**PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS**

**Dental Van**

The P&C made me aware that the Dental van has not visited Walpole for a while. After a number of weeks trying to get to talk to the ‘decision-maker’, I have been promised that the Dental Van will come to the school either the last month of this year or the first of next.

If your child urgently needs to see a dentist, they can go to the van while it is parked at Denmark PS or see their own dentist.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation**

Walpole PS have joined the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation. Laura Arrowsmith and Marg Everett attended a full day of training on Monday to learn about the project. They came back very excited with the possibilities membership provides the school- curriculum resources, cheaper materials and a Kitchen Aid.

It has also put the concept of a commercial kitchen back on the forefront and we are looking to work with the P&C to get this off the ground. The P&C look forward to having a range of volunteers they can call on for different fundraising events.

Also, please keep in mind that we need the parent helpers for Friday Lunch to keep this great opportunity for learning to cook and healthy eating, operating in the school.

**P&C**

My apologies for a couple of errors I made in the P&C information I posted last newsletter. Kasey Hill is happy to support Sophie Jacoumis but is not the Vice President. Therese Ebbett has resigned from the position of Treasurer but will fill in until a replacement is found. So if you’re interested?

**National Quality Standards**

Lisa Teague-Robertson and I attended the National Quality Standards (NQS) professional learning in Albany last week. The NQS sets a national benchmark for early education and care for children. It effects schools, child care centres, family day care and outside school hours care. THE NQS promotes quality provision for Australian children in their important developmental years.

Major changes for schools include food handling and rest arrangements. Major changes for child care centres would be the qualifications of staff and educational programs.

Each centre will need to assess their provision and report by the end of 2015, and as an independent public school, every three years after that.

P&C News

I would like to thank the out-going Executive Committee Members Kasey Hill and Maree Pickett for their commitment and contribution to the School P&C in 2013 and previous years. Thankyou Fiona Brennan for taking on the Secretary position, I am looking forward to working with you. We have not yet filled the Treasurers role held by Therese Ebbett – If you are interested in being part of our team please contact me. Thankyou Therese for continuing in this role in the meanwhile.

Thankyou for those that attended our first fundraising meeting for this year. We had a great turn-out of parents and have a list of ideas that we will be putting in place over the next few terms. We will need parent volunteers to help co-ordinate these ideas, please contact me if you are able to help in any way, otherwise I will keep you posted.

We would like to get as many families on the bulk School email list to help with communication and also to save paper for the future. Please contact Deb Doust at the front office with your email address.

I am looking forward to meeting with you all at our next P&C meeting which will be scheduled next term. Please come along to support our School.

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Golf Incursion

The K-7 students had an opportunity to learn golf on 17th of March. Matt Nelson, from Golf WA, showed them tips on how to hold a club, swing and putt. Fun was had by all.

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WALPOLE NAB AUSKICK

Auskick commences Tuesday 29th April. 3.15pm P/P-year 7 boys and girls. We are lucky to have a guest coach coming from Football WA for our 1st training session. Kidsport funding available.

Registration forms now available from the office, please return them along with payment ($50) by the 1st training session. Packs will be handed out on the 1st training night. "Coaches are desperately needed to run this years Auskick program. Please contact me ASAP if you would like to help coach.

Karen Cummuskey 98401019

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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.