WALKERSTON STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

Volume 05

“Putting Learning First ~ Every Child, Every Day

22nd March 2012

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Cross Country Training
8am to 8.30am Monday & Wednesday
Choral Festival - 27th March

VACATION DATES
Easter Vacation Commence 2nd April
School Resumes on Monday 16th March

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

Photocopy and Consumables
Fees are NOW DUE
Eftpos Facilities available
** We are now able to take your credit card payment over the phone.

WINTER SCHOOL JACKETS
Are now available from the School Office for Purchase
$35 EACH
Sizes Available 4,6,8,10,12 & 14

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.

WET WEATHER
The weather hasn’t been kind to the school or to some of our families. We were upset to hear that some families needed to be evacuated during Tuesday’s deluge. During the day we were in constant communication with the police and local citizens. We made decisions based on police information and spent much of the day ‘manning’ the phones and keeping parents informed. Please note that you can greatly assist us by
a) always reporting to the office when collecting children so we can keep accurate records
b) ring first so we can contact the teachers and have the children in the office waiting and
 c) if your child is more than five minutes late go to the office to receive a late note.

It has come to our attention that a crocodile was found in a family’s shed and that

WORKSHOP
Mr Phil Kettle held a workshop in the school this week. Top performers from around the district (including our very own) worked on writing and editing. Students found this extremely beneficial.

PARENT ACCESS
In order to increase our parents access to ICT’s we are going to schedule a PARENT CONNECT SESSION every Monday from 1:30pm to 3pm where parents can access our computers and internet. This will be held in the library and you’ll have everything you need to gain access.

I have included two websites for your convenience. One is the address for the school’s web site https://walkerstonss.eq.edu.au and the other is the site of the National Curriculum http://www.acara.edu.au where you can find out all about the curriculum. If you have difficulty with the sites please email the admin at the school and we’ll email you the live link.

HECTIC WEEK
Next week is a very hectic week with many activities. Due to a number of factors (including the weather) we will have Incentive Day on Thursday afternoon. There will be several activities including, a disco, a movie and Walkerston’s Got Talent. During the week we have several other events such as the Cross Country, Easter Bonnet Parade and numerous sporting and academic trials.

BOOK FAIR. WOW what a big event!
Thanks to Mrs Becke, her helpers and all the families who got right behind this event.
**PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS.** Some classes have started interviews this week and others will be conducting interviews next week and early next term. Every parent/guardian is invited to take the opportunity to have a Parent / Teacher interview. Contact the class teacher if you have any queries.

**ELECTION FEVER.** Once again the State Election booths will be open at Walkerston State School this Saturday. The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle at the school for your convenience.

**ODDS AND ENDS.** Approval has been given to improve the drainage around the end of A / B and E blocks. New pits and drains will be incorporated into the new work being done. Walkerston S.S. has been selected as a Refurbishment school meaning that we will have new painting done on A and B blocks as well as some guttering issues addressed. The toilet block will also receive some much needed attention. We had started painting C Block but as mentioned before the rain has temporarily stopped the job.

With so much happening in and around the school it is often hard to find the time or money to be involved in everything. We appreciate this fact of life and as usual all we ask is you to take the opportunity to participate only as much as your own personal situation allows.

*Phil Wilson*
*Acting Principal*

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Bus Travel Code of Conduct**

We put our children on the bus every morning wave them goodbye and assume they will arrive home in the afternoon safe and sound. It is the roll of the Bus Driver to ensure that each child has that safe journey to and from school and ensure they are not bullied, harassed or injured while on the bus. While ensuring all students are complying with the ‘Code of Conduct’ the driver is also watching the road and traffic.

It is very important students understand the ‘Code of Conduct for Students Travelling on Buses’ and the consequences of their actions, not only the disciplinary consequence but also the consequence of distracting the driver. Even the smallest incident from students can distract the driver enough for an accident to possibly occur.

Please take the time to discuss appropriate behaviour whilst on the bus to your children if you have not done so already. We have Code of Conduct pamphlets in our office which outline expectations and responsibilities of the students and encourage you to pick one up or you can find it online at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/buscode](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/buscode).

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**PE NEWS**

**Rugby League Trials**

Rugby League Trials have now been set for Thursday, 29th March.

Under 10-11: 9.30-11.30am
Under 12- 12.30-2.30pm
The trials will be held at Victoria Park State School.

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**AFL Trials**

AFL Trials have been postponed until Wednesday, 28th March. These trials will be held at Etwell Park, Bakers Creek.

**PV Tennis Trials**

PV Tennis Trials will be held on Wednesday, 28th March at Gargett. Please let me know if you are interested.

**Mackay District Hockey Trials**

Mackay District Hockey Trials will be held on Thursday, 26th April. This will be by nominations only. More details to come.

**Walkerston School Cross Country**

Walkerston School Cross Country will be held next Wednesday from 9am. Students will not need to run in their school uniforms. Please bring a change of clothes and a water bottle. All students will be encouraged to wear their house shirts. Parents welcomed.

**Walkerston School Boys Rugby League**

Training will be held at our school every Tuesday 3pm-4pm until Wests is available to train at.

*Dee Meigan - PE Teacher*

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**P&C NEWS**

- Pie Drive – Return order forms by Friday 13th April
- Annual School Fair Meeting – 14th March 2012 at 6.30pm in the School Hall
- Please return Yr 7 Sausage Sizzle forms ASAP

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

One of our year 3 students, Brady Blackhall, hosted an event to raise money for the ‘World’s Greatest Shave’ on Saturday at Wests Leagues Club. He was supported by a large group of family and friends and many of his school mates joined in the fun and coloured their hair on the day also. Brady’s goal was to raise $2000, but due to the generosity of many people, he has raised more than twice that amount at $4093 to date. A big thank you to all who sponsored Brady and to those who supported him on the day. Also thank you to Sue Bauch who spent the afternoon shaving and colouring. It was a fantastic day with money being raised for a great cause and we are all so proud of Brady for ‘being brave and shaving’.

**COUNTRY UNITED SOCCER CLUB INC.**

We are still taking nominations for the current season.

We are seeking kids for the U12/13 & U14/15 Teams ASAP

Please contact our Junior registrar via email cusreg@gmail.com or ring on 0417549692

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**Pioneer Power Jnr AFL**

Training Commences
Thursday 22nd March at Marian School Oval
3.30pm - Under 9’s, 11’s
4.30pm - Under 13’s
Registration of new players welcome, contact Greg Vollmerhause
For more info on 0428349164

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**Mackay Touch Football Association**

are holding a Junior Mixed Competition this year starting on 16th March - 1st June for U10, U12, U14 & U16.. All details and nomination can be found on our website