Good Evening Everyone,

STUDENT REPORTS
Reports will be sent home with students tomorrow (Friday 8 July).
If you have not yet had the chance to discuss your child’s progress with their class teacher please telephone the School next term to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss their achievements.
It is an important part of the education process that you discuss your child’s achievements with them. Whilst you may not be totally happy with what they have achieved “tomorrow is the first day of the rest of your child’s life” – if we can work together we can make a difference to their future. Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.
The reports are an overall assessment of students’ current achievement levels. The criteria (grades) are now Excellent, Good, Satisfactory, Limited and Very low. Previously these were given as A, B, C, D, E.
Please understand that:
-These ‘grades’ are about a child’s current achievement level, not the progress they have made from the last reporting period. A child who has made expected progress from the last reporting period will most likely have received the same kind of grade or overall assessment. Most students’ overall assessments will not have changed greatly from the last reporting period unless they have made exceptionally good or poor progress over this time.
- The majority of our students’ achievement levels are assessed as Good or Satisfactory. A child assessed as Excellent is considered to be working well above what is expected at their year level.

STAFF CHANGES
As many parents are aware Mr Logan has received a transfer from Walpole. I thank him on behalf of the School community for his contribution to Walpole PS during the past semester and wish him well in his future position (initially at Pickering Brook PS). Mr Logan’s position is currently under offer but cannot be confirmed at this time.
I will be absent for the first four weeks of next term and Ms Sarah Walker will be Acting Principal during this period. Mrs Brodie will be taking Ms Walker’s class (Years 5-7) during my absence.

SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS
Earlier this term the School Council agreed to include an optional sports shirt in the list of clothing. This shirt was the subject of a survey late last year. Council has agreed that the sports shirt is ONLY to be worn on Tuesdays for Physical Education lessons and when students are competing at Interschool events. As this item is optional the School will retain a number of different sized shirts to be made available to students who do not have their own shirt when they are competing at Interschool events. The availability of the School shirts is supported by the P&C who have agreed to provide the funds to purchase the shirts – thanks to everyone who supports the P&C.
Parents wishing to buy shirts for their children can do so through Manjimup Monograms – telephone 9771 2371.

Friday 8 July                   Last day of Term 2 for staff and students
Tuesday 26 July                Students commence
Saturday 6 August              P&C Curry and Quiz Night – details to follow shortly
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
The Active After School Communities Program is a Federal Government initiative that provides primary school-aged children with access to free sport and other structured physical activity programs in the after-school time slot of 3.15-4.15pm.
Next term the following programmes will be conducted: Ripstik activities. Permission notes will be sent home next term. There is no cost and some equipment and afternoon tea is provided.

STUDENT STATIONERY
A lot of time is being wasted finding and supplying stationery to students who have used or lost the items they started the year with. Prior to the start of next term please go through your child’s stationery items and replenish their requirements. IT IS NOT THE SCHOOL’S OR TEACHER’S ROLE TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL ITEMS OF STATIONERY.

The following items as a minimum need to be supplied by parents and should be in each child’s pencil case at the beginning of each day – in future they will not be provided by teachers:
• 2 lead pencils (2B)
• coloured pencils
• 2 red and 2 blue biros (Years 4-7)
• project markers (Textas)
• 30cm ruler
• scissors
• eraser
• glue stick
• pencil sharpener
• protractor (Years 4-7)
• compass (Years 4-7)

In addition students need to have an art shirt and a library bag.

APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS FOR 2012
Applications for enrolments for children entering Kindergarten, Pre-primary, Year 1 or Year 8 or changing schools in the 2012 school year should be made by Friday, 29 July 2011. As schools are closed between 9 and 24 July 2011, parents are encouraged to submit applications before the end of Semester 1.

MATHLETICS
Your Mathletics is about to receive an exciting update! This update will improve the Mathletics experience for your child and their teacher at school and at home, incorporating a range of engaging and educationally beneficial enhancements. In particular, the Student Centre will receive a complete overhaul, giving students a fresh, new and even more enjoyable experience to ensure they stay excited about learning with Mathletics. These changes have been tested with schools over the last few weeks and the feedback from students has been that they love it!

To ensure the seamless transition, here are some helpful tips to give the best possible head start for your child using Mathletics at home:
- With the huge amount of student data transferring across to our new system we’ve found it best to switch off the weekly parent email report feature off for the moment.
- Home Spellodrome licences that are linked to a school Mathletics licence will temporarily not be available. With the incredible number of Mathletics users switching to the enhanced Mathletics site, the priority is to ensure that all Mathletics users are ready to go. Home Spellodrome accounts will follow shortly.
- The update to Mathletics takes advantage of Flash 10. This is a quick software update that is simply installed on your home computer by visiting http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/ and clicking Download Now (note you may want to deselect the Free Google Toolbar option first).
- If you are a Mac user, Mathletics is best experienced through the Firefox web browser. The software and installation instructions are available at http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/products/download.html?product=firefox-4.0.1&os=win&lang=en-GB

HEALTH RECORDS
An audit has shown that a number of students’ files do not include Medicare Card numbers. These are extremely important in the event that we have to refer your child for emergency medical treatment. If you have Private Medical cover it will also assist if these details can also be provided – this is not essential but may help providers of medical care.

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 – during the early part of next term Ms Walker will be happy to listen to any concerns you might have.
Have a safe and happy break with your child over the next two weeks.

Richard
**THIS FORTNIGHT’S THOUGHT**

In Order to Achieve the Future You Desire, You Must First be Willing to Walk Away From Present Distractions

This bit of wisdom comes from businessman and entrepreneur Justin Herald of Attitude T-Shirt fame (13/1/11).

"There are so many distractions in life that seem to take us away from what we all are wanting or needing for our lives. It is so easy to get caught up in the day to day noise (let's call it white noise) that we end up spending all of our energy and time there instead of working on and towards all of those goals and dreams that we once thought were so important to us. That is why this year, 2011, you need to make a conscious decision to push past the past issues and on to living those future desires.

For me from a personal perspective 2010 was a shocker. But that being the case, unless I push past that, I won't live the life I know I want and am capable of.

There comes a time in everyone's lives that we all get frustrated with where we are at. For some it seems as though we have stopped growing. This is why we have to constantly ensure that we are expanding our comfort zones and not just living within the one we are currently in.

Human beings love being comfortable. We don't like being put in a position where we are not in control for too long. This however, whilst it may be "secure", is not that healthy. All of us are guilty of too often staying well within the boundaries of our comfort zone. How many times have you decided not to join something or start something because it was out of our comfort zone?

Whether in life or in business, you will eventually be faced with a situation or challenge that you will need to venture out of your comfort zone to complete. Now I know what you are thinking: 'I only do things that I am comfortable with or comfortable completing'. How boring! The whole purpose of being on this planet is to excel. The only way to excel is to be trying new things and making ourselves better every day. Imagine eating the same food for every meal every day, every week, every year for the rest of your life; let's say meat and potatoes. While you would probably still live a long life, the essence of that life, without enjoying new taste sensations, would be quite dull. The same principle applies to our lives. If you only do the same-old, same-old every day, not trying new experiences, not allowing yourself to step out and be challenged, then sure, you may still live a life of some satisfaction, but wouldn't it be great to get to the end of your life not regretting anything, not wishing 'if only'?

When I was first asked to speak publicly a few years ago I came up with every excuse under the sun why I couldn't do it. Mind you, I had always had the desire to impact people's lives, so you would think that speaking to different crowds, some with thousands of delegates, would achieve that in a faster fashion. Nevertheless, I was in fear; this was way out of my comfort zone. Home many times have you had opportunities that have gone begging purely as a result of not stepping out and grabbing what should have been yours? Comfort zones are just that, comfortable, but try and step out of it once in a while and see what will happen.

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**2012 Enrolments**

Applications for new enrolments for children entering:

**Kindergarten** (born 1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008)

in the 2012 school year should be made by Friday 29 July 2011.

Enrolment forms are available from the school office
Corner Swan St and Latham Ave
Phone: 98401020

Immunization records and proof of birth date are required at enrolment.

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The PP/Year 1 class say a big THANK YOU to Paul Robertson for giving up his time to assist Larry with the installation of our verandah blinds.

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**~Telling Tales in Balingup~**

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th July 2011

Children's Story Telling Festival

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Featuring WA Authors and Illustrators

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Dear Walpole Primary School,

Well, peaceful greetings for you in the name of our Lord of Jesus Christ who always be with us. I'm just healthy and I do hope to find you are always healthy too.

Well, now I'm in the 3rd year of Junior high school. I have finished joining the final national examination. I do hope your support of prayers so I will be able to pass it and continue to the Senior high school.

Well, it's in the dry season at the place where we live. The weather is very hot. We hope this condition will be over sooner. What kind of seasons do you have now?

Well, that's my letter for now. My prayers will always be with you. God bless you!

Love always,
Your sponsored child

Sarini Konda Ngguna
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**REC CENTRE FUN ACTIVITIES IN WEEK ONE OF JULY HOLIDAYS!**

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ROLLERBLADING $5.00 per session. Some skates available or BYO. INDOOR SOCCER $5.00 per session, KIDS ZUMBA with CLAUDIA $5.00 per child KIDS KEEP FIT with KAREN $5.00 per child

ENQUIRIES to KAREN 98401345