WOW!! What a wonderful performance by our Angklung Orchestra/Choir at the Eisteddfod in Albany last Friday. The Orchestra led by Mrs Crossley was awarded first place in the U/15 large ensemble competition. The Orchestra’s reputation continues to grow as they get more opportunities to display their talents and they certainly showcase music as one of the School’s many unique characteristics. In addition Ashlen, Claire, Josie, Kori, Shannon and William also gave outstanding individual performances in their respective piano presentations.

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**

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Good Evening Everyone,

**STUDENT NUMBERS**

We all know what a wonderful environment Walpole offers and this obviously is attractive to people who don’t live here. Again we can report that at least four more students will be joining our School between now and the end of term. This will bring our numbers to approximately 126 students for Semester 2. We are awaiting lodging of formal enrolment forms prior to completing the request for additional staffing time. The impact of these enrolments is being felt across all year levels and will also support the reclassification of the School to Level 4 which means that we will be entitled to have a Deputy Principal. This matter will be discussed with the Regional Executive Director tomorrow.

**CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

CONGRATULATIONS to all students who made it to the finish in yesterday’s races held at The Country Club with RED winning the Faction Trophy. This is the first time the Club has been used and the students certainly noticed the difference in degree of difficulty over the various courses. Thanks to Mrs Flett for her organisation of the event and to those parents who went out to The Club to support the children, either as ‘encouragers’ or helping with the races. As in all events there were some students who did exceptionally well:

**Girls**

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<td>Winner Bindi Robertson</td>
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**Years 2-3**

| Winner Lailani Ewing | Lucas Wrigley |
| Second Elsie Edmonds | Jake Harris |
| Third Olivia Gardner | Flynn Burton |

**Years 4-5**

| Winner Aurora Ewing | Chai Robertson |
| Second Camrin E-Warburton | Max Cummuskey |
| Third Laura McKenney | Richard Cullinan |

**Years 6-7**

| Winner Ebony Thorpe | Martin Leggerini |
| Second Shannon Wrigley | Haig E-Warburton |
| Third Megan Pascoe | Zac Vigus |

The above-named Years 4-7 students will now be given the opportunity to participate in the Interschool Cross Country Championships to be held at Manjimup on Friday 3 June.

Sincere thanks to The Walpole Country Club for the use of the course. The students are looking forward to returning in 2012.

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**View the school newsletter online.**
NAPLAN TESTING
Testing is now completed and unofficial marking is almost complete. Parents are requested to discuss their child’s achievements with the class teachers. Please remember though that this is a one off test and that teachers have a lot of other data that will provide a more accurate position of how your child is progressing. An important part of NAPLAN is to assist us to measure the level of achievement since your child’s previous test for Years 5 and 7 students two years ago. Teachers will also be able to provide you with some for Years 4 and 6 students compared to their 2010 test results.

EXCURSION NOTES
Please note that if your child does not return appropriate excursion notes (and money if applicable), in line with Department of Education policies, it is not possible for them to participate in the planned activities. It is not possible for staff to seek telephone approval to enable participation.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Thanks to Alan Smith for his patience and skill in taking the students’ photographs again this year. Alan is very professional in his approach to his work and we have no doubt that you will once again be provided with photographs that will provide a lifetime of memories.

IMPORTANT - SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS
It is absolutely essential that parents inform us (PREFERABLY IN WRITING) 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.

BOOKFAIR
Thanks to Mrs Manning for again organising an extremely successful Bookfair. It appears that the School has been able to generate in excess of $500 in commission that will be used to purchase more books for the children to enjoy.

Friday Lunches
This week’s lunch is Fish Fingers & Tabbouleh.
Order forms were sent out on Tuesday. It is helpful if orders can be placed by Thursday to enable additional ingredients to be purchased.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS FOR YEAR 6-7 STUDENTS TO CONSIDER
Does your child have a special academic, creative or sporting talent? A Specialist Program in a public secondary school could be the key to success.

More than 50 public secondary schools throughout WA offer 103 Specialist Programs for children with academic, creative and sporting talents.

Your child can find a program that will challenge and excite them, and allow them to follow their dream – no matter where they live. Closing dates vary from school to school but most are concentrated around May and June each year.

To discover more about these programs, participating schools and how to apply, download your copy of the Specialist Programs magazine at www.det.wa.edu.au/specialistprograms.

OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARDS
All schools have been invited to submit nominations for the 2011 NEiTA Foundation’s National Excellence in Teaching Awards program. This is an opportunity for the School community to acknowledge our outstanding teachers and teaching teams. The awards program provides a rare opportunity to publicly recognise and encourage our outstanding teachers and give them a well-deserved pat on the back. It is the only national awards program where school communities – school councils and parent association, individual parents and community organisations – can nominate
teachers and teaching teams who contribute excellence.

There are at least five good reasons to nominate teachers for these awards.
- Teachers do amazing work every day in our school. This is a great opportunity to thank them and tell Australia.
- Recognising a teacher for an award is a celebration for the whole school community.
- A great teacher is an inspiration to generations of current and future teachers.
- Nominations keep the focus on high standards of education in our schools. Grants and prizes promote professional development. Nominated teachers receive a congratulatory Certificate of Nomination and become candidates for the NEiTA Teaching Excellence Awards and Australian Scholarships Group Community Merit Awards that may result in professional development grants and bequests for the school. (Please note: Online nominations must be submitted by 5.00 pm (AEST) Friday 29 July 2011 They can also be downloaded or complete online at: www.neita.com or be requested from the NEiTA Secretariat by phoning free call 1800 624 487.

If you have any matters that you wish to discuss with me or any of the teachers, 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**

"Do not be too timid and squeamish about your actions. All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better. What if they are a little coarse, and you may get your coat soiled or torn? What if you do fail, and get fairly rolled in the dirt once or twice. Up again, you shall never be so afraid of a tumble."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**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*

**Important information about the Active After School Communities Program**

The Federal Government in the Budget decided to continue funding for the Active After School Communities Program, which we run, to keep kids involve in sport and physical activities. This means we will have the chance to participate in the program in 2012. The success of the program depends on the commitment and hard work of the staff, teachers, parents and community and sporting coaches who deliver it and I thank everyone involved for their efforts. Minister for Sport, Mark Rabbi, is encouraging parents to consider building on the great work of the After School Program by having their child join a local sporting club. Joining a club and playing sport doesn’t just keep kids healthy and active it also helps to teach them self-discipline, resilience and team work.

While a lot of kids are already members of sports clubs, the Government has developed a website that can assist parents in locating sporting clubs in our local community: ausport.gov.au/findaclub
DISCO ! DISCO! DISCO!!

WHEN : Friday June 3rd
5.30 - 7.30pm

WHERE: School Under Cover
Area

THEME : Favourite Book
Character OR come as you
like!!!

COST: $4 per child
$10 for 3 children

Door prize and prizes for best
dressed and best dancers.

Children under 5 years need to
be supervised by parents Food
and drinks will be on sale ........

Lunch Box Ideas & Happy Healthy Eating

with Accredited Practising Dietitian, Emily Eaton

You are invited to join with the WEYN Playgroup for a
free hands-on workshop covering:
- Food and fluid needs of toddlers and primary school aged
  children
- Nutritious and delicious lunchbox ideas
- Essential eating principles to adopt to ensure your child has a
  positive healthy relationship with food
  (these lay the foundation for life!)  
- Frequently asked questions
  (including food allergies, fussy eating strategies)

Each participant receives a resource folder,
a Lunch Right Menu Planner, nutrition
guidelines, recipes and more!

WHEN: Tuesday 31st May 2011 from 10am - 12pm
* Morning Tea included *
WHERE: Walpole Family Day Care Centre
RSVP essential by Friday 27th May
Ph Vivienne Williams on 9840 0900

Funding is provided by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aging
under the Rural Primary Health Services program

Cross Country