WALLAVILLE NEWS

Thursday, 27 August 2015

As we have had some unseasonably warm weather for the last few weeks, we are still experiencing outbreaks of head lice across the school. We ask that you PLEASE check your child/ren’s head/s and treat if necessary. Remember also that to break the breeding cycle of these productive little creatures, you will need to repeat the procedure every couple of days until they are no longer being found. Only if all parents did this would we ever have the chance of eradicating head lice from our school. If even one little head goes untreated, the cycle just starts all over again. Please think of your child’s comfort, as it is VERY distracting when you are constantly scratching, and therefore hard to concentrate on the learning happening in the classroom.

Office hours
Our administration office hours have changed slightly this term and are now as follows:
- Monday – Closed
- Tuesday – 8:10 am till 3:00 pm
- Wednesday – 8:10 am till 3:00 pm
- Thursday – 8:10 am till 3:00 pm
- Friday - Closed

Mrs Inskip’s office hours
A reminder that the 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 the office 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.

Absence from school.
A reminder that all student absences should be phoned in on the school number or the absence line number and a message left on the machine if needed. It is better to phone through to the office as these absences can then be put through straight away. Some parents have been sending text messages to the school mobile. The problem with this is that I am sometimes away at meetings when these messages come through – I then have to leave my meeting in order to phone the school and pass the message on. Also, we have limited mobile coverage at school and I do not always get these messages until late in the afternoon as I am walking to my car. A little late to action any queries or enter absences. Please phone the school and leave a message for the quickest response as these messages are checked before each lunch break.

Parent Pick-ups
All students who are being picked up by anyone other than their parents will need to ensure that the school is notified by either note or phone call. It is extremely difficult for the staff to ensure the welfare of your child if we are not alerted to who will be picking them up from school on a daily basis. We thank those parents who do notify us of any changes in advance.

Attendance.
It is worthwhile mentioning again the need for students to be at school every day possible. Along with work students are missing with the odd day away, the Department is cracking down on absenteeism and some do not know that there are quite significant monetary fines for parents of children who have regular absences. These fines start from around $600 and can be as much as $1300. Along with this, Centrelink payments may also be affected. North Coast Region has been reported as having the highest absenteeism rates in Queensland. Our Department is closely monitoring student absences and requesting Principals to enforce attendance where possible, or to begin the paper trail in preparation for prosecution of those parents not complying with the compulsory education of their children. If your child is of school age – 5 years to 15 years – it is mandatory that they attend school. I do not want to be put in the situation of having to send letters to parents enforcing attendance. Most children WANT to come to school.
school each day and should be given this opportunity. Those parents of children who are NOT wanting to come to need to see us about ways in which we can support those children with their attendance.

**NAPLAN 2015.**

All parents of year 3 & 5 students should have received a report outlining their child’s achievement in this year’s NAPLAN testing in May.

It has been reported that Queensland has ‘blown away’ the other states with their results this year, with the highest improvements across the board of any state in the Nation. In 2008, when the first NAPLAN tests were administered, Queensland sat firmly at the bottom of the ladder. This year we have taken out 4th place behind NSW, Victoria and the ACT. Our Regional Director, Mrs Tracy Corsbie, has congratulated all in our region for their continued dedication to student improvement.

“North Coast Region has outperformed all other regions of Queensland this year.” Mrs Corsbie said, “Other states are taking notice. They are all talking about what we are doing in Queensland. This is a credit to all of Queensland’s teachers and their absolute commitment to every student succeeding in our schools.” Well done to all involved.

Although we do not teach specifically to NAPLAN, it is a good “point in time” snapshot of how our students are travelling with Literacy and Numeracy concepts. And as we know, Literacy and Numeracy are the key to understanding all other areas.

Wallaville State School has achieved at above National Minimum Standards in all areas and Similar to the Nation in eight out of ten domains.

Work will continue with Reading and Numeracy across the school, and we look forward to even more improvements being made.

It is a time to celebrate the improvements we have made as a school by improving pedagogy (the way we teach) and also the learning culture of the school.

**1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Course**

A total of 8 parents have registered for our 1-2-3 Magic workshops. These ladies have completed their first day and the response has been very positive. Again I would like to thank Amanda Ericson and Cheryl Pankratz for presenting these workshops to our parents. It was also wonderful to see a couple of parents of Kindy kids come along. We hope that you all take something useful away at the end of this time.

**Year 4/5 camp**

Miss Varley and Mrs Inskip are looking forward to their camping trip away with the year 4/5 students, however there are still a number who have not returned payment and permission. The costs for our camp are based on a high rate of participation and this camp would not be feasible for a smaller number of students. On this camp we will be preparing year 4 & 5 students for their role as school leaders – for year 5 students we will begin thinking about nomination for leadership positions for 2016. Elections will be held next term for these positions and students will be thinking about their strengths and areas of growth in preparation for speeches and elections.

**Library Books**

All library books need to be returned by **Wednesday September 9, 2015.** Thank you.
Student Teacher
Miss Tanya Sinden is completing her third year practicum in the year 5/6 classroom. Miss Sinden is enjoying her time with us and we hope she takes away some valuable knowledge to add to her teaching skills.

Reading
As part of our Explicit Improvement Agenda, with reading this term, each classroom will be focusing on specific reading strategies according to the needs of the class. Across the whole school, each classroom will provide a balanced reading program. This incorporates MODELLED READING (the teacher modelling reading strategies and skills to the students), SHARED READING (teacher assumes most of the responsibility, however students help out with skills and strategies), GUIDED READING (this is usually small group, is levelled to suit the reader and encourages the students to take more responsibility) & INDEPENDENT READING (this is individual reading by the student to practise skills learnt).

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)
P&C ROSTERS AND GENERAL NOTICES

Tuckshop Roster

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Meeting
Thanks to those who came along to our last meeting. If you can make our meetings we would love to see you there.
Our next meeting is on the 7 September at 7.50am in the meeting room next to the library.
Thank you to Paul at the Gin Gin Hotel for allowing us to sell tickets in Meat trays there once a month. Help us in
supporting a local business by supporting the Gin Gin Hotel.
We would like some help in selling these tickets. Will you be able to help? Once a month, on a Saturday night. The
dates for the rest of the year will be
5 September  3 October  7 November  5 December
We will need two people for each night, if you can help please leave your name and contact with the school office.
All help is greatly appreciated.
Father’s Day Raffle Tickets are due back before the 2 September for the drawing of the winners on Friday the 4
September.
Reminder that our next meeting is Monday 7 September at 7.50am in the meeting room. See you there.

Taylor Swift Concert and Xmas Shopping Tour
A bus tour will be leaving Gin Gin on December 5 and returning on December 6, 2015. Packages are available ranging
from bus trip with no concert and no accommodation ($165) to a VIP package which includes concert ticket (top
price, lower level, souvenirs and accommodation-$595). For further information please contact Brett on 0401
069862.

Father’s Day Raffle
$1 per ticket
1st prize - Bob Jane T-Mart Voucher valued $100
2nd prize - Bunnings Gift Card $50
3rd prize - Rob’s Massage Voucher $20
Tickets are required to be back at school before September 2

WEEKLY SCHOOL ROUTINES
Tuckshop—Fridays
PARADE—Monday afternoons @ 2.30pm
PE & Music-Mondays
Instrumental Music-Friday

DATE CLAIMERS
Thurs 3 Sept: Final day for payment of Yr 4/5 camp
Fri 4 Sept—Touch Football carnival at GGSS for yrs 4,5,6
14-16 Sept: Year 4/5 Camp
Mon 5 Oct—Labour Day holiday
Fri 9 Oct—Soccer carnival at GGSS for Yrs 4,5,6

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