Principals Message
Welcome to another newsletter. It is very pleasing to note some of the great work that students are doing across the school, when visiting classrooms.

Well the last two weeks have been very interesting for me. It began with my trip to Brisbane along with every other State School Principal for our biannual conference. The theme for this year’s conference was “A Great School has another Great School down the road”, with discussions around collaboration with school, community and nearby schools in order to get the best for our kids. In an area like ours with many small schools, we have been doing this for quite a while. We have a wonderful and sharing cluster of schools which we work alongside often.

Unfortunately, I never did get to finish the second day of the conference as I fell ill, not unlike 400 other principals from around the state, a victim of food poisoning. Don’t you love a junket!! We were all very excited about the food in the lead up to the conference too! So, I have not been feeling very well at all and am slowly regaining my strength – just feel very thankful that I did not end up in hospital like 26 of my colleagues. We all hope they regain their health soon and are able to get back to their schools.

Office hours
A reminder that our administration office hours are as follows:
- Monday – Closed
- Tuesday – 8:30am till 3:30 pm
- Wednesday – 8:30am till 11:00 am
- Thursday – 8:30am till 3:30pm
- Friday 8:30am till 3:30pm alternate Fridays beginning next week.

Mrs Inskip’s office hours
Times which I am available for meetings vary from day to day as I am on class for the majority of the time. Please phone or see me to arrange for a suitable meeting time. If phoning out of office hours, please leave a message on the answering machine and we will return your call. I have managed to replace the message on the phone system which now asks you to leave a message. Please let me know if it is not working properly. Please leave a message each time your call is not answered as there is no one in the office to speak with you.

Cross Country
The Wallaville State School Cross Country event is to be held on Monday 30 March, from 9am. This is the last Monday of this term. All parents and family members are welcome to come along and cheer on their team. All students will be participating at various distances according to their age.

Leaders Meet Leaders Luncheon
Our two school captains, Elai Pugh and Tessa Wochnik, have been invited to attend the Leaders Meet Leaders Luncheon to be held at the Civic Centre in Bundaberg on Tuesday 31 March. All school captains from the Bundaberg Region have been invited to attend and meet the Bundaberg Regional Councillors and the Mayor.

Rewards Activities
The last day of term will see our Stars, Superstars and Megastars rewarded. Star students will be invited to participate in our Easter Bonnet Parade along with the ice cream which has been given out when they have reached this level. Superstars will get the chance to hunt for eggs in our Easter Egg Hunt. Megastars will be entertained with a disco and games afternoon from 2pm until 3pm. It is fantastic to see so many of our students gaining rewards levels with our School Wide Positive Behaviour System. Keep up the great work. More certificates will be given out on next week’s parade. Keep a look out for the letter home to let you know that your child has reached on of our rewards levels.

Japanese Culture Day
Thank you to Miss Varley for organising an excursion for our year 5/6 students to the Japanese Culture Day to be held at Gin Gin Primary next Thursday, March 19. Students will participate in a range of activities on this day. We are also going to be visiting the Museum in Gin Gin as part of our History Unit. Notes have gone home regarding this excursion and need to be returned ASAP.
Reading and Writing focus

As part of the drive to ensure that all our students develop crucial reading comprehension strategies, once again there is an explicit focus on Reading Comprehension Strategies and Writing Strategies in our school. Across the whole of school, each classroom will focus in on one comprehension strategy per week and one writing strategy per fortnight. With explicit teaching of these strategies along with modelled, shared and guided lessons, we hope to see further improvements with our students’ skills.

**Inferring**

*When we read, we stretch the limits of the literal text by folding our experiences and beliefs into the literal meanings in the text, creating a new interpretation, an inference.* – Keene & Limmermann, *Mosaic of Thought* (1997), p. 147

What is inferring?

Inferring is being able to ‘read between the lines’, when the author implies something but doesn’t exactly state it. To infer, we need to use both the clues in the text (context, illustrations, etc.) and our own prior knowledge. By using the text and our own prior knowledge, we can interpret what we think the author is really trying to say. Students develop deeper understandings of the text when they “read between the lines” to draw their own conclusions by using prior experiences. They create their own unique meaning of the text. As they read, these understandings may be revised as the reader is exposed to new information which confirms or adjusts their thinking.

Language we can use when inferring

- Reading between the lines, I think.....
- I would expect that ........
- Already I know that..... so I think ........
- I think the author is really saying .......

**Summarising**

*...research suggests instruction and practice in summarising not only improves students’ ability to summarise text, but also their overall comprehension of text content...* Duke and Pearson (2002)
What is summarising?

A summary is a shortened version of the original text which includes all the main ideas and important details and is structurally similar to the original text.

Language we can use when summarising

- The most important thing to know about _______________ is _______________.
- The main point the author is trying to make is _______________.
- In my own words the story/article is about _______________.
- Another name for the story/article could be _______________.
- If I had to explain this to someone else, I would say _______________.

Other helpful questions to ask when summarising are


By explicitly focussing on these strategies, we hope to improve our students’ ability to comprehend what they are reading.

Any help you could give your child at home can only benefit them. Remember that all students should be reading at home EVERY night, making sure that what they are reading is within their level. A good way to check this is to have them read out loud to you – yes even in the upper grades! Children are NEVER too old to read out loud to their parents!! A great way to check for fluency, expression (in the upper years) and comprehension.

P&C AGM and general meeting

The AGM for the Wallaville State School P&C Association will be held on Monday March 16, at 6:00pm, with a general meeting to follow. All position will be declared vacant and nominations accepted. If you have ever thought about joining the P&C, this is the perfect time. Please feel free to come along and join the discussion about your child’s school. To be held in the meeting room at school.

Softball Carnival

Students in years 4-6 will be participating in a Tee-ball carnival on Friday 27 March at Gin Gin State School, as part of our Interschool Sport Program. This will be an all-day event. Notes to go home next week.

Bingo Night

The Wallaville State School P&C are holding a Bingo evening on Saturday 28th March. Come along and support our school. BBQ tea at 5:30 and eyes down at 6:30. All welcome. It proved to be a fantastic night last year. It is asked that each family contribute one item towards our special Easter Bingo prize. All eggs, Easter items etc. can be delivered to the office right up until Friday 27th March. We appreciate your help.

5/6 Sleepover and Astronomy night

As a culmination of the “Exploring Our Solar System” Science unit, year 5 & 6 students will be sleeping over at the school on Wednesday night, April 1. We have invited Mr Dickie, Science teacher at the High School, to come along with his telescopes and introduce us to our night sky. Notes regarding this will go home soon.

End of Term

The last day of Term 1 will be Thursday April 2 with two weeks of holiday to follow.

School resumes on Monday 20 April.

Prepayment of School Camps/Excursions

For those parents who would like to start making part payments for camps and excursions using online banking, the school bank account details are as follows:

Account Name: Wallaville State School General Account
BSB: 064 403
Account Number: 00090619
Reference: Students name and reason (eg: camp/ instrumental music)

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will operate on Monday and Wednesday mornings. The cost for Term 1 is $4.00 per child or $0.50 per serve.

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### Students of the Fortnight

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<td>Audrey Ellison for fantastic use of persuasive devices</td>
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### P&C Rosters and General Notices

**Tuckshop Roster**

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**Donations:**

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### WALLAVILLE STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION AGM

**16 March 2015, 6 pm in the Meeting Room at Wallaville State School**

All positions will be declared vacant and a New Committee Elected. **All are welcome to attend.**

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Ring Road Run
For kids, parents, athletes and amateurs – all are welcome to register for the Ring Road Run. Register online – www.ringroadrun.com.au for either:

- 2k Bundaberg Radiology Kids Run
- 5k Run or Walk
- 10k Run or Walk
- 10k Sporting Wheelies Race

When you register online, nominate your school to win a behind the scenes class visit to the RACQ CareFlight Rescue Headquarters including a special presentation and morning tea.

When: Sunday 24 May
Where: Start and finish at St Lukes Anglican School.

All entries receive a goodie bag and children get a free run shirt. Pick up your Ring Road Run goodie bag at the MOVE it Expo . . .

MOVE it Expo
Come along to Bundaberg Regional Council’s MOVE it Expo to see a showcase of the region’s local sporting clubs, professional fitness trainers, health experts and fresh food producers.

When: Saturday 23 May, 11am – 3pm
Where: St Lukes Anglican School, 4 Mezger Street, Bundaberg

With demonstrations, samples, information and around 55 business and local stallholders, there is something for everyone interested in their better health and wellbeing. For more information: http://www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/moveit

Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health
A state-funded free healthy lifestyle program for families called – PEACH ‘Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health’ program is coming to Bundaberg for the first time in term 2. It would be very much appreciated if you could please add the below content into your next newsletter to help us spread the word to parents/carers. Thanks!

Get your family active and eating well
Local families can now sign up the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are now open for a group to commence in Bundaberg in term 2, 2015.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age.

It consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachold.com.au

WEEKLY SCHOOL ROUTINES
Tuckshop—Tuesdays and Fridays
Breakfast Club—Mondays, & Wednesdays ($4 per child for term 1)
PARADE—Monday afternoons @2.30pm
PE & Music-Mondays
Instrumental music-Friday

DATE CLAIMERS
Thurs Mar 19-Japanese Cultural Day
Fri Mar 27-TeeBall carnival Yrs 4, 5&6
Sat Mar 28- P&C Bingo Evening
Mon Mar 30-Cross Country
Thurs Apr 2-Last Day Term 1
Mon Apr 20-First Day Term 2

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**EXHIBITION OPENING**
- **BRAG GALLERY TWO**
- Friday, 13 March, 11:00am

The exhibition will feature 22 framed iconic images. Each artwork is produced using expansive layers of change to form theoyd image. Each containing thousands of images, individually made out to date.

To be opened by Phil Oakley and impressionist by Dr. (TBA). The evening will include badge making. Refreshments will be on end. A free event, but please, no bookings required.

**MEET THE MAKER**
- Every Saturday at BRAG during the exhibition, artist Phil Oakley will be demonstrating his techniques.

**GET THE DETAILS**
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**Ooh la la!**

**IT'S TEA TIME IN PARIS**

With the Gin Gin Show Society

2015 High Tea Fundraiser

**DESTINATION:** Showgrounds Function Centre

**DATE:** Saturday, 14th March 2015

**TIME:** 12.00 noon – 5.00 pm

**COST:** $25 (Contact Sue: 0420 914444)

**DRESS:** Formal High Tea/Race Wear

**INCLUSIONS:** High Tea Luncheon, Tea/Coffee

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of fine dining with delicious treats and engaging conversation over a pot of tea or coffee while enjoying the local stalls. Raffles and lucky door prize.

Licenced Bar operating- enjoy a glass of bubbly or two.

**PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRESSED!!**

Tickets available outside Marcelle’s Hair