PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS
Welcome back for the 2014 school year. The week started with most children keen to get back to school and catch up with friends. Luckily, they were also ready to find out the routines and expectations for the classroom.

At this stage, we have 95 enrolments for 2014. This is a fantastic start for the year. Walpole PS had 12 kindergarten students who began their first year of schooling this week. As a result of such a big group, a separate kindy class has been formed.

We also have three new families: Danias and Reilyn Shoveller Murray; Mae, Maggie and Grace Hardiman; Eliza and Maddi Peters. Please make them welcome.

The staff for 2014 have remained the same with a few minor changes:
- Kindy- Mrs Lisa Teague-Robertson and Ms Laura Arrowsmith
- P/1- Mrs Sherrill Williams, Mrs Kaye Edmonds and Miss Margaret Everett
- 2/3- Mrs Lorelle Flett
- 4/5- Mr Jason Tate and Ms Ashleigh Cooper
- 6/7- Ms Sarah Walker and Mrs Kim Burton
- PE- Mrs Lisa Teague-Robertson
- Music- Mrs Trish Crossley
- LOTE (Italian)- (Merit selection process currently underway)
- Office- Mrs Debra Doust and Mrs Kim Burton
- Gardener- Mr Rob Griffiths
- Cleaners- Mrs Debbie Doust and Mrs Jenny Love
- Chaplain- Mr Stephen Fisher
- Principal- Ms Chris Cook

Student Councillors
Congratulations to the Year 6 and 7 students who were nominated as School Councillors for Semester One, 2014. The School Captains are William Roocke and Emily Burton. The following councillors hold various positions within the school: Kaleb Booth- Fundraising; Tully Slatter- Grounds; Cameron Bailye- Sport; Elsie Edmonds Library; Lucas Wrigley Media and Flynn Burton Environment.

School Uniforms
Every child wore the school colours this week but there are still a few variations creeping in, including black and navy blue shorts and pants. Some non-school shorts and skirts are also very short and would be more suitable for weekend or sports wear.

The colours of the school are royal blue, light blue and white; navy blue items are permissible where royal blue is not readily available (eg tracksuits, skirts).

If your child is inappropriately dressed for school, a spare school uniform will be made available to them until they can purchase a school uniform. Parent support with this issue would be appreciated.

Attendance
Every day at school makes a difference and it was great to see full classes at the commencement of the year. Please keep this in mind should you be thinking of keeping your child at home. If they are sick, home and in bed is the best place. Otherwise, it is important to ensure they attend school as when they are away, they miss out on key learning. If they are away too often, they also lose contact with their social group.
Guacamole Chicken Wrap

1 avocado
¾ cup reduced fat natural yogurt
5 spring onions, chopped
2 ¼ teaspoon cumin
10 wholemeal mountain breads or pita wraps
¾ cup canned corn kernels, drained and rinsed
4 tomatoes, chopped
1 2/3 cups grated reduced fat cheddar cheese
2 ½ cups lean chicken breast or other roasted meat, sliced

Method
1. Mash avocado and stir in yogurt, spring onion and cumin.
2. Spread each bread with avocado mixture and top with corn, tomato, cheese and chicken, roll up.
3. Roll the wrap in greaseproof paper or plastic wrap and refrigerate until required.
Serves: 10

Tips and Handy Hints
To prevent wraps from going soggy try removing the seeds from the tomato before chopping.
Adding yoghurt to the avocado bulks it out and stops it from browning.

School Fees
Over 25% of parents have already paid their school fees. Thank you very much!
Just a reminder to other families that the fees are $60 per child for the year but reduced to $50 if they are paid before March.

School Board
The next School Board meeting is Wednesday March 5 at 5 pm.

School Board Nominations
If you are interested in nominating for the School Board, please complete a nomination form. It is available in the office or attached to this newsletter.

P&C
The next P&C meeting is Thursday 27 February at 7pm.
If you are interested in being a member, the more the merrier, please come along or let Kasey Hill know.

School Board
Most Friday’s, Laura Arrowsmith takes a small group of students and prepares Friday lunch. Many of the ingredients are collected from the vege garden so the menu is selected according to seasonal availability.
If you are able to help between 11 and 12:30 on a Friday please let the office know. If we have a few helpers, we can set up a roster so no one gets burnt out.

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Many of the students live outside of the town and catch the bus to school each day. Please contact the office if there is to be a change, e.g. child not catching bus as they’re going to karate. If the change will be for an extended period of time, again let the office know.
Children will be placed on the bus unless we know otherwise. It would be horrible for a child to get to their gate and no one be there to collect them. Bus drivers also need to be made aware of any changes for the morning run.
If you want to enrol your child on the bus, visit www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au

The aquaponics tanks are finally humming along and have some new arrivals enjoying the clean waters. Five marron hatched over the holidays and three koi have been added.
Rob Griffiths is planning to make a couple of chook ‘tractors’ so the chickens can roam closer to the classrooms. The children will be able to watch the interdependence of living things first hand.