Principals Message
Welcome to the last newsletter for Term 1. Holidays begin next Friday (Good Friday) and school resumes on Monday 20 April. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and staff for their support this term. By working together as a team, we can achieve the best outcomes for our students.

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 3:30pm alternate Fridays on even weeks in term 2.

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.

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. With explicit teaching of these strategies along with modelled, shared and guided lessons, we hope to see further improvements with our students’ skills.
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

Synthesising

A reader who is expanding meaning by synthesising is bringing together information derived from the text with background knowledge to develop a whole that is greater than the parts. The understandings that arise from synthesising are new.  Fountas & Pinnell, Guiding Readers and Writers Grade 3-6  (2001), p. 319

At its best, synthesising involves merging new information with existing knowledge to create an original idea, see a new perspective or form a new line of thinking to achieve insight.  Harvey & Goudvis,  Strategies That Work (2000), p. 143

What is synthesising?
Synthesising is when students combine their own prior knowledge with new ideas or information to create new complex thoughts, ideas, opinions or perspectives. This is the highest and most complex form of comprehension.

Language we can use when summarising
- Has my thinking changed after reading this text?
- How can I use what I have read to create my own ideas?
- Reading this text has made me think. My new understanding is that ________________.
- How else could I use this information?

When working with your child at home or listening to them read, we encourage you to use these ideas to help them to master this strategy.

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
Thank you to all who attended our AGM last Monday evening. Thank you also to the outgoing executive for all of your hard work in 2014. The new executive is as follows:

- President – Mrs Melissa MacLennan
- Vice President – Mrs Beth Jensen
- Secretary – Mrs Leigh Johnson
- Treasurer – Ms Fiona Graham

We look forward to another productive year with our P&C. Any parents who are thinking about joining our P&C, please feel welcome to come along to the next meeting on Monday 20 April at 7:45am in the meeting room. At this meeting we will also be adopting the model constitution for 2015. Love to see some new families become involved.

Japanese Culture Day and Museum visit
The Japanese Culture excursion was lots of fun and taught us lots about Japanese music and History. At the Japanese excursion we heard songs played on big drums called Taiko. Also a big long instrument with thirteen strings called a Koto. A couple of people from each school got to go up and play the drums on the stage. The music was beautiful. We then walked to the Museum for a look around. Wendy and Tamara ran us though all the information about everything at the museum. The most fun was the old shed, bunyip train and looking at all the old things inside the museum house. We learnt a lot at the museum. We think all the locals should go visit the museum with their families.

By: Summer and Corine

Softball Carnival
Students in years 4-6 will be participating in a Tee-ball carnival tomorrow at Gin Gin State School, as a part of our Interschool sport program. This will be an all-day event. Students need to remember hats, sunscreen and water bottles.

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.

Cross Country
The Wallaville State School Cross Country event is to be held next Monday 30 March, from 9am. All parents and family members are welcome to come along and cheer on their team. All student 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 one of our rewards levels. Cut off for Megastars reward will be next Wednesday.

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.

Sausage Sizzle
A sausage sizzle will be available on Thursday 2nd April at first lunch break. This will raise funds for Student Council and will sell for $2 for a sausage on bread with sauce. Order form with this newsletter should be returned with correct money by next Tuesday please.

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.

Students of the Fortnight

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School Contact Details

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**P&C ROSTERS AND GENERAL NOTICES**

**Tuckshop Roster**
Friday 27th March
Volunteers: Tara Thompson, Donald Thompson

Donations:
Lettuce: Amanda Holmes
Tomatoes: Tara Thompson
Cheese: Amanda Knight
Muffins: Leesa Wentworth
Boiled Eggs: Beth Jensen

Volunteers Tuesday 31st March
Tara Thompson, Sheree Kevill, Amanda Holmes

Tuckshop volunteers are needed to assist with the operation of our tuckshop. If yourself, a family member or a community member has even one day available a month, please consider volunteering in our tuckshop. It would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Tara on 0413 302297 or the school on 41336333.

**P&C Notice**

Thank you to those who attended the AGM in March. A very special thank you to Rita Tobin and Angela Schulke for their commitment to the 2014 P&C Committee. We wish you all the best. Congratulations to the incoming Committee for 2015. Everyone is welcome to attend the monthly P&C meetings. Please come along. The next one is Monday April 20 at 7.45am in the meeting room, next to the Library. At this meeting we will be adopting the new 2015 constitution. Come along and have your say.

Don’t forget the Bingo and BBQ night this Saturday March 28, at the School. The BBQ will start at 5.30pm with eyes down for Bingo at 6.30pm. There will be raffles, drinks, coffee and cake available on the night. Would love to see everyone there.

**WEEKLY SCHOOL ROUTINES**

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**DATE CLAIMERS**

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
Sausage Sizzle – first break
Tupperware Party
Mon Apr 20-First Day Term 2

**TENNIS HOT SHOTS - LEARNING**

Bundaberg Tennis Academy together with Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Assoc Inc. are inviting players from 5-12 years of age, who would like to experience the "Learn n Play" programs using the modified courts, balls and equipment at Rotary Tennis Court complex, 68B George Street, South Bundaberg, next to St. Vincent de Paul & up from Hinkler Central. Classes are conducted by Professional coaches, Kevin Banner & Murray Whitbread: 0407 639824 for Term 2 on Wednesday 22nd April: 4-5pm and Saturday 2nd May: 8-9am & 9-10am. Registrations are being taken by Kevin: 4152 0753 / 0409 520753

**TENNIS HOT SHOTS - GAMES**

Girls & Boys who wish to gain the experience of playing tennis games, using modified equipment in 3 different levels (Red, Orange & Green ball) at the Rotary Park Tennis complex, 69B George Street, South Bundaberg, next to St. Vincent de Paul & up from Hinkler Central are asked to Register with Kevin: 4152 0753 / 0409 520753. The new season will commence: Saturday 2nd May 2015.