Good Afternoon,

Well the news you have all been waiting for has now arrived. The recommended Principal for Walpole Primary is Ms Chris Cook who is currently working in Perth, but has had many years experience in the south west. There is still the grievance process to go through before it is official, but all going well, Ms Cook will take up her position early in Term 2.

The next Year 7 student who I would like to introduce to you is:

Richard Cullinan

Where were you born? I was born in Perth King Edward Hospital.

Where did you start school? I started school at Walpole Primary.

What are you interests / hobbies? I like playing sport like footy and basketball.

Where are you going for high school? Denmark High School.

What are your plans after high school? I hope to be recruited by the WAFL or the AFL.

What are your future goals? Playing sport.

What kind of car do you want as your first car? My first car I’d like to have a Ford Mustang or Toyota Surf.

Where do you see yourself in 20 years? Playing some sport.

COACHING CLINIC

On Saturday the 6th of April, a group of interested community members got together to complete a Coaching Certificate that is required for positions like Active After School Facilitator. Lots of laughs were had as we learned (and played) games to teach and practise skills from many balls and stick games. Discussions and variances were made to make it inclusive for all students and to see how the games could be adapted for other physical activities. I would like to thank those who participated and Mr Tony Norment (Torment to some), who facilitated the day. I know how hard it was for some to give up football games and activities in the garden.

EMAILING THE SCHOOL

It is great to see many parents are taking up the option of emailing the school about absentee and travel arrangements. We have made it a little easier for ensuring that the messages all get through efficiently by using a generic email address that all administration personnel will download into their email accounts. That way it doesn’t matter who is in the office, your message will get through.

Please use the following email address for bus changes, reasons your child is away and to make contact with a class teacher: walpole.ps@education.wa.edu.au.

DONATIONS

I would like to thank Kate O’Brien and the Op-Shop committee for their continued support to the school and its educational programs. They have donated $200 towards a cooking program being run in the Kindergarten, Pre Primary and Year 1 class.

Our local IGA has also made a donation of materials for which we are thankful.
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
Term 1 has seen the conclusion of Sailing with about 12 students becoming more skilled at handling a yacht and reading the wind and currents. Well done done to all.

Little Athletics
Little Athletics on Tuesday the 16th of April will run for 2 hours to complete the sessions.

Term 2
We have Netball and Soccer organised for Term 2 going into Term 3.
Netball we are hoping to have running throughout Term 2 on Tuesday afternoons. It would be available to both girls and boys. Ms Ashleigh Cooper will be available for most sessions but we are looking for someone to assist her. The program will run for 7 weeks starting week two for one hour after school on Tuesday at the Rec Centre. If you can assist with this role, can you please contact the school as soon as possible otherwise it may not be able to go ahead.
Soccer will begin later in Term 2 and go into Term 3 leading up to Winter Carnival. More information will be given closer to when it will start.

EXTENSION WRITING CLASS
An extension writing class is being run by Mrs Brodie for students from Years 5, 6 and 7. Extension English sessions this term gave students the freedom to choose from a wide range of research activities. Creativity was encouraged in presentation and the students produced interesting stories, dioramas, hand stitched models and charts. The book ‘Fortuyin’s Ghost’ by Mark Greenwood, was the focus and opened up a world of spices, wrecks, life on board sailing ships and hardship. Below is the beginning of a story written by Lucas Wrigley. To read the entire story and see other students work, please log on to our website. It will be updated as projects are completed.

Ghost Ship
It was a cold, windy night. The quarter moon shone so brightly I squinted as I looked at its beautiful surface. The strong breeze seeped through the torn rips and holes in my black leather jacket chilling me to the bone. My name is Eugene Mesmen. I am a fisherman that lives on the Abrolhos Islands. It is 2004 and this is my story…

I felt a tug on my line. I quickly gave it a yank and tried to get the fish closer to my small wooden dinghy. My muscles tensed as I worked on getting this monster of a fish into by boat and after a couple of challenging minutes of constant battle, with a quick twang my line broke and the fish got away with my bait and hook. I murmured a curse under my breath at the fish that tore my line.

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To continue reading this excellent story, logon to our webpage: http://www.walpoleps.wa.edu.au/

SCHOOL ANZAC SERVICE
The school will be holding its annual ANZAC Service on Friday the 19th of April. We would appreciate any donations of flowers for the wreath to be brought to school Thursday morning to be arranged in wreaths for the service the next day.

RSL VISITORS
We were very privileged to have Mr Kevin Pierce and Mr Norm Hawkins speak to the students in years 4 to 7 about their experiences in the armed forces. See below for a recount from Monty and Smiley.

Many thanks,
Lorelle Flett

GUEST SPEAKERS
On the 8th of April Mr Pierce and Mr Hawkins came to talk to the Years 4/5 and 6/7 about the Infantry and Naval forces. Mr Pierce who was a naval engineer on three Naval ships for twenty three years, showed the Yrs 4/5s and 6/7s that the life of an engineer on a Navy cruiser is less dangerous than most would think.

Then Mr Hawkins told us that he had training for three months in the army. He told us that he would have to spit polish his shoes until they would shine. He also said that he was once part of the team that built Sappers Bridge. He told us that there was once a circus in Walpole and they brought an elephant to school.

By Monty Edmonds and Smiley Slattery

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
On the 10th of April, the Year 7 students travelled to Albany for the GRIP Leadership conference. It was a fantastic opportunity for all students. They learnt about ways to be a leader, without a badge and ways to think of others. It was fun, entertaining and educational. They did games, some meeting new people, some thinking of what schools have done and what schools can improve on. A section of the day was called Loud Noises, an opportunity for students to be loud, win badges and Frisbees, and in some ways show what students can do. They enjoyed the opportunity, with some comments being: “Fun and difficult at the same time. Good combination!” and “It was an amazing opportunity; I want to go again.”

Thank you Mrs Walker, for companying us and Mr Newton for driving us.

By Kori Thompson
Calling all Creative and Constructive Kids!

We need some helpful hands to make the Children's Garden, at the Ficifolia Community Garden, AMAZING!

Some of the projects coming up are:
- Making mosaic mirrors to hang in the "Rest and Reflection Circle".
- Constructing outdoor musical instruments; wind chimes, drums etc, to help children "Find themselves" in the Maze.
- Painting signs for the "SENSE-ational Sensory Garden".

This Saturday however, we will be planting our beautiful and interesting plants, oiling the deck/stage in the "We Are All Stars", Performing Space and wheel barrowing the mulch into the Maze.

If you have spare time and energy on a Saturday morning this month and the next, call me, Angie Cooper, on 0428401045 or 98401079 and let me know what you would like to do to help.

Thank you!

WALPOLE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Auskick 2013
P/P to Yr 7 Boys and Girls.

Have you registered your child yet!
Pick up a rego form from school or the Rec Centre
Training commences 1st Tuesday of term 2 at 3.15pm on the town oval.
Kids will receive their Auskick packs on this day.

Registration forms are due back by April 20th.
They can be returned to the school with your payment or to me personally.
If applying for kidsport funding, applications must be lodged by April 20th.

We are looking forward to a great footy season and we hope to see you there.
Enquiries to Karen 98401019

MANJIMUP SHIRE COUNCIL
The Manjimup Shire Council is seeking community feedback on what will be its first official Arts and Culture Strategic Plan since it was formed in 1908. The Draft Plan can be viewed or downloaded from the following link:

The draft Strategy is available for collection from the Shire’s Manjimup Administration Centre and copies are also located in the Shire’s public libraries for viewing. Community feedback opportunities are planned for Manjimup, Pemberton, Northcliffe and Walpole, subject to community interest.

Walpole’s public workshop will be on Friday 19th April 10am to 12pm at the Community Resource Centre. Bookings are essential.

FREE PARENTING PROGRAM
– for EVERY PARENT
Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

Managing children’s behaviour can be challenging at times for most parents.
Parents are invited to attend a free parenting program being offered in term two to learn practical, positive and effective ways to manage common behavioural problems, and ways to help your child achieve their best at school and in the future.

This is a group program with FREE CRECHE available. The program will run over 4 weeks with two hours contact each week. (Followed by one reconnecter session).

When: Starting Wednesday 22nd May, 29th May, 5th June and 12th June.
Reconnector on the 3rd July.
Time: 9:30am to 11:30 am
Venue Manjimup Family and Community Centre
Cost: Free and Free Creche Available
Facilitators: Teresa Pound and Sue Sieczka
(Community nurses)

Parents of children aged between two and five years are welcome to attend. Parents with children aged between six and eight may also attend.

Bookings are essential. For more information, or to register to attend Triple P please:
Contact: Manjimup Family Centre on 9771 1653 or Early Childhood Nurse Sue Sieczka on 9777 0412

Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre offer a comprehensive ‘Learn to Swim’ program catering from babies through to adults – of all and any ability - from beginners through to squad swimmers.

Timetables for Term 2, 2013 swimming lessons are now available.
Re-enrolments (for students currently enrolled in our term 1 program) commenced on Saturday, 6 April 2013. Enrolments for past and new students will commence on Monday, 22 April 2013.

Further details and information can be obtained by contacting our Swim School Manager, Nola Osborne, directly on telephone number 9844 2274 or email nolao@albany.wa.gov.au