Walpole Primary School
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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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<td>Friday 10 June</td>
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<td>12.30pm Yr 5/6/7 UR Walpole excursion to Hilltop</td>
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<td>Monday 13 June</td>
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Good Evening Everyone,

Please discuss the seriousness of graffiti with your children. Following the weekend we have found that someone has scribbled in chalk on the new undercover internal walls which is extremely disappointing.

Unfortunately we witness students desecrating their books and bodies with all sorts of scribble. These actions are totally unacceptable as they also are considered vandalism no matter who the materials belong to. As part of our Dress Code students are not permitted to paint their finger/toe nails. Should they not follow this guideline offenders will be required to remove the polish before going to class. The consequences of not abiding by the School’s Dress Code includes ineligibility to participate in non-academic School activities.

In the event of further vandalism occurring at School I will have no alternative but to refer the matter to the Police for appropriate action.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
At last night’s Council a new Behaviour Management Policy was adopted. This can now be viewed via the School’s website. A summary document is being prepared for distribution to parents. Teachers will also discuss the contents of the Policy with students.

INTER SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
CONGRATULATIONS to all students who made it to the finish in Friday’s races held at Manjimup. Our students all performed creditably without winning any of the events which were dominated by Pemberton DHS and East Manjimup PS students respectively who won the Handicap and Outright Trophies.

With a little more practice on our ‘new course’ we look forward to 2012.

NAPLAN TESTING
Testing and unofficial marking are now complete. For most children we have noted very good progress – preliminary marking indicates most Years 5 and 7 children have ‘value added’ to previous scores well in excess of 2010 State/National improvements. Official results will not be available until the end of Term 3.

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 Years 5 and 7 students’ achievements since their previous test two years ago – this data provides us with the degree of progress made. Teachers will also be able to provide you with some data for Years 4 and 6 students compared to their 2010 test results.

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. If a child does not have permission to be exempted from regular bus travel THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THEIR NORMAL BUS HOME.

THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE AND REQUIRES TOTAL PARENT/CARER SUPPORT.
**Friday Lunches**
This week's lunch is **Bacon & Vegetable soup**.
Order forms were sent out on Wednesday. It is helpful if orders can be placed by **Thursday** to enable additional ingredients to be purchased.

**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.

**P&C DISCO**
Thanks to the P&C, most particularly Anthony and Terrie Thompson, for the amazing Disco presentation last Friday night. Walking through the Wardrobe ‘into the Land of Narnia’ was a great way to start the evening off. From the brief time I was present it appeared that all the young and old kids at heart were having a wonderful time.

**NEW CLASSROOM**
The new Gardener’s Shed is now constructed and in the next few weeks a transportable classroom will be located in place of the old shed. The use of the new room will be determined by staff shortly.

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

**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_

**WELCOME THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME**
Why not host an overseas exchange student with AFS Intercultural Programs? We have participants due to arrive in July 2011 and they require volunteer host families for their stay in Western Australia.

Participants come for 5 or 11 months and attend high school or volunteer in the community. They come from countries including Switzerland, France, Italy and Germany.

Make a friendship that can last a lifetime. For more information please call your local volunteer Joyce on 9534 5823 or visit www.afs.org.au

**THIS FORTNIGHT’S THOUGHTS**
"Apply yourself both now and in the next life. Without effort, you cannot be prosperous. Though the land be good, you cannot have an abundant crop without cultivation."

_Plato_

"Goals. There's no telling what you can do when you get inspired by them. There's no telling what you can do when you believe in them. There's no telling what will happen when you act upon them."

_Jim Rohn_