Dates to Remember

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PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS
Welcome back
Welcome back to the school term. It’s a busy one with the visiting author Phil Kettle, NAPLAN, Yr 4-7 camp, Yr 6/7 leadership excursion with Outward Bound, cross country and URWalpole.

The URWalpole theme is “the History of the World According to Walpole”. The students will be looking at the past billion years and the geographical, biographical, cultural and technological impact of time.

Lapathon
The next fundraiser organised by the Student Council is the Lapathon. There was an error in the note that went home last term. Money is not to be paid to the office until after the event, by Friday May 9. All forms must be returned to the office by this date whether money is raised or not.

Active After School Activities
Sailing and Soccer are available this term as Active After School activities. Soccer for P-7 commences Monday 5 May, please return forms by Friday 2nd. As places are limited for sailing, expressions of Interest for Yachting forms are due by Monday 5 May. Sailing for Year 2-7 selected students starts Sunday May 11.

Year 4-7 Camp
Payments can be made by cash, cheque or direct deposit to Walpole Primary School, BSB 306 009 Account No. 4197560. Please include your Child/ren’s name as the reference.

Last term
The last week of term 1 was busy with a Football Clinic, Dress-up Fundraiser, Sausage Sizzle and ANZAC Ceremony. Margaret Everett and the P/1s have been busy painting a mural on the kindy wall. Justine Gamblin initially helped with the generation of ideas and Marg helped the students get their ideas onto the wall. It looks great! Please stop by and take a look.

Football Clinic
Matt Moir from the Department of Sport and Recreation provided the Year 2-7 students with some tips on kicking and marking the footy. They all enjoyed the activity and are looking forward to Matt returning next term, if possible. We have nominated Rob Jones as our Football Ambassador. He will liaise with the Department of Sport and Recreation to promote football at the school.

Book and Dress-up Fundraisers
On the last Monday, we held a Book Swap. Students were encouraged to bring in books they had outgrown and swap them for a new book. Old library books were also added to the selection. Over $50 was raised on the day. The remaining books were taken to the Easter Markets by Tash Viner where another $41 was raised, giving a total of $91.00.

Most of the students dressed up on Wednesday as their favourite character to raise money for a lounge for the library. As it happened, word of mouth spread and we were very lucky to receive a three seater lounge as a donation from a grandparent. Thanks! The $104 raised will now go towards a rug for the library.

Friday Lunch
Fifty six students ordered Friday lunch on the last day of term. Thanks to Walpole Quality Meats and IGA for donating the sausages, bread and onions for the sausage sizzle last term. Thanks to Rob Griffiths for cooking the sausages.

ANZAC Ceremony
The ANZAC Ceremony was an outstanding tribute to people who have served their country at war. Thank you to the students who also attended the town ceremony on the 25th.
Keeping Your Child Safe Online

What are the main issues arising from children’s high internet usage?

They’re online, they’re connected – and they’re also confronting the challenges that being online can bring. For most kids, the experience of being online is a good one. However, our research shows around one fifth of eight to 13 year olds reported seeing or experiencing something on the internet in the last year that bothered them. Also, we saw a slight rise in the number of children aged eight to nine years reporting that they had been cyberbullied (up from one per cent in 2009 to four per cent in 2012). Around 10 per cent of 10 to 11 year olds and 17 per cent of 12 to 13 year olds also reported that they had been cyberbullied.

Being active on social networking services also means raising the risk that personal information will be made public. While the majority didn’t post personal information, quite a large proportion of eight to 11 year olds did post details such as their full name, phone number, a photo of themselves, name of their school, full date of birth and home address.

What are your top tips for parents and carers?

Find out what your children are up to, create your own accounts and play with the services they are using so that you become familiar with the privacy settings and reporting mechanisms.


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