Good Evening Everyone,

AT LONG LAST – this morning the undercover area was finally handed over to ‘our control’ albeit that there are a significant number of maintenance issues and minor works to be completed. Over the next week we will be moving physical education equipment out of the hall (Mrs Crossley will have the room to use) and putting floor coverings etc into the other room that is to be used as a classroom by Mrs Kendrick and Miss Slater. Our first assembly for the year will be conducted in the undercover area on Friday March 11 at 9.00am. We look forward to your attendance and giving you the opportunity to inspect the new facility. Photos page 6.

School Council
The Council held its first meeting on Monday 14 February. Items for discussion included:
- Independent Public School submission.
- Election of Chairperson and New Committee Persons:
  Karen Pascoe, Julie Ewing and Lee Cummuskey were elected for three year terms and Glen Burton was re-elected as the 2011 Chairperson.
- School Logo
  It was proposed that the School’s motto should be changed from “Honesty and Endeavour” to “Nature, Culture, Future” as it is considered that these words have a much clearer meaning to students about the uniqueness of the Walpole PS community.
  Parents wishing to retain the existing motto are requested to contact me before Friday 4 March otherwise the new motto will become effective from that date.

- **Dress Code**
  School Dress Code is to be amended as follows:
  ➢ to reflect the wearing of the proposed shirt as a sports shirt at interschool activities – Years 4-7 students ONLY. Council will also consider its use for regular physical education lessons at its next meeting. The School will purchase a number of shirts that can be loaned to Years 4-7 students so that parents not wishing to purchase their own child’s shirt do not have the expense.
  ➢ White polo shirts will be worn by ALL students going on excursions
  ➢ Students may wear either the sky blue or white shirts as their everyday school shirt.

Next meeting will be held at School at 7.00pm on Wednesday May 18.

If you have any matters that you wish to have raised please either contact me or one of the School Councillors shown below:

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A current version of the **School Information Booklet** has been posted on the School website: [www.walpoleps.wa.edu.au](http://www.walpoleps.wa.edu.au)

This booklet contains a lot of information that impacts on the day to day running of the School.
Outdoor Activities
Sunscreen is available outside each classroom for students use. Teachers will not offer the sunscreen; students will need to exercise responsibility to remember its use.
As part of our dress code students require a broad-brimmed hat to participate in outdoor activities – students not able to meet this requirement will be required to undertake indoor work.

Friday Lunches
Lunches will continue weekly on Fridays – an order form will be sent out early each week. Cost is $2.00 per student and lunch will include a sandwich/plate of salad/œtc plus a fruit drink and a piece of seasonal fruit. This week’s lunch is sweet corn pasta bake.

School Fees
The School Council set the voluntary contribution fees for 2011 at:
Kindergarten $50.00 per child
Years P-7 $25 per child
These fees enable the School to provide additional facilities to all students and parent support in making the contributions will be appreciated.
Thank you to those parents who have already made this payment.

STUDENT STATIONERY REQUISITES
PLEASE check that your child has all the necessary stationery items needed to be able to fully participate in all lessons. Some students have started the year without initial essential supplies. The basics for most classes are as follows:
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- 3 or 4 lead pencils
- a good wooden ruler
- set of 12 colouring pencils
- set of textas
- 3 or 4 red and blue biros (years 4 to 7)
- eraser
- library bag
Having all these items in good condition makes it easier for students to complete class work and be engaged in learning. Please check with your child to find out the condition of their stationery. Teachers will be conducting audits of students' stationery over the next few days and sending home notes if there are required items missing from pencil cases.

PRIMARY EXTENSION and CHALLENGE:
CONGRATULATIONS to Aurora Ewing on her selection to participate in the PEAC programme conducted by the Education Department in Albany. This course is in addition to extension literacy and numeracy programmes conducted at School for a number of Years 4-7 students.
This term Aurora’s topics will be ‘Fantasy That’ and ‘Building Bridges’. We look forward to hearing about her learning activities.

“CLUB ACTIVITIES”
Will commence on Wednesday 9 March and continue each Wednesday for 5 weeks concluding in term 1 on Wednesday 6 April. Parents are requested to assist with the activities by contacting their child’s teacher indicating their area of expertise.
Some of the activities will require provision of materials by the students or may in some cases involve a small cash payment.
Students will shortly be given the chance to choose their first activity (subject to numbers). In Term 2 students will be given the opportunity to try a different activity with previous non-participants being given preferential selection rights.

VISIT BY REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Today we were visited by Mr Neil Milligan, Regional Executive Director, for the Department of Education; South West which is now our School District. Mr Milligan is based in Bunbury and manages the geographical region between the west coast (Bunbury) and Bremer Bay. He met with representatives of the School Council and P&C.

MEM FOX visit - July
Internationally recognised children’s author and educator Mem Fox will be visiting Walpole on Sunday July 24. Further information will be provided shortly.

If you have any matters that you wish to discuss with me please telephone to make a mutually convenient appointment – at present I have teaching responsibilities each morning. I can’t guarantee the answers that everyone wants BUT I will listen and endeavour to negotiate an acceptable solution or to investigate your concerns and get back to you!

Have a great fortnight.

Richard
FOR SALE

4 x Eco Library/reading bags - $6.00 each

Only while stock lasts.

Available from the Front Office:

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THIS FORTNIGHT’S THOUGHT

TECHNOLOGICAL BREAKTHROUGH

Announcing the new Built-in Orderly Organised Knowledge device (BOOK).

It’s a revolutionary breakthrough in technology – no wires, no electric circuits, no batteries and nothing to be connected or switched on. It’s so easy to use even a child can operate it. Just lift its cover. Compact and portable, it can be used anywhere – even sitting in an armchair by the fire - yet it is powerful enough to hold as much information as a CD-ROM disk.

Here’s how it works: each BOOK is constructed of sequentially numbered sheets of paper (recyclable), each capable of holding thousands of bits of information. These pages are locked together with a custom-fit device called a binder that keeps the sheets in their correct sequence. By using both sides of each sheet manufacturers are able to cut costs in half!

Each sheet is scanned optically, registering information directly into your brain. A flick of the finger takes you to the next sheet. The BOOK may be taken up at any time and used merely by opening it. The ‘browse’ feature allows you to move instantly to any sheet, and move backwards or forwards as you wish. Most come with an ‘index feature’, that pinpoints the exact location of any selected information for instant retrieval.

An optional “BOOKmark” accessory allows you to open the BOOK to the exact place you left in the previous session – even if the BOOK has been closed. BOOKmarks fit universal design standards; thus a single BOOKmark can be used in BOOKS by various manufacturers.

Portable, durable and affordable, the BOOK is the entertainment wave of the future, and many new titles are expected soon, due to the surge in popularity of its programming tool, the Portable Erasable-Nib Cryptic Intercommunication Language Stylus (PILS).

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Gifted and Talented link is on the homepage www.det.wa.edu.au
Gifted and talented students may wish to apply for programs available in the government secondary school system. Academic, visual and performing arts, sport, music and language programs are offered.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Holland, Spain, Japan and the Scandinavian countries will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceausl@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

P & C News

THANKYOU to those who attended the 2011 P&C AGM and Term 1 meeting last Wednesday.

The 2011 P & C Executive Committee is:

Fiona Brennan - President
Maree Pickett - Vice President
Kim Burton - Secretary
Kelly Burton - Treasurer
Deanne Blake - member

Please feel free to approach committee members with any issues you would like raised throughout the year or leave a message at the school office.

A P&C file with all publications and information sent to the school is left at the front office for anyone to view, as is a copy of all meeting minutes.

A Fundraiser meeting will be held next week – we need to decide on our focus for fundraising this year so anyone interested in fundraising or who has some fun ideas please come along.

A note will go home with the time and date soon. Thankyou

Fiona
Swimming Carnival
2011
Frankland, Kendenup & Walpole Primary Schools

A day of healthy fun, in the sun!
Thursday, 17 March 2011 - 10:15am - 2pm

I have 18 nomination forms from student's years 4-7 to compete in this carnival, unfortunately, we are particularly lacking in senior boy numbers (yrs 6/7). I would like to invite other year 4-7's (stage 4 and above) to get a form from the front office and nominate and return by Friday. The carnival is a mixture of races and novelty events – fun for all abilities! Why not try?
There will be a cost to students (unknown at this stage) and most likely a need for parent drivers, forms will arrive shortly.
I am also planning a training day at Mt Barker for Wednesday 9th March – I may need you then too!

Senior children (Years 6/7)
- can choose to nominate for the following events;
  50 metres (must have passed swimming stage 5)
  OR 25 metres (must have passed swimming stage 4)
  OR 15 metres events (must have passed swimming stage 3)

- Please note, to be eligible for championship points students must nominate for the 50m events

Intermediate children (Years 4/5)
- can choose to nominate for the following events;
  25 metres OR 15 metres events

Please note, to be eligible for championship points students must nominate for the 25m events

Louise Gardner

Student Council News

The Student Council would like to thank the students for voting for them in our 'election.'

Our positions have been decided as;
Ashlen Fry – School Captain,
Haig Egerton-Warburton – Deputy School Captain,
Chelsea Bedford – Games Monitor,
Martin Leggerini – Sports Monitor,
Siobhan Blake – Communication Officer,
Paige Aggiss – Fundraising Officer,
Maddelin Larkman – Environmental Officer.

We have already raised $118 for the Carnarvon Flood Appeal and are hoping to raise much, much, more for other causes.

We hope we can exceed your expectations!
Old Fashioned Games with the seniors
On Wednesday the 16th the Walpole Primary School Yr 7's walked across to the Rec Centre to interact with the seniors. After an enjoyable morning tea that the year 7's made we got into partners and had an old fashioned game competition. The games were made by Derek Hoye. The games included Carrum, Quoits and Shuffleboard. Thankyou to Derek for setting up all these games. This is part of our Civic program where we meet new people and get involved into the community. We are currently planning an Easter Fair for the seniors that will hopefully remind them of a fair when they were children. We are planning and making games for seniors to enjoy. Throughout the year we will be meeting with the seniors regularly.

By Paige Aggiss & Maddelin Larkman

KIDS RED FACES
Ages: Kindy to Year 7

Children aged between Kindy and Year 2 can have an adult in their act.

DATE: 8 April 2011
TIME: 6.00pm
WHERE: Walpole Rec Centre
More information to follow shortly

Manjimup Show
Friday 18th–Saturday 19th March 2011

Go for 2 & 5
Hey kids create a poster promoting Healthy eating and Healthy living
Great prizes to be won

Age groups
• 9 years and under
• 6-9 yrs
• 10-13 yrs
• 14-15 yrs
FREE PARENTING SEMINARS

Managing children’s behaviour can be challenging at times for most parents.

Parents are invited to attend a free parenting seminar being offered in your town to learn practical, positive and effective ways to deal with common behavioural problems, and ways to help your child achieve their best at school and in the future.

Parents may attend the following 2 hour seminar

Seminar Two: Raising Confident, Competent Children

When  THURSDAY 24th MARCH
       AT SILVER CHAIN WALPOLE

Time   10am to 12 o’clock

For more information, or to register to attend a free parenting seminar please contact: School Nurse
Sue Sieczka at Community Health on 97770400

*Parents of children aged between three and eight years are encouraged to attend.*

NEW UNDERCOVER AREA

*Photos taken by Siobhan Blake*