Walpole Primary School
Newsletter No 7 – 12 May 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

| Monday 16 May | School Photos by Allen Smith Photography |
| Wednesday 18 May | School Photos by Allen Smith Photography  
               | School Council meeting - 7.00pm |
| Thursday 19 May | Mt Lockyer PS visit – Jump rope for heart display  
                 | P&C Meeting – 3.30pm – 4.30pm School Library |
| Friday 20 May | Yr 6/7 Angklungs @ Albany Eisteddod |
| Monday 23 May | Yr 2/3 UR Walpole visit to the Valley of the Giants |
| Tuesday 24 May | Yr 4/5/6 UR Walpole visit to Hilltop |
| Thursday 26 May | Then & Now Incursion at 2.00pm, PP - Year 7 |
|               | Yr 7 Immunisations 9.30am |
|               | AFL Incursion |

Good Evening Everyone,

Welcome back to a short BUT very busy term. We have received an unusual number of student enrolments since late last term and welcome the Rowlands, Percival, O'Brien and Harris families to our School community. Please make yourself known to them to ensure they feel part of this wonderful town. We will also shortly be welcoming the Clifford family (new Policeman's children) and hopefully the return of the Smith family. The result of these enrolments (10 overall) means that we are entitled to a nominal increase in staffing allocations as our classes are now very close to/or exceeding recommended class levels. Once all these moves are completed our enrolments will be 122 students. This means that it will be necessary to reorganise class groups from the beginning of next semester. Between now and the end of term, teachers will be working out best placements for your children and having discussions with you about proposals. There will also be an opportunity for parents to hear about the proposals and to ask questions at the P&C meeting to be held on Thursday 19 May (next week).

FAREWELL
To Brodie Harrington who is moving to Denmark with his family. We have enjoyed you being a part of our School and wish you a successful transition to your new home.

NAPLAN TESTING
All students from Year 3 through 7 have been undertaking National Tests this week. Unofficial marking of tests by teachers will begin immediately and preliminary results with analysis should be available by the end of the month. Testing of Years 4 and 6 is being done to assist identification of learning that has occurred since they were tested in Years 3 and 5 – this data is unofficial but is important in supporting teachers in their planning of learning activities. Teachers will shortly communicate with parents with regards to arranging times to discuss overall student performance including NAPLAN results.
UR WALPOLE
Teachers, supported by Gary Muir, Liz Edmonds and Claudia Simpson have prepared an interesting range of activities for the UR Walpole studies to be undertaken this term, with our celebration on Tuesday 5 July. Activities include on and off school learning opportunities and teachers will be sending home excursion notes on several occasions. Please assist the staff by getting forms back promptly.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT ACTIVITIES
Active After School Activities for term 2 is now full. No late enrolments can be accepted.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Dress code – white shirt, both days

Photo Timetable
Monday 16 May
9am       Whole School
Recess    Staff
11am      Kindy
12pm      Yr 7 Graduation &
          Student Councillors

Wednesday 18 May
9am       PP/Yr 1
9.45am    Yr 2/3
11am      Yr 4/5/6
11.45     Yr 5/6/7

Times are approximate and subject to change on the day.

IMPORTANT - SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS
It is absolutely essential that parents inform us if students are not travelling on the bus on any particular day. This includes all after school sporting or other activities your children may be participating in. When a student can’t be located 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. Your support in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Friday Lunches
Lunches continue each Friday – 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 Chef’s salad.

A world of tongues, too few teachers

Anna Patty, Sydney Morning Herald, February 2, 2011

PRINCIPALS and language teachers say they are not equipped to deliver the new national curriculum, which recommends all students study at least 300 hours of a second language before they reach year 7.

Jim Cooper, the president of the NSW Primary Principals Association, said bureaucrats and politicians often made such announcements without accounting for the resources needed to implement them. "It is going to be interesting to source the teachers, for a start," he said.

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority released its draft "shape paper" for languages and geography on Monday. It recommends 11 foreign languages, starting with Chinese and Italian, be taught in schools.

The draft has been criticised for leaving out classical languages such as Latin and Ancient Greek and the Australian sign language, Auslan.

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
"The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them."
George Bernard Shaw
**BOOKFAIR 2011**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May
12.00 – 1.00pm

**VENUE – WALPOLE PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**FOR SALE**

4 x Eco Library/reading bags - $8.00 each
Available from the Front Office:

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**P & C NEWS**

**Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> Markets**

The P&C will be fundraising at the markets with a sausage sizzle, Nathan's coffee and a cake stall.
Any donations of vegetables – eggplants, Capsicums, etc for the bar-b-que and/or cakes will be appreciated.

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**P&C Meeting**

**Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>**

3.30 – 4.30 School Library.

All parents, guardians and interested community members are welcome to attend the term 2 meeting.

Some items on the Agenda include
* The restructuring of classes to accommodate the increase in student numbers in semester 2.

*The offer of chaplaincy/support for the school.

If you have any issues that you would like to raise or discuss please come along and share them. You can also leave a message at the front office or call 08 98401852.

**Thank-you**

P&C Committee

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**Bulb Fundraiser**

Catalogues have been sent home today. Please make your order, place in an envelope with your payment and return to school by Thursday 19 May. Please make cheques payable to Walpole Primary School P&C.
Contact Deanne Blake 98401849.

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**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

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**Attn: Denmark Netball Girls**

Skills Training on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15 – 4.15 at Walpole Primary School.

(same time as Auskick) Bring your water bottle and come along for skills training and a short game.
Contact: Deanne Blake 98401849

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**ROLLERBLADES AND RIPPSTICKS AT THE REC CENTRE!**

Friday the 13th is Black Friday.
Dress in your spookiest outfit and get on over to the Rec Centre this Friday afternoon after school.

Rollerblading 3.15-4.00pm
(Rollerblades available)

Ripperball 4.00-4.45pm
(Bring your Ripstick)

$5.00 per child 9840 1345
Dear parent(s),

Kids love to get outdoors to explore and discover. So, what better way to encourage kids to eat their veggies than getting them out in the garden to grow their own from the goodness of the earth?

CULTIVATING EDUCATION

Our school has signed up for the McCain School Veggie Patches program which helps equip students with invaluable knowledge and hands-on experience that will continue to grow with them well into the future. It’s a fun and interactive way to challenge kids to learn more about the world around them. Not only will students benefit from fresh veggies to turn into delicious meals, they will also discover how vegetables are grown and why it’s so important to eat them every day for good health.

EARN EQUIPMENT FOR YOUR SCHOOL

This is a great opportunity to promote school spirit, increase the children’s learning and receive great new equipment to use during the school day. Every McCain frozen vegetable and McCain Purely Potato pack purchased by families and teachers will earn our school points towards gardening tools and seeds.

HELPING KIDS GROW

This is a points based program, and it’s free for all schools to join. You can help us get started by collecting the barcodes from all your McCain frozen vegetables and McCain Purely Potato packs. Simply cut out the barcodes from your pack and pop them in the box located at the front office, or send to school with your child and they will go towards our McCain School Veggie Patch tally.

Collect barcodes now for your primary school with any pack of McCain frozen vegetables or McCain Purely Potato

500g - 800g bags = 5 points
1kg - 2kg bags = 10 points
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