Principals Message
Welcome to another newsletter. I hope everyone stayed safe during our recent bout of interesting weather and geological events. Who’d have thought – an earthquake and a cyclone in the one week!!! Hopefully that is our quota for the rest of the year!!

The next week will be very busy with me in and out of the school for various training, conferences etc. I will be away from school this Thursday and Friday as I am travelling to Brisbane for State Principal’s Conference which is held every two years. This is usually a very informative event with guest speakers from all over the World presenting over the two days. After returning on Saturday, I will be travelling to Maryborough on Monday for further development regarding our Literacy Success School’s status.
This should prove to be a very beneficial year with Literacy Coaches visiting our school to further upskill our teachers regarding the teaching of reading.
Remember that each of your children who attend our school SHOULD be reading every night, no matter what year level they are in. Another important routine to get into is YOU reading to YOUR CHILD. Even in the upper year levels of Primary school, this is a very important step as it models good reading procedures, fluency and expression to your child/ren. Please don’t think your child is too old for this. They love it and they can learn so much from it also.

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 3:30 pm
- Friday 8:30am till 3:00pm 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. We are currently attempting to get rid of the welcome message on our phone system which asks you to hold the line. Please leave a message each time your call is not answered as there is no one in the office to speak with you.

Softball Carnival
Students in year 5 & 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. More information to come closer to the date.

Cross Country
The Wallaville State School Cross Country event is to be held on Monday 30th March. This is the last Monday of this term. All parents and family members are welcome to come along and cheer their team.

Bingo Night
The Wallaville State School P&C are holding a Bingo evening on Saturday 28th March. BBQ tea at 5:30, and eyes down at 6:30. All welcome. It proved to be a fantastic night last year. To assist with fundraising, parents/caregivers are asked to donate one block of chocolate or one easter egg.

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
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.

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. 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.

Making Connections

When children understand how to connect the text they read to their lives, they begin to make connections between what they read and the larger world. This nudges them into thinking about bigger, more expansive issues beyond their universe of home, school and neighbourhood. – Harvey and Goudvis, Strategies That Work (2000), p.68

When information is read in isolation and not connected to existing knowledge, it is forgotten and deemed unimportant. Calling on existing knowledge and experiences is crucial if readers are to assimilate new information. – Chris Tovani, from I Read It, But I Don’t Get It (2000), p. 64

- During class, teachers will be working with the students to enable them to make connections to what they read. There are three kinds of connections students can make when they read:
  - **Text to self connection** – Students relate what they read to their own personal experiences.
  - **Text to text connection** – Students relate what they read to other texts which they have read.
  - **Text to world connection** – Students relate what they have read to the wider world.
Asking questions such as “Does that connection help you to understand the story better? Why?” may be helpful in ensuring that the connections the student is trying to make are meaningful and not just made for the sake of it.

**Leader’s Badge Presentation**

Our Leaders were presented with their badges during a special parade on Monday 16th February. All took the oath of office and will work hard for the remainder of the year to uphold their position. Congratulations to all of our leaders.

**GRIP Leadership Conference**

The first official function which our leaders attended was the GRIP Leadership Conference on Tuesday 17th February. Held at the Brother’s Club in Bundaberg, our leaders were presented with information on what it means to be a good leader and how to lead in their school with integrity. This day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**Japanese Cultural Day**

Thank you to Miss Varley for organising an excursion for our year 5/6 students to the Japanese Cultural Day to be held at Gin Gin Primary on 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 went home on Tuesday regarding this excursion.
P&C ROSTERS AND GENERAL NOTICES

Tuckshop Roster

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Junior Golf Lessons
Junior Golf Lessons will be available from Sunday 22/2/15 from 8am till 11am at the Gin Gin Golf Course. These lessons are FREE and equipment is available to use.

Wallaville Rural Fire Brigade
Wallaville Rural Fire Brigade will be holding their Annual General Meeting to be followed by a general meeting on Wednesday March 4, 2015 commencing at 7.30pm and held at 50 Pratt’s Rd (off Drinan Rd) Gin Gin.

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.
7 Grey Street
Wallaville Qld 4671
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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 5&6
Sat Mar 28- P&C Bingo Evening
Mon Mar 30-Cross Country