**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.** The initial results are in from Mathletics. There have been over 178,000 questions asked of the children and we have seen an increase of 29% correct responses from the students. In real terms that means that after working with the program students are getting 97% correct. Awards will be given on parade next term.

**AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT INDEX (AEDI)** Our school is part of this Australian Government initiative. The information is gained from teachers and teacher’s will do a checklist with Prep students. It is not a test and students don’t need to be taken out of a class. The information is kept confidential. Phone 1800092548 for more information. If you don’t want your child to participate contact the school.

**ATHLETICS.** Thanks to all involved in the athletics. Feedback received from students, staff and parents have been overwhelmingly supportive of the day. Well done to Dee and Ida and all the officials and helpers. Congratulations to all the children who competed and of course to our age champions. House Treacy returns to the winners list after an absence of a few years. Thanks also to Mirani State High School.

**REPORTS.** Reports will be going out from Friday. Naturally the year 7’s will receive theirs on Friday. All reports will be sent out by next Wednesday. Please note that we are reporting on C2C for the first time and teachers are reporting that on occasions students have received higher grades than our internal testing indicates and in other areas the reverse is the norm. It may take schools a little time to moderate these differences.

**COLLECT A CAPS.** Thanks for your collecting efforts. Chappie Amie has carted thousands down to be counted.

**CRICKET.** The cricket association wants to run a cricket training program after school next term. We’ll send home forms today to gauge interest. Please return promptly as they need to know numbers this term. Thanks

**MACKAY METEORS.** We have had a guest appearance by the Meteors and Meteorettes. They have played games against the year 6 and year 7’s and many of the grades were entertained by their skill and antics.

**INCENTIVE DAY.** We will be holding our Incentive Day next Wednesday. It will be a combination of a disco, movie and karaoke. During the term the students were warned that we expected high standards and in particular for the rights of others to learn and to teach. We have also focused on respect for themselves, classmates, teachers and teacher aides.
SCHOLARSHIPS. The year 7’s can apply for a scholarship to Mackay State High School. Please refer to the information contained in the newsletter. Application forms are available from the Walkerston State School office.

YEAR 7 TRIP. We wish all our Year 7 students a safe, happy and productive trip.

Phil Wilson
Acting Principal

AGE CHAMPIONS

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P&C NEWS

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COMMUNITY NEWS

C&K Walkerston Kindergarten is holding an Open Day on Saturday 14th July from 9am to 12 noon at their premises on 18 Saunders Street, Walkerston. So much has been achieved over the last 5 years since opening, we have opened up our big play area, the interior of the building has been updated and so many projects have been completed in this time. For those children who attended in the beginning years, you will be surprised by the changes that have occurred over the years. So past, present and future students and their parents are all invited to come along and meet the teachers and explore our kindergarten’s great play spaces and learning facilities. For further enquiries please contact Stacey Muscat (walkerston@candk.asn.au).

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Mackay Junior Touch Competition
6th August – 26th October 2012
U8 Boys/Girls Fun Skills/Drills with modified game.
Individual Nomination
U10, U12 & U14 Boys/Girls on Friday afternoon/night
U16 & OPENS Boys/Girls Monday afternoons
10 or more players to nominate,
$55.00/Player, $130.00 (family of 3 or more)
SIGN-ON DAY
21st July 9.00am – 3.00pm
(1 DAY ONLY)
Info & Nomination forms available on Mackay Touch Website
or contact Dean Cheetham, Junior Co-coordinator on 0428 926797 or dsch7267@bigpond.net.au