Walpole Primary School
Newsletter No 2 – 10 February 2011

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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Good Evening Everyone,

CONGRATULATIONS to you and your children on maintaining the dress code. It’s fantastic to see almost every child meeting our code – broad-brimmed hats are mandatory under our NO HAT, NO PLAY policy.

Building Constructions
Our new buildings are still not totally completed, however we are able to use the transportable and minor works are being undertaken including connection of the evaporative cooler (once Western Power has upgraded our power system) and the construction of a garden area along the verandah.
We are still hopeful that the undercover area will be ready for handover by 18 February – there are still a number of items that require finishing including power and protective railings.

Bell times are:
8.45am Warning Bell
8.50am School commences
10.40am Morning Recess
11.00am Second session commences
12.25pm Lunch
01.05pm Afternoon teaching begins
03.05pm School concludes

This configuration allows for 315 minutes of instruction each day (minimum is 310 minutes). Kindergarten students attend from 08.50 – 12.00 noon on Mondays and Fridays and for the full day on Wednesdays providing for slightly more than the recommended minimum attendance time of 11 hours per week.

CANBERRA CAMP FUNDRAISING
The Walpole Primary School Years 5-7 students proudly acknowledge the support given by Bill and Sue Buchanan and Dave and Patsy Anning in providing a fundraising opportunity on the occasion of their ABC Open Garden Weekend on January 22-23.
As a result of their support the students raised $1,875.10 and this will greatly assist them in raising the funds required for the Canberra School Camp in September this year.
The sum raised is a testament to both gardens both of which received overwhelming praise from those who attended. The students congratulate Mr and Mrs Buchanan and Mr and Mrs Anning on their commitment and dedication to their gardens.
A current version of the School Information Booklet has been posted on the School website: www.walpoleps.wa.edu.au

This booklet contains a lot of information that impacts on the day to day running of the School.

School Lunches
A new menu from Wooz and Suz will be sent home shortly – please note that we will not be able to organise lunch orders that are forgotten as ALL lunches require cash payment.

Friday 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/ect plus a fruit drink and a piece of seasonal fruit. This week’s lunch is corn on the cob with a toasted sandwich.

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.

Active After School Sport
Sessions will recommence in Week 3 on Monday and Thursday afternoons (Gymnastics at Rec Centre, and Karate at The Rec Centre respectively). Provision has been made for all students to have the opportunity to participate in at least two of these activities. Gym will run from 3.15 - 4.15 pm each Monday under the coordination of Mrs Gardner and include an afternoon snack.
Parents of students participating are asked to collect their children promptly at 4.15pm.
We sincerely thank the Australian Sports Commission for their support of these activities.

Punctuality and Attendance
Thank you for your support in getting students to School by 8.45am so that they are ready to commence instruction at 8.50am. This avoids unnecessary disruption to learning caused by late arrivals.
It is important that students attend school every day that they possibly can. When students have had days off for what appear to be minor reasons they often perceive school to be unimportant or irrelevant. Please do not keep them home unnecessarily (eg their birthdays, or they don’t feel like coming to school) as the number of absences over a period of time quickly accumulates and has a very negative effect on their academic progress.
Most research suggests that children who fall behind struggle to catch up with their schooling.

Dress Code
School Dress Codes have been mandatory since 2007 and should be observed by all students in Years Pre-Primary to Year 7 – Kindergarten students have been excluded from having to observe the policy. A copy of the code is available to all families enrolled at the School.
Please note that students MUST NOT wear denim (in any form) except as agreed to by the School (eg free dress day; working in the garden, etc). Whilst students do not have to wear Dress Code to/from School those who do not comply with the code will be asked to change into uniforms available at School for the duration of the school day. This includes wearing scarves, beanies, etc.
Please also note that jewellery is to be kept to a minimum (no rings, one set of sleeper ear-rings) and that finger and toe nails are not to be painted.
Please also ensure that students are appropriately dressed for Phys Ed lessons each Tuesday as they cannot wear Rossi boots or leather shoes if they go to The Recreation Centre.

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.

New Transportable Classroom
It seems highly likely that we are to be allocated another transportable classroom – I will keep you informed as I find out.
School Council
The Council will hold its first meeting on Monday 14 February. Items for discussion include:

- a submission to become Independent Public School.
- Election of Chairperson and New Committee Persons:
  Karen Pascoe and Julie Ewing are retiring after three years on the Council but are eligible for re-election.
  Other persons wishing to nominate themselves or others should do so before 3.00pm on Monday 14 February.
- Principal’s Report
- School Budget
- BER
  Transportable
  Undercover Area
- NAPLAN May 10 - 12
- School renewal
  ➤ Sub-Committee?
  ➤ new transportable location and use

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

Glen Burton Chair 9840 1332
Deanne Blake 9840 1849
Matt Wrigley 9840 1852
Antony Egerton-Warburton 9840 1636
David Edmonds 9840 1105
Karen Pascoe 0458140656
Julie Ewing 9840 1441

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.

"CLUB ACTIVITIES"
Following on from the success of Mrs Brodie’s sewing group last term, we will be offering students the opportunity to participate in an activity they choose from the range offered – there will be a limited number of students in each group. These activities will run each Wednesday for 5 or 6 weeks in the middle of each term. 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.

In Term 1 activities will be run during weeks 5-10 (March 9 – April 13). In Term 2 students will be given the opportunity to try a different activity with previous non-participants being given preferential selection rights.

The following are the 2011 term dates for Government Schools.

Semester 1
Term 1 Wed 2 Feb – Tue 19 April
Term 2 Thurs May 5 – Fri July 8

Semester 2
Term 3 Tues July 26 – Fri Sept 30
Term 4 Tue Oct 18 – Wed Dec 14

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You are not here merely to make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. You impoverish yourself if you forget this errand.

Woodrow Wilson
PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will take place at 7.00pm in the School Library on Wednesday 16th February.
The doors on the ramp will be open to admit interested parents and community members.

P & C AGM

Wednesday 16th of February at 7pm
Walpole Primary school would like to invite all interested parents, guardians and community members to attend the Parents and Citizens Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 16th of February at 7pm at the school library.
At this meeting office bearers for the P&C Committee will be nominated and elected or re-elected for 2011.
Following the election of office bearers a meeting will commence to discuss P & C business including any issues that people would like addressed and to plan for any fundraising ideas for 2011.
Please come along and get involved in your children’s school and have a say in issues relating to resources, facilities, amenities and education.
If you have any particular issues you would like addressed at this meeting please let Debra Doust at the front office know or phone Fiona on 98401852.
We look forward to seeing you there.

FOR SALE

1 x Posture tuff primary backpack - $55.95ea
4 x Eco Library/reading bags - $8.00 each

Only while stock lasts.

Available from the Front Office:

Take Control of Your Attitude

by Jim Rohn

We all have tremendous potential. Each of us has the ability to put our unique human potential into action and to acquire a desired result. But the one thing that determines the level of our potential produces the intensity of our activity and predicts the quality of the result we receive is our attitude.
Attitude determines how much of the future we are allowed to see. It decides the size of our dreams and influences our determination when we are faced with new challenges. No other person on earth has dominion over our attitude. People can affect our attitude by teaching us poor thinking habits or unintentionally misinforming us, or providing us with negative sources of influence, but no one can control our attitude unless we voluntarily surrender that control.
No one else “makes us angry.” We make ourselves angry when we surrender control of our attitude. What someone else may have done is irrelevant. We choose; not they. They merely put our attitude to a test. If we select a volatile attitude by becoming hostile, angry, jealous or suspicious, then we have failed the test. If we condemn ourselves by believing that we are unworthy, then again, we have failed the test.

If we care at all about ourselves, then we must accept full responsibility for our own feelings. We must learn to guard against those feelings that have the capacity to lead our attitude down the wrong path, and to strengthen those feelings that can lead us confidently into a better future.
If we want to receive the rewards the future holds in trust for us, then we must exercise the most important choice given to us as members of the human race by maintaining total dominance over our attitude. Our attitude is an asset, a treasure of great value that must be protected accordingly.

When you have the right attitude, you can do the remarkable.

When you recognize your gifts, you can change anything for yourself that you wish to change. If you don’t like how something is going for you, change it. If something isn’t enough, change it. If something doesn’t suit you, change it. If something doesn’t please you, change it. You don’t ever have to be the same after today. If you don’t like your present address, change it—you’re not a tree!

Having the right attitude is an essential prerequisite for success and happiness. The right attitude is one of the fundamentals of the good life. That is why we must constantly examine our feelings about our role in the world and about our possibilities for achieving our dreams.

It is our emotional nature that governs most of our daily conduct in our personal and business world. It is the emotional aspect of our experiences that determines our behaviour. How we feel about life’s events is a powerful force that can either freeze us in our tracks or inspire us to take immediate action on any given day. With the right attitude, human beings can move mountains. With the wrong attitude, they can be crushed by the smallest grain of sand.

Jim Rohn is a legendary business philosopher, entrepreneur, speaker and author whose works include the best-sellers The Five Major Pieces to the Life Puzzle and 7 Strategies for Wealth and Happiness, as well as numerous audio programs.
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