Good Afternoon,

Wow! It is the end of week 5 already, half the term has nearly gone. We had our first assembly for 2013 last week with the 6/7s making our understanding very visual with a time line. The Junior Choir also performed two beautiful songs, one in two parts. Well done to all.

Our second Year 7 student who I would like to introduce to you is Kori Thompson.

Where were you born? Saint John of God Hospital, Perth.

Where did you start school? Bibra Lake Primary School but in Grade One I moved to Walpole.

What are you interests / hobbies? Cooking, reading, singing, piano, guitar, music, swimming, craft and running.

Where are you going for high school? Denmark High

What are your plans after high school? I want to travel the world and go to university.

What are your future goals? Travel the world and to be happy.

What kind of car do you want as your first car? Any.

Where do you see yourself in 20 years? Having my own small farm and owning lots of dogs.

CONGRATULATIONS

Denmark High School announced their Year 12 prefects in their last newsletter. It was excellent to see 3 ex Walpole Students represented in their quorum of 9. Congratulations to Rhianna Cullinan (Head Girl), Kyle Thorpe (Head Boy) and Emily Mckenney.

Other ex Walpole students were recognised at their awards night too.

Maddison Smith – Shire of Manjimup Award and Physical Education Studies Stage 3 A/B; Ebony Thorpe – Yr 8 Award of Excellence; Tayla Smeathers – Yr 9 Home Economics; Edward Roocke – Yr 9 Basketball Extension; Warren Taylor – Yr 10 Basketball Extension.

It is always good to hear how past students are getting on and what they are doing.
SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Thankyou to all who nominated for our School Board. We had 7 parent nominations and 7 places so no election was required.

Parent members of our board are: Glen Burton, Antony Egerton-Warburton, Lee Cummuskey, Dave Masters, Julie Ewing, Kelly Burton and Matthew Wrigley.

Staff board members are: Carolyn Brodie, Sherrill Williams, Sarah Walker and Lorelle Flett.

Many thanks to these people who were able to give some time to help our school move forward.

The board will meet on Wednesday the 20th of March to elect the chair.

I would also like to thank two parents who have worked tirelessly on the school council/board for many years. They were instrumental in helping the school gain it’s independent status but are unable to continue. My sincere thanks go to Mr Dave Edmonds and Mrs Deanne Blake.

ACTIVE AFTERSCHOOL – SAILING

Active After School Sailing will not be run on Sunday the 31st of March (Easter Sunday) due to many families of students and the support crew having family time away.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The swimming carnival was held yesterday at Mt Barker and all competitors had a great day. Many thanks to Mrs Teague-Robertson for her organisation and Ms Walker and Mr Tate who helped at the practise day and carnival.

Many thanks also to the parents who went along to support their children, especially those who were willing to get in the water and assist with the safety of our children.

Walpole Independent Primary School had another very successful day coming third overall.

Congratulation to everyone involved in the Carnival.

HEAD LICE

A quick reminder to all parents to be diligent when checking their children's hair for head lice. Unfortunately, it is and will be an ongoing issue. I thank all the parents that have had to continually treat their children’s hair to help alleviate the problem. I know it is time consuming and costly. Like all of us, head lice especially like clean hair.

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Thankyou to Mr Rick Donovan for putting his hand up to assist with Friday lunches. However, we still need others to come on board to share the load so that the lunches can happen every Friday. I have attached a list of the Fridays left this term so you can nominate to help on one if you have the time. An assistant will be there to help so don’t feel you have a lot of responsibility on your own. Please, if you can spare 2 to 3 hours on a Friday, put your name on the roster and return to Ms Sarah Walker.

Many thanks,
Lorelle Flett

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students

KINDY  Tiannah Dixon
Pre-Primary  Anabelle Simpson
 Year 1  Keira English
 Year 2  Luella Minchin
 Year 3  Madeleine Sherlock
 Year 4  Oscar Ebbett
 Year 5  Emily Burton
 Year 6  Tahlia Masters
 Year 7  Aurora Ewing
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**PYJAMA DAY**

Today is our pyjama day with a lot of wonderful attires being worn. Thank you to Camrin and the Student Council organising the event and parents and students for donating as the money will be going toward new kitchen equipment.

Thankyou,
Camrin Egerton-Warburton
Walpole Primary Student Councillor

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**LUNCH BOX IDEAS**

Checkout the following websites for ideas on preparing healthy lunchboxes.

- [https://www.lunchbox.aldi.com.au/](https://www.lunchbox.aldi.com.au/) - includes an app that can be downloaded

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**HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?**

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

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**WALPOLE AUSKICK 2013**

**COACHES REQUIRED**

Regrettably, I may not be available this year due to other coaching commitments.

Are there any parents or guardians who would be happy to step in during term 2?

This role is for one hour per week, can be shared between several people and you don’t need to be a “footy head”!

The Auskick programme is extremely popular with the kids and is well supported by the AFL.

Please let me know if you can help out.

Thanks and kind regards,
Lee Cummuskey (98 401019)

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**Denmark Junior Netball Registration**

Monday 18 March 2013

Denmark Rec Centre 4pm – 6pm

Modified/Net Set Go $50
Junior/Sub Junior $100

If you have already registered as a Magpie Player and paid your $100, you do not need to register on this afternoon

Queries 98482701

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**Friday Lunch Roster**

Please add your name to our roster if you are able to help a small group of students make our Friday lunches, then return it to the office at school.

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