm – Prep A Mrs Wake

Friday 26 August
1st Session: 9:00am – 4C Mr Crook
2nd Session: 11:35am – Spare
3rd Session: 1:45pm – Prep C Mrs Love

Monday 29 August
1st Session: 9:00am – 3A Miss Cook
2nd Session: 11:35am – 3C Mrs Driver
3rd Session: 1:45pm – 1B Mrs Ridge

Tuesday 30 August
1st Session: 9:00am – 4A Mrs Hack
2nd Session: 11:35am – 6B Mr Gehrke (second free session)
3rd Session: 1:45pm – 1A Mrs Atkinson

Please note this year a second session will be held for students in Year 6 which is being funded by Queensland Department of Health.
Life Education Bundaberg & District
LETTER TO PARENTS

The Life Education Bundaberg & District mobile classroom, a qualified educator and Harold the giraffe, will be visiting our school soon.

Life Education has been empowering children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education since 1979 (established in Bundaberg 1989). It is the largest Australian, independent, not for profit provider of health and drug education, operating in all States and Territories. Across Australia, Life Education works in partnership with more than 3,000 schools annually, reaching approximately 840,000 students. Within Bundaberg & District, Life Education services approximately 50 schools, totalling approximately 10,000 students.

Life Education’s mission: ‘To empower our children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education’. Vision: “Generations of healthy young Australians living to their full potential”

Life Education’s philosophy:
• Every child is unique and has the right to reach their full potential
• Preventive education for safer and healthier choices needs to start when children are young and requires ongoing and long-term active participation from families, schools and communities.

Schools utilise Life Education as an effective resource to complement the Health and Physical Education syllabus within the National Curriculum. As well as the interactive lesson in the mobile classroom, teachers and students receive pre and post visit hard copy and electronic teaching and learning resources, allowing for complete units of teaching and learning to be implemented in the school, as well as support resources for families.

Life Education presents health modules with different learning outcomes relevant to early, middle & upper primary years. These modules focus on promoting physical, social and emotional health. Health topics include: nutrition, exercise, body knowledge, safety (eg sun, road, needle, cyber), pollution, communication, bullying, decision making & resilience. Drug topics for the primary school modules cover: medications, caffeine, tobacco and alcohol. Both health and drug topics are presented relevant to readiness and year levels. It is important for your child’s benefit that they attend each year from Prep to Year 6 as the modules are cumulative.

Life Education Bundaberg & District is community based, employing a qualified educator. Receiving only minimum funding from the state government, Life Education Bundaberg relies heavily on the generosity of local councils, community / personal donations and fund raising. Your required payment of $ NIL (P&C paying) per child to attend their relevant module is another way to ensure the ongoing work of Life Education.

Thank you.

Some great news for 2016...as an initiative to discourage young people from smoking, the Queensland Department of Health is paying for Year 6 students to receive a second module free of charge based on smoking.

Donations are greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate, please send to the address below or include in payment envelope. Receipt will be issued if $2 or over (tax deductible).

Life Education Bundaberg
PO Box 459  Bundaberg Qld 4670  Ph: (07) 41525735

Parent and visitor sessions are held in the mobile classroom every second year (due 2017). If you have any questions this year please drop into the van before / after school or check out the websites below.

National website: www.lifeeducation.org.au

Quote from a Bundaberg teacher’s evaluation of Life Education:

“As an HPE teacher running the health program, the life education program is certainly relevant to the content being taught in our school health lessons. I have found that the program conducted by life education fits in perfectly with the lessons taught in school. Life education has been a very valuable resource and certainly assists teachers and myself to implement our health program.” (2015).
HAROLD PRODUCTS ORDER FORM

Purchasing these products contributes towards maintaining Life Education in the Bundaberg District. Please complete order form and place it with the correct money securely into an envelope/bag and return it to the school office no later than the last day of the Life Education visit.

Products will be returned within 2 weeks after the visit. Thank you for your support!

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Student’s Full Name: ___________________________ Total Money: $________

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