



## Date Claimers

- March*
- 28 Touch Football Gala Day
  - 28 Prep/Year 1 Easter hat Parade
  - 28 Prep Daily Merc feature
  - 28 Last Day Term 1
- April*
- 15 First Day Term 2
  - 15 MD Football Trials
  - 16 MD Cross Country Trials
  - 25 Anzac Day
  - 30 MD Rugby Union Trials
- May*
- 3 MD Softball Trials
  - 6 Labour Day Public Holiday

## Whole School Behaviour Focus

Respecting Ourselves: Stay on task, Do your best,

Ask for help, Complete set tasks



**Principal's Report**— Mr Darren Russell  
T1Wk10

student absence is 'explained' when students are away from school.

### Attendance

As the term comes to a close, our whole school attendance rate continues to fall currently sitting at 93.2%. We currently have around 24 students with 'chronic absenteeism' (those who are not coming to school regularly enough) and we will continue to make contact with these families so that we can support them with rectifying this situation next term. We hope that over the holiday break, students have the opportunity to rest up and recover in readiness to returning to school in large numbers to commence the new term.

We did have 5 and 7 classes respectively who had excellent attendance over the last fortnight, managing to achieve or exceed our school target of 94%!

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

- Wk 8 Attendance Champions – 1B (98%)
- Wk 8 Most Improved Attendance – 1B (10% improvement)
- Wk 9 Attendance Champions – PA (97%)
- Wk 9 Most Improved Attendance – PA (10% 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

### Behaviour Focus

Our whole school behaviour focus over the last fortnight has involved: 'Respecting ourselves – Stay on task, Do your best, Ask for help and Complete set tasks. With students kept busy with undertaking assessment tasks demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of learning undertaken this term, these behaviour expectations were certainly timely. Students as always were encouraged to stay on task and avoid distractions, to give their best effort, to seek help if required (class peers, TA/teacher, or classroom learning wall) and to complete set tasks (to demonstrate their understanding of the learning undertaken).

I encourage all parents to take the time to discuss these important messages at home and we thank parents in advance for their support and follow up with their children regarding these expectations.

### Walkerston SS Fair

What a fantastic time everyone had at last Friday's Fair! Strong numbers from our Walkerston and wider community attended with plenty on offer to keep everyone entertained. The class stalls were as popular as ever, the cent sale certainly kept the adults entertained and the amusement rides as always were a huge hit with kids of all ages! Special thanks to the staff for their

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## Spotlight

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## 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

efforts and a huge thanks to our very hard working and dedicated P&C Committee and parent volunteers who put in countless hours, ensuring that our community and kids had another great fair to remember. Go Scrubby!

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Our teachers were kept busy as parents came along in healthy numbers on Monday to our Parent/Teacher Interviews. It was great to see so many parents take advantage of this opportunity, as they met with teachers and learnt about the progress that their child has been making with all facets of their learning this term. We adopt an 'open door' policy at Walkerston, with teachers always happy to catch up and discuss with parents the progress of their child or address any concerns or issues that they may have at any time throughout the term. By ensuring that our staff and parents work collaboratively as a team, we are able to maximise student learning outcomes. We look forward to continuing to support our students and their next steps of learning when we return after the break.

### Celebration of Learning Events

Our students certainly enjoyed showcasing their learning and achievements to their parents who attended 'Celebration of Learning' events held at the school recently. It was great to see so many parents coming along and witnessing the learning outcomes that students have achieved this term. We look forward to continuing this focus work next term when classes commence their new curriculum units.

### NAPLAN

Our NAPLAN Assessment Program is done and dusted for another year. Congratulations to our Yr 3 and 5 teachers and NAPLAN Coordinator Mr Hurley (and back-up Mrs Acutt) for their efforts in ensuring that our students had the best possible opportunity in which to demonstrate their literacy and numeracy knowledge and understanding. We look forward to analysing their results when received later in the year.

### Holiday Message

It is amazing how quickly the holidays have arrived however after another action-packed term with so many curricular, extra-curricular and school events undertaken, everyone is no doubt looking forward to a well-deserved break! It has been another term at Walkerston resulting in positive student learning outcomes with much achieved as our staff, parents and school community work together to support the learning needs of our Scrubby kids. We are all very proud of what has been achieved this term and we look forward to building further upon this work when we return after the break.

For those families travelling over Easter, we wish you safe travels and a restful and enjoyable break. Happy holidays everyone!

### PE News

Good luck to the 5 girls attending Renae Kunst Girls rugby league gala day on Wednesday. Learning new skills, meeting new people, testing new abilities are all lifelong skills the girls will experience during their morning of Rugby League. Well done to Audrey, Zoey, Akarshya, Chloe and Ivy for giving a new sport a try and we look forward to seeing you on Mr Russell's Scrubby teams during the year.

We are crossing fingers and toes that the predicted rain will hold off so our Touch football gala day goes ahead. Congratulations to the students who have attended training each week in hope they will get a game in and be able to play a game of touch with their mates. No doubt our mixed 3/4 team and 5/6 teams will have fun on Thursday.

Congratulations to Toby and Charlie who were selected for the boys MDSS Soccer team on Thursday afternoon at the PV trials. We were super proud to see a small group of talented 'Scrubby' soccer players attend the trials and put in their best effort. With such a big group of boys attending the sub-district trials, the boys selected have done us proud.

Cross Country Training - students selected to go to trials need to keep up their running over the holidays to ensure they are ready to compete in Wk 1. Well done to Braydan, Toby and Tiarna who will be attending the MDSS cross country trials on Friday 19th April, 2024.



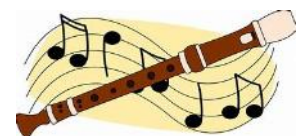
## Student of the Week Awards for **Week 8** & **Week 9**

- Class PA** **Lorelai**—For trying your hardest with everything you do. Thank you for being such a positive member of our class.  
**Daniel**—For your positive approach when arriving at school. Great job Daniel!
- Class PB** **Winston**—For having a very positive attitude towards his learning and always giving 100% effort.  
**Olivia**—For treating others with respect and always being a kind and caring friend to others.
- Class 1A** **Sarah**—For fantastic listening and top efforts in class. Well done on great assessment results! Keep it up!  
**Zane**—For much improved behaviour. Great listening, wonderful manners and top efforts.
- Class 1B** **Levi**—Writing and presenting a detailed retell of the story 'Suki's Kimono' Amazing work Levi!
- Class 2A** **Joshua**—For striving to do his very best 100% of the time. Fantastic effort Joshua!  
**Savannah**—For always being a kind and considerate friend to her peers. You are an asset to our class.
- Class 2B** **Summer**—For working hard to improve your reading with a big smile and a positive attitude. Fantastic Summer!  
**Connor**—For respecting his learning by doing his best, staying on task and asking for help when needed.
- Class 23C** **Chevy**—For his positive attitude in class and completing all class tasks this week including his homework.  
**Nash**—For the conscientious effort you have put into your classwork and assessments. Well done Nash!
- Class 3A** **Brooklyn**—For working very hard to improve her reading skills. Keep up the good work, Brooklyn!  
**Tilly-Rae**—For always having a positive attitude towards her learning. Great job, Tilly-Rae!
- Class 4B** **Hudson**—For making all students feel welcome in the classroom and creating a positive environment.  
**Ruby**—For demonstrating resilience during the construction of her parachute and marble run.
- Class 5A** **Chilli**—For displaying a positive outlook to all of her learning. You show gratitude each and every day!  
**Briella**—For working industriously each and every day. Way to go, Briella!
- Class 56C** **Koopa**—For his amazing description using 'Show, Don't Tell.'
- Junior PE** **Max**—Taking his time to put deep thought into his responses on his Health assessment. Max, I am super proud of your effort.
- Senior PE** **Tyler**—Turning up each and every day to be the best that he can be. You are a terrific role model to all students and you should be really proud of the person that you are.



### Cultural News

The last couple of weeks the recorder band has been preparing for ANZAC Day in week 2 of next term. We have been learning the national anthems for both Australia and New Zealand. Students can take copies of the music and their recorders home over the holiday if they would like to practice.



The instrumental students have begun preparing for band next term. Band starts week 1. All instrumental students are required to be at band. Band starts at 8am. This implies students arrive 10 – 15 minutes earlier to set up.

Important Cultural dates for Term 2 are below.

Save the dates Term 2

Week 2 – ANZAC DAY – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April (Recorder Band)

Week 5 – Fanfare - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May (Instrumental Concert Band)

Week 6 – Mega Chorus Day - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (Choir)

Week 9 – Instrumental Camp – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June (selected students only)



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SCOUTS: WEDNESDAY 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
Corner of Lagoon and Hume Street

### Cleaner Wanted

Walkerston SS have a vacancy for a cleaner. You will be required to work from 2.45pm – 6.00pm Monday to Friday during the school term and for 1 week out of 2 for the school holidays.

School holiday hours are worked as Ordinary hours (3.25hrs) with ADO hours worked on top. Holiday hours can be worked in the mornings as part of a cleaning team to leave afternoons free. Rate of pay will be as per the Department of Education Cleaners' Certified Agreement 2022.

If you would like further information, please call the school office on 4959 4333. Thank you.



Mackay Hospital and Health Service

## School dental service

Free dental treatment  
to all students from  
Prep to Year 10

Must have a current  
Medicare card and  
be enrolled in a school  
- public, private or  
distance education/  
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We offer check ups,  
general dentistry and  
emergency appointments

Call to book an appointment  
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## JUNIOR RAYS CAMP GUEST COACHES

MONDAY 8TH APRIL - TUESDAY 9TH APRIL



# HOLIDAY CLINICS



**DATE:** 10/4/2024  
**AGE:** 5-8 years  
**TIME:** 8.30am - 10.30am  
**COST:** \$49  
**WHERE:** Mackay Junior Rugby League, 2 Casey Avenue Mackay



Register by scanning the QR code

# HOLIDAY CLINICS



**Girls Only!**

**DATE:** 11/4/2024  
**AGE:** 10 - 17 years (girls only)  
**TIME:** 8.30am - 10.30am  
**COST:** \$49  
**WHERE:** Mackay Junior Rugby League, 2 Casey Avenue Mackay



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## Help our Kids get Safely to School

Become a School Crossing Supervisor and make a real difference to the lives of school children.



Working with us you will:

- be paid a generous casual rate of pay with leave loading
- be entitled to long service leave
- have access to the government superannuation scheme



**Where:** Walkerston State School – Dutton Street & St John's Creek St  
**Hours:** Up to 15 hrs per fortnight- Crossing times are as follows mornings 7.50am to 8.50am & afternoons are 2.45pm to 3.15pm

**Pay:** Casual relief rate: \$32.70 per hour

**Duties:** Assist children crossing roads at local schools

- Training is provided
- You will be required to undergo a medical & working with children Blue Card check provided by the Department of Transport & Main Roads

**Contact:** The School or Road Safety Officer Karen Cantoni on 0409 511 542 for application forms



Receive up to \$500 from ANZ for your 2025 back to school costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
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