Principals Report

BAND AND CHOIR. Our Band received a highly commended and our Novelty Choir received a silver award at the Eisteddfods. Well done to all our performers and a big thank you to Ms Kay, Mrs Henshaw and particular thanks to Mrs Bates. I would be remiss not to mention the efforts made by parents and staff in getting the students ready for the event in the way of costumes, make up, time out for rehearsals etc.

TEACHING AND LEARNING AUDIT. We had very pleasing feedback from our audit. Nearly all our feedback comments placed us in the ‘high performance’ category and all our recommendations have been taken from the ‘outstanding performance’ category. Our drive towards individual student targets, warm ups and explicit teaching is being reflected by improved student performances and the auditor was impressed by the gains students have made. While our results show improvement in NAPLAN data and the reaching of goals we still have a way to go in increasing improvement in all areas.

BURSARY PARADE. Next Monday students from Walkerston State School and St Johns will be presenting their bursary presentations on the life of ANZAC soldier T.G. Stoddart. The parade will commence at 10 a.m. and should be completed around 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Special thanks to the R.S.L Walkerston/Pleystowe Branch for providing the bursary and inspiration.

PREP OPEN DAY. Next Thursday 1st November we are conducting a Prep Open Day from 9 to 10:30 a.m. If you have children of Prep age (2013) or know of other families who have please encourage all to attend the Open Day or contact the office for enrolment purposes.

What have we done well?

What do we need to improve?

If you can’t attend the meeting this Friday and you want to contribute an opinion you can drop it into the P&C box in the office anonymously over the next 2 weeks.

YEAR 6 UPDATE. Our leadership day on Monday 3rd December has taken on a new emphasis with the aim to elect 2013 school leaders this year. (please note the change of dates due to the elections and Mr Wilson not being available on November 12 ) There will be no ‘campaigns’ attached to the elections. We hope to streamline the beginning of next year by doing the elections this year. The other advantage is that we have a very strong leadership group this year who will be on hand to give advice to the incoming leadership group. In other news the funding for the trips have returned with the Cairns option being at least twice as dear as the Sydney option. The Sydney option including flights, bus, accommodation, food, entrance fees is around $1300. Naturally you may have your own contacts who may be able to provide cheaper prices. Please keep in mind that this company do airfares as well as accommodation and bus transfers. We’ll hold a meeting next week when Eisteddfod commitments are over.

COLES AND WOOLIES DOCKETS. WOW! Overall we have purchased around $12 000 worth of materials for the school. The four main areas targeted were the library, music, gymnastics and mathematics. Once again I would like to thank the school community for your wonderful efforts.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

Spotlight

You are cordially invited to

Walkerston State School’s
Prep to Year 7 “2013
Information & Enrolment Morning
Thursday 1st November 2012
9.00am – 10.30am
in the School Hall

Come along and find out about the school’s procedures and policies and our great curriculum program. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

General Information

Office Hours 8am—3.30pm
Parade Every Friday at 8.50am
Newsletter every 2nd Thursday
PCYC After School Care 4942 3296
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P&C HELP NEEDED
TO ORGANISE OUR ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
If you can help please contact Andrea Pinkard on 0427593384
We are looking for volunteers to organise the annual Christmas Concert. We currently don’t have anyone who has put up their hand to organise it so unless we get some help it probably won’t get off the ground.

P&C FUNDRAISER
Saturday 3rd November 2012
COST $15
Please return your voucher and payment by 26/10/2012 to the school office P&C Box

FOUND …. Apple Ipod Touch—description required for collection from the school office. Phone 49593444

P&C COLLECT-A-CAPS
ENDS 31st DECEMBER 2012
The Pauls Collect-a-Cap promotion ends on December 31st 2012. As there are no other applicable promotions available at the moment, this will be our last means of fundraising for the Breakfast Club. This is an excellent place for kids to meet their friends before school, whilst feeding their bellies and their brains at the same time. Please, collect hard this term, so that we may continue the Breakfast Club in 2013. There will, again, be a reward for the class that collects the most!

MIRANI STATE SCHOOL P & C TRIVIA NIGHT
When:- Friday October 26th
Where:- Mirani State School
Time:- 6pm BBQ for a 7pm start
Teams must be nominated by Wednesday 24th October before 3pm.
Teams of 5 or 6 costing $5 per person.
Please contact the school on 49 667 333 with your teams names

Queensland School
Term dates 2013
Term 1- Tuesday 29 Jan - Thursday 28 March
Term 2- Monday 15 April - Friday 21 May
Term 3- Monday 8 July - Friday 20 Sept
Term 4- Tuesday 8 Oct - Friday 13 Dec