Dear Parents & Carers,

HOODWINKED the Musical!

Wow, If you missed this spectacular event then you missed a fantastic evening of entertainment. I was immensely impressed by the student’s performance and immensely proud of them all. The students put their whole hearts into their show and I cannot praise them enough.. The excellent team of teachers and parents who worked behind the scenes are to be congratulated and thanked for the many, many hours on weekends and evenings that they put into this wonderful performance. The costumes and props were outstanding and would have been suitable for a performance at the Opera House! A very warm thank you to Miss Diaz, Mrs Hamilton, Miss Haas, Mrs Pershouse and Mr Hurley for their commitment and dedication to the school and the students. Also a very special thank you to our parent volunteers who just about lived and breathed the musical in the last 6 months – Mrs Nicholas and family and Mrs Kennedy and family. We cannot thank you enough. We also thank all of the other people who helped out in any way. The photos show some of the cast after the show and during their dress rehearsal.

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER
29th – Yr 7 Graduation
29th - Yrs 3 – 7 Cyber Bully Be Gone Performance

DECEMBER
1st December – Christmas Concert
    Prep – Yr 3 – 9am – 10.45am
    Yrs 4 - 7 – 11.30am to 1pm
1st December – Awards Evening
8th – Breaking Up Day / Incentive Day

ABSENCE LINE – 4959 4366
ALTERNATE LINE FOR POWER OUTAGES - 4959 3111
**Christmas Liturgy**

*Empty Christmas Tree*

Monday 28th November

Please donate a grocery item (non-perishable) to put under the Christmas Tree

All donations will be distributed by St Vinnies in the Pioneer Valley

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**CYPER BULLY BE GONE PERFORMANCE**

Tuesday 29th November

Cost $5 per student

*Please return money in permission envelope to class teachers*

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**Walkerston School Touch Football Teams CONGRATULATIONS**

To the 3 Scrubby Teams for the 2011 season. Our school achieved mighty results against all schools in the district. The U/10 boys made it to the Grand Final and WON beating the undefeated Mackillop School. The boys played exceptionally well. The team consists of –

- Jedd Abbott, Jed Muscat, Connor McDermott, Keeley Barbeler, Bailey Pace, Mason Clifford, Tyler North, Keenan Flynn, Nathan Giles, Bryce Dodd, Riley and Cody Nicholas.

Well Done boys you are the best in Mackay.

Our U/12 boys came 3rd in the district; this was a great effort as the competition was fierce. I enjoyed watching the boys play as a team. The team was – Matt Townsend, Anthony Draper, Brady Smith, Daniel Beckham, Pearce Atherton, Daniel Whalan, Reece Head, Brodie Pullen, and Miles Dodd.

Congratulations also to Anthony, Brady, and Matt who played in the Mackay U/12 boy’s team who came 2nd in the NQ Titles in Townsville recently.

The U/12 girls put up a fantastic fight all year; we had a combination team of year 5, 6, and 7 girls with many of the girls playing for the first time. I am very proud of them. To the year 7 girls keep in touch. The team was – Annalise Butt, Chloe Baulch, Rhiannon McLennan, Tayla McDermott, Ariana Tipa, Paige Pulman, Amber Bausch, Whitney Abbot, Grace Legge, and Monique Maritz.

Keep in Touch

Rosemary.

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**DENTAL VAN VISIT**

25TH NOVEMBER 2011

Please return Dental Forms to the Dental Van

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**CHAPLAIN NEWS**

Hi All,

**Pauls Collect-a-Cap**

Special thanks to 2B who have bought in the most caps – almost 900 so far! Well done.

Next week will be last week of collecting caps. It will continue in 2012.

**Finally**

My husband has started a new job in NSW and as a result my family will be relocating and joining him at the end of the school year.

It is with much sadness that I will be leaving my role as School Chaplain at Walkerston State School. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last 2½ years and feel that I have been richly blessed in my time here. The school community has given me far more than I have been able to give back.

I have appreciated the support school chaplaincy has received from both staff and parents at Walkerston and trust that my replacement will continue to enjoy this same level of support.

May God continue to bless the students, staff and families here in Walkerston.

Vicki Budden
School Chaplain

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**REMINDER NOTICE TO PARENTS / GUARDIANS**

Queensland Transport Bus Travel Assistance Application Forms for students commencing year 8 in 2012 are required to be sent back to Mackay Transit Coaches by 09 December 2011. Inquiries please phone 4957 3330.
FOR SALE
Mirani State High School formal Shirt Size 12
Older Style as new - $10
Formal shorts elasticised waist -Size M
As new $10
Phone Robyn on 0400425071

FREE RENT FOR LIVE IN NANNY
Free rent/utilities including for live-in female nanny in large modern home at Eton, in exchange for taking primary school-age child to & from school at Walkerston, after school care is already in place for interested working person with suitable hrs. Must be responsible, reliable & have own car.
Ph. 0419487118

PCYC Roller Disco
Last Disco for 2011
Friday 2 Dec – Xmas theme
6.30-8.30pm $5 entry
Heaps of games and prizes to be won
Primary school and high school age only
Drug and alcohol free event
Fully supervised by uniformed police and PCYC volunteers
No pass outs
Bring your own skates, scooters, ripsticks and skateboards*
*Please be aware skaters do so at their own risk
Buses available for Sarina, Walkerston, Marian, Canelands and around Mackay for large groups – Bookings essential
Please contact Mirrin at PCYC on 4942 3296 for more information

Preparing for dangerous weather - Do your kids feel safe?
You know how to keep your kids physically safe, but how do you prepare them emotionally for dangerous weather?
1. Talking to your kids about dangerous weather is helpful, but make sure it’s not the only thing you talk about with them.
2. If your kids ask you questions, stick to the facts without too much detail.
3. Kids look to adults for how to behave, so make sure you stay calm yourself.
4. Go over your family’s dangerous weather plan with your kids so they know how to stay safe. Please visit www.emergency.qld.gov.au/emq for more information.
5. Limit your child’s contact with media stories about dangerous weather—adults need to stay informed, but kids don’t need to see hours of scary images.
6. When dangerous weather approaches, stay close to your kids and know where they are.
7. Talk to your local GP or call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) if you’re worried about your kids or need support.
Walkerston Rotary Club

Carols by Candlelight in the Country
at Walkerston School Grounds
Walkerston
Saturday 3 December
Starting at 7.00pm

Sausage Sizzle from 6.30pm

~ Candles on sale ~
~ Free Song Books available ~

On Stage...
Karrie Hayward ~ Matt Knight ~ Niki Power

Mackay Regional Council's
Lighting of the Christmas tree
7.00pm at Anzac Park

Merry Christmas

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