



Walloon State School



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From The Principal's Desk

Next **Monday afternoon** sees us host our **Badge Ceremony** for this semester. All grades will be present on a special Assembly from 2:15pm, where we will officially present the School Captains, School Vice Captains, Sports House Captains, Class Captains, Band Captain and Choir Captain with their Badges.

Our **school focus areas** for this year are well in evidence and over the last week I have enjoyed seeing many great examples of them in action. These included:

- **Reading** – Mrs Langlands is hosting a Book Fair in the library to promote quality reading resources and to enhance our already rich and considerable reading resources.
- **Writing** – students from 3/4A were working on memory cubes. They had made cubes from paper and were capturing information on each face. This was a great way to present information on a topic.
- **Community Partnerships** – last Friday saw us participate in Ipswich Council's Healthy Active Safe Travel (HAST) to school program. This was a fabulous morning, with the number of people attending surpassing the events that we have hosted previously. It was even Raisin Toast Friday at the Breakfast Program! Bliss! Last Monday we met with Councillor David Pahlke in the park to sign our Memorandum of Understanding for the joint custodianship of this great community resource. Our thanks go to Cr Pahlke for his passion for our community.

Our school-wide **attendance** rate currently stands at 95.6%, which is another slight increase. The attendance rates for each grade follows:

Prep – 96.9%	Grade 1 – 94.6%
Grade 2 – 94.6%	Grade 3 – 96.5%
Grade 4 – 95.4%	Grade 5 – 95.2%
Grade 6 – 95.6%	School – 95.6%

These numbers are very satisfying. When the students are here as often as this, they really feel a part of our school and have the opportunity to build real momentum in their learning.

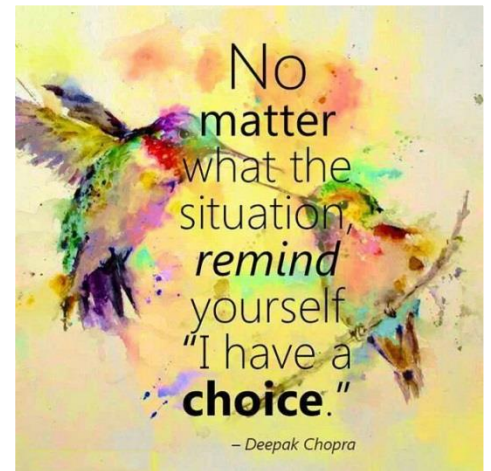
I often hear that people feel “**empowered**”. It’s one of those terms that is often used and I was interested to see if my definition of it matched that of others. I came across the work of Dr. Peter Honey. He stated that empowerment has been described as delegation for grown-ups, but that there is more to it than that. The difference between delegating and empowerment is that delegating is something you do to other people, whereas empowerment is something people have to do for themselves. In short, power is what you take, not what you are given.

In essence, empowerment happens when individuals take responsibility for their own lives and development. Central to doing so is the issue of choice; the realization that we always have options to choose between. It is never true to say, “There is no alternative.” Of course, there may be some alternatives which are unpalatable or undesirable, but there are always plenty of them. It often suits people to assume they have no choice. Choosing involves taking responsibility both for the choice and the outcomes. The illusion of having no choice is therefore a convenient way to avoid responsibility.

I’ll expand on this theme next week. In the meantime, I hope that this week is an empowering one.

Greg Noble

Principal



Library News

Our Scholastic Book Fair is currently running in the Library and will continue until Tuesday 13th March. It will be open in the mornings at 8.30am and in the afternoons at 3pm. For every \$10 spent a raffle ticket will go into a draw for a daily prize of a \$10 voucher to spend at the Book Fair.

Congratulations to our raffle winners so far: **Inda Singh, Ivy Oberle, Darcy Howell, Mychaela Clark, Indi Beer.**

Please support our Book Fair if you are able to as the school receives 30% of sales in books for the library.

Julie Langlands

Teacher/Librarian



Meal Deal Day - Thursday, 22nd March first break- Order forms have been sent home - Menu as below. Order form can also be downloaded from the school website.

Easter Bingo - Due to the changeover of the P & C Committee in March we are asking if anyone is interested in organising bingo in first or second term. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for the school and help connect the wider community to us. If you would like more information please contact either **Kerri - 0438644994 or myself Jo - 0415433621.**

AGM - 14th March, 2018

All positions are declared open and nominations/voting will occur on the night.

We are looking for a President/Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and ideally a fundraising co-ordinator. If you would like any information on any of these positions please contact me or visit the P & C Queensland website which is very helpful.

Thank you

P & C Committee



Chaplain News

Recently I found this image of an iceberg on facebook (see image below). I thought that it was an interesting representation of how underlying feelings, emotions and physical needs can determine how our children may behave when faced with a challenge, changes in routine or an overwhelming situation. As adults we often are better equipped to interpret how we are feeling, we still may not show it, but we can tell if it is an emotional hurt, or if we are simply tired and need an early night to catch up on sleep.

Let's try to look a little deeper next time we are faced with our child's challenging behaviour.

Healthy Active School Travel Event

Thank you to all of those families who were able to attend last Friday's walk and ride to school. If you missed out this time, there will be other events, in term 2, 3 and 4. These events will be advertised through the newsletter and displayed at the classrooms.

Rosewood Chaplaincy Cluster Drive-in Fundraiser

Walloon is supported by the Rosewood cluster of chaplaincy and we are holding a fundraiser at the Tivoli Drive-in, if you are interested please see the attached flyer below. It is a great night out and an easy way to support the work of chaplaincy here at our school.

Please contact myself, Chappy (aka Mrs Hewett) on my email rebecca.hewett@chappy.org.au or by call the school

office on 5461 8333.

You are **AMAZING**. You are **IMPORTANT**. You are **SPECIAL**.

You are **UNIQUE**. You are **KIND**. You are **PRECIOUS**. You are **LOVED**.

Keep Smiling,

Chappy (aka Mrs Hewett)

Rebecca Hewett

School Chaplain

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Walloon State School-Tuesday & Friday

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School Photos

13th March, 2018

Swimming

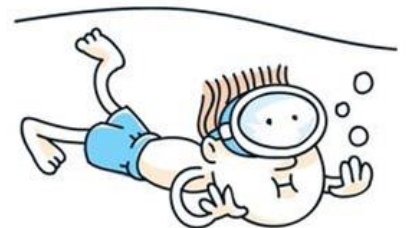
All students in Years 1 to 6 will be swimming every Wednesday in Term 1, starting in Week 1. Invoices will be coming home shortly and payment can be made at the school office or via BPoint, direct debit or credit card over the phone. Please make all payments by 1pm each day.

Your child will need to come to school with a swimming bag containing their togs, towel, swim shirt and thongs (thongs to be worn from school to the pool only). Swim shirts are 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 swimming 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



Swimming Carnival

The Inter-House Swimming Carnival will be held for students born 2004-2007 at the Rosewood Pool on Wednesday, 28th March, 2018. More information regarding the swimming carnival will be arriving home shortly. ALL Students attending the carnival will need to assemble in the senior undercover area at 8:15am to be marked on the roll prior to departure.

Melita Hines

PE Teacher

Coles Sports For Schools

BRING IN YOUR COLES VOUCHERS!!

Our school is participating in the Coles Sports for School initiative. For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher. Every voucher received by our school will go towards our tally which will enable us to order sports equipment for all students to enjoy.

Please collect vouchers at Coles until 3rd April, 2018 and bring them into the school office.



General Notices

District Sports Trials

HOCKEY - District Trial

When: Wednesday, 28th March, 2018

Time: 3:15pm

Where: Ipswich Hockey, Briggs Road, Raceview

Who: 10-12 years boys and girls

If you wish to attend these trials you must have your nomination in to the school office by **Wednesday, 7th March, 2018** to be eligible. You will also need:

- Signed Principal Approval Form (from the school office)
- Completed and signed Parental Consent, Contact and Medical Details Form
- Mouthguard permission form
- **Students are required to bring to WRDSS trials:** Hockey stick, shin pads, mouthguard (**NO MOUTHGUARD NO TRIAL**), appropriate footwear, water bottle, hat and sunscreen and other protective equipment. Remove jewellery.

RUGBY LEAGUE - Fassifern Zone Trial

When: ***POSTPONED DUE TO WET WEATHER - NEW TRIAL DATE TBA***

Where: Swifts JRLFC Boonah Road, Yamanato

When: 3.30pm to 4.30pm (approximately)

Who: 10-12 Year Boys

You will also need:

- Signed Principal Approval Form (from the school office)
- Completed and signed Parental Consent, Contact and Medical Details Form
- Mouthguard permission form
- bring appropriate footwear, water bottle, hat and sunscreen and other protective equipment. **MOUTHGUARD MUST BE WORN FOR THIS TRIAL.**

RUGBY LEAGUE - District Trial

When: Thursday, 22nd March, 2018

Where: Norths Tigers, North Ipswich

When: 12:30 to 3:30pm (approximately)

Who: 10-12 Year Boys

If you wish to attend these trials you must have attended the above Zone Trial to be eligible. You will also need:

- Signed Principal Approval Form (from the school office)
- Completed and signed Parental Consent, Contact and Medical Details Form
- Mouthguard permission form
- bring appropriate footwear, water bottle, hat and sunscreen and other protective equipment. **MOUTHGUARD MUST BE WORN FOR THIS TRIAL.**

AFL - District Trial

When: Tuesday, 13th March, 2018

Time: 12:30pm to 3:30pm (approximately)

Where: Atlantic Drive, Springfield

Who: 10-12 Boys

If you wish to attend these trials you must have your nomination in to the school office by **Friday, 9th March, 2018** to be eligible. You will also need:

- Signed Principal Approval Form (from the school office)
- Completed and signed Parental Consent, Contact and Medical Details Form
- Mouthguard permission form
- bring appropriate footwear, water bottle, hat and sunscreen and other protective equipment.
MOUTHGUARD MUST BE WORN FOR THIS TRIAL.

IMPORTANT!!!! PARKING SAFETY ISSUE!

Please note that the Staff Car Park is for authorised vehicles only and is **not to be used for any drop off and pick up purposes**. This is for safety reasons and must be adhered to at all times of the day. The Staff Car Park is situated alongside the hall.

When dropping off students, please use the bottom car park adjacent to the senior playground.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop opens each Monday afternoon from 2.30pm to 3.15pm.

Please see price list below.

Kerri Jendra

Uniform Shop Convenor

ABSENTEE LINE 54618360

Mornings in our school office can get extremely busy at times and for this reason we would appreciate the use of the student absence line when you are notifying the school of any absences. So, if your child is absent for any reason, please phone the absentee line with your child's name, roll class, reason for absence and expected duration of absence.

ABSENTEE LINE:

5461 8360

School Website

Newsletters and other relevant information about our school can be found on our school website. Go to www.walloonss.eq.edu.au to view upcoming events, news, newsletters and to download enrolment forms etc.

Upcoming Events

01 - 14/03/2018

Book Fair

06 - 09/03/2018

Year 5 Moreton Island Camp

12/03/2018

Badge Ceremony - 2.15pm - School Hall

13/03/2018

School Photos

14/03/2018

P & C AGM

19/03/2018

KidzLitQuiz

22/03/2018

Meal Deal Day

28/03/2018

Swimming Carnival

30/03/2018

Good Friday

02/04/2018

Easter Monday

17/04/2018

Term 2 begins
