Walpole Primary School
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Our purpose is to contribute to each student’s physical, emotional and academic development and to assist them to foster positive values as participants in an ever-changing society.

Dates to Remember

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<td>Tuesday 9 November</td>
<td>Interschool Jumps and Throws in Pemberton</td>
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<td>Friday 12 November</td>
<td>Interschool Carnival in Pemberton</td>
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<td>Thursday 16 December</td>
<td>6.30pm Presentation Night</td>
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Good Evening Everyone

A VERY BIG thank you to all staff but particularly to Mrs Flett for her organisation of the Athletics Carnival last Friday. The organisation of these events is a huge task for a teacher to undertake and we are very lucky to have such a competent person at Walpole PS. Congratulations and thanks also to the P&C and to all the parents and relatives who made the effort to come along and support the students.

All the reports were very positive with some outstanding student performances and very good behaviour from the students. We wish those students travelling to Pemberton next week all the best and know that you will proudly represent our School.

Staff Changes

Yesterday I was informed that Ms Slatter would not be re-appointed to our School in 2011. Mr Ian Logan, who is an experienced teacher currently working in Busselton has been appointed to Mr Polmear’s position currently occupied by Ms Slatter – I understand that Mr Polmear has received an appointment to another country Primary School. On behalf of the School I have spoken to Mr Logan and look forward to working with him (and other staff) in 2011.

Message to community members:

As from 2011 the school newsletter will only be available online or by mail out – it will not be distributed via ‘The Walpole Weekly’! If you would like to receive a copy of the school newsletter by mail please contact the school with your details; we will be pleased to mail you a copy to maintain your involvement with the School.

Class Structures 2011

Subject to confirmation of student numbers at the beginning of next term the class groupings will be:

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<td>Kindergarten</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>Pre-Primary/Year 1</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td>Years 2-3</td>
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<td>Years 4, 5, 6</td>
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<td>Years 5, 6, 7</td>
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<td>Total students</td>
<td>114</td>
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* some students in these groups will be given separate Literacy and Numeracy instruction each morning. Parents of these students will be contacted shortly to discuss proposed placements.

ALBANY SHOW DAY - Friday Nov 12

SCHOOL WILL REMAIN OPEN AND ALL CHILDREN WILL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

OUR NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE is up and running.
Visit www.walpoleps.wa.edu.au

Note to parents:

As many class and School activities include photographs of the children, please inform the School in writing if you do not wish to have your child’s photograph published on the WPS website!
Please visit and use information on our website – the providers pay us $0.50 per ‘hit’ and in order to maintain this payment we need your support in viewing (and using) sponsors’ details.
Senior Camp (Years 5-7) To Canberra 2011
We currently have indications that 26 students accompanied by two staff members and at least three parents will participate in the camp next year. A meeting will be called in the next few weeks to plan fundraising activities to be undertaken over the summer holidays. Thank you to the parents who have indicated their support and forwarded many different and innovative fundraising ideas. We are also further investigating travel arrangements and will keep parents informed.

School Banking
Several parents indicated in their responses that they would like the School to present some activities concerning Financial Education. If parents are interested in us progressing this matter, is School Banking considered to be a part of this process? If you would like School Banking commenced please inform us as both Bendigo Bank and The Commonwealth Bank have indicated their support for this service.

Building Programme
On Wednesday 27 October we were visited by Malcolm McComas (representing the Federal Government's Investigation Committee). He acknowledged:
- the complaints submitted by parents but indicated that as many were to do with delays that were now being dealt with or in the past there was little more the Committee could do.
- that in some cases there had been waste (eg air conditioner, fence hire etc) but that in general the administration of the scheme in WA had been well done and that the State Government was generally perceived as having received value for the programme.
- some of the points made by parents would be included in his report to try and avoid repetition of mistakes in other projects.

The concrete floor of the undercover area has now been prepared. It is expected that verandah walkways and roofing will be completed over the next two weeks and that brickwork to complete walls supporting foundations will commence shortly. We are still hopeful that we will gain full access to the building and general School grounds by the commencement of the 2011 school year.

Yesterday afternoon the architect and builders were on site for a meeting regarding renovations to the School toilets. These rooms contain asbestos that is to be removed. Appropriate precautions (ie no students/staff on site during removal will be allowed) are being planned. Further information will be made available as commencement date is finalised in order to have renovations completed prior to commencement of the 2011 school year.

It is anticipated that more detailed information will be presented to the special School Council meeting to be held next Wednesday 10 November.

In-Term Swimming Lessons
Separate documentation will be sent home regarding swimming lessons. At present we awaiting confirmation of teaching staff, however it is anticipated that lessons will be presented during the week November 22-26 inclusive.

UR Walpole
As an extension to the UR Walpole theme our Year 6 students are being provided with an opportunity to learn about and present information on the Walpole/Nornalup locality as part of the WOW Cruises. It is expected that students participating will:
- improve their abilities to deal with the public
- improve their public speaking skills through an oral presentation on their final cruise day
- undertake a small research project on the topic they will present
- develop their general communication skills (oral speaking, etiquette, etc)

Sincere thanks to Gary Muir and Leah Elston (WOW Cruises) for their support and ongoing partnership in educating our students.
**School Garden**

Next Tuesday morning from about 9.00am (November 9) Larry Youngman (Gardener) will be working with Garth Nockolds to install the posts needed to undertake netting of the orchard where trees are beginning to bear fruit. If you have some time to spare I’m sure Larry and Garth would appreciate your support and knowledge.

**Attendance**

Unfortunately with the wet weather associated with Term 3 and a Chicken Pox outbreak our attendance rate across the whole school has dropped markedly. It is important that students attend school every day that they can. I know from discussion with staff that at least one student is making a valiant attempt to protect his 100% attendance record this semester. This doesn’t mean that we want sick children to come to school to achieve this but it is great to recognise that most children are making a real effort to maximise their attendance and coming to school even when they feel a little off colour.

If you have any matters that you wish to discuss with me please telephone to make a mutually convenient appointment – at present I have no teaching responsibility on Monday morning & Tuesday afternoons and on Fridays (although this is often a meeting day in Albany). As previously indicated I can’t guarantee the answers that you want 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

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**THIS FORTNIGHT’S THOUGHTS**

"It isn't sufficient just to want - you've got to ask yourself what you are going to do to get the things you want."  
Franklin D. Roosevelt

"The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes."  
William James

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**School Orchard**

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**P&C News**

THANK YOU to everyone for supporting the P&C stall at the school sports carnival. Thanks to our helpers Nathan and Deanne Blake, Neil & Kelly Burton, Leanne Fry, Julie Ewing, Nick & Sophie Slatter.

*Dates for your diary:*

19TH NOVEMBER
“SUMMER FUN” DISCO AT THE REC CENTRE.
Details shortly

Fiona Wrigley, P&C President
Junior & Adult
TENNIS COACHING
at TINGLEDALE TENNIS CLUB
With DAVID KERR (Tennis Australia Development Coach)
Sunday 7, 14, 21 & 28 November, 9.00am • 12.00noon
COST Juniors: $40 for the 4 weeks
Adults: $20 per lesson
For further information or to register please contact:
Laura Grieve on 0438 893 926 or Viv Tippett on 9840 8168
Stay on after coaching for social tennis (starts at 2.00pm)

Faction Athletics Carnival

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 One: The Power of Positive Parenting

When THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER
AT SILVER CHAIN WALPOLE

Time 10am to 12 o'clock

Cost: Free

For more information, or to register to attend a free parenting seminar please contact: School Nurse Sue Sielczka at Community Health on 97770411

Parents of children aged between three and five years are encouraged to attend. In some areas, parents of children aged between six and eight may also be able to attend.

MAKE THE WORLD SMALLER BY "MATCHING" WITH A STUDENT NOW

An international high school exchange student wishes to study in Australia from February through June 2011 for the following reasons:

- good schools
- international presence welcomed in schools
- good weather
- popular outdoor activities
- popular and widely available wholesome food
- strong economy
- friendly people
- renowned successful S.C.C.E with 24/7 support
- intercultural tolerance developed
- future education and careers enhanced

Australian volunteer host family chooses compatible selected international student and makes him/her a family member.

Tick the above box and make it happen!

ASK S.C.C.E FOR THEIR "MATCHING BOOKLET"
MATCH A STUDENT TO YOUR FAMILY.
BOY/GIRL? EUROPEAN/AMERICAN/JAPANESE? SPORTY? MUSICAL?
SCHOLAR?
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange 1800 500 501 or scceaus@sece.com.au www.scce.com.au