Welcome back for another year at Wallaville State School.
This year we welcome eleven new families to our school. I trust that your time with us here will be rewarding and that you have been made to feel welcome.
This will be a very short newsletter consisting of information which may help at the beginning of our school year.

**Staffing**
Our highly trained and experienced staff this year are as follows:
Prep/1 – Ms Leesa Wentworth (teacher)
Year 2/3/4 – Mrs Jessie Keast (teacher)
Year 5/6 – Mrs Larisa Green (teacher) and Mrs Kerry Inskip (teacher and principal)
Mrs Rita Tobin (teacher aide)
Mrs Kellie Thompson (teacher aide)
Mrs Annie Caunt (teacher aide)
Mrs Lauren Coward (teacher aide)
Mrs Marg Dullaway (administration)
Mrs Lisa Paolini (Chaplain)

We also have Specialist Teachers who visit our school each week:
Mr Noel Stitt (Health and Physical Education)
Mrs Chris Arnold (Music and Drama)
Ms Beeke Smith (Instrumental Music – Strings)
Mrs Mavis Lathouras (Learning Support)
Mrs Allira Erlangsen (Languages – Japanese. Year 5 & 6 students only)

**What’s happening in our classrooms?**

**Prep / Year 1**
Wow, what a start to the school year! I am very excited to say that we have 23 students in our prep/Year 1 class. We are all settling into our classroom and making new friends. Throughout this term we will be learning lots of new things with our main focus being on reading. I look forward to getting to know my new little 'super heroes' and guiding them in their early learning years.
Ms Wentworth (Ms W)

**Year 2 / 3 / 4**
Hi, I hope you had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. My name is Mrs Keast and I will be teaching the Year 2/3/4 class this year. We have a very exciting year planned and I am really looking forward to meeting the students and the wider school community. Please feel free to pop in and say hello and let me know if you are interested in helping out in our classroom.
I can’t wait to get to know you and spend the year learning and growing with you!
Mrs Keast

**Year 5/6**
We are establishing our expectations and practicing our transitions. We will be doing some diagnostic testing to inform teacher planning. As the leaders of the school we are looking at how we can be positive role models for all younger students. I look forward to getting to know our new families and providing the very best teaching and learning experiences for all in our care.
Mrs Inskip
Reading at Wallaville
Reading continues to be a major focus at Wallaville State School. We will be testing all year one students and any new students of concern for “Reading Link” (a highly effective remediate reading program) this will inform teachers’ timetables so that every child in need will receive one on one help each day with their reading. Daily Rapid Reading will also recommence for this year with each child reading every day.
The improvements in our students which were noted last year were phenomenal and we are very excited to continue this in 2017.
Please encourage your child to read at home every day. This will only help to back up what we are striving to achieve at school.

Testing
There are a range of diagnostic tests which are performed in most schools at the start of every year. These test are done solely to inform teachers in order for them to plan the most effect learning experiences for your children. Some children react badly to test situations. They are not meant to upset or stress your child, so please help us at home by discussing testing as a way for us to know where your child needs help and to provide the best help we possibly can to make things easier for them later.

Parade
We will be holding a whole school parade at 2:40pm each Monday afternoon. During this time we will acknowledge our students for their achievements and remind them of upcoming events etc. Parents are encouraged to attend if possible as it is a way of keeping up to date with the goings on at Wallaville.

Notice of Annual Bus Meetings - Monday 20th February 6.30pm at Wallaville State School for:
P499 - Goodnight Scrub – Morganville
S17 - McIlwraith/Purkis Cnr Rd – Goondoon
P237 - Perry River Farms Rd – Mingo Rd
Wallaville to GGSHS –Inskip Rd, Duingal Rd
Redbank Gully, Gin Gin – Currajong Creek inc
Redhill Farms Rd, Drinan Rd, Pratts Rd, Engstroms Rd

QPARENTS
QParents application for bpoint payments in 2017. Parents are able to download the QParents App to their phone and be able to make payments from there. The school newsletter can also be viewed via the qparents app (thus cutting down on paper).
Wallaville State School will also be implementing an EFTPOS system using the “Commonwealth Albert” application. Albert is a 7-inch android touchscreen tablet that accepts contactless payments. Albert accepts MasterCard®, Visa, American Express® and Union Pay cards.
Another useful way for parents to pay is Centre Pay. If you are interested in this method of payment please contact Marg in the school office.
Looking for a new way to communicate with your school, 24/7? Ask your school about the new QParents portal, or express your interest in joining at qparents.qld.edu.au/#/login

Tuckshop and P&C
Tuckshop will be operating on Friday, a menu and P&C Newsletter are attached.
**Gin Gin Little Athletics 2017 season starts on 22nd April**

Our emphasis is on Family, Fun & Fitness. Children can join with any level of skill or fitness, as our main aim is for our athletes to achieve personal bests (PB’s). We cater for Tiny Tots – U17’s and run on Saturday mornings from April to September in Gin Gin.

Round 9 Get Started Vouchers open for eligible families on 25th January, so get in early as we are a registered Get Started Club and this round covers our upcoming season.

For more information on Little Athletics please go to [www.giginathletics.org.au](http://www.giginathletics.org.au) or phone 0422 303 223

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**Gin Gin Theatrical Society**

The Gin Gin Theatrical Society Inc. are starting their junior section up and rehearsals start on Tuesday 31st January at 3pm at their hall on the corner of Dear and May Sts, next to the showground. Entry via small gates. The show they are performing is the traditional pantomime of ‘Alice in Wonderland’.

For more information contact Wendi Guy on 0404 360 174.

Wendi Guy (Secretary)
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