Dates to Remember

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PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

Community Survey

Government schools are required to complete a survey of their community in 2014. Respondents cannot be identified but the information will be used to inform decisions by staff and the School Board. The survey should only take 5 -10 minutes to complete. Please click on the link to participate.

http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/565XKq5K

P&C AGM

Thank you to Maree Pickett, for her contribution to the school P & C in 2013. Therese Ebbett will continue in the role as treasurer but is happy if someone else comes forward to take on the role. Kasey Hill will support Sophie Jacoumis, who has accepted nomination as the President, in the Vice President role. Fiona Brennan is now the Secretary. Thank you to all previous committee members who have remained on the P&C and to Cheree Kirkwood and Tim Gamblin, for stepping into the unknown and joining the committee. If you are not a member, please feel free to attend any meeting during the year or to help the committee with fundraising.

Interschool Swimming

I’m afraid that we are not involved in the Interschool Swimming Carnival this year. The school that normally organises the event was unable to do so and was calling for other schools to take it on.

We are looking at having a School Swimming Carnival instead in term 4, following the swimming lessons. This would be held at Peaceful Bay and would be supervised by the swimming teachers.

Bullying, No Way!

Teachers have been covering bullying this week - what it is and what students can do when they experience/see it. Parents play a big part in teaching values to their child everyday. “Sometimes what you teach them will be conscious and explicit. At other times, they will learn by observing how you behave, the language you use, and the way you respond to a situation, or a person or group of people.

Make it clear to your child how you expect them to behave – being honest, respectful, cooperative, kind, friendly and accepting of difference. Encourage and praise them when they behave according to these positive social values.

Tell them that you would be very upset and disappointed if they took part in bullying or mistreating another child in any way, however small. If they ever do behave in this way, talk it over calmly with them and express your disappointment at this behaviour. If you hear your child using disrespectful language (for example, about others in minority groups, those of a different sexual orientation or people from different backgrounds), remind them that such language is hurtful and unacceptable.

Encourage your child to stand up for any other child at school who is being bullied or mistreated; they could offer support or seek the assistance of a staff member. Shower them with praise when they do this.”

Encourage your child to speak up for themselves. It is important that they are assertive in saying that they don’t like or accept that behaviour. Encourage them to ask for help from the teacher or trusted adult or child if they need support.

As a parent, make an appointment to speak to the teacher if you are concerned. Calling the other child’s parents or the teacher at home are not encouraged.

2014 Voluntary Contributions

Kindy – Yr 7 students ~ $60.00
P&C Levy per family ~ $20.00
Payment by cash or cheque to Walpole Primary School.

Thank you to the families who have already paid.

Merit Certificates

Pre Primary  Stella Haselhurst
Year 1      Keenan Ninyette
            Anabelle Simpson
Year 2      Caelan Wrigley
Year 3      Will Arrowsmith
            Tommie Cooper
Year 4      Bindi Robertson
            Maggie Hardiman
            Gypsie Mayger
Year 5      Connor Clifford
Year 6      Lucas Wrigley
            Elsie Edmonds
Year 7      Ella-Jewel Cooper
            Nathan Taylor

School Development Days
Just a reminder about the School Development Days for 2014. They are January 30 and 31; July 21, 22 & 23; October 13 and December 19. This year we will have teacher training on the first three days back in term 3 and the first day back in term 1. Please keep this in mind when planning your holidays.

Trials and Tribulations of Friday Lunch
This year we are rotating the responsibility of Friday lunches between the year 2-7 classes. We also put a call out to any parents/ community members to help the kids on the odd Friday and the response has been great!

First off the ranks was Ms Cook helping with the year 4/5 class and on the menu were chicken and leek mini pies. Even though they were delicious what a debacle in cooking them! The pie cooker wasn’t as ‘non stick’ as it was in the past so Ms Cook and I were acting like we were performing intricate open heart surgery with getting the pies out of the cooker. The kids had a lesson in being patient for their food and there’s now an 8 mini pie cooker for sale at the school! Cheap!

The following Friday we had Kasey Hill help with the year 2/3 class and crunchy tuna rolls were being served. With the younger kids, it’s got to be easy! It’s about learning new skills, cutting, slicing, grating, etc, they did a great job and lunch was served on time!

Next was the 6/7s and just me but the year 7s are old dogs at this so it wasn’t a stress. We tackled an impossible quiche (and no I don’t know why it’s impossible!) The year 6s quickly learnt the run of our kitchen and we successfully cooked a yummy meal.

Last Friday we had Claudia Simpson come in with the year 4/5s and we cooked quesadillas with salsa. This was Claudia’s suggestion and it sabor delicioso! We did have an interesting problem arise though. Mrs Walker and her class were cooking tomato sauce from our surplus tomatoes in our electric crock pots and when we plugged in the sandwich presses (Thanks Kasey, Claudia, Tahlie & Chrissy for lending them to us!) it shorted out the power outlets! Couldn’t find the fuse box, ended up with using an extension cord going from the 6/7 room to power one sandwich press! (We had 38 to make!) The bell rang; I started to give the hungry kids the ‘being patient’ chat again but then Mrs Flett came to the rescue and showed us where the fuse box is! Just so you know it’s the box to the right of the oven, the one that I’ve looked at for the last 10 years and wondered why and what it is! It’s the fuse box! Power on, sandwich presses hot and the kids and staff were served hot quesadillas and they went down a treat!

All our meals are based around what’s in our garden. Mr Griffiths (legend!) collects what’s needed with the younger kids and Mrs Doust (another legend!) buys the ingredients that we don’t have. Eggs, celery, onions, oregano, basil, marjoram, corn, plums, apples, figs, lettuce, chives, tomatoes and leeks are just a few of the ingredients that have come out of our garden and have been used in our lunches.

If you feel like helping out, it can be a one off please don’t hesitate to ring the front office or let me know. It’s a great and unique program that our school runs.

Bon Appétit

Miss Laura
P&C NEWS

The outgoing P&C committee would like to welcome the new executive committee. We would like to say a big thank you to all parents and volunteers who donated their time and energy over the last 2 years, your help greatly appreciated. We have managed to fill 2 of the available executive committee roles. Sophie Jacoumis is the new president and Fiona Brennan is the new secretary. Unfortunately, we were unable to fill the role of treasurer, however, Therese has offered to stay in the position until a replacement is found. If anybody is able to help fill this role please contact Sophie. We would also like to welcome 2 new members Cheree Kirkwood and Tim Gamblin.

Thank you
Kasey Hill

Old Tiles or Plates for Mosaics

Do you have old tiles or plates that can be used for a mosaic activity at school? If so, can you please bring them to the front office? Thank you.

Secondary Student Scholarships

The Department offers a range of scholarships to students across the State to provide financial support to secondary students.

In October 2013, the Department advertised scholarships for the 2014 school year.

Due to the low number of applicants for that process, the majority of student scholarships are now being readvertised, still for the 2014 school year.

The list of scholarships available and the criteria to be met by applicants are set out on the Department's website. All applications are due by 11 April.

In particular, your attention is drawn to the James and Rose Coombe scholarship which caters for students residing more than 65km from Perth. Whilst the criteria for applicants for this scholarship remain the same, the financial thresholds and money available have been increased significantly.

We encourage you to promote these scholarships within your school communities. Attached is an article for your school newsletter or website to use or adapt as you need.

For further information please telephone Liam Smyth, Principal Consultant Funding Agreements, K-12 Coordination on 9264 4462 or email Liam.Smyth@education.wa.edu.au

Nutrition Corner by Silvia Clearwater

Public Health Nutrition and Falls Programs

Vegetables are well known for being good sources of vitamin C, vitamin A, folate and minerals. But did you know they are also rich in fibre. Fibre is the part of plants that your body doesn't digest; it is important for a healthy digestive system and helps us to feel full for longer. Top fibre-packed vegetables to include in your child’s lunch box include baked beans, sweet corn (in patties or on its own) potato salad (skin on), avocado used as a spread, lentils or chickpeas (great processed for dips) and sugar snap peas and carrot to go with the dip or as a snack on their own.

Guides to Safe Use of the Internet

Netbox Blue is proudly part of the community helping schools reduce bullying. Partnering with other community members such as The Alannah and Madeline Foundation and working with many schools in this area, we understand the challenges experienced in addressing bullying. Our technology has been specifically designed for schools and helps combat these challenges.

Please download our free Safe Internet Use Guides
(written in partnership with INESS)

Walpole NAB Auskick

Commences Tuesday 29th April,
(Week 1 of Term 2) 3.15pm on the town oval.
Auskick is for boys and girls from P/P – Yr7.
Skills are learned through modified games and activities with the emphasis on fun and having a go.

We are looking for coaches for our 2014 season. You don’t need to be an expert, just willing to help our kids have a fair go.

Registration forms will be available at the school shortly. Please contact me if you are keen to help out.

Karen Cummuskey 98401019