Date Claimers

NOVEMBER
26th—Christmas Liturgy
28th—School Pack orders due back to school office

DECEMBER
3rd—Yr 6 Leadership Day
4th—Yr 7 Graduation
6th—Awards Night
10th—Incentive Day
17th—School Vacation Begins

Spotlight

SCHOOL FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS ENTERING PREP IN 2013 PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO ENROL YOUR CHILD IF YOU HAVEN’T ALREADY DONE SO.

PHONE 4959 4333

Principals Report

OPEN DAY. We had good support for our Open Day and I’m sure parents enjoyed the presentations by the children. Please pass the word that it’s not too late to enrol for 2013.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM. Walkerston S.S. has enjoyed several years of the Chaplaincy Program. Next Tuesday 13\textsuperscript{th} at 11am we will be discussing the chaplaincy and the NSCSWP funding for next year. This will be an open meeting in the school’s hall. Indications are that we would like to continue the program in 2013 and thus seek further funding. Please contact the school for more information.

REMEMBRANCE DAY. The major activity for Remembrance Day will be at Greenmount Homestead this Sunday. A tree planting ceremony will take place at 9:30am and the official part of the ceremony will commence at 10:50am. We have a wreath to lay and our Bursary recipients, Isaac and Clare, will receive their bursary. It would be great to see as many of our students as possible in their school uniforms. Walkerston State School will hold a brief ceremony and video presentation at the end of our normal parade this Friday. You are most welcome to attend.

QSR. Thanks to the people who have supplied feedback for our Quadrennial School Review.

Year 6 MEETING. We will have an informal meeting at 3:30pm this Thursday. It will be held in the year 7 room. All year 6 parents are welcome.

BOOK FAIR. The resources for Book Fair have arrived early so we’ll be having our Book Fair from now until next Friday. It’s an exciting event so come along and encourage reading.

BOOK LISTS AND LEVIES. The booklists have been finalised after some culling of materials. The new Australian Curriculum has enabled us to cut some costs from the lists. You will notice we do not have a Consumable Levy of $20 on this year’s lists. The school has been paying for the Mathletics program this year and as mentioned in earlier newsletters this has had a positive effect on aspects of numeracy both at school and at home. Many homes are using the online Mathletics program but next year I also want to introduce another online program for reading called ‘Reading Eggs’. This program is very popular and effective. The school can’t afford to run both programs so I’ve forwarded the proposal of a Contribution of $20 to supplement the running of the Mathletics Program and replace the Photocopy levy. I believe this will have several benefits:-

1) families should be better off financially as the Consumables Levy for the junior school has been dropped.

2) Mathletics will still be available at home and school.

3) families will have access to an online reading scheme both at home and at school.
Our three Bursary nominees - Isaac, Georgia and Clare

Congratulations to Clare and Isaac who were awarded a $500 bursary from the Walkerston / Pleystowe R.S.L.

School Booklists/ Book Packs are now available
Order Forms are due back to the school office by 28th November 2012
Mathletics & Photocopying Contributions will be $20 per student and payable by 1st March 2013.

BOOKLISTS BOOK PACK—WHAT YOU NEED TO DO
- Select either “A” to purchase 100% Pack or “B” to purchase part-pack.
- If Option “B” selected, clearly mark items you require and total your order.
- Complete Order Form and return to school office, with payment, before 28th November.
- School Packs will be available to collect from the school office during the last week of Term 4. (Further information re dates and times for collection will be forthcoming.)

Library News
The Scholastic Book Fair has started and will be running until Wednesday the 14th of November. It will be open before school from 8:30am and will remain open until 3:30pm. Please come and have a look as all purchases benefit our school!

Christmas Liturgy
Empty Christmas Tree
Monday 26th November
Please bring along a non-perishable grocery item to place under the Christmas Tree. All donations will be distributed by St. Vincent de Paul in the Pioneer Valley.

Auditions for Mackay Junior Orchestra & Mackay Youth Orchestra 2013
If you are a young musician who loves music, is keen to develop your musical skills, is committed to practice and loves to be part of a team, then we would like to invite you to audition to become a member and enjoy the many benefits that music can offer. We aim to offer the full orchestra experience and complement the fabulous school music programs or provide opportunities to those who are not able to participate in school orchestras and bands.

We will be holding auditions on Monday 19th November 2012, at the Conservatorium, Central Queensland University, from 4.30 pm. Please bring along two pieces of music of your own choice to play. You may also be asked to play a couple of scales. All enthusiastic young musicians are encouraged to join us! For more information contact Vicki on 0418150690 or Leonie 0413778676. We look forward to hearing from you!

YOUNG SHARKIES DAY 2012
Saturday 10th November
2pm—7pm
Includes Family BBQ
Cost $50
For Enquiries phone Doug Knight on 0407159114

FOUND …. Apple Ipod Touch—description required for collection from the school office.
Phone 4959 4333

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