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WALKERSTON STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

PUTTING LEARNING FIRST - EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY

Date Claimers

June

7 PV Maths Competition
10-12 Instrumental Camp
11 23C & 3A MECC—The Peasant Prince Excursion
13-14 PV Athletics Carnival
20 Show Public Holiday
21 Grant Rovelli RL (U10)
21 Last day of Term 2

July

8 First day of Term 3 10 Jnr Megaband 15-16 CQ Regional Shield 18-19 Yr 4 Camp—Kinchant Dam 29 Prep-Yr1—Fire Education Visit

Spotlight

Needing donations of black school shorts for the office please

General Information

Office Hours 8am—3.30pm Parade Every Monday at 9am Newsletter every 2nd Wednesday PCYC After School Care 4942 3296 Absence Line: 4959 4366

Whole School Behaviour Focus

Respecting Others – 'Treat everyone the way you want to be treated, Use polite language including manners – please and thank you, Safe hands Safe feet'.

Principal's Report - Mr Noel Reynolds

T2Wk8

Thank you for your warm reception to "Scubby", I look forward to working with the students, staff and families to continue the strong tradition of high expectations for our student learning and ensuring every child, every day, is being supported in their school journey.

Attendance

A key focus each week is the school's attendance data. Our whole school attendance rate has managed to hold and is staying at 92.4%. Eight of the classes improved their attendance, which was a great effort. The top two of those classes were all very close, with on 0.08% separating them. Our most improved competition had 6 classes in the race.

Congratulations to the following classes for their attendance achievements over the last fortnight:

Term 2 Wk 6 Attendance Champions – PB (96%)

Term 2 Wk 6 Most Improved Attendance – 4A (3% improvement

Term 2 Wk 7 Attendance Champions – 2B (98%)

Term 2 Wk 7 Most Improved Attendance – 1B (14% improvement)

We remind parents that if students are unwell and staying home, to please contact the school absence line to provide an explanation. It is important that every student absence is 'explained' when students are away from school.

Behaviour Focus

Our whole school behaviour focus over the next fortnight involves: *Respecting Others – 'Treat everyone the way you want to be treated, Use polite language including manners – please and* thank you, Safe hands Safe feet". I am a great believer in modelling appropriate behaviour to our students, staff have been modelling and discussing this particular focus over the last two weeks. The use of simple manners, "thank you, yes please!" can be taken for granted. As a school community these simple manners can make a difference in our school day. Please assist us in affirming these manners in our school.

School Disco

Last Friday night the P&C held a school disco, which was attended well by students and their families, thank you to DJ Miss Kay for an

entertaining and fun night and to our P&C volunteers for providing us with yummy food for the night. P&C also drew the lucky winner of



the 2023 Framed Qld State of Origin Team signed Jersey and congratulations to the lucky winner Renee Jensen. Thank you to everyone who supported the P&C raffle and disco.

Free Dress Day

Wednesday's Free dress Day was a great way for our students to show support for their favourite state. There were an abundant of maroon colours with some blue colourings spotted throughout our student cohorts. Fantastic participation students! Plus an even better result to have a maroon victory on the night.

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Rugby League Don Grobe Cup

Our U12 school rugby league team were dominant in their win over Andergrove SS last Wednesday evening 24 - 4. Great sportsmanship was displayed by all the boys in the team. This places the team with an overall 1st place in the leader board with semi-finals next Wednesday.

U10 Rovelii Gala Day

Nominations forms will be sent home with interested students early next week, this will be held on Friday 21st June, 2024. Students who are interested in attending will be required to participate in training sessions leading up to the Gala Day, which will be held during lunchbreak.

PV Mathematics Competition

Today, we sent 4 teams to the PV Mathematics Competition at Marian SS. Students will compete in teams of five in Team Challenge and relay events. It is the noisiest and quietest Mathematics Lesson in the Valley. Good luck to our Maths teams today.

PV Netball Round Robin Competition

Selected senior girls have been given a consent form to attend the PV Interschool Netball event which is to be held on Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 3:30pm at the Marian State School. Please return the consent forms to the school office as soon as possible.

PV Athletics

Congratulations to those students selected to attend the PV Athletics Carnival. We wish our selected students there very best for next Friday 14th June 2024, consent forms have been sent home, if these can please be returned to the school office by Monday 10th June.

Representative School Sport

Braydan attended Cross Country Capricornia Trials representing Mackay earlier this week, and came 8th place for his age division, well done Braydan on this achievement.

Reports

All classes except the prep cohorts will have their Semester 1 report cards emailed out to families on the last day of the term, Friday 21st June. Our prep reports will be emailed out after the holidays on Friday 12th July.

Cultural News Week 8 Term 2

Instrumental

Next week our beginner students will bring home a note about Megaband. This will be held at Marian State School in Week 1 of Term 3 on Wednesday.

Next week we also wish Chloe and Abigail well as they attend the Mackay regional Instrumental Camp. We hope you both have a fabulous time.

Choir

Thursday of week 6 saw our choir participate in Mega Chorus Day. It was a lovely day. The students reflected last week at choir and some of their thoughts from the day were "I loved the team building", "I loved meeting new people and singing". Our choir performed "Be a Friend" and then combined with the other students from Marian, Mirani and Alligator Creek to perform a lunch box concert of "Be Kind to Your Parents", "O Moon" and "The Farmer and The Cowman should be Friends".



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Student of the Week Awards for Week 6 & Week 7

| Class PA | Evie—For being a helpful friend to both teachers and students. Well done, Evie! |
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| | Jett—For listening carefully and being an active learner. Keep up the good work Jett! |
| Class PB | George—For having a very positive attitude towards his learning and always trying his very best. |
| | Sophia—For having a very positive attitude towards her learning and always trying her very best. |
| Class 1A | Ava—For a positive attitude to learning: great listening and fantastic efforts. |
| Class 2B | Tallis—For putting his learning first and ignoring the distractions around him. Well done! |
| | Cohen—For your positive attitude and fantastic effort with your work this week. Well done. |
| Class 23C | Zeke—For putting his learning first, ignoring distractions and staying on task. Keep it up Zeke! |
| Class 3A | Esme—For having a positive attitude towards her learning and working well to improve. |
| | Jack—For having a positive attitude towards his learning and great participation in discussions. |
| Class 4A | Kyson—For your determination and focus to enhance your English skills. Keep up the momentum Kyson! |
| | Jade—For approaching tasks with enthusiasm and positivity. Keep striving for your best Jade! |
| Class 4B | Tilleigh—For demonstrating kindness towards others by sharing, supporting and encouraging. |
| Class 5A | Connor—For working productively in class, showing interest and striving to give his best. Way to go Connor! |
| | Harpah—For being a role model for all students. Walkerston State School is blessed with your presence. |
| Class 56C | Sybella—Being a positive role model and a helpful class member. |
| | Amy—Using precise verbs and descriptive language in her narrative writing. |
| Class 6A | Eleanor—Making a huge effort to ignore distractions so she can stay on task. Way to build resilience Eleanor! |
| | Ayla —Always putting in 100% effort to classroom tasks in particular her assessments to ensure she is reaching her full potential. Ayla you are an awesome role model to our class and to others in the playground. |
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PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

If you have a student transitioning to high school in 2025, we would like to extend an invitation to our Parent Information Evening, which will be held in the Mirani State High School hall.

11 JUNE, 2024 Starting at 6PM



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