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 and WELL DONE** to all students who travelled to Pemberton for the Interschool Athletics Carnival last week. Thanks to Mrs Gardner and Mrs Flett for their organisation; to parents who provided transport and to David (Jock) Reid for his time in assisting with training. Again the students approached the Carnival in a positive manner with pleasing results. A special mention must be made of Aurora Ewing’s effort in convincingly winning the Years 4/5 Girls Champion Award.

There were many fine efforts by all students resulting in Walpole being Runner-up school in the Handicap Shield – WELL DONE to all students.

**SCHOOL POLICIES**

We have lately received a number of communications concerning the application of School policies and protocols. Most of the current policies and protocols have been in existence for a considerable period (well prior to Term 3, 2009). Although some have had reviews undertaken, all have been endorsed by the parent representative body, The School Council, who have requested that I support staff in enforcing compliance with these documents. If you don’t agree with any policy please discuss your concerns with a member of The School Council or me so that we can consider possible amendments.

Of particular concern is the alleged number (many or several!!) of parents who have issues that they don’t raise with me or members of the Council; eg the conduct of the recent athletics carnival and the selection of the School team that participated at Pemberton – the processes used this year for participation/selection for both days is the same as it has been for many years! The most significant difference is that we have larger Year 5 and 7 cohorts than in previous years meaning that opportunities for these students have to be shared more widely. Some students also did not perform to their capabilities prior to the School carnival and were subsequently not selected for Championship events resulting in their non-selection in the inter-school team.

The imbalance between factions is a matter that we have been trying to adjust for the past few years. However at the end of last term six students **ALL from Gold** left our School. Most of these students had been prolific points gatherers in previous years and our best laid plans were thrown into disarray. We will continue to try and balance the factions however it is extremely challenging to try and predict which students are/will become better athletes. Once allocated to a faction most students (and their parents) are reluctant to see changes made.

**IN-TERM SWIMMING**

Swimming lessons (2 per day) commence on Monday 28 November and will continue throughout the week concluding on Friday 2 December.

Pre-Primary and Year 1 students should come to School wearing their bathers ready for lessons. They will need to bring a change of clothes in readiness for their return to School. All other students are to wear School uniform and will change to swimming gear prior to travelling to Peaceful Bay.

It is unfortunate that the incursion Shekere Beats coincides with the last **Pre Primary and Year 1** swimming lesson on Friday and has necessitated this lesson being cancelled.
Science and Society & the Environment Results

CONGRATULATIONS to our Year 5 and 7 students who completed their WAMSE assessment in Science (Sc) and Society and the Environment (SoSE) in August. Their reports were sent home last Friday. Our students have continued to perform at a high level. These tests represent the culmination of more than four and six years of schooling respectively and reflect the development of understandings and knowledge over these periods, which is a tribute to ALL our teachers across the grades and to our UR Walpole project.

Our Year 5 Science and SoSE results were evenly spread on either side of the State average with 12% and 20% respectively being in the top 20%. Our School averages were similar to or better than the State average in both learning areas.

For the Year 7 students 62% achieved grades above the State average in both disciplines with 31 and 38% gaining top 20% scores in SoSE and Science respectively. Considering the high level of achievement in 2009 the Science average growth rate of 65 points per student (range -37 to 162) is a sound result. No growth rates are available for SoSE due to non-testing in 2009.

Parents wishing to discuss their child’s results are requested to make an appointment to see teachers.

Teachers will now use this information and their own class records in future planning and teaching. This will involve including some changes brought about by the introduction of National Curriculums.

Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge 1st December 2011 to 6 February 2012

The Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge (in support of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Western Australia) 2011-2012 encourages children from Kindergarten to Year 7 to read over the summer holidays. Everyone who completes the Challenge receives a certificate from the Premier and goes into the draw to win great prizes. This year children also have the option to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA. All funds raised will remain in Western Australia to support people living with Multiple Sclerosis and other neurological disorders. The theme for this year is “Explore Western Australia” and children can follow Bosko on his adventures as he visits lots of exciting destinations across the State.

This year the Challenge has launched a brand new website and registration system that will make keeping track of reading and completing the Challenge easier than ever. You can discover more about the Challenge at www.det.wa.edu/readingchallenge

Thank you to Maddelin Larkman, Jessica Larkman, Tully Lane and Phoebe O’Brien for developing a short video for the schools website. The video explains the various aspects of our school garden and the connection to the Friday Lunch programme. You will be able to view this video online in the near future.

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

This Fortnight’s Thought

“Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven’t found it yet, keep looking. Don’t settle. As with all matters of the heart, you’ll know when you find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on. So keep looking until you find it. Don’t settle.”

Steve Jobs (Apple Computers)

WALPOLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

JOB VACANCY

Cleaner, Level 2, FTE 0.25
Position No:00008405

This position is 0.25 FTE, ie 10 hours a week for six months with the possibility of an extension. The successful applicant will be required to work 2 hours a day, Monday to Friday.

Interested and suitably qualified individuals should obtain an application package available from Walpole Primary School, 98401020. Applications close 3.00pm, 7 December 2011.
CONGRATULATIONS to Shannon Wrigley on her excellent piano exam results. She passed the AMEB Preliminary piano exam with Honours.

2012 Year 8 Scholarship

Denmark High School is pleased to offer a scholarship for Year 8 students commencing their secondary education in 2012.

Application forms are available from the office at Denmark High School or the office at your Primary School. Applications close on 1st December.

Perth College

Scholarships available for students entering Year 7 in 2013. Further details can be obtained from the Perth College website on: www.pc.wa.edu.au

Heartkids Albany Coffee and Chat
Thursday 1st December, 10am. I am hosting a Coffee and Chat morning at my (child friendly) home. Heartkids is a support group for families of children with acquired and congenital heart disease. Please ring Maureen Adams for further details on 98 444763.

Details of a Student Accident protection policy, offering a simple, low cost alternative to traditional insurance cover is available at www.studentpa.com.au
Please note: The School does not endorse this commercial activity; rather its inclusion is to provide information to parents that they might not otherwise have access to.

2012 MAGPIES NETBALL
Albany Competition (SATURDAY)
Registration Dates for the 2012 Season are as follows;
Monday 28th November 6.30pm at Denmark Rec Centre
Thursday 1st December 6.30pm at Denmark Rec Centre
Enquires on the night most welcome!

2011 Teams
A1, 17 & Under Div 1, 15 & Under Div 1
15 & Under Div 2, 13 & Under Div 1

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2012 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, Scandinavia and the U.S.A will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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. 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.
This photograph was taken by Ebony Thorpe during a lesson with School photographer Alan Smith. If you look carefully you can see a reflection of the School in the water droplet. Other photographs are on display in the School office.
Thanks to Alan for allowing us to use his expertise with a group of senior students.