**Principal’s Report**

**ACTIVITY:** There is a lot happening in and around the school at the moment. We have the Pioneer Valley Athletics this week where many of our children are participating. The Junior Mega-Band is on for students, Fair preparations are under way and the painting of A and B blocks continue. I encourage everyone to become involved in whatever capacity they can manage.

**FAIR:** A lot of work has gone into preparing the Fair for this Saturday night. I know the organising committee is still looking for volunteers (even if it’s just for an hour or so) and donations for groceries. If you can help with either that would be fantastic.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We have many volunteers in the school doing a whole range of things to support the school and ultimately the children. In keeping with our “Put Ups” strategy next time you see a volunteer helping around the school consider giving them a thank you or a job well done.

**School Improvement**

You may hear some students and teachers talking about Warm Ups. In fact the picture in the last newsletter was showing year 4 students doing Warm Ups. Warm Ups are basically a fast, cheery way of doing revision or consolidation of important facts. It is part of the explicit teaching model that schools in this region have adopted.

**ODDS AND ENDS:**

The toilets have been finished as has the new walkway. We are now having A and B blocks painted externally. Underneath the buildings has been done and it certainly looks fresher and much brighter. The painting should be finished in about ten days and perhaps then we can enjoy the improvements that have been made.
NOTICE FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS
The starting time for school each morning is 8.50am. Please ensure that your child arrives with plenty of time to present for class before the bell rings.

SLAPPED CHEEK DISEASE
An information flyer was sent out earlier this week about cases of Slapped Cheek Disease or Fifth Disease in the school. There are still new cases of this disease throughout the school, so please be aware of the symptoms—runny nose, fever, aches and pains and a rash.

SCHOOL FAIR
The school fair is on this Saturday from 4pm until 8pm. We still need volunteers to help at the entry, tuck-shop and ham wheel. Please phone 0427 59 3384 if you can help. We also need donations for stalls and cent sale prizes.

The fair is our major fundraiser and we rely on your support for a successful outcome. The money raised from the fair will be used to improve the school environment. Arm band forms need to be in first thing on Friday. Arm bands are issued at the entry to the fair from 4pm.

Andrea Pinkard

REMINDERS
Please return forms and money for the performance show Taiko—Drums and Flutes of Japan by Monday, 30th July. The show will be held on Monday, 6th August at 9am. This will be an excellent opportunity for the students to experience some of the Japanese culture as well as participate in a great musical show.

Don’t forget the SCHOOL PHOTOS will be taken on Thursday, 2nd August. Envelopes and money are to be handed to the photographer on the day.

PCYC VACATION CARE
PCYC are in the process of determining whether they have enough interest to re-open the PCYC Vacation Care program at Walkerston State School. They are looking at combining Marian and Walkerston services together for the Vacation Care period.

The cost of care is $45 before CCB reductions. If you would utilise the service, please indicate your interest by filling out a form in the school office by 24/8/12. Please direct all enquiries to PCYC on 4942 3296.

PUBLIC MEETING
The River Rock to Mountain Top Community Festival needs your help!

The festival committee is looking for community members to help develop the festival into the future. We are seeking community support, new events and innovative ideas that will help shape and direct the future of the event.

Come along, get involved and support the continuation of this vibrant and unique local event.

When: Thursday 2nd August at 6pm
Where: Mirani Council board room, Victoria St Mirani (next to Hair Cottage)

Everyone is welcome
For more information contact festival coordinator, Darlene West on 49585194
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