FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:
Tonight sees our first P&C meeting for this year, with a meet-and-greet, bring-a-plate style of meeting. These meetings last for a bit over an hour and allow frank and relaxed conversation between the folks in our school and the folks in the community. Please feel most welcome to join us from 7:00pm in the Staff Room.

A change this year instigated by our Positive Behaviour for Learning committee is the use of tickets (also called Feathers) to recognise the positive behaviour of students across all school settings. These have been used since Monday. These are small, white squares with a feather on them. They also include our school-wide expectations of Active Learner; Respectful; Resilient; and Safe. All of our staff members give these to students when they are behaving in a manner consistent with our expectations – they may be walking on the concrete, picking up paper, caring for a fellow student, being ready to learn etc. Many of our students see the recognition of their efforts by a staff member as enough of a reward, but the ticket is a bonus. These tickets can then be used to reclaim other rewards in class, as well as school-wide rewards.

Another initiative of the PBL group is the provision of clipboards for staff members on playground duty to record incidents in the playground. This allows staff members to more consistently follow up any incidents and the information allows the PBL committee to look for trends during breaks – the behaviour of a student, issues within a group of students, issues in a particular playground area etc.

Our focus on student attendance continues this year, with us sharing with our students on the Parades of Monday afternoon the attendance figures of the classes. This week’s results were:

- Prep A - 96%
- Prep A/1 - 94%
- 1/2A - 97.14%
- 2A - 95.45%
- 2/3A - 95.45%
- 3/4A - 88.4%
- 4A - 94.7%
- 5/6A - 94.1%
- 5A - 94.28%
- 6A - 93.5%

Congratulations go to SIA for coping the table again this week! The Department of Education and Training suggests a target of 93% for student attendance, but I think that 95% is actually achievable – let’s continue to aim for that one.

A few weeks ago I started sharing with you the 33 common pieces of advice (or powerful messages) across the school. One that has stuck with us this week! The Department of Education and Training will be needing for that lesson.

Mr Ruthven’s BLOG
THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR SCHOOL - Let’s be organised!

If your household is anything like my household, every morning there is a hive of activity getting kids ready for school and getting there on time. Developing ‘Organisation’ skills is vitally important to help our children grow up to be more successful adults. (Ever met those people who are always stressed to the max, never ready and always late? - We don’t have to be like that!) Children learn a lot from their role-models, and if we are well and organised, they will take those lessons with them to adulthood.

At my house, I set the timer on the stove (10 minutes early) and tell my children 3 jobs they need to have done (get dressed, have breakfast, clean teeth) and where they need to be when the timer goes off - (sitting on the front veranda ready to leave). I used to try, but now I have my husband to do the same! It works most times… but I keep calm and keep trying!

At Walloon, all our teachers are brilliant! Every day they plan their lessons and what resources they will be using. They help their students by telling them what they will be needing for that lesson.

Organisation is not something you can do once and then forget! It is one of those things that you always have to keep up and organised… sometimes you succeed, and sometimes you fail… but we have to try… for our kids sake! Have a great week!
Mr Ruthven
Head of Curriculum

LIBRARY NEWS
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.

Julie Langlands
Teacher/Librarian

P & C NEWS
First P&C meeting is tonight Wednesday the 8th February at 7pm. This is an informal/social night to get to know everyone, bring a plate to share. Meeting is held in the Administration building.

Julie Langlands
Teacher/Librarian
P & C Chair

SPORTS HOUSE CAPTAIN SPEECHES
Sport Captain speeches and voting will be held tomorrow, Thursday, 9th February, at 9:00am in the school hall.

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking operates each Wednesday. Please leave your banking in the tuckshop boxes inside each classroom.
Julie Webster/Fiona Barlow
Banking Co-Ordinators

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
14th March, 2017

UNIFORM SHOP
Open every Monday afternoon from 3:30pm to 3:15pm.
Dates for term one:
20/02/2017 - Open 27/02/2017 - Open
06/03/2017 - Open 13/03/2017 - Closed
20/03/2017 - Open 27/03/2017 - Closed

Kerri Jendra
Uniform Shop Convenor

CHRISTIAN LIFE AT WALLOON
The role of a School Chaplain can vary from school to school, and is made up of different areas. These include; Social and/or Emotional Support, Community Development, Spiritual Support, Mentoring, Educational Support, Extra-curricular Activities, General Work and Administration and other activities such as professional development training with Scripture Union (the employing body).

The second area as explained in the chaplaincy work plan;
Community Development;
Chaplains help to build strong links between the school and the wider community. They network with school-based support staff, community based organisations, churches and other networks to mobilise the resources of the community to support student needs.
This is an important aspect of my role, getting to know which organisations are present in our community, and those who can support the families and students of Walloon. Also, building relationships with local businesses such as the local IGA who have already shown support to our school with donations towards student lunches. In the past I have been supported by local churches, who have helped provide food hampers for families in need. In 2017 I aim to build community with the Walloon Uniting Church and look forward to working on projects with them in the future.

This year I will be at Walloon each Monday and Tuesday, and my other schools for the rest of the week. Please feel free to contact me if the need arises, via the contacts below or in person.
Share a smile with someone, you WILL brighten their day!
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Then I realised…
I am somebody.

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