Mr Ruthven's BLOG

What's 2017 look like?

Our curriculum focus in 2017 is Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

- Homework has been to reduce to Reading and access to an online maths program. Your child should have their access log-ins for the online maths-sites now.
- Our teachers are focusing on spelling and maths tables at the start of the year to help with their automaticity.
- We need to build a "Love of Reading" with our students that will transfer to a "Love of Learning". So, we would appreciate student reading at home to be a "family time" to regularly relax, enjoy and read together.
- We're looking to learn the technology "stuff" more and get out the books we enjoy to read...I'm reading a "Horny History" Book at the moment...it's fascinating!

Our Performing Arts teacher started her lessons last Tuesday! Ask your child about the drama & dance lesson they had in our hall on Tuesday with Mrs Barns.

The "Music Bus" has started instrumental music lessons at school. I have seen lots of smiling faces leaving the bus after their lesson. (Application forms are in the Office - The Music Bus is a private business not connected to our school)

- If you have any concerns about school, please let us know as soon as possible.
- All our staff at Walloon are wonderful and very willing to help maximise the learning of every student at school.

I'm starting a "Staff Profile" section in the weekly newsletter this year, so you can get to know your child's class teacher.

I think we have made an 'Excellent Start' to 2017.

Walking around the school, I see an ocean of "Happy Faces". I think we have made an exciting start to the year and we will continue to build the "Happy Face" culture to create a positive environment at school.

Mr Ruthven Head of Curriculum

LIBRARY NEWS

Library lessons will be on Tuesdays for all classes except 1A and 2A who will have their lessons on Wednesdays. I would encourage all students to have a library bag for their books. The best and most successful bags are the ones for sale in the Uniform Shop. These are waterproof and stop any sort of damage to books in schoolbags. If your child has a cotton library bag, I would suggest putting the book into a plastic grocery bag first as the biggest damage to library books is usually from water bottles that don't have the lid screwed on tightly.

If you have any overdue library books from last year please return these ASAP before invoices are issued.

Julie Lawrenson
Teacher/Librarian

P&C NEWS

Welcome back, we hope you have had a well deserved break and are ready for 2017! 1st P&M meeting is Wednesday the 8th February at 7pm in the administration building. This is an informal/social night to get to know everyone. WELCOME!

AGM will be Wednesday the 22nd March. All positions will be open and up for voting. Anyone interested in a role on the committee or would like more information before the night please contact Jo on 0415346261.

We are still looking for a tuck shop co-ordinator if you have any skills/interest in this area please contact Jo or let the office know. Thank you!

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SWIMMING

All students in Years 1 to 6 will be swimming every Wednesday in Term 1, starting in Week 1. Invoices will be forwarded home shortly and payment can be made at the school office or via BPPoint, direct debit or credit card over the phone. Please make all payments by 1pm each day.

Your child will have a swimming bag containing their togs, towel, swim shirt and thongs (thongs to be worn from school to pool). The bag is compulsory and must be worn each week. Students will travel by bus to and from the Leichhardt Pool where they will have their swimming lessons with myself and Mrs Trudy Martin.

Swimming is part of our school curriculum and any absence from pool must be due to a medical condition and will need to be accompanied by a note from a parent or guardian.

Melita MacKay
PE Teacher

FAREWELL FROM MAIKE (LOTE)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to you to wish you farewell. I am very sorry but the opportunity arose at the end of last year and during the school holidays it was confirmed that I can take over the position as German teacher at three small schools in the Scenic Rim as my language teacher is retiring. I live in Boonah myself and accepted this offer as it is less travel time for me. I very much enjoyed working at Walloon and I am sorry I can't say goodbye, but I am sure to see you around.

Please feel free to stay in contact and all the best!

Lotte Dettmer

25th January, 2017

TALL GUMS SPORTS CAMP

Parents are required to fill out a new medication form each year for those children requiring medication administered to them throughout the year. Please see Carol in the office if your child is requiring medication this year.