Principal’s Report

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT. Staff have been doing professional in-service over the last two days. The in-service has been on Explicit Instruction which as you know is an extremely effective way of teaching and learning new content.

Last semester I wrote about lifting the ‘benchmarks’ for Walkerston State School. We lifted the bar so that a higher level was expected to receive a ‘C’ level. We expected there to be a big turn down in our numbers of ‘A, B & C’s’ however there was only a 3% dip in results which is testament to the hard work by staff and students. This lifting the standards will have a very positive effect on our students as time progresses.

CELEBRATION TIME. Our students and staff continue to do wonderful things. We have received glowing reports regarding our students who did the online virtual program UNIFY and we also have certificates to hand out to students who have been excelling in the online Reading Eggs program. Our athletics team performed well at the Pioneer Valley carnival and we have numerous students selected in the team. Two of our athletes, Alex Gall and Cody Nicholas were their respective age champions. Well done to all.

SCHOOL FAIR. A great time is guaranteed for all!! This is our major fundraiser and the more support we receive the better the outcome for our students. Just last week the P & C gave the school $9500 to help cover costs including; special needs, library, bus subsidy, Year 7 trip and resources. The P & C is able to assist the school in this manner because of your support.

Mackay Premiers 2013

MACKAY PREMIERS. Walkerston State School’s rugby league side are now the undefeated premiers in the Mackay and District rugby league competition. During the season we played and defeated every other large schools league side. Thanks to Michael Meigan the coach, ‘Gilesy’ the manager and all those wonderful people supporting the boys. The boys ‘manned up’ for the whole season but managed to play fairly and with integrity along with that determination. WELL DONE.

THANK YOU. Thanks for all your wonderful support for the Sauer family. Your generosity and kind words have been relayed to the family and they are both deeply appreciative and touched.

ODDS AND ENDS. The bus waiting area has been turfed and is now completed. It looks great so once again thanks to the families and friends who have contributed. The next project is to paint the undercover area. Due to tight funding timelines it may be necessary to do this in school time. This may mean that the area will be closed for several weeks in early September.
**P & C NEWS**

Walkerston State School Fair  
This Saturday 27th July, 2013  4-8pm  
Food, Entertainment, Stalls, Rides, Raffle, Cent Sale, Ham Wheel  
Don’t forget to hand in your ride armband forms to receive a discount on rides before end of school Friday.

**HELP NEEDED**
A big thank you for the parents that have already handed in the fair volunteer roster form. We still do need lots more helpers so if you can spare some of your time on the night it will be greatly appreciated.

**ATTENTION YEAR 6/5 PARENTS**
Drink Stall at Fair – Each year the profit the school makes from the drink stall goes towards the fundraising for the following year 7 school trip. If parents or students in these grades are coming to the fair your help to run the stall will be appreciated. This is a great way to kick start the fund-raising for your child.

Thank you for all pie drive orders.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**
Breakfast Club is now open every day! Thanks to the efforts of some fantastic volunteers, especially Andrea Pinkard (thank you!), we now have the opportunity to run Breakfast Club every morning. We still need some more adult volunteers, so if you’re keen, come down to the hall at 8am, and when we have enough people we’ll do up a regular roster so that you won’t have to be here every day (unless you really want to!). We look forward to welcoming you to the team.

**BOXFIT CLASSES**
Expression of Interest

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Classes at Walkerston State School  
@ 6 pm All Welcome Only $10  
Male, Female, Young and Old  
Set Days will depend on Interest  
No Fitness Level Required  
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**BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE**

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**KUNGURRI HILL CLIMB**
Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th August  
Admission  
Saturday Free  
Sunday Adults $6 School Age $3  
No pets or glass thank you  
Full Catering on Grounds  
Nominations from 10.30am  
Please contact Debbie 49590439

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