



WALLAVILLE NEWS

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ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is critical to the success a child experiences with their learning. It can often be the difference between a person experiencing a **"Life of choice"** instead of a **"Life of chance"**. Our school day at Wallaville begins at 8:50am and ends at 3:00pm. Every moment of that day is filled with learning experiences. While sickness and appointments during school time are inevitable, parents are asked that absences are reduced as much as possible to ensure that every day counts. Attendance is valued at Wallaville State School.

Each week we award one student for their attendance at school. All students who attend school each day for the week, with no late arrivals or early departures go into the draw for a \$10 Scholastic book voucher. These vouchers are kindly donated by our P&C and we thank them for their continued commitment to supporting our students to achieve the best that they possibly can.

All student absences need to be phoned into the office (as per the phone numbers at the bottom of this newsletter), or students signed in if late and out if departing early. These will then be entered in One School. A 90% attendance rate is needed each term for students to attend Mega Star Rewards activities. Attendance is just another way for students to show that they are responsible for their learning. If students are away for more than 3 days, the Department of Education requires parents to supply a medical certificate if sick or a discussion with Eve or myself if for another reason. If students are away for a planned period, prior notification needs to be given to the office so that teachers can supply work if requested.

Welcome Mrs Mittelheuser

This term we welcome Mrs Eve Mittelheuser to our team. Eve is replacing Lisa Fritz as our Business Manager. We thank Lisa for her time at Wallaville and welcome Eve on board. Eve will be in our Administration Office on Mondays (8:30 – 2:45), Tuesdays (8:30 – 2:00) and Wednesdays (8:30 – 2:45). Eve will be on leave for the next 2 weeks and will return to the office on Monday 16th February. We know that our community will make her welcome. Pop in and say "Hi" if you are dropping off or picking up students.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS?

Prep/1/2

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and have returned ready for a busy term 1.

What does this term of learning look like?

English- Students will be reading a variety of imaginative texts. They will be sharing ideas and expressing opinions about familiar characters, making connections to self and learning about character traits. Their assessment this term will be a presentation.

Math- Students will continue to learn about number-place value, partitioning and recognising number in a variety of representations. Students will be learning about collecting data and picture graphs. In addition to number and data, year two will also be learning about mapping.

Science- Students continue to explore as they identify and compare the needs of individual plants and animals, such as air, water, food or shelter, and recognise that all plants and animals share some basic needs.

Homework will begin week 2 or 3. Year 2 homework will look a little different this year as it will include spelling. A note will be sent home again for those who do not wish for homework to be sent home with their child.

3/4

Hello and welcome back to school! 2026 is going to be jam packed full of learning opportunities for our students and we cannot wait to get started! Please come in and say hello when we have our open classrooms afternoon. I will be available to talk to you about your student and their learning journey.

5/6

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful holiday and are excited for the new school year. We are looking forward to seeing the Year 5 students step into the senior class and for the Year 6 students to take on their leadership responsibilities. Within the classroom, we begin by learning about narratives in English. Our unit will be based on the novel 'Bridge to Terabithia' by Katherine Paterson. Students will be asked to share their understanding, perspective and opinion on the novel by recording a Podcast. For Maths, will be covering number awareness, location and transformation and will also conduct a statistics investigation. Finally, the KLA subjects for this term are HASS, Science and Visual Arts. We're ready for an excellent Term 1.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Parade

Parade at Wallaville is held each Monday afternoon from 2:40pm. School captains help me to present the information for the week and to acknowledge and celebrate our students' achievements. We welcome all parents, grandparents and carers each Monday afternoon for this.

P&C

Our next meeting will be on Monday 2nd February from 3:15pm at school. All are welcome to attend. Come along and join the team. We would love to see some new faces at our meeting.

Welcome Mrs Hamilton

Mrs Bellinda Hamilton will be joining the Prep/1/2 class each Thursday. This is to release Mrs Janke to work on the SEP program at our school. We look forward to working with Belinda this year.



Leadership badge presentation

Next Tuesday 3rd February we will be holding our Leadership badge presentation commencing at 2:00pm. All parents welcome to attend.

Classroom Meetings and Meet the teacher BBQ



Next Tuesday 3rd we would like to open our classrooms to all parents and carers to come along and learn what is to be expected in each of our classrooms this year. Teachers will discuss things like homework, routines, reading, expectations, camps/excursions etc. It is a very valuable download of information for parents, especially if your child has moved classrooms this year.

Prep/1/2 – 3:10 pm

Year 3/4 – 3:30 pm

Year 5/6 – 3:50 pm

After meetings have finished, we will fire up the BBQ. We look forward to having as many parents as possible join us on this afternoon. For catering purposes, please return the attached RSVP slip.

GRIP Leadership Conference

On Friday 6th February I will be taking our Leadership group to Bundaberg to take part in the annual GRIP Leadership Conference at the Bundaberg Multiplex. Notes regarding this will come home this week.

Till next time, look after yourselves. 😊

Kerry Inskip
Principal



FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICERS

Rachel Tobin

WELCOME BACK

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing vacation.

My name is Rachel Tobin, and I am excited to get started on yet another great school year! I am here to help your child navigate through the wonderful, and sometimes challenging, school year. It is my hope that this school year will be full of successful experiences for all students.

My role, as your child's Guidance Officer, is to be an advocate for your child and to work collaboratively with you, your child, school staff and our community. I am an educational specialist who assists students within their academic and personal / social /emotional areas.

Please feel free to contact me anytime through email rtobi5@eq.edu.au or phone your school.

Kind Regards

Rachel Tobin

BSc (Biology) BLM MEd (Guidance and Counselling) BSc (Psychology)

Guidance Officer

Gin Gin State School | 13 May Street | Gin Gin QLD 4671 | P: (07) 4133 2333| Tuesday and Wednesday

Bundaberg South State School | Walla Street | Bundaberg South QLD 4670 | P: (07) 4130 8333| Monday and Thursday Ballyard State School, Kolan South State School, McIlwraith State School, Maroondan State School and Wallaville State School | Friday

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Tips to Get Back Into The School Routine

Come on, admit it. You intended to keep a schedule on the holidays, but when the kids slept in you liked the extra quiet time. Not living by the clock was a refreshing change of pace, but school has started back and you know the kids and you need to get back into the groove.

First, let me assure you, it's healthier to have a flexible schedule than a rigid one. So have no guilt about your holiday schedule. Just realize that the school schedule is a big change and you may need to assist the children in making the transition.

Like so many things in life, back-to-school after a holiday period is an exercise in regaining balance. So here are some tips for making the transition a little smoother:

1. Ideally, before school starts, start moving back to the school-year bedtime by half-hour increments. At the same time, have the children wake up earlier each day, until they have gotten up at their regular school time for about a week.
2. Make a conscious effort to re-establish regular mealtimes and talk about their day.
3. Teach your children how to plan and pack a healthy lunch so they (and you) can be more independent. Brainstorm lists of the healthy foods they like. Children can choose one item from each category to create a variety of healthy balanced lunches. If they really want something unhealthy, limit it to one item each week, so it's a special treat, not an everyday food.
4. Take them grocery shopping so they can pick out healthy foods for their lunch. The more children are involved and making choices, the fewer power struggles you'll get into. They will also establish healthier habits and lifestyles, which will follow them into their adult years.
5. Have them plan a way to remember their homework, lunch and backpacks each day. Also, when they will do their homework, play, eat, and do other activities. The goal is to complete responsibilities while maintaining balance, using good time management skills. Sound familiar? That's what you have to do at work! Well school is children's "work" and they need to take responsibility for it so they will be prepared for the real world. Planning for them deprives them of these learning opportunities. Teaching skills and letting them figure out a plan meets the goal.
6. Encourage them to organize their bags in preparation for the school day. Again, this is their responsibility. Provide the necessary supplies so they can be organized. You can tell them what you would do, but need to let them figure out what works for them.
7. Have school items ready. This will give them something to look forward to.
8. Maintaining balance requires setting priorities and making choices.

Are you seeing some patterns in these tips? Effective transitions happen gradually and help prepare children for the impending change. By involving them in the planning and giving them choices about how the change occurs, they will manage the transition and change better. They'll also learn important life skills and be more independent, responsible and confident.

Every parent wants that --- and future employers will value it, too!

Adapted from Parenttoolshop.com

Wishing you an exciting 2026!

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Wallaville P & C Association News

P&C News

Welcome to 2026!

We would like to welcome back all our families for the 2026 school year and extend a **warm welcome** to our new families joining the school community. We're looking forward to a wonderful year ahead!

Next Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday, 2nd of February at 3:15pm** in the reading room. Everyone is welcome – it's a great way to stay informed and involved in what's happening at our school. We hope to see you there!

Tuckshop Update

The tuckshop will commence on **Friday, 6th of February**. All sweets are available on second break.

Uniform Shop Update

The Uniform Shop is now open **every Friday**, offering **second-hand uniforms only**.

We're looking for **donations of second-hand uniforms** in good condition.

If you have any outgrown items, please drop them off at the school office or uniform shop.

Your donations help other families and support our school community — thank you!

Volunteers Needed

We're always on the lookout for helping hands in the tuckshop and at upcoming events. If you can spare a little time, we'd love to have you on board—many hands make light work!

Kind Regards

Sarah Eaton and P&C committee
Wallaville State School P&C Association

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AGES 5 to 16

THURSDAYS 29 JAN & 5 FEB

3:30PM - 5:00PM

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SCAN ME

Anxiety Coach

Workshop

Reducing anxiety & building resilience in 4-12 year olds

Aim: To help parents develop a greater understanding of the problem of increasing levels of anxiety in children and some strategies to help

When:
3 Sessions-
Monday
2nd March, 2026
9th March, 2026
16th March, 2026
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Where:
PLC Bundaberg
Gate 6, Woondooma Street
Bundaberg
(back of Central School)
Opposite Town Library

To RSVP please email -
Cathie Heads - chead13@eq.edu.au
Positive Learning Centre - Ed Qld

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1,2,3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING

- equips you with the skills to manage your child's difficult behaviour.

3 SESSIONS-
WEDNESDAY
11th FEBRUARY. 2026
18th FEBRUARY.2026
25th FEBRUARY. 2026
9:30 AM-11:30 AM

The course is 3 sessions long & attendees need to attend all sessions.

PLEASE RSVP TO:
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