EVENT CALENDAR
Cross Country Training
8am to 8.30am Monday & Wednesday

P & C Meeting 22nd February 6.30pm in the school hall

REMINDERS
Photocopy and Consumables Fees are now due for payment at the school office.
Eftpos Facilities available.
Full payment is required by Friday 2nd March

UPDATE STUDENT DETAILS
Please remember if any of your current details change to notify the school office.

GENERAL INFORMATION
Office Hours 8am – 4pm
Parade: Every Monday at 2:30pm
Newsletter every 2nd Thursday
PCYC After School Care: Ph 49423296

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. Please do not enter or leave the school via the admin car park

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
It has been a very hectic but enjoyable beginning for me at Walkerston State School. Thank you for making me feel welcome.

BUILDINGS. We moved students into the new facilities this week. It was very exciting for all concerned. The community has been very patient and the builders have gone to lengths to get the children into the rooms this week. Teachers and parents spent many hours on the weekend getting ready for the move, thank you. We’ve had some very excited parents inspecting the new surroundings. Please be aware that your presence may be a distraction to students so try to be ‘sneaky’ while the students are still in class.

PLAYGROUND. Students are now busily playing on the playground. Once again thanks to the many students and staff who worked to make this happen.

CROSS COUNTRY. We have had a great response to cross country training. On Monday we had 52 runners and even more on Wednesday.

STAFFING. We’ve had an unusual start to the year with two teachers on sick leave for a period of time and the transferring of our ‘extra’ teacher. Despite this the students and teachers are immersed in the new National Curriculum and focus on student achievement has been paramount from the very beginning of the term.

SCHOOL LEADERS. I am excited about the interest in the 2012 leaders. This week we’ve shortlisted from a talented pool of 16 and we’ll listen to the speeches and cast our votes. Good luck to all.

WAVE READING. The program started this week and it aims to lift reading and comprehension throughout the school. Students will be reading at their levels and setting targets for improvements. WAVE is a very powerful tool in lifting reading standards.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC. Practice, warm up and rehearsals 7:50 on Wednesday mornings in the hall.

VOLUNTEERS. Thank you to the many volunteers who have been coming to the school. Your efforts are much appreciated. For those who are ‘time poor’ please look for opportunities to participate in school activities when the opportunity presents.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS. P&C is a fantastic way to get involved in the school. You can chose to be involved as much or little as suits your present lifestyle. I encourage all parents to be involved where possible.

Phil Wilson  Acting Principal
**URGENT LOST PROPERTY**

Parents are asked to please check the lost property box for missing items.

- Winter School Jackets
- Swimming Gear
- Lunch Boxes and drink bottles
- Thongs
- Brown boots

All items will be donated to Lifeline if not collected by

**MUSIC NEWS**

We have a number of senior students who have expressed interest in attending the 20th Regional Mackay Choral Festival. Rehearsal commenced this week. Could anyone who has not returned their permission form please return it by Friday 10 February. Any Year 6 or 7 student who is interested and did not get a form please see Miss Kay. Instrumental classes commenced this week. Students have been enthusiastic which is excellent to see.

If you have a cultural shirt, or any school instruments lying around at home could you please bring them into the music classroom ASAP.

**P&C NEWS**

**POSITION VACANT**

Assistant Tuckshop Convenor

Expressions of Interest are called for the position of Assistant Tuckshop Convenor.

This paid position is for 8 hours per week. The Tuckshop operates Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and the make-up of the 8 hours is to be discussed with the Tuckshop Convenor. Expressions of Interest are being requested now with the successful applicant commencing work as soon as possible. Expressions of Interest are to be addressed to the P&C President and can be posted in the P&C Box in the office. All Expressions of Interest need to be received by the P&C Committee by Wednesday 22 February 2012.

**AGM & P&C MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C Committee will be held in the school hall on **Wednesday 22 February at 6.30pm** followed by the first General Meeting for 2012.

All positions will be vacated at the AGM and the 2012 Committee formed. Positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Fundraising Coordinator. If you would like to know more about any position before the AGM please contact the current President Toni-Maree Dodd on 0418186832 or Secretary Wendy Windsor on 0438890269.

P&C meetings are a great way to stay up-to-date with what is going on at the school and is the perfect environment for parents and guardians to have their input on how and what is run at the school. **All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.**