ANZAC DAY 2014

Leading our parade on Anzac Day were Tammin Mackay, Lilah Noy, Libby Zurvas of Prep A

“If you knew how the war ended, do you think you would still have joined up?”

Ethan Boccanfuso, Class 67B

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Easter Hamper Winners

Thank you to all families who generously donated items for the Easter Hamper Raffle. A big congratulations to the winners of the Easter Hampers who I’m sure were thrilled with their win!

1st  Jean Dela Torre
2nd  Callum McGregor
3rd  Brian Butt
4th  C Gall
5th  Nicole McIntosh

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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

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Date Claimers

APRIL
28-2 May  Parent Teacher Interviews

MAY
13-15  Naplan

JUNE
9  Queens Birthday Public Holiday
11  Junior Megaband
15  School Performance
19  Mackay Show Holiday

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Spotlight

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Anzac Parade, Thursday 24/05/2014

The school captains and Gabbie meet our special guests, veterans Alan Norman and George Mallett

Gabbie Dhu performs the Last Post

Anzac Day, Friday 25/04/2014

The Recorder Band began the official ceremony by playing the Australian and New Zealand national anthems

The school captains laid two wreaths at the base of the cenotaph

Students were invited to ask our two special guests

We’re very proud of all students and staff who attended – 25% of the school attended Friday’s main parade
Principal’s Report

This newsletter is, in large part, dedicated to recognising the many ways our students commemorated Anzac Day last Thursday and Friday. The front page of the newsletter is an attempt to represent the juxtaposition present in how we celebrate Anzac Day. Part of the day is about students joining their mates to participate in the pageantry of the official march, but at the same time, part of the day should also be a solemn reflection of the impact of war on individual soldiers and their loved ones.

Ethan’s thought provoking question was asked of our two special guests to the school’s parade on Thursday, Alan Norman and George Mallett. Both Alan and George gave thoughtful responses to the question, recognising the importance of enlisting out of respect for our country and our values. At the end of the parade, Alan and George presented the school captains with a plaque outlining the service of the late Fred Taylor, formerly of the Walkerston and Pleystowe RSL. Our RSL Bursary is dedicated to Fred, and any student interested in applying for the bursary at the end of the year is invited to come and read about Fred’s life so they are able to get some understanding of the many ways that Fred served his country and community, both during and after his time in the armed services.

And finally, our music and instrumental teachers, Chantal Kay and Melissa Howard, deserve special recognition here for their work in preparing our instrumental students for both parades. Chantal taught the recorder band to play both the Australian and New Zealand national anthems. To hear the New Zealand anthem played, and sung by our Year 4 to 7 students, was a unique experience for me, and a powerful reminder that the Anzac tradition is one shared by both countries. Alan in particular made note of it, as his Second Battalion in Vietnam was known as an Anzac Battalion, as it had members of the New Zealand Armed Forces serving side by side with Australian soldiers. Melissa trained Gabbie Dhu to play the very challenging Last Post for Thursday’s school parade, and to hear the Last Post played live on parade is a truly moving and solemn moment.

Year 6/7 Senior Trip Fundraising

Milo Days
The year 6/7 students will be holding cold milo days on Tuesdays and Thursdays at just 50 cents a cup starting on Tuesday 29th April. These will be available to all students at the tuckshop during first break.

Car Wash
We will be holding regular car washes near the water tower on Sunday mornings from 9am till around 11am so please bring your car and we will make it sparkle for you.

Family Fun Day
We will be holding a family fun day on 31st May at the school (Time TBA). At this stage this will include jumping castles, face painting, the drawing of the raffle and a cent sale. To ease some of the pressure on the parents of year 6/7s going on the trip can I please ask that everyone makes a small donation of an item to help fill our cent sale buckets, these can be dropped at the school office.

Cross Country
Congratulations to all our competitors in the Pioneer Valley Cross Country yesterday. Thanks need to go to the students for their effort, parents for having them here for training and Mrs Potts for her organisation throughout term 1. Overall, Walkerston State School won the PVCC Carnival. The top 5 in each age group will have the opportunity to compete in the Mackay and District Cross Country at Sarina Golf Course on Wednesday, 7th May. Good luck to all our athletes!

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Cross Country Apology

In the last newsletter, there was an error with the 12 year and 13 year girls at the Walkerston State School Cross Country. Results should have been:

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Walkerston SS Behaviour Expectation for: OTHERS

How to Get a Grown-up’s Attention

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<td>Continually call out the teacher or teacher aide’s name.</td>
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<td>If in the classroom, get up out of your seat.</td>
<td>If a teacher or teacher-aide is talking to another adult or another student, wait quietly for your turn.</td>
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<td>Make a loud noise, like clicking your fingers, to get the teacher’s attention.</td>
<td>When the teacher has finished talking with the other person, go to the teacher and speak to them politely.</td>
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<td>Stand still, and look at the grown-up as you are talking to them.</td>
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<td><em>When in the classroom:</em></td>
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<td>Raise your hand and wait quietly.</td>
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P&C News
The P & C now has a Facebook page. This is a notification only page to keep you up to date with what is happening in the P & C. Our email address is walkerstonpandc@gmail.com.

Our next meeting is on the 2nd of May at 1.30pm in the meeting room behind the kitchen in the school hall. Please join us for lunch at the Duke at 12pm.

Our next Catch-up Morning Tea is on Tuesday the 6th of May. All parents are welcome to join us in the hall from 9am. Everyone is welcome.

We’re on Facebook now:

Tuckshop News
Tuckshop is open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays for first and second break. It uses a bag system for ordering. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT BAGS ARE PUT IN THE CLASS TUCKSHOP BASKET BY 9.30. THEY ARE NOT TO BE LEFT AT THE TUCKSHOP.** This is so the teachers will know who is having tuckshop and can make sure the students receive the correct order.

Ida and Katrina are always looking for extra volunteers especially on Fridays. Volunteer forms are available at the office. Please ring Andrea on 49593384 for further information.

If you would like an issue addressed or have a concern, compliment or enquiry, you are most welcome to attend the P & C meetings, drop a note into the P & C Box at the office or contact Andrea on 49593384. Next meetings: 2nd May, 30th May @ 1.30pm in P&C Room in the hall.

Community Kickbacks
Our School is now part of the Amart Sports Community Kickbacks Programme. Please nominate Walkerston State School on your Amart membership. For more information go to www.amartsports.com.au/community-kickbacks ezcovers.net.au also offer the school a rebate of 5c for every book cover sold. The durable slip-on plastic covers come in many patterns and colours and the range of sizes fit exercise, A4 and scrapbooks. All covers are priced at $1.20 each.

Breakfast Club
The Breakfast Club is open from 8.15 to 8.45 every day, in the hall. A free breakfast of cereal, toast, fruit and juice is available to all students and staff. Not only is it a time to fuel up before school, but also a chance for new students to mingle. We are happy to accept any donations of fruit families would like to give. Donations can be left at the hall before school or at the office. Volunteers are always needed and very much welcome. Please contact Andrea on 49593384 if you can help. We also would like to thank Woolworths Walkerston, Walkerston Bakery and the Chaplaincy programme for their continued support.

Thank you to Walkerston Rotary for their wonderful donation of books. Candace Blake attended the Rotary Club Meeting to receive the gift of books on behalf of Walkerston State School. Thank you.
Mothers’ Day Stall

The P&C are holding a Mothers’ Day Stall next week for students to purchase a lovely gift for their special Mum/Grandma/Guardian. Please don’t forget to include some spending money on their allotted day! Prices range from $2 to $10.

The schedule for when year levels will be able to visit the Mothers’ Day Stall is as follows:

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A small sample of items available is presented below. A more detailed list of items can be seen via the P&C’s Facebook page.
Chaplaincy News

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My chaplaincy role is one of support for students, staff, school families and the school community. I work every morning from 8am-9am in the hall supervising Breakfast Club. Feel free to drop in and say hello.

I am also available all day Monday and Wednesday. My office situated upstairs in K Block. I have visited all of the classrooms this week to let the students know about my role and encourage them to come and see me.

If you are happy for your child to visit with me, you need to complete a consent form. These forms are included in this newsletter. By the end of term I hope to have some lunchtime activities established for interested students.

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www.pioneervalleyshow.com.au

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