Principal’s Report

This week we have started to introduce students to Walkerston’s Behaviour Expectations. The expectations are organised around the four forms of respect we want to develop and see in all students: Respect for self; Respect for others; Respect for property; and Respect for the right of others to learn. These Expectations have been written in a way to highlight positive choices and actions, rather than what we might consider to be traditional school rules in the form of ‘Don’t do this, don’t do that’.

The first of the expectations shared with the students focussed on promoting ‘Our Four Step Plan’. I have included the Four Step Plan below. The Four Step Plan aims to give students a clear idea of what they should do if they think someone is harassing or upsetting them. When walking in the playground during Break 1 on Wednesday I was pulled up by a couple of Prep students who proceeded to accurately recite all four of the steps. It was really pleasing to see that the message was getting out.

Of course, underlying the Four Step Plan is the desire to make sure students become aware of bullying behaviours, and how to act in such a way that they become neither the victim nor perpetrator of bullying. There is absolutely no doubt that this is a matter of heightened community concern. Our school’s position on bullying is clearly defined in the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. This document is basically the rule book which schools must follow in terms of providing preventative, supportive and consequential actions to encourage students to do the right thing. As part of the Great Teachers = Great Results initiative, at the start of this year the State Government introduced new legislation that has changed how principals are able to manage poor behaviour and encourage students to do the right thing. As a result, our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students will need to be reviewed this year. Any changes to the Plan will then be authorised by the school’s P&C.

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**Walkerston SS Behaviour Expectation for: SELF**

Our Four Step Plan

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<td>React in an aggressive or rude manner when someone offends us.</td>
<td>Follow Walkerston SS’s Four Step Plan:</td>
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<td>Try and get payback when someone does something to you that upsets you.</td>
<td>1. Ignore the behaviour and/or walk away</td>
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<td>2. Say “Stop it, I don’t like it”</td>
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<td>3. Say you will report the student</td>
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<td>4. Report the student to a teacher or other adult, explaining the steps that you have taken.</td>
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Interschool Chess Competition

On Monday 24th February, 17 very enthusiastic students from years 5, 6 and 7 participated in the Mackay & Whitsunday Primary Schools Chess Competition. A record 135 students from 13 schools competed. The team of Walkerston students had a successful day with Jacob Howard and Jye Barker taking home merit ribbons for winning 5 out of their 7 games. Josh Harding, Jamison Harder, Lachlan McLennan, Ben Dodd, Hayden Pullen, Seth Payne, Jhiyl Horder, Darcy McIntosh, Alex McWhinney, Keith Sichter, Pieter Booysen, Rhys Symonds, Dylan Ball, Cody Sorensen and Marissa White all demonstrated good skills and great sportsmanship.

Student of the Week Awards for Weeks 3 and 4

**Prep A**
- Reuben Goodchild: An amazing effort with learning his sight words.
- Kalysta Bone: Always being a fantastic listener and always trying her very best.

**Prep B**
- Taylor Kelly: Beautiful handwriting.
- Roman Nikolic: Always trying really hard in Maths.
- Demi Peoples: Working hard in Maths.

**Prep C**
- Isabella Harder: Making good progress with her sight words.
- Aiaki Ghee: Trying very hard in class.

**Class 1A**
- Tyler Kelly: Beautiful handwriting.
- Jesse Muscat: Working very hard in class.

**Class 1B**
- Paige Larsen: Working well in all areas, especially writing.
- Stella Collins: Excellent behaviour and working to the best of her ability.

**Class 2A**
- Imogen Kennedy: Always working quietly and conscientiously on all activities.
- Elandre Smit: Always working quietly and conscientiously on all activities.
- Jayce Hermann: Always working conscientiously and actively participating in all activities.
- Dani Payne: A quiet working student who always tries her best.

**Class 3A**
- Emily Porter: Putting so much effort into learning her weekly spelling words.
- Jylan Kennedy: A very thoughtful and interesting journal entry this week.
- Alyssa Germanotta: For including fantastic vocabulary in her writing.

**Class 3B**
- Flynn Proctor: Fantastc participation in class discussions.

**Class 4A**
- Katie Howard: Showing an excellent use of commas in her written work.
- Brayden Greskie: A very well planned orientation for his narrative on The Twits.

**Class 45B**
- Madison Galea: A good participator in class discussions.
- Hayley Galea: Writing a funny story about Mr and Mrs Twit.

**Class 5A**
- Katie Wood: Lovely, neat work in all areas.

**Class 56C**
- Tara Atherton: Working well in all subject areas and being a helpful classmate.
- Jessika Bath: Always giving 100% effort in all subject areas.

**Class 67B**
- Gabrielle Dhu: Excellent classroom participation.
- Hamish Middleton: Working hard to achieve his goals by doing extra work at home on a regular basis.

**Class 7A**
- Georgia Freichs: Participating enthusiastically in all subject areas.
- Jayden Muir: Working well in all areas, especially Mathematics.
- Calum Proctor: Quickly adapting to his new school and becoming a great asset to the school community.
The Safety Circus

The Safety Circus is in town, and Walkerston State School grade threes were lucky enough to see them live in their own school. The Safety Circus team loved performing for the grade three students and they were an excellent audience. The students helped Jessie (the main character) to find her mum after she lost her at the circus, and together they learnt lots of new safety skills.

Safety Circus showed the grade threes all about how to stay safe when riding your bikes, scooters and skateboards, and now they know to always clip your helmet up and act just like a car would on the road (stop at traffic lights and stick to the left). They also learnt all about listening to their bodies and the funny butterflies that can be in their tummies if they’re feeling unsafe. They know all about their five safety networks and that each finger is another trusted adult that can listen and help. Safety Circus would like to thank the students and teachers at Walkerston State School for having them and hope they enjoyed their time at the circus.

Book Fair Coming Soon

The library will be hosting a Book Fair during the week from Monday March 10th to Friday March 14th, pending the arrival of the cases. Everyone is welcome to visit the fair and look at the great variety of books that will be on sale.

Notice

We have been informed that some students have presented at school with open wounds, including boils and school sores (impetigo).

To help prevent further infection of the student and fellow students, all such wounds need to be covered completely with a water-proof dressing and good hygiene practices need to be followed. Hands need to be washed using soap and running water, especially before eating and after going to the toilet.

Students will be reminded at school to wash their hands before eating and after going to the toilet. If your child has open wounds, please make sure these are covered with a water-proof dressing before they come to school, and assist us by reminding your child to maintain these practices at school and at home.

Conveyance Allowance Assistance

Conveyance allowance is an assistance provided by the Department of Transport and Main roads to eligible parents/guardians who drive their students to school or to the route of a school bus.

There are several types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the type of school bus service (if any) provided in your area.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of transport and Main Roads in Nelson Street, Mackay or by telephoning 49518673.
McColl Street, Walkerston 4751  •  Telephone (07) 4959 4333  •  Fax (07) 4959 3111
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or Ph: 0448 720 654

**MACKAY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**
Mackay Softball Association invites parents to get their kids active and playing a great sport whilst making new friends and social groups. All the clubs welcome new players for the 2014 season commencing in May.

All upcoming Softball Sign on days for adults and children are held at the Mackay Softball Fields, Beaconsfield Road, Andergrove. Come along to any of the days for more information and sign on.

Dragons: 2nd March 2pm – 4pm
Contact: Noreen 4942 7606

Angels: 8th March & 15th March 10am – 2pm
Contact: Chub 0416 432 988 or Linda 0427 114 955

Hawks: 16th March 2pm – 4pm
Contact: Cheryl 0428 182 248 or Kim 0420 309 905

**WEST’S “TIGERS” JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**
2014 SIGN-ON
Still taking registrations in all age groups
New players welcome

**CWA**
ETON NORTH BRANCH ARE HOLDING AN AFTERNOON TEA
TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 1.30pm- 2.00pm
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