PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

School Development Week
I hope you enjoyed the extra week with your children while the teachers and staff worked away on school plans. I understand it can be hard when you are working to take time off but the week provided an opportunity to explore a number of areas of the curriculum.

All government schools had seven days for School Development this year. Walpole chose to combine five of them in the one term rather than spread them through the year. The students still attend school the same amount of days as everyone else.

The teachers took a look through school plans and the priority areas of writing and oral language. We researched a variety of strategies used by other schools and fine-tuned some currently in place. Presenters from Perth and Albany delivered information on the English Australian Curriculum, KidsMatter and writing Individual Education Plans. Outward Bound provided staff with the opportunity to know more about themselves and the others they work with through team building challenges.

The staff has elected to take on Friendly Schools Plus as a program for Social-Emotional learning. Other strategies include Feedback to enhance new learning, Sentence of the Day as a teaching point for grammar and language conventions, Repeated Reading to increase fluency and clear expectations for presentation and performance. We will continue to fine tune strategies that will encourage student achievement and ownership of their learning during our after hours meetings.

UR Walpole Celebration
Term 4 cumulated with the UR Walpole celebration assembly. Thank you to all the parents and families who visited the classrooms. I am sure you were impressed with the vast array of subjects covered while learning about ‘the cake’.

Chaplain
Walpole PS have been lucky to secure the employment of a chaplain, one day a week, starting week 3, term 3. Stephen’s role encompasses building relationships with students, families and staff; offering pastoral care and mentorship. He has worked in the Albany District as a chaplain, for the last five years and has the necessary Youthcare training and Working With Children Checks.

The chaplain will normally work with the teacher, in class, on value issues and small groups to develop resiliency. At times, he might work one on one with your child. If you do not want the chaplain working with your child/ren, please provide the school with this information in writing.

Attendance
Every day at school makes a difference but I understand that sometimes it becomes unavoidable to miss a day of school. Amazingly, the following students attended school every day in Term 1 and 2, 2013:

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The following students attended 99% of the school semester:

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I will start to make phone contact with parents of students who attend less than 90% of the time as it may be necessary to set up an Individual Attendance Plan.

Play Pods for Winter
We have purchased some plastic tubs to hold ‘interesting play materials’ for the students to access during lunch times when it is raining. If you have any items at home that you no longer require but will encourage active, creative play, please bring them to the office. Thanks.
YEAR SEVEN STUDENT
The next Year 7 student who I would like to introduce to you is:

Ryan Skippings

I was born in Broome, a town in the top half of Australia.

Where did you start school? I began school at Dudley Park Primary School.

What are your interests/hobbies? Video games, testing my running speed and astronomy.

Where are you going for high school? I believe I am going to high school at Denmark High School.

What are your plans after high school? I have no plans for after high school yet.

What are your future goals? In the future I wish to become an astrophysicist or an actor.

What kind of car do you want as your first car? I don't know anything about cars, so any car would be great.

Where do you see yourself in 20 years? I don't know where I will be in 20 years.

Thank you to Pete Smith for the donation of some hay for our vegetable garden and also for repairing the P&C Marquee.

THANK YOU
The Year 1, Pre Primary, Kindy students and staff wish to thank our generous sponsors of the program “From the Garden to the Kitchen.” Your sponsorship will allow us lots of opportunities to have fun learning about gardening and food.

A big thank you to:-

Nutken Lodge $200
Walpole Pharmacy $100
Walpole Houseboat Holidays $100

Marg Everett
K/P/1 Class

School Photo orders are available for collection from the front office.

Kindergarten and Pre Primary School Enrolments for 2014

Apply to enrol by Friday 2 August 2013

If your child is 4 or 5 years old by 30 June 2014, or changing primary schools in 2014, apply to enrol now.

Come in and speak with the friendly staff at our school who are here to help you with your application.

If your child is currently enrolled in Kindy at Walpole PS it is not necessary to re-enrol for 2014. ACIR Immunization records and birth certificate are required at enrolment.

Science Room

Help stimulate our student’s minds. We are asking for donation of old rock samples, skulls, shells (please don’t go out and collect off the beach) and any other natural objects you may think of for our Nature display. Thank you