WALKERSTON STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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EVENT CALENDAR

Cross Country Training
8am to 8.30am Monday & Wednesday

Annual School Fair Meeting
14th March 2012 at 6.30pm in the School Hall

Choral Festival - 27th March

P&C Pie Drive
Return order forms by Friday 13th April

REMINDERS
Photocopy and Consumables Fees are now due for payment at the school office.

Eftpos Facilities available.
DUE 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

VISIT FROM ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR.
Mr John Wessel visited the school and classrooms this week. He was impressed by the focus of the staff and students as they work towards improvement. He also commented on the excellent behaviour exhibited by the students.

SPORT ACTIVITY.
There are several trials occurring this term the next two being the Under 12 AFL and the 11 and 12 years netball. Mrs Meigan will be talking to the classes about all trials.

PHIL KETTLE.
We are looking forward to Mr Kettle coming to Walkerston and doing some workshops with our children. Mr Kettle is world famous for his work with children’s literacy.

CHESS.
Congratulations to our chess team on their efforts the other night. You all accounted for yourselves extremely well. Players were Kendall Bates, Conner Deguara, Lauchlan Grech, Isaac Pinkard and Bradley Snell.

CULTURAL EVENTS.
This term we have several cultural events starting with the Choral Festival on the 27th March. The year 6,7 choir will be performing and tickets are on sale now. Other events include the Senior Megaband (2nd May) and Twilight Night held at the school with a date to be set. Terms 3 and 4 see six more ‘events’ – something to look forward to.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS.
The P&C are planning several activities and it would be fantastic if you could become involved in whatever capacity you can manage.

ODDS AND ENDS.
We have been talking to council and apart from linking up the two pathways at the Bridge Street entry work will commence on getting a pathway along from the parking area. The boys toilets are an ongoing issue. They are meticulously cleaned daily but the flushing system and some design faults leads to them smelling by the end of the day. We are manually flushing several times a day and we are looking at solutions to the problem. Paving is under way near the school buildings and the area is starting to take shape. Drainage has been a problem around the end of B and A Blocks and while building work is being done in that area (and the concrete has been removed) we are investigating solutions.

SPONSORSHIP.
This year we are entering a school rugby league team into the Mackay competition. We are looking at buying a set of jerseys which will remain with the school. We have had several offers of sponsorship which we are extremely grateful for. If you would like to help sponsor please contact Dee Meigan or the school this week. Thankyou.
YEAR 7 CAMP.
We have put in our requested dates and times with the airline however they are not being very responsive. As a result we still don’t have confirmation flights or prices. Apologies but we are at the mercy of external agencies at the moment. At the moment around $1000 has been raised to offset camp costs. Thanks to all those who participated.

Phil Wilson
Acting Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the following students that made the Pioneer Basketball team.
Mary Vollmerhause, Mikaela Fair, Kasey Addis, Bailey Cocup, Clare Pullen, Goergia Legge Jedd Muscat, Sean Baker, Beau Muscat, students will attend Mackay trials this Friday at Mackay Basketball Court.
Good luck!

Interested Rugby League students were given a note on Monday with regards to playing in the school team to start first week back next term. If you missed out on a note please see Mrs Meigan asap.
School Cross country is on the last Wednesday of the term, 28th of March. More information to follow.

Under 12 AFL trials will be held on Wednesday 21st of March from 9am to 1pm at Bakers Creek ground. Please see Mrs Meigan for a note if you’re interested.
Mrs Meigan
PE Teacher

P&C NEWS

President : Andrea Pinkard
Vice President : Toni-Maree Dodd
Secretary : Michelle McCulloch
Treasurer : Karen McCowat

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MIDGETS BASKETBALL CLUB SIGN ON

THURSDAY 8th March, 2012
3pm – 5pm
At Walkerston State School (undercover area)
Season Starts 1st Week after Easter
For further info please call Allison 0437 832 044
Or Narissa 0409 636 534

Mackay Touch Football Association
are holding a Junior Mixed Competition this year starting on 16th March - 1st June for U10, U12, U14 & U16. Sign-On Day Sunday, 26th February at Touch Fields 9.00am - 3.00pm.
All details and nomination can be found on our website

UNIT LEADER NEEDED FOR
VALLEY GIRL GUIDES

Guiding is about empowering girls and young women to be their best. We encourage girls to try new things in a non-competitive environment, experiencing adventure as they step outside of their comfort zone. We encourage teamwork, help girls to grow in confidence and inspire girls as young as five to speak up and be heard. We are currently looking for someone to take on the rewarding role of Unit Leader. If you are over 18, caring, enthusiastic, have a great sense of humour and enjoy working and having fun with young people, then you are the kind of woman who would make a great Leader. If you’re interested in joining the largest voluntary organisation for girls and young women in the world we would love to hear from you. For more information, please contact our Regional Leader Karen on 49426177 or check out the website www.girlguides.org.au

SHAVE FOR CURE

One of our very own students, Brady Blackhall, is being brave and participating in the World’s Greatest Shave. For the last 12 months Brady has been growing his hair so that he can raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. His goal was $2000 and, because of many very generous sponsors, he has already reached this amount and is still hoping to raise much more. He will be shaving his head of curls at Wests Leagues Club at 3pm on Saturday, 17th March and would like to invite you all to come along and support him. We are also looking for more people to participate in the World’s Greatest Shave by shaving or colouring their hair on the day. To be a part of this wonderful cause, you just need to raise a minimum of $20.
Please call Barb on 0407 968 606 or email barb_blackhall@activ8.net.au for more details or just show up on the day!
To sponsor Brady go to www.worldsgreatestshave.com, then click on ‘sponsor’ and search ‘Brady Blackhall’.