Good Evening Everyone,

Anzac Day Service
Walpole Primary School invites Parents and Community Members to attend our ANZAC Day Service on Tuesday, 19th April at 2.15pm

Donations of Flowers
Donations of flowers to make the wreaths for Anzac Day would be gladly accepted and can be left in the Art room on Monday morning, 18th April.

CONGRATULATIONS to:
- Maddelin & Jessica Larkman who won first, second and both third places in Writing competitions at the Warren Agricultural Show. The girls entered two original poems each and they also got the second and third prize in the 2 fruit and 5 veg poster competition.

SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS
It is absolutely essential that parents inform us if students are not travelling on the bus on any particular day. When a student can't be located because a parent has picked up their child it creates a situation where we have to verify that the child has actually been correctly collected. This results in a considerable waste of time and bus delays meaning that contractors can’t meet their obligations to meet up with other buses and late drop off often causes parents angst.

RELOCATON OF YEAR 7 CHILDREN!!
An announcement from the Minister appears imminent. It is important that parents fully understand the implications of the possible move of Year 7s to a secondary setting. Whilst it does appear that it may not be compulsory initially there will be long term ramifications for small country schools. A loss of 10-12 students at our School could mean an increase in class sizes due to less teacher time being available – time is calculated according to enrolments! Remember there is no significant evidence to indicate that transfer of the Year 7s will be educationally advantageous; in fact most research suggest there is a small negative academic effect. There will also be a huge cost burden required (> $800 million) to provide the extra facilities required in high schools – the interest alone on this money would provide for the ongoing employment of approximately an additional five hundred (500) teachers!! For further information visit the “Community News” section at: www.wappa.asn.au
School Fees
The School Council set the voluntary contribution fees for 2011 at:

- Kindergarten $50.00 per child
- Years P-7 $25.00 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.

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

THIS FORTNIGHT’S THOUGHT
"Instead of comparing our lot with that of those who are more fortunate than we are, we should compare it with the lot of the great majority of our fellow men. It then appears that we are among the privileged."

Helen Keller

Friday Lunches
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/etc plus a fruit drink and a piece of seasonal fruit. This week's lunch is sushi or roast pumpkin couscous.

JUNIOR RED FACES
TOMORROW NIGHT
Friday 8 April 2011

TIME: 6pm – 8pm
At the Walpole Primary School
Undercover Area

1 person $2, family $5
$2 an act

Snacks & drinks for sale
Come along and enjoy the entertainment

CANBERRA CAMP STUDENTS
Please bring along a plate of finger food to sell on the night.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

BOOKFAIR 2011

Monday 9th May to Monday 16th May
12.00 – 1.00pm

VENUE – WALPOLE PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY

P&C Fundraiser

Bulb order forms will be sent home next week.
FOR SALE
4 x Eco Library/reading bags - $8.00 each
Available from the Front Office:

ATTENTION:
If anyone has an old, non-working mobile phone that they are going to throw out could the Student Councillors please have them? We are going to recycle them and send them to You Can (Youth Cancer) Foundation. They have teamed up with CanTeen to raise much-needed money for Australian teenagers living with cancer. It is no extra cost to you but can help many Australian teenagers with their fight against cancer. The money will go towards building youth cancer centres across Australia. Please drop off the old phones at the Walpole Primary School office to Mrs Doust or Mrs Burton.
Thank you, Ashlen Fry

WALPOLE NAB AUSKICK
Registration Day
Tuesday 10th May
Town Oval
Time 3-15pm to 4-15pm
More info phone 98401332

HEAD LICE
Students are treated with sensitivity if head lice are found. They are often given tasks which do not involve close group work but do not necessarily exclude them from their class or activities for the remainder of the school day. The principal however, does have authority to exercise discretion and withdraw a student from school programs.
If head lice are present then the parents of all students in the class are informed and requested to examine and treat their children if required. Parents should note that head lice elimination requires at least 10 days of follow-up treatment with daily removal of head lice.
The principal may require that a student with head lice not attend school nor participate in an educational program until the parents confirm that a recommended treatment is being undertaken and all head lice have been removed.
For further information see: www.health.wa.gov.au/headlice

WALPOLE SPORT AND REC CENTRE
APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAM BRINGS TO YOU:
LYN FOREMAN AND MATT WINTER

Lyn is Head Athletics Coach at WAIS
Lyn will take us through a coaching session on running performance, speed drills and techniques.
Matt Winter is from the Great Southern Coaches Club.
Matt will bring his Ripstick ball games program to the centre.

THURSDAY - 21ST APRIL
10.00AM-2.00PM
COST $10.00 PER CHILD
INCLUDES LUNCH AND A JUICE
BOOKINGS: PH 9840 1345

VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES NEEDED
Overseas students will be arriving in July 2011 and require host families. There are two different programs arriving ranging from 5 months to 11 months. We have students arriving from countries including Chile, Austria, Switzerland, France, Italy, Germany and many more.
Gain friendships that can last a lifetime. So whether you have cattle or poodle, six children or none, you have the perfect family.
For more information please call Joyce on 9534 5823 or visit www.afs.org.au
A NOTE FOR PARENTS
Exhausted, stressed and depressed children!! Frantic parents desperate to make their children succeed. This is a worrying aspect of modern parental anxiety about children and over-identification with children’s performance. These harried children are more likely to suffer from profound feelings of insecurity and anxiety in later life, no matter how successful the after-school tutoring, fish oil tablets, baroque music and homework done by parents have made them. When does normal parent help become a takeover, with the underlying message to children that they are not good enough to stand on their own two feet and do things themselves?
Experts offer some advice which may come as a relief to parents as well as children:

- Appreciate your children as they are. Keep your ego and feelings of anxiety to yourself.
- Basic warmth between a parent and children – hugs, kisses, listening, words of empathy, laughter – is the first pillar of parenting.
- Stand back a step. Support, applaud, assist, but don’t hover anxiously like a ‘helicopter’ parent. Parents don’t need to be over-involved to the point of obsession in their child’s academic or sporting performance. Never be tempted into doing their schoolwork yourself.
- Keep your expectations high but realistic. Accept that most people are average yet still manage to lead happy, productive lives. Good behaviour and manners, a positive attitude, a willingness to try their hardest, and conscientious work habits will help most children do well at school and in life.
- Reassure your children that they can’t be good at everything. Then give them the space to discover and develop their own strengths. Admire the achievements of other people’s children without trying to make your children emulate them – or feel inadequate if they can’t.
- Avoid living vicariously through your children. Be proud of their efforts and achievements, but resist the temptation to boast or pull strings. Let your children be themselves, not the perfect child you wish you had been yourself. You can’t relive your life through them.

Discipline is vital, but that just doesn’t mean punishment. Be consistent – that helps children develop self control. Live according to the values you teach them.

Don’t waste time and energy trying to create the perfect child.

Don’t damage their self esteem by criticising their efforts too often. Insecure adults, however successful, often had parents who were controlling, competitive and judgemental.

Respect their individuality, especially those characteristics which make your children different from you. Don’t reject them – that feeds self hatred.

Spend time together. Eat your evening meal together as often as possible. Involve your children in as many rituals as possible – sports, visits to grandparents, aunts and uncles, birthday celebrations, family get togethers, church and community events. Above all, enjoy the individuality of each and every child. 
(Taken from Principals’ Digests Volume 13 Number 18)

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS AN EXCERPT FROM THE ACSSO (National Parent Body) NEWSLETTER

EDUCATION TAX REFUND
How to claim the education tax refund
Annette Sampson, Sydney Morning Herald, 3 February 2010

What refund is that? If you don’t know, you could be among the taxpayers entitled to about $500 million in unclaimed tax breaks. Recent figures from the Australian Tax Office show only half of all eligible families have lodged claims for education expenses in their 2008-09 tax returns. Treasurer Wayne Swan says many families were unaware of the education tax refund and could be missing out on a break worth up to $750 if their child is in high school and $375 for students in primary school.

With most parents having to dip into their pockets to send their kids back to school, it’s important to remember to keep those receipts and claim your tax refund when tax time comes. How does the refund work?

Read entire article for information on eligibility, how to claim for 2009-2010 and what if you forgot to claim in your return for 2008-2009:
# Valley of the Giants
## Tree Top Walk
### Easter Holiday Activity Program

Monday 20 April to Wednesday 4 May 2011

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**LOCATION KEY:**
- BP = Berridge Park Denmark
- CB = Coalmine Beach
- GP = Greens Pool
- PB = Peaceful Bay
- TJ = Walpole Town Jetty
- TTW = Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk

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**Book your activity now!**

Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk
Open daily from 9am. Last ticket sold 4.15pm
Ph: 9840 8263
Walpole Naturalup Visitor Centre
Ph: 9840 1111
Denmark Visitor Centre
Ph: 9848 2055
Bush Detectives
Can you piece together the clues and work out which animals live in the tingle forest? Learn how researchers are helping to conserve our native wildlife.
4 years+ (90min)*
Cost: $5 child
Meet: Tree Top Walk ticket office
Bookings: Essential by 9.30am. (Min 4/Max 18)

Easter Bilby Treasure Hunt
This fun activity includes an art and craft session, games and the search for the hidden bounty of eggs left by the Easter Bilby. 4 years+ (90 min)*
Cost: $5 child
Meet: Berridge Park Denham & Coalmine Beach picnic area (follow the signs).
Bookings: Essential by 4.30pm the day prior. (Min 6/Max 25)
Get in early!

Forest by Night
Walk the Tree Top Walk beneath a blanket of stars and explore the tingle forest by torchlight. Look for some of the elusive animals which emerge only under the cover of darkness and experience an evening you’ll never forget! (90 minutes)**
Cost: $20 adults, $8 child, $50 family (2a, 2c)
Meet: Tree Top Walk entry gate no later than 7.00pm (Please be on time as entry gate will then be locked)
Bookings: Essential by 4.30pm. (Min 8 adults)

Kids on the Beach
Join the fun and games on the beach to discover our amazing marine environment.
(1 hour)* 4 years+
Cost: $6 per child
Meet: Green’s Pool - next to access steps, Peaceful Bay – next to the shire toilets; Coalmine Beach – next to picnic area
Bookings: Unnecessary – just turn up! (Min 6)

Kids Twilight Antics
Take a walk through the Ancient Empire at dusk and discover the magic of the tingle forest while learning about our fascinating nocturnal animals
(1 hour)** 4 years+
Cost: $6 child
Meet: Tree Top Walk entry gate no later than 5.45pm (Please be on time as entry gate will then be locked)
Bookings: Essential by 4.30pm. (Min 6/Max 18)

Little Critters
Forage in the undergrowth of the tingle forest with this great fun hands-on guided adventure and learn about the vital roles our ‘little critters’ play in the forest ecosystem.
4 years+. (1 hour)*
Cost: $5 child
Meet: Tree Top Walk ticket office
Bookings: Essential by 2.00pm (Min 2)

Meet a Ranger
Meet a ranger and discover fascinating facts about our local parks. A great opportunity to have all your questions answered. (1 hour)
Meet: Tree Top Walk Classroom
Cost: Free
Bookings: Unnecessary – just turn up!

Ranger Guided Walk
Join our experienced ranger on a guided bush walk through the Tingle Forest and learn about the flora, fauna and geology that make up this amazing landscape. Approx. 3km return walk (90min)*
Meet: Tree Top Walk ticket office
Cost: Free
Bookings: Essential by 10.30am. (Max 15) Get in early!

Sensational Snakes
Have an up close and personal encounter of the scaly kind! Learn about these fascinating and often misunderstood creatures.
Cost: $7 adults, $5 child (under 3 free)
Meet: Tree Top Walk Classroom
Bookings: Not necessary. Buy your ticket and come and go as you please throughout the day.

Walpole Sunset Cruise (WOW Wilderness EcoCruises)
Unwind as the sun sets and let your experienced guide take you on an entertaining voyage of discovery through the Walpole and Normalup Inlets Marine Park. Cheese and biscuits provided. (2.5 hours)
Cost: $40 adults, $15 child U/15 (under 5 free)
Meet: WOW Wilderness jetty, Walpole
Bookings: Essential by calling 9840 1111

Interactive Wetland Model Display
Learn while you’re experiencing the factors influencing water quality. Find out how wetlands are formed and practice sampling techniques to determine the health of a wetland.
Cost: Free
Meet: Tree Top Walk Classroom
Bookings: Unnecessary – just turn up!
Note: This activity is run by the Department of Water

Be clean in the Green
Phytophthora dieback is the greatest threat to our plant communities across the South Coast Region. Discover what dieback is, how it is managed and how you can help stop the spread through one of our 3 short presentations. (20min)
Cost: Free
Meet: Tree Top Walk Classroom
Bookings: Unnecessary – just turn up!
Note: This activity is run by South Coast Natural Resource Management

NB: * Bring hat, sunscreen and water to all outside activities. Sturdy shoes are required for forest activities.
** Bring sturdy shoes, warm clothes and one torch per family for evening activities.