**GENERAL**

**Parade:** Every Monday at 2:30pm  
**Religion Lessons Begin:** Week 3  
**Drop off Pick up Points:** Bridge Street as McColl St is a bus zone.  
**Times for dropping off children & supervision:** Students should not be in the school grounds before 8a.m. Students should sit on the seats outside K Block and the Office.  
**PCYC After School Care:** Contact 49423296

**NEW STAFF**  
Guidance: Mr Poots  
Chaplain: Ms Amie O’Callaghan  
Music: Miss Chantal Kay  
PB: Miss Kayla Hawkins  
1A: Ms Deborah Thorpe  
1C: Mrs Nicole Evitt & Miss Freya Schultz  
4A: Mr Darren Reid  
5A: Miss Ruth Healy  
7A: Mr Conrad Power  
7B: Mrs Catherine Van Moolenbroek

**WELCOME BACK.**  
Welcome to an exciting school year. Some of the staff have changed but the high standards and dedication to student outcomes will be foremost on our agenda.

Hi I’m Phil Wilson and I’ll be the Acting Principal for semester 1. I have been involved in Walkerston State School over the years and have always held the school in high esteem. As mentioned, there are a few staff changes but the staff has undergone an induction and professional development so that there will be a streamlined ‘changing of the baton’. Welcome to new staff, students and families for 2012.

**BUILDINGS AND PLAYGROUND**  
The new buildings are nearly completed and we are waiting for some finishing touches before we can do a ‘sign off’. Once this is done we can start using the classrooms. The safety edge to the new playground has just arrived and is being installed this week and once this has been done we can level the sand and allow the children to play on it.

**STUDENT READINESS**  
Congratulations to all the parents who had their students primed and ready to work on the first day of school. The Prep students were particularly impressive in that they seemed to be veterans of school life. This is testament of the work put in by the parents. I have visited all the classrooms and I am excited about the enthusiasm of all the classes.

**DAY 8**  
As some of you are aware, Day 8 is the day where much of the teacher allocations and funding is determined by the department. From this point schools are better placed to finalise classes and fine tune human resources. At the moment we are down on our predictions so it is most important that all potential and returning students contact the school and finalise their enrolment. You can assist greatly by passing this information on to families you know who may be in this category.

*Phil Wilson  
Acting Principal*
**BLUE SCHOOL HATS**

ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

**Prep Consumables Fees**

are now payable at the school office.
Office Hours 8am – 3.30pm
Eftpos Facilities available

**Photocopy Fees**

are now payable at the school office.
Office Hours 8am – 3.30pm
Eftpos Facilities available

**Instrumental Music Fees**

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**MACKAY DISTRICT SCHOOL SPORTS 10-12 YEAR OLD SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

(only students turning 12 this year)
Nominations due Monday 30th January 2012-01-25
Letters have been sent home to interested students. For further information contact Dee Meigan PE Teacher

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Wanderers Junior Rugby League Football Club**

2012 Sign On

Wanderers Junior Rugby League Football Club prides itself on its friendly, family orientated club atmosphere and also an enthusiasm for sportsmanship and fairness fostered amongst its players. Our 2012 Sign On will be held from 11 am to 1pm on Saturday 4 February at Walkerston State School. New players to bring a copy of birth certificate. For further information please contact Joanne on 49593329 or 0403502667

**COUNTRY UNITED SOCCER CLUB SIGN ON AND CLUB DAY**

Juniors: Club day Feb 1st 3.30pm @ Marian State School Oval

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Seniors: Still taking registrations
Contact: Jrs Tanya Ross 0417549692
Snrs: Maree Paul 0427591593
Preregistration available for details see our website countryunited.org.au
All new players bring copy of birth certificate

**Queensland Ready Readers program**

The Queensland Government is looking for volunteers for the Queensland Ready Reader program.

The program trains community volunteers to work with local schools to support students in early reading programs.

Research shows our students benefit greatly from reading programs, such as Ready Readers.

Not only does it have a positive impact on their reading and literacy skills, it helps build their confidence and prepare them for other aspects of school life.

If you, or someone you know, would like to get involved in this free program, check out the Volunteering Queensland website at www.volunteeringqld.org.au

Standard working with children checks apply.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Wests “TIGERS” Junior Rugby League Sign On**

For U/6’s to U/16’s, Friday 27th January, 5.00pm to 8.00pm Sausage Sizzle and Sign On at the Western Suburbs Leagues Club, Branscombe Road, Walkerston. New players please bring 2 copies of your Birth Certificate. Sign on fee $80 per U6 player and $120 per U7-U16 player (may be paid off by arrangement). For all enquiries please contact the President, Jon Byrnes 0428987898.