COMMUNITY NOTICES

West’s Tigers
Always taking registrations
Season starts 24th March
Please contact - Jon 0428 987 898
Or secretary.wdjrlfc@hotmail.com.au

BUSHMANS CARNIVAL
Moranbah Horse & Pony Club
Saturday 14 April - 9am
Nominations to be in by Thursday 11th April
Contact: moranbahhorseandponyclub@hotmail.com

Marian Catholic Church - Meeting
Parents who wish their child to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist (Communion) are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 7 March at the Marian Catholic Church Hall at 7.30pm. For further information please contact:
Charlotte Tomlin 49543633, Sandra Scriha 49543642, Nola Agius 49585664

Gymnastics
School holiday fun for primary school aged children
at Mackay Gymnastics:
Wednesday 4th April and Friday 13 April, 2012
at Swayne St, North Mackay 9:30 – 11 a.m.
Cost only $15 per child. A great way to get children active and
out of the house. Numbers are limited so please book.
Gymnastics – it’s FANTASTIC
Contact Mackay Gymnastics 49 53 1425

MIDGETS BASKETBALL CLUB SIGN ON
THURSDAY 8th March, 2012
3pm – 5pm
At Walkerston State School (undercover area)
Season Starts 1st Week after Easter
For further info please call Allison 0437 832 044
Or Narissa 0409 636 534

VALLEY GIRL GUIDES
is now being held on a Monday afternoon from 3.30-5.30pm at the Mirani CWA hall.
Phone Barb Schusser on 49591003 for more info.

UNIT LEADER NEEDED FOR VALLEY GIRL GUIDES
Guiding is about empowering girls and young women to be their best. We encourage girls to try new things in a non-competitive environment, experiencing adventure as they step outside of their comfort zone. We encourage teamwork, help girls to grow in confidence and inspire girls as young as five to speak up and be heard. We are currently looking for someone to take on the rewarding role of Unit Leader. If you are over 18, caring, enthusiastic, have a great sense of humour and enjoy working and having fun with young people, then you are the kind of woman who would make a great Leader. If you’re interested in joining the largest voluntary organisation for girls and young women in the world we would love to hear from you. For more information, please contact our Regional Leader Karen on 49426177 or check out the website www.girlguides.org.au

Angels in training
Do you have what it takes to become a volunteer Pyjama Angel? On average there are 37,000 children in foster care in Australia; with a number of children in the Mackay alone and they need your help. The Pyjama Foundation is seeking volunteers to attend a training session Saturday and Sunday March 10 and 11.

Those who are interested must contact The Pyjama Foundation on (07) 3262 5569 for further details on how they can attend this training session and begin their journey in becoming a volunteer Pyjama Angel, and ultimately breaking the cycle of disadvantage often experienced by these vulnerable children.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the students who are celebrating a birthday this week: Avril M, Imogen F, Jorja R, Alex M, Kristian M, Stephen W, Cohen I & Emily C.


PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

New Playground
Before Term 2, work will commence on our $30000.00 Year 2 Playground, as pictured. This playground is sited between “B” block and the current Year 6&7 playground. Whilst we could not afford an overall shade structure, there are two covered structures and shade from a nearby tree.
Every year level at our school has an adventure playground as we recognize the importance of play.

DATE CLAIMER

March

Tues 6  Official Hall Opening
Wed 7  Basketball Clinics (1pm & 3:15pm)
Thurs 8  School Council Meeting
  Grounds Committee Meeting
  Payment for Religious Education booklets due by today

Fri 9  School Leaders Induction & Yr 7 Badges
  Mackay District Basketball Trials

Mon 12  March Bookclub due

Tues 21  Harmony Day

The Early Years play area, between the Prep buildings, is now only for our preps and year ones.
Hall Opening
As a result of the Federal Government’s “Building the Education Revolution” funding, our new $600 000.00 multi-purpose hall is now in use and has already hosted sporting, cultural and school events.
This week sees the official opening of our Marian School Hall by Federal Member for Capricornia, Mrs Kirsten Livermore.
Official guests also include Mackay Regional Council Mayor, Col Meng and Regional Councillors, as well as representatives from the Central Qld Regional Office of Education.
Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend and join us for morning tea.
Date: Tomorrow, Tues 6 Mar
Time: 11:30am
Venue: Hall

Big Morning for Year 7s
Parents, grandparents and family members are invited to this Friday’s Leader Induction and Year 7 Badge Presenta-
tion Ceremony and morning tea afterwards.
Date: Friday 9 Mar
Time: 9:00am
Venue: Hall
School Captains, Sports House Captains and all Year 7s will receive their badges.

School News
• This term we should know if our application for a School Chaplain was successful or not.
• P&Cs application (submitted by Grants Officer, Liz Akins) for portable shade structures was suc-
cessful with the two tents arriving recently. Liz has also applied for a gaming grant to provide huge fans for our hall.
• Also our school has ordered $20 000.00 worth of furniture for our new block.
• Thank you to family members for being vigilant re rogue dogs wandering the streets and attacking our farm animals. One family was able to catch a dog attempting to kill their guinea pigs in their back yard. The dog ended up at the pound, but was soon collected by its owner. We encourage neigh-
bours and friends to contact each other if they rec-
ognize dogs who have escaped from yards rather than the pound. However, wandering rogue dogs threaten personal safety and that of other ani-
mal should be reported as the abovementioned family rightfully did.
• Thank you to all, including students and classes, who participated in this year’s Clean Up Australia campaign.
• This Thursday is our first School Council and Grounds Committee meetings for 2012.
• Could families who haven’t, please pay for religi-
ous education booklets by this Thursday 8th Mar please?

NEW DIRECTIONS
SPARE SHORTS URGENTLY NEEDED
Small sized shorts (4 - 8) for spares to be kept in the office for when there have been some suspensions.
Small sized shorts (4 - 8) for spares to be kept in the office for when students have accidents and need a change of clothes.

Spare Shorts Urgently Needed

This school does not accept behavioural problems. Students must comply with school rules or risk being suspended or excluded. Parents who teach children to willingly fol-
low instructions and immediately comply with direc-
tions given are highly likely to have children who per-
form well at school.

Sports Update
Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Pioneer Valley Girls’ Netball team Re-
beca Almman, Kayla Fisher & Abbey Martin.
Good luck to PV Basketballers who compete in this year’s Mackay Trials at Candelstick Park this Friday.
Our 2012 Cross Country trials for 9y – 13y olds are on Tues 27 Mar on our school oval. Competitors must have been training in the preceding weeks. Training is on our oval every week day morning with Mr Schmidt or Mr King. Family member spectators most wel-
come.

AFL, U11 rugby league & soccer trials are this month.

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HEAD LICE
There have been several cases of Head Lice detected by parents recently so it would be a good idea if everyone checks their children’s hair.

DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD HAS HEAD LICE?
Many head lice infections cause no symptoms, and probably less than half cause itch. So you have to LOOK to find out if your child has head lice. Do not rely on itching and scratching.

Eggs are not difficult to see; use a strong light and look on the hair shafts. Newly laid eggs are usually within 1.5 cm of the scalp while older eggs are higher up the hair shafts. If you are not sure whether an object you find is a head louse egg, try sliding it up the hair shaft using your fingers. Eggs are usually quite difficult to move, whereas hair muffs and other items slide easily.

However, finding live lice can be difficult since the climbers move away quickly from disturbances in the hair, and they are very difficult to see.

An easy way to find the climbers is to use the conditioner and nit comb technique:
1. Apply conditioner to dry hair aiming to cover each hair from root to tip with a layer of conditioner.
2. Detangle the hair using an ordinary comb.
3. Immediately comb the hair with a fine tooth comb. The best comb for this is the Lice Meister comb. However plastic nit combs with conditioner are also very effective for detecting climbers.
4. Wipe the conditioner off the fine tooth comb onto a paper tissue and look for lice and eggs.
5. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 5 times.
6. Also examine the comb for lice and eggs.
7. Comb the hair until lice free for 20 minutes. So once the hair is properly covered with a layer of conditioner, do not delay in combing those little suckers out.

If you find lice, your child should be treated.

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop will be open every day each week from 8:30 - 9:00am. Order forms are available at the office or on the school website.
If anyone has any small size second hand school shirts they could donate to the school for new students coming in please hand them in to the office. We are unable to supply shirts in small sizes until new stock comes in. We will notify you when new stock arrives.