Principal’s Message

We all understand that, especially at this time of year, children are going to get sick. However we need to ensure that our children attend school every day in order to get the best education possible. It is proven that there are direct correlations between attendance and student learning. We all want the best for our kids, and we at Wallaville value our relationships with our parents, however I need to make you aware also of the legal obligation I have to follow up on these absences. We need to work together for the benefit of all our students.

With the weather getting colder quite suddenly it is concerning to see how many students are attending without a jumper or coat to keep them warm. Even though they may feel warm in their house before they leave, it does get quite cold at Wallaville School with the wind blowing through the school being the main problem. I have asked the children to ensure they have a coat or jumper (clearly named) in their bags each day in case they get cold.

I will take this opportunity again this week to remind parents about the amendments which have been made to our rewards eligibility for end of term. If students receive 3 periods in the “Think Zone” for minor offences, the fourth time will automatically progress to a “Time Out” with Mrs Inskip in the classroom to reflect in more depth about their behaviour. After three (3) further think zone periods, the fourth will once again progress to automatic “time out” and a loss of their end of term rewards eligibility.

Since this has been introduced, we already have a number of students teetering on their fourth offence, and periods in “time out” and letters home will be a reality very soon if behaviours are not addressed. Students have more than enough chances to rectify their behaviour at Wallaville and it may take the loss of rewards for some of our students to fully get the message. Although this will not be a pleasant occurrence for the students it may be a necessity in order to change some habits in the long term.

Absences

I would like to discuss the issue of student absences at our school. We are all aware that attendance at school is mandatory in Primary school. After attending a meeting regarding the processes around student absences, I would like to communicate the following procedure which we, in schools, are expected to follow.

· If a child is away for more than 2 days, without a reason being given by the parent, before close of business on the 3rd day, contact must be made with the parent to enquire about reason for absence. This would be done by the classroom teacher by way of a phone call. If the child is sick, parents would be expected to produce a doctor’s certificate on their return to school. This record of contact will be kept on the OneSchool database for future reference.
· If your child needs to be away from school for a period of 10 days or more for any reason other than being sick, written permission must be sought from the Principal.
· If a child’s attendance continues to be an issue, the principal must issue a Form 4 – Failure to Attend notice. These inform the parent of their obligation to send their child to school each day when and of the monetary fines which could be attached to them not sending their child to school.

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 on even weeks in term 2.

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Student Absence Line: 4133 6366
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 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.

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).

Rapid Reading Program
We have been fortunate enough to engage the services of one of our volunteers to begin the “Rapid Reading Program” at Wallaville. It is our hope that each child across the whole school will get the opportunity to read aloud to an adult each day at their reading level. This is extremely important for our students to continue to show improvement and practice the skills which have been taught in class. If your child reads at home also, and in our reading room each morning ALL THE BETTER!!! They can never get enough reading in a day. The ability to read shows an affect across all other Key Learning Areas. The better reader they are, the better problem solver, mathematician, scientist etc. they will become. We need to stop thinking of reading as standing alone, but as a skill to take to all situations in life. We thank Lynn for her commitment to our school and the students who come here. If there are any other parents, grandparents or community members who would like to help us with this program, your assistance would be very much appreciated.

CQ Fun Tour to visit Wallaville State School
This Saturday, Wallaville will play host to a group of Charity Car Rally participants who will be visiting our school for lunch at around 12noon. This is a wonderful opportunity for our P&C to raise funds which ultimately will go towards all of our students and their education at Wallaville. If you are able to help out on this day, or if you wish to attend this BBQ lunch and have a look at the cars, please feel free to come along. Students are invited to dress up for the occasion, the theme of the rally being “Royalty”. Prises will be awarded for best dress boys and girls. We would love to see as many families as possible support this lunch, as further funds will be allocated from the organisers of this rally in order for us to get our Veggie Patch and kitchen garden up and running.

Whole School Review
Last week, our school played host to a team from the School Improvement Unit. This team of school principals conducted a Whole School Review for DET (Department of Education & Training). During the time they were here, they reviewed our curriculum implementation, improvement agenda, parent engagement, attendance, along with various other areas. They visited classrooms and spoke with teachers, teacher aides, students, P&C and parents in order to get a snapshot of our school. After 2 days of collecting information, they presented their overview of our school and will be sending the official report once it has been approved by the Director General of Education. Overall, these ladies were very impressed with our school (coming from large schools in Brisbane), our staff and our students. They gave us a small number of things to consider in moving forward while we await the official report. As a staff, we found this process very useful and informative, and valued the feedback given by these Principals. We thank them for their time and effort in helping us to improve our school and the outcomes which we deliver to our students.

Creative Generation
A group of year 5/6 students will be travelling to Brisbane in the first week after the holidays to take part in “Creative Generations – State Schools on Stage.” This was a fantastic opportunity for students last year, although it is truly a
gruelling 4 days of travel, rehearsals, performance and late nights and early mornings. I remind all students who are participating that all money is due so that we can finalise details.

Book Fair
Wallaville State School will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair from Tuesday July 21 till Friday July 24, 2015.

Library books
The end of Term 2 is fast approaching, only 3 weeks to go. Could all library books be returned to Mrs Mac by the end of Week 9. Thank you.

LENDING A HAND
It is always good to lend a hand to those in need, whether in our own backyard or across the world. On the 22nd of May our school had a free dress day to raise funds for the Nepal earthquake appeal. There was $70 raised from this day. This day also coincided with Chaplaincy week and Darren and Leanne, our chaplains from across our cluster, decided to do pancake mornings in four of the schools to also raise funds for the Nepalese people. At Wallaville’s pancake morning on the 21st May we raised $65.10, which meant our small school contributed to a total of $135.10 being raised. The combined total from all the pancake mornings and our free dress day meant that a total of $592.10 was forwarded to the Nepal earthquake appeal. Thanks for your contribution towards this worthy cause.

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 News
MEAT RAFFLES
Hi All. We will be selling tickets in two meat trays at the Gin Gin Hotel on Saturday Night the 6 June. The first raffle will be starting at 6pm. Why not come along and have a great meal at the Hotel with the family and show our thank you to Paul and staff at the Gin Gin Hotel.

CQ CAR RALLY
Don’t forget the CQ Charity Car Rally will be stopping at our school this Saturday, 6 June. They should be here to show off their cars at 12 noon and leaving approx. 2pm. We will have yummy steak burgers for sale to the public along with raffles and 100 board. The students are asked to come along in fancy dress with the theme being ROYAL. The organisers of the Car Rally will be providing trophies to the winners in both the Boys and Girls section. Let’s show our support to the CQ Charity Car Rally by showing up and welcoming and thanking them for coming to our school.

MEETING
Our next meeting will be Monday 15 June at 7.50am. All welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend we have placed an Agenda request list at the Tuckshop if you want anything brought up. We would like your name, so we can make sure we contact the person asking the enquiry. If you don’t want to leave your name for everyone to read please leave a message at the office with Attention Leigh on it so she can personally get back to you.

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Bundaberg Regional Council Family Day
The Flourish Family Fun Day is to be held at Boreham Park, Avenell Heights, Bundaberg on Monday 29 June 2015, 9:00am to 11:30am. This is a free event for families as we have incorporated the Welcome Baby Celebration, the Teddy Bears Parade, rides and slides, face painting and many other activities for all the family to enjoy.

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Students of the Fortnight

Prep / 1 / 2
Cooper Perry for trying hard with speech and sounds

Year 3/4
Kaylee Stallan for excellent behaviour

Year 5/6
Martin Rayner for his eagerness to participate in class activities

Prep / 1 / 2
Marley Banks for working very well in all subjects

Year 3/4
Kierena Penney for fantastic effort

Year 5/6
Chevez Walters for his enthusiasm for classroom activities

P&C ROSTERS AND GENERAL NOTICES

Tuckshop Roster

_Tuesday 9th June_
Volunteers: Sonia Wochnik, Lynette Mackinnon

_Thursday 16th June_
Volunteers: Tara Thompson, Sheree Kevill, Amanda Holmes

Tuckshop News
We need more Volunteers for the Tuckshop. We have lost a few at the end of 2014 due to students moving to high school and really need your help. The Tuckshop requires at least 5 more volunteers to keep the Tuckshop open the two mornings per week, if we don’t get this help as of Term 3 we will only be opening on a Friday morning.

If you are able to help please fill out below so Tara, our Tuckshop Convenor, can contact you.

Please return to the School Office.
YES I would be able to help out in the Tuckshop.
Name: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________

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