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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all staff and students for the positive manner in which the Athletics Carnival was approached. From all reports it was a great day. Once again Red won the Faction Shield.

**400m Girls and Boys**

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**Champion Boys and Girls**

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Special thanks to Mrs Flett for her organisation of the Carnival; it is a time consuming and demanding task! Thanks also to the many parents and community members who assisted on the day.

Today a group of Senior students have worked with the School photographer to develop their skills in this area. Amongst a range of skills they have been shown how to take specific pictures correctly and how to crop them to ensure that the major features are dominant.

At the commencement of Term, Kallen Standish transferred out of our School – we wish Kallen well at his new school.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

At its meeting on 2 November the Council:

- ratified an amended Behaviour Management Policy: This and several other policies are available on the School website for parents to preview.
- Parents are requested to note that staff will enforce all policies; particular emphasis will be placed on student Behaviour and Dress Code – Students not meeting policy expectations may be excluded from non-curriculum related activities.
The Dress Code:
- Excludes the wearing of jewellery at school apart from a wristwatch and/or sleeper ear-rings (dangling ear-rings, necklaces, anklets, bracelets are all not permitted for safety reasons).
- Excludes students from showing tattoos and from having their finger or toe nails painted.
- Requires that students wear enclosed shoes at school again for safety reasons.

- 2012 School Fees; it was agreed that the current fees be retained:
  - Pre-Primary to Year 7 students: voluntary fee of $25.00 per student includes provision of School Diary for Yrs 4-7 students and personal earphones for P/P to Yr 3 students.
  - Kindergarten students: compulsory fee of $50.00.
  - An estimate of fees for extra curricular activities was provided:
    Maximum of 4 incursions and 6 excursions for the year with a maximum of $5.00 per student charged per event.
    Interim Swimming – $20.00/head
    Yr 7 Leadership Conference - $20.00
    Camps – PP – $200.00
    Yr 3 – 4 $200.00
    Yr 5 – 7 $300.00
    Year 7 students will also have the opportunity to purchase a Graduation jumper: estimated cost - $50.00.

- Endorsed the 2012 Budget
- Endorsed the School applying for a Chaplain to be based at the School

**SOLAR APPLICATION**
An application for $55 000.00 has been lodged to meet the cost of installing solar panels (5kW system) and a 250 000L water tank that would be used to water gardens and to supply water to our existing 25 000L tank to be connected to toilets system.

We were originally approved to have the system installed but then the Federal Govt changed the rules and so we have started again.

**STUDENT ACCESS TO FACEBOOK**
It is disturbing to hear students discussing their activity with Facebook and other similar network technology. It is Facebook policy and is not appropriate for students below the age of 14 years to have access to this technology.

Where I can identify students having such access I will contact the relevant website and inform them of students names and dates of birth. If your child has access they may also be in breach of civil laws regarding their use of this technology.

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 Walker

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**BIKE RIDERS**
Parents are requested not to allow students to ride their pushbikes to school unless they are wearing an appropriate helmet. This is a safety requirement.

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**This Fortnight's Thought**
"Life is too short. Grudges are a waste of perfect happiness. Laugh when you can, apologize when you should and let go of what you can't change. Love deeply and forgive quickly. Take chances. Give everything and have no regrets. Life is too short to be unhappy. You have to take the good with the bad. Smile when you're sad, love what you've got, and always remember what you had. Always forgive, but never forget. Learn from your mistakes but never regret. People change, and things go wrong but always remember... life goes on!"

Author unknown
**RELIEF SCHOOL CLEANER**

required for a fixed term. 2 hours a day Monday to Friday in the afternoons. If you would like more information or are interested please contact Debra Doust, 98401020 as soon as possible. *Working With Children Check and Department Criminal Record Check are required.*

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**P&C News**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the P&C Sausage Sizzle at the Markets and on Sports Day. We are now well on our way to repainting the playground and paths with games and colours.

I would like to advise parents and guardians that the present P&C Executive Committee will be standing down at the end of this year. We will be looking for new nominations for next year’s committee at the AGM in February 2012.

P&C Committee

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**Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge - extension of bookmark competition**

Nomination forms have been issued separately!

Due to distribution problems a large number of schools received entry forms for the Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge bookmark competition after the closing date.

The company in charge of the distribution of entry forms has apologised for the delay and any inconvenience this may have caused (please see attached letter).

To ensure all students have the opportunity to take part in the competition the closing date has now been extended to **Monday 21 November 2011**.

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**2012 Applications for Transport Assistance**

The Public Transport Authority’s School Bus Services (SBS) branch is responsible for providing Transport Assistance to eligible rural and special needs students.

At this time of year it is important that we capture all **new students who are eligible** to access the ‘orange' school bus network in 2012 and ask that you assist us and students who will be attending our School in 2012.

As such, we ask that you make reference to our website [www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au](http://www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au). **New applications are required if a student is changing schools or have a new residential address.**

Further information regarding the eligibility criteria can also be found at our website or on our *log on before you hop on brochures*. If you would like a brochure explaining the Transport Assistance process please contact our office via email schoolbus@pta.wa.gov.au or on 9326 2625 and advise your mailing address.

It would be beneficial for families to complete this requirement before the end of the school year in order for SBS to administer their transport in time for 2012.

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**Help Support Better Funding for Public Schools.**

The biggest review of school funding in over 30 years is almost over. Be **informed** and help to **make change**.

Join other parents, teachers and principals in a **National Day of Action – November 15th 2011.**

Visit this site [www.forourfuture.org.au](http://www.forourfuture.org.au) to send a message to Mr David Gonski, head of the Federal School Funding Review group.

**Endorsed by Walpole School Council 2/11/11**

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**2012 Albany Summer School**

9 – 20 January 2012

Many courses for children

Crafty kids, Kids in the kitchen, Mosaics, Painting, Drawing, Singing

and many more

Visit AlbanySummerSchool.com.au or phone 0438 415 006 for more information
ROTARY CLUB OF MANJIMUP

ROTARY MICROSCOPES

What an amazing world under the microscope. Students Indiana Cooper, Monty Edmonds and Aurora Ewing discovered for themselves when using three of the 30 magnifying microscopes recently donated to the Walpole Primary School by the Rotary Club of Manjimup.

School principal Richard Walker said he heard of the project, an initiative of Professor Lyn Beazley, Chief Scientist of Western Australia, and Rotary. “I was thrilled to be given microscopes for our students who actively study the natural environment around Walpole, particularly through the UR Walpole project” he said.

The Magnifying Microscope Project is supported by the Science Teachers Association of WA (STAWA) an independent association of science educators dedicated to promoting science and science teaching. The project helps primary school students develop a greater interest in science and in exploring the natural world.

Mr Walker also acknowledged that a Water Corporation Education Officer is available to visit the school to conduct lessons as part of the Corporation’s Waterwise Schools Program that aims to educate students to value water and to understand the need to conserve and protect it. With the microscopes and activity books students can study plant structure and soil composition and learn how plants adapt to available water supplies. For the Water Corporation it’s a long term, whole-of-school approach to water education which seeks to change students’ behaviour towards using water.

Students from Walpole Primary testing out the new "Toys."

Albany Young Writers Day

The Fremantle Children’s Literature Centre hosts a Young Writers Day each school term at Great Southern Grammar, Albany. Each session there is a new author and this term it was Jackie French. Siobhan Blake, Ashlen Fry and Paige Aggiss were lucky enough to attend Jackie’s class. Jackie has written a number of books including Diary of a Wombat, A Waltz for Matilda, Hitler’s Daughter, Nanberry, Christmas Wombat and many more. Jackie started to write when she was in desperate need of $106.40 to register her car and from then on has been an award winning writer.

Jackie started the session by explaining that many books are cliché and publishers look for new ideas and often only give books 17 seconds to catch the reader’s attention. We did an activity on writing beginning and ending sentences of a story. Jackie followed on with saying that she often starts her story by writing the conclusion first. She does this because if you have a really good story idea it is often cliché and you will most likely lose interest within the first three paragraphs.

Jackie is inspired by events that have happened in her own life i.e. all of the events in Diary of a Wombat are true. Many of the characters in her stories are based on people in her life and even herself. She enjoys writing about real life experiences and often writes about the past, in books such as Oracle, Pharaoh, and A Rose for the ANZAC boys. Jackie writes in very inspirational ways and she got us to write about an incident that has moved us emotionally and deeply in the last three weeks. Paige seemed to struggle with this activity and ended up writing about making pizzas...

Jackie has won many awards including the 2000 CBC Book of the Year for Young Readers in the UK, and has also had one of her books listed as a Blue Ribbon Book in the USA, an Aurealis Award and a ACT Book of the Year award. Diary of a Wombat is Australia’s most awarded children’s book having broken all picture book publishing records for the number of copies sold in its first year. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience of meeting Jackie French and would like to thank Ms. Walker for enrolling us in the program.

By Paige Aggiss & Siobhan Blake
Faction Athletics Carnival

Signs a child may be being cyber bullied?

- Change in mood and/or behaviour
- Lowering of grades at school
- Not wanting to go to school / sport etc
- Not feeling ‘well’, headaches, stomach-aches
- Being extra secretive in online activities
- ‘Jumpy’ when text messages arrive
- Not putting their phone down
- Wanting to be online all the time....or never
- Changes in their online habits
- Upset, angry, teary......rebellious when not previously
- Change in friendship groups
- Spending more time with family instead of friends

What can I do if my child is the cyber bully?

- Support the child, they are probably feeling awful too
- Talk to them about their actions
- Try and find out why they behaved in this way
- Ask them to imagine they were the victim...how would they feel (empathy)
- Work together to improve the situation....apology etc
- Work towards preventing further incidents
- Enlist the help of school, welfare staff, local GP or child psychologist

Walpole Markets
TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Saturday 19 November! Loads of Fun! Great Prizes!
10.00am TEDDY BEAR PARADE 10.15am TEDDY DANCE
10.30am TEDDY BEAR QUIZ 11.00am PRESENTATIONS
(Oldest Bear, Best Dressed Bear & Best Named Bear!)

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