Principal's Report

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT. Teachers have identified ‘critical content’ for year levels, classes and individuals. The critical content are areas of learning that need extra focus. Teachers are using these areas to shape explicit instruction lessons and rapid recalls. We retain a wide range of programs within the school to cater for all our students. Current additional programs include Dance Fever, Unify and the Song Room.

ODDS AND ENDS. The junior girls toilets have been an ongoing problem. This week money has been made available to finally fix the outflow problems. A new safety rail has been installed at school entrance under B Block. The undercover area will be out of use during the last few weeks of this term. Painting and maintenance will be conducted during that time. It will be inconvenient for all but the time and funding to complete the job is only available at that time.

ROAD SAFETY. I’ve had reports of unsafe behaviour whilst students are crossing the road. Some students have not been crossing at the school crossing and others have been riding their bikes across the supervised area. Both practices are extremely dangerous and we ask you to help us instil safe road behaviours in our children.

SONG ROOM. The Song Room is an ongoing program in our school that supports our curriculum through art, theatre and Indigenous Perspectives. The preps and senior classes have had an outlet for their creative talents while learning.

SCHOOL SPORT. Interschool sport continues this week with an away game against Mirani S.S. It was good that the year 5’s had a chance to run around and compete last week. This week the year 7’s and 6’s will be playing soccer and touch.

CONGRATULATIONS. Three of our students competed in the Capricornia trials this week. Alexandria Gall, Sean Baker and Ben Jacobson. All performed extremely well with Alexandria achieving 5th, Ben gaining 4th and Sean securing 2nd in the shot put and 3rd in the high jump. Sean will now progress to Brisbane with the Capricornia team.

LOST PROPERTY. Lost property has been put out on parade and students have had a chance to claim any of their lost property. There is still a large quantity of lost property to be claimed. If unclaimed by Monday 26th August items will be taken to a charity bin.

PREP 2014. We are taking enrolments for Prep for 2014. At the end of this term we’ll be conducting a meet and greet session followed by a morning tea. Information will be out shortly.

PIONEER VALLEY SPEAKING COMPETITION. Next Tuesday evening from 6:30pm Walkerston State School will be hosting the speaking competition. The competition will start at 6:45pm and we wish our two speakers the best of luck.

PARKING. Please be mindful of child safety and don’t park in drop off zones or no parking areas. We appreciate your cooperation.
CULTURAL NEWS

We are now in our final rehearsals for the school musical “Kids at Sea”. Tickets will be on sale as of Friday. We have two shows Friday 06th September 7pm and Saturday 07th September 7pm. Please come and support the students involved in this production.

INSTRUMENTAL

Students in the junior and senior concert bands performed in the Mackay Orchestra and Band Competition on Sunday. Both bands played really well and received encouraging comments from the adjudicator. The junior band received a silver award, while the senior band received a bronze award. Our next competition will be at the Mackay Eisteddfod 15th October.

CHOIR

We have started a grade 4-7 choir. Rehearsals are on Thursday mornings at 8am in the music room. If your child is in grade 4, 5, 6 or 7 and would like to join please encourage them to come along.

KIDS AT SEA

SINBAD SAILS AGAIN

A MUSICAL ODYSSEY
A MUSICAL BY LYNNE BARTLETT, ROB FAIRBAIRN, MARK LEEHY AND KEVIN O’MARA
Where: WALKERSTON STATE SCHOOL HALL
When: Friday 06th September 7.00pm
Saturday 07th September 7.00pm
Cost: $5.00 per adult; $2.00 per child or $15 family
There will be a raffle at the door
Tickets will be available at the door or
pre purchased from Walkerston State School

SPORTS SUCCESS

Joshua Harding has been selected for Mackay Representative Soccer in the U11 Taipans team. The team will travel to Cairns during the September holidays. Well done Joshua and good luck with the upcoming carnival.

Ashton competed in the 12 and under male cruiser section competing against 36 different countries from around the world. Competition was extremely fierce with the indoor track being a very fast, tight and technical track, hence a lot of crashes and broken bones for other riders. Ashton competed in his 3 Moto’s (races) and did not progress onto the 1/4 finals. Although Ashton did not progress into the finals it was an experience of a life time that he will ever forget with great memories.

Mackay Junior Rugby Union
The 2013 Mackay Junior Rugby Union season kicks off on Friday 30th of August and will run for 10 weeks with a three weeks break over the September school holidays. You can contact the club at secretary.mdjru@gmail.com and stay up to date with news on the 2013 season by liking us on Facebook, search ‘Mackay District Junior Rugby Union’, or visit the website for information about the club as well links to other rugby sites http://www.mackayjunior.rugbynet.com.au/
The Mackay Junior Rugby Union season 1st sign on day is this Wednesday afternoon at 5pm. The program is for school kids from the ages of 6 and up to under 17.

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