QSchools smartphone app now available for our school

Recently, the Minister released the QSchools smartphone app, which integrates with our school website. The app allows parents, teachers and students to have instant access to live school updates and information, connecting the school community.

The app will display school location, contact information, news, calendar events and newsletters. This information will feed directly from our school website. When we update and publish content on our website, the app will also be automatically updated.

Watch the Channel 7 news story on YouTube

App benefits for parents/caregivers include:

- searching for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb and view school contact details
- adding multiple schools as favourites to enable parents to view updates from multiple schools in a single view
- accessing the latest school news and events to stay informed
- receiving emergency announcements and information around school closures
- convenient prompt method of receiving messages/information from school

Keeping your school website up-to-date with school events, news articles and newsletters will ensure those following your school using the app receive regular information about your school.

Downloading app

The QSchools app is available for parents to download free via the Apple iTunes store and Google Play. For more information view the GETE site.

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School Musical - Kids at Sea

Rehearsals for the school musical have begun this term. Students have been busy learning their lines and polishing their dancing shoes. The performances will be next term September 6 and 7 at the school hall. “Kids at Sea” is a journey across the seven seas to find the lost treasure of the famous pirate Sinbad. We were hoping to source out some props from the school community to help with this as a fundraiser event. I have included a list of props we are looking for. If you could help by lending any of the equipment please contact Miss Kay.

Cardboard boxes to make signs and small props out of Crystal ball/ static ball
Broken Umbrella (that you don’t mind me breaking)
Broken Racquet (that you don’t mind me breaking)
Empty tins
Oars and small inflatable boat
4 Pillows
Conch shell
Ukulele
Small treasure chest
Horse shoe
Haddie’s lamp
Rope
Crates

Principal’s Report

There have been a few staff changes over the last few weeks. Welcome to Mr Howard Frost as the Acting Deputy Principal for these last three weeks of term. Thanks to Mrs Marianne Ferris for her efforts in Year 3 while Mrs Janeey Jensen was on leave. Thanks to Mrs Stacey Nicholas for her efforts in Year 2 while Miss Alyssa Haas has been on leave. Welcome to Mrs Kath Wicks as she commences 6 weeks working with our Prep while Ms Donna Eckert is on leave.

Last Friday, our Rugby League team played in the Regional Semi-Final of the ARL Development Cup in Moranbah against St Patrick’s School of Emerald. Our team performed well and held their own in the second half. Unfortunately, they did not start well in the first half. Next, the team plays Emanuel School at 4pm on Monday 17th May at West RLC. On 11th & 12th July, they will contest the CQ Regional Shield in Rockhampton. We wish them well in their future matches.

Yesterday, we completed almost ¼ of our annual Interhouse Athletics Carnival at Mirani State High School. Congratulations to all our competitors on the day. Thanks to the many staff, parents, tuckshop workers, and students for their cooperation to get the day, up, running and packed up when the heavens opened and didn’t let up at around 12:30pm. We are planning, weather permitting, to get through the 200m heater parade tomorrow morning, complete the last of the field events and then run the finals of the 200m for the 90 years old and older groups, all before 11am tomorrow. Tomorrow afternoon we would like to run the relay events. If need be we can run discuss and shotput events from the Undercover Area and high jump in the Hall. This will then involve all the staff and students for Year 4 to 7 and some year 3 students.

This Friday, four of our students are commencing their Unify online learning program in Design. We wish all four students the best in this learning program and we are looking to hear many stories of their learning process.

After an absence of one year, and at the request of students in the Student Council, DanceFever will again be presented at Walkerston State School during Term 3. Please find further information regarding timing and costs in the accompanying note.

Spotlight

EARN & LEARN

As the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program has now finished, all Earn and Learn stickers and sheets need to be handed into the school office.

SCHOOL OFFICE

P & C News

P & C Meeting Tomorrow 1:30 in the hall. Afternoon tea provided.

Free Dress Day for Fair Prizes - Tomorrow

Please dress in sun safe clothes and bring a gold coin or non-perishable grocery item for donation.

Walkerston’s got Talent

Do you have a secret talent? Are you the next Adele, Justin Beiber, Dynamo, Michael Jackson or Beyonce?

Enter Walkerston’s got talent and show your skills to everyone at the fair.

Please fill in the entry form and return to the P & C box in the office by Wednesday.

Working Bee Tomorrow Afternoon.

There is a working bee tomorrow afternoon at 3:30pm to pave the bus seating area in front of the office. Please come along and bring your shovels and steel rakes. If anyone has access to a compactor please contact Mr Hurley.

Sausage Sizzle and drinks provided for all workers. Come on down and have some fun while making our school a better place for our children.

Saint John’s Church Sacrament News

A parent information session will be held on Wednesday 31st July 6-7pm at the meeting room in Saint John’s Catholic School Hall (Corner of Ann and Creek Streets Walkerston), to explain the NEW SACRAMENT PROGRAM that will begin this year. The parent information session must be attended by those parents whose children are in year 3 or older who are hoping to start their children’s sacramental journey this year. This session will explain the new process that must be followed and explain the reason for these changes. All Enquiries please contact Andrea Pinkard 49593384.
Students who have behaved appropriately and not received three or more detentions will be treated to an Incentive Day on Wednesday, 19th June. Students will have an opportunity to watch a movie in the first session, a 45 minute disco for P to Yr 3 and separate 45 minute disco for Yrs 4 to 7. The afternoon session will comprise of some auditions for “Walkerston has Talent” to be held at the School Fair on 27th July.

Year 7 Band Camp was awesome!!! We arrived at Cool Waters Camp and Conference Centre in Yeppoon after a 5.5 hour bus ride, for lunch we had hot dogs and then got assigned dormitories. After that we had afternoon tea and our first band rehearsal (for 2 hours). The band was huge (70 students) and we got our music (13 songs to learn in 1 week). Next was dinner (chicken schnitzel) and night time activities, which involved writing a diary entry and ice breaker activities. We also got told about earning points throughout the camp for doing the right thing and at the end of camp the dorm with the most points will get something at the concert.

Day 2 started with a morning walk at 6am (it was beautiful at that time of the morning), breakfast at 7am and 2 hour band rehearsals for the camp from 8-10am. Next were morning tea and a 2 hour band rehearsal. This led into lunch (ham and salad rolls) and a walk to the beach for afternoon activity. We had afternoon tea and another band rehearsal which led into shower time (it took an hour to get through showers for everyone) and dinner (spaghetti bolognaise). After dinner we had night time activities (another diary entry and a trivia competition) then had supper and went to bed.

Day 3 started with another morning walk at 6am, breakfast at 7am and instrumental sections from 8-10am. Next were morning tea and a 2 hour rehearsal band rehearsal. This led into lunch (hamburgers) and an afternoon activity we were supposed to go back to the beach but it was raining so we just stayed at camp and did activities like huahahaoping and drama games. We had afternoon tea and another band rehearsal which led into shower time and dinner (crumbed fish and salad). After dinner we had night time activities (another diary entry and a fashion show where in our dorms we had to create a piece of clothing using string, different coloured plastic bags and balloons and then model it then had supper and went to bed.

Day 4 started with a morning walk at 6am, breakfast at 7am and instrumental sections from 8-10am. Next were morning tea and a 2 hour rehearsal band rehearsal. This led into lunch (tacos) and a walk to the beach for afternoon activity (we made sand sculptures in our dorm groups and the winning team got 1000 points). We had afternoon tea and another band rehearsal which led into shower time and dinner (roast beef and vegetables). After dinner we had night time activities, final diary entry and camp Olympics (each team competed in synchronized swimming, hockey, leap frog, cheerio’s and foam javelin) then had supper and went to bed.

The final day was hectic as we had to have our entire dorm packed up and loaded on the bus before breakfast at 7. We left camp at 8 and had morning tea at a park on the side of the road between Yeppoon and Mackay. We got to Beaconsfield State School at 1:30pm and had pizza for lunch, we were supposed to have cordial with it but Miss Patch accidentally dropped the 15 litres of cordial all over the floor so we had to have water instead. We then had to tidy the hall up so the parents didn’t have to stumble over our bags and set up the stage for our performance. After that we got 1 hour to have a final rehearsal before the concert. The concert was amazing, we played so well and it looked awesome with all of the different school uniforms in the one band. The slide show showing all the photos from camp was awesome to look at too. It was fun to play “The Spook” with the string students as well.

During my time at camp I learnt lots of new things from all the teachers involved and so I should have we had 10 different teachers and rehearsed for a total of 21 hours during the week. But most importantly we got to meet 90 new friends from different schools and make some interesting and challenging music.

Michael Salmon’s visit
Well known children’s author / illustrator, Michael Salmon, visited our students last week and entertained the whole school with stories about his writing career and his amazing drawings. While he drew some of the characters from his many books, he told the stories of how he created them. He also chose a few of our students to illustrate. He was even brave enough to let a couple of our students draw him.

Junior Megaband 2013
On Thursday 6th June, the year 4 & 5 instrumental music students from Mirani, Walkerston and Marian State Schools joined together for Junior Megaband 2013 at Marian State School. The students participated in a day of band workshops which culminated in a performance at the end of the day. The students worked marvellously under Miss Ray, Miss Brett and Miss Patch’s tutelage along with the assistance of the peer tutors from the Mirani State High School Instrumental Music Programme. During the day students worked in tutorial groups with students that played the same instruments and also in a big band situation with all 70 students having to work hard at blending their sounds to make the music sound musical. The concert was a great success and I am very proud of the behaviour, effort and achievement our students produced during this day.

Readers Cup Competition
On Wednesday 5th June 5 year 7 students travelled to Mackay North Primary School to compete in this year’s Readers Cup Competition. The Walkerston State School team was one of eight teams from schools in and around Mackay. Our team (Annalease Jacobson, Christine Hall, Payton Bugeia, Tyler North and Morgan Clifford) did our school proud by coming in 5th and only 8 points behind the winning team.

Walkerston Athletics Carnival Part 2
Friday 14th June
8.50-9.10am: Parade
9.15-10am: 200m heats
200m Boys 9yrs (Ross, Fadden, Tracey)
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200m Boys 10yrs (Ross, Fadden, Tracey)
200m Girls 10yrs (Ross, Fadden, Tracey)
200m Boys 11yrs (Ross, Fadden, Tracey)
200m Girls 11yrs (Ross, Fadden, Tracey)
200m Boys 12yrs (Ross, Fadden, Tracey)
200m Girls 12yrs (Ross, Fadden, Tracey)
(13yrs through to straight final)
10.10-11am: Block D Field events
High Jump Boys 9 yrs
High Jump Girls 9 yrs
Long Jump Boys 9 yrs
Long Jump Girls 10 yrs
Shot Put Boys 9 yrs
Shot Put Girls 11 yrs
Discus Boys 12/13 yrs
Discus Girls 12/13 yrs
High Jump Boys 12/13 yrs
High Jump Girls 12/13 yrs
10.40-11am: 200m Final
200m Boys 9yrs Final
200m Girls 9yrs Final
200m Boys 10yrs Final
200m Girls 10yrs Final
200m Boys 11yrs Final
200m Girls 11yrs Final
200m Boys 12yrs Final
200m Girls 12yrs Final
200m Boys 13yrs Final
200m Girls 13yrs Final
11.11.30am: LUNCH
1.40pm: Relays
Relay 4x80m Boys 9 yrs
Relay 4x80m Girls 9 yrs
Relay 4x80m Boys 10 yrs
Relay 4x80m Girls 10 yrs
Relay 4x80m Boys 11 yrs
Relay 4x80m Girls 11 yrs
Relay 4x80m Boys 12yrs
Relay 4x80m Girls 12yrs
Relay 4x80m Boys 13yrs
Relay 4x80m Girls 13yrs

A Note from Chappy Amie
To celebrate the end of another term, I’ll be going back to my Red Frogs roots and putting on pancakes, and because the Show Holiday is on Thursday, Breakfast Club will be on Friday 21st instead. All the regular goodies (cereal, toast, fruit, etc) will still be available. So, Breakfast Club - Friday 21st - Pancakes! I, and my team of volunteers, hope to see you there!

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