Principals Report

WELCOME TO THE NEW TERM. I hope that you all came through the weather events unscathed and that your family and friends are coping with the extreme conditions elsewhere in Queensland and Australia.

RETURNING STAFF. Welcome back to Mrs Brandon, Mrs McNamara (year 4) and Mrs Pershouse (year 1). Like all our dedicated staff they have been very excited to be back at Walkerston S.S. teaching.

DAY 8. As many of you know Day 8 is the ‘crunch time’ for all schools in Queensland. It is the date where our staffing requirements are determined and schools can lose or gain teachers during this time. It is a time that individual schools can fine tune classes especially if there is an imbalance in numbers in classes, grade levels or phases of learning eg Prep to year 3. So while we have made every effort to stabilise staff and classes some changes may need to be made.

STUDENT LEADERS. 
School Captains—Tyler Nicholas & Hayley Clancy
School Vice Captains - Mason Clifford & Tyler North were announced as our school leaders at the awards night in 2012. Once again we are very proud to have such quality leaders not only as captains but right through the Year 7 cohort.
With the support of our House Captains
Fadden — Keeley Barbeler & Nathan Giles
Ross — Connor McDermott & Taylah Irwin
Treacy — Bailey Pace & Annalese Jacobson we should have an exciting and fruitful year.

ODDS AND ENDS. During the break we had the covered walkways and seats painted along with K Block and the Administration Block. Shortly we will have the senior toilets externally painted. We have also obtained a quote for providing undercover to the hall. If all goes according to plan we should have all jobs completed by the end of Easter.

SLIPPERY EEL. Nathan Hindmarsh will visit our school on Tuesday February 12 to talk to the students about bullying. He will also present a video to the school. He’s here from 12:30p.m. and you’re invited to come along.

YEAR 7 TRIP. We will need to move quickly to get numbers and details for this year’s trip so that final arrangements can be made. Information will be given out within the next week.

CLASSROOMS. Parents because you are special you can sometimes distract students. When waiting for or dropping off students please keep your presence minimal so teachers can keep student focused.

THANK YOU. We have received our supplies from the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Thousands of dollars have been spent on acquiring resources for the children ranging from maths resources to sporting and cultural materials. Thanks to all involved – what a wonderful effort.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT. To help with improvement of learning and reaching our goals among other things we have;
- Provided professional development to teaching staff, teacher aides and administration during the break and beyond.
- Enrolled in the year 5 Project 600 initiative
- Enrolled in both Mathletics and Reading Eggs for 2013.
- Bought resources to enable teachers to effectively deliver the curriculum
- Purchased over 20 computers to assist with student learning.
- Developed a clear process for the identification of students who require extension not only academically but also sporting and culturally.
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CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Chaplaincy in 2013 is looking exciting! I am glad to be back, and I will again be at the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Pauls Collect-a-Cap promotion has ended, thank you for all your support. In total, you have helped to raise nearly $2,000 for the Breakfast Club! The Breakfast Club for 2013 now needs some new student (and some parent) volunteers, so if you're keen, please let me know ASAP, as I would like to get this up and running soon.

Let's work together to make this new year even more amazing than the last!

Chappy Amie

DENTAL FORMS

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 17/02/2013

A Medical History/Consent form has been issued to your child and must be fully completed and signed by a parent/legal guardian and returned by the due date 17/02/2013

If your child requires treatment and you wish to have the treatment completed by the School Dental Service, a Statement of Treatment Required will be mailed to your home advising you to contact Dental Van 12b to arrange an appointment.

If your child suffers from a dental emergency whilst we are not treating your school please contact us to arrange an appointment. Please be advised, once you have 2 broken or failed to attend appointments, during any course of treatment no further appointments will be offered. You will be put back on the Waiting List.

Regards The Dental Team

Wanderers Junior Rugby League Football Club

2013 Sign On Day

Saturday 9th February 2013, 11am – 1.00pm

@ Walkerston State School, McColl Street, Walkerston.

New players are required to bring along a copy of Birth Certificate.

Registration fees to be paid with Cash or Cheque.

Wanderers Junior Rugby League Football Club prides itself on its friendly, family orientated club atmosphere and also an enthusiasm for sportsmanship and fairness fostered amongst its players.

For further information please contact

Registrar: Roberta Morris 0408 752 078
Registrar: Jenny Luhman 0448 524 992

Wests "TIGERS" Junior Rugby League - 2013 Sign On

For U/6’s to U/16’s, February 8th - 5.00pm to 7.00pm Sausage Sizzle and Sign On at the Western Suburbs Leagues Training Grounds, Branscombe Road, Walkerston. New players please bring 2 copies of your Birth Certificate. Sign on fee’s-U6-$85 and U7-U16-$125 per player (may be paid off by arrangement). A new “Game Day” polo shirt supplied for each player. We would also like to invite all children U6-U10 to a “Come Try Rugby League Day” on 16th February from 8-10am on 16th Feb at West’s Leagues Grounds.

AUSKICK

NAB AFL Auskick is the Australian Football League’s key introductory program for primary school-aged boys and girls and their families. Through our WEEKLY COACHING PROGRAM, you'll learn the skills of the game through appropriately modified activities and rules, play football in a fun and safe environment, and make plenty of new friends too!

Over 1800 participants were involved in the Auskick program throughout Mackay and the Whitsundays in 2012! Participants will enjoy 8 weeks of AFL coaching (fully accredited coaches), and receive fantastic benefits which include: 2013 AFL Auskick backpack, Football – Size 1 – Fuchsia (Girls) Yellow (Boys), cap, drink bottle, pump, pencil set, footy cards, footy card album, activity book, rainbow shoelaces, essentials guide, NAB Ladder magnet and insurance!! Your local AFL club affiliated to Walkerston is the Pioneer Power with juniors from U7s to U13s.

Walkerston Community NAB AFL Auskick Centre

Sign on & 1st Session: Tuesday 5th Feb, 2013

Time: 3.20pm – 4.20pm (every TUESDAY for 8 weeks)

Venue: Walkerston State School Oval (Dutton St, Walkerston)

Cost: $60 for children aged 5 (in 2013) to 12 yrs old.

For more information contact: AFL QLD Mackay office on 4951 0622
Or AFL Development Officer Dion Obst on 0424 156 248
Visit www.aflauskick.com.au to register

COUNTRY UNITED SOCCER

Pre-Register now at www.myfootballclub.com.au

Junior Club Day: Wednesday 6th Feb 3.30pm-5.30pm
West's Rugby League Clubhouse.
Junior Club Registrar: Tanya Farnham 04 4826 2891 or cuscreg@gmail.com

Men’s and Women's training on now!

Contact Senior Club Registrar: Maree Paul 04 2759 1593 or cuscsreg@gmail.com

Club website: www.countryunited.org.au

Vacancies in all ages junior through to senior mens and ladies.
Coaches needed in all age groups. Enquiries to Troy Paul

New players welcome. Bring a copy of birth certificate

CAPRICORNIA SWIMMING TRIALS 2013

Tuesday 12 February 2013
Nomination forms are to be completed and returned to your school sports coordinator