Date Claimers

APRIL
25—Anzac Day Public Holiday
26 - P & C Meeting at 9.30am

MAY
10—Lantern Parade
14—16 Naplan Testing
28—Chess Competition

JUNE
Vacation 24 June to 7 July

JULY
School Resumes 8 July 2013

Principal’s Report

We don’t have the usual ‘honeymoon’ timeline with many activities starting from week 1. These include; musical rehearsals, Lighthouse Project, Rugby League fixtures, Project 600, Religious Studies, Lantern Parade preparations, Cross Country, University student placements, soccer trials and rep training!

WELCOME. Mrs Reushle has replaced Mrs McNamara who is on maternity leave. Mrs Reushle has had experience with the Australian Curriculum and Explicit teaching so she is a good ‘fit’ for our school.

YEAR 8 SCHOLARSHIPS. We now have the forms for students to apply for scholarships to Mackay State High School. Teachers will issue application forms on request.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT. Mr Phillip Duncan is again in the school demonstrating techniques in Explicit Teaching. All staff are being involved in the process which focuses on teaching the main idea sequentially and with clarity. State wide results indicate that this is one of the strategies that have a real impact on student improvement.

Congratulations to the Year 3’s who managed to gain a better than 80% success rate with the multiplication tables. I now have to honour a promise and put a party on for them!

ODDS AND ENDS. During the break we had a number of jobs completed. Solar panels were installed on the roof of C Block, a tidy up of the area between C and B blocks (linked to the solar panels), a new ceiling in the computer area in K Block and the toilets finished. We are now measured up for new carpet in K Block and under cover walkways to the hall and the junior and senior toilets. The bulk of the work will be done during the next vacation.

ANZAC DAY. We have a special parade next Wednesday at 11:30a.m. to commemorate and honour the memory of our service men and women. Once again the RSL are very active in their support for this event and will provide guest speakers. All are welcome to attend. The following day, ANZAC Day, our school will be involved in the ceremony. More information will be given early next week.

CONGRATULATIONS. Many of our students are achieving excellent results in their endeavours. Hayley Clancy had excellent results in a recent trip to America for Dance Excellence. Jed Muscat has been picked in the Mackay basketball schoolboys side. Ethan Lewis is in the Mackay AFL team and Chloe Mengel, Callum Squires and Josh Harding have been picked in the P.V. soccer team. This is in addition to our Mackay rugby league reps, Beau Muscat, Jed Abbot, Sean Baker, Nathan Giles and Jack Thompson. Well done to all concerned.

INTERVIEWS. Teachers are currently conducting interviews. Interviews are an excellent way to monitor your child’s progress. I recommend that you contact the school to request one.

General Information

Office Hours 8am—3.30pm
Parade Every Friday at 8.50am
Newsletter every 2nd Thursday
PCYC After School Care 4942 3296
Absence Line: 4959 4366
WALKERSTON STATE SCHOOL BOOKWORK POLICY

Keep it neat at all times, with no scribbling or graffiti.
Use every page consecutively and trim worksheets to fit neatly along the margin.
Write in pencil/pen (depending on whether you have been issued your licence).
Write headings for all work with the title underlined.
Rule margins in red - approximately 1cm (standard wooden ruler width).
* Lined books
* Quad book - page divided into two equal columns
Rule the top and bottom line and a margin for each page.
Rule margins in red (Years 4-7) Prep to Year 3 use pencil where appropriate.
Write the date neatly (#, Month, Year - format) Short date in left hand margin at beginning of each section of work.
Use a ruler.
Rub out or rule a single line through mistakes.
One subject per book.
Complete and label diagrams in pencil.
* Prep - Year 1 use pencil for all work.
* Year 7 a pen licence may be issued by teacher. (liquid paper is not to be used.)
* Correction tape can be used at teacher discretion (published work etc)

To achieve this, all teachers explicitly teach to the bookwork and presentation expectations. The classroom teacher provides feedback on bookwork, and the Principal regularly checks students’ bookwork to ensure consistency across the school. Bookwork awards may be given at weekly parade.

Cultural Snapshot Term 2
This term is a busy term for our cultural students. We have new groups starting this term for the instrumental students including Junior Concert Band and Percussion Ensemble. This term we also start the musical “Kids at Sea”. An expression of interest went out at the end of last term for students in grades 2 - 7. Students have been auditioned and the character roles will be announced on Friday. Rehearsals start next week. Tuesday and Thursday lunch times for leads and Tuesday afternoon from 3.15 – 4.15 for chorus.
In addition we have the Junior Megaband working at Marian S.S. in week 8.

P&C WALKATHON
Walkerston State School will be conducting a Walkathon for the students as a major P&C Fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. The event will be held on Friday 17th May.
All students have received a highly impactful Sponsorship Form with a selection of over 75 prizes to choose from such as Barbie, Wahu, Razor, Nerf, Pillow Pets and much, much more. The list of prizes can be viewed in the attached Sponsorship Form.
We ask you to seek donations on a $2 or $4 or $5 or $10 per sponsor. Students who raise as little as $10 will be entitled to a prize of their choice.
The more donations received the better prizes you can choose. You can even mix and match your prizes. More details are listed in the attached Sponsorship Form.
Once the fundraiser is complete, please cut out the ‘how to claim your prize section’ on the Sponsorship Form and return along with your monies to the P&C Box located in the office on or before 17th May. Please be sure to fill out your prize request. The individual prizes will be delivered shortly after.
We would also welcome parents and family members to attend the event day to help cheer on the students. Happy fundraising! Monies raised will help the P&C

MOTHER DAY STALL
Students will be able to purchase Mothers Day Gifts at the following times.
Wed 8th May & Thursday 9th May
Stall will only be available to classes as per scheduled times – to be advised
Friday 10th May
Open to the public and students from 8.30am to 3.30pm

Easter Bonnet Parade

Project 600