Good Evening Everyone,

Welcome back to Term 4 and Athletics, swimming lessons and end of year activities. The enclosed term calendar provides an overview of the busy time ahead of us all.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

On Friday 26 October we celebrate World Teachers’ Day; we pay homage to all teachers for their pivotal role in shaping children's lives and for their critical contribution to the social, economic and intellectual development of nations. Teachers are change agents, providing the impetus for the emergence of educated communities.

We take this opportunity to commend the efforts of all our teachers who often accept to serve in deprived and disadvantaged areas, reaching out to the excluded, and bringing them the prospect of a better life through education.

Our State and Federal governments are making efforts to protect education budgets, teachers’ jobs, salaries and decent teaching/learning conditions, but there is a deep concern globally about the probable impact of the global economic slowdown on the teaching profession. As a catalyst for human growth and development, education is the key to the achievement of all the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Education for All (EFA) targets. Without sufficient numbers of well-trained and professionally motivated teachers globally we risk falling short of the promise made ten years ago at the World Education Forum to the world’s children and youth, because teachers are at the heart of the education system.

The quality of teacher training is equally important. Teachers who are well-trained and adequately remunerated are better equipped to provide a decent education and be active promoters of the values of citizenship, peace and intercultural dialogue. There is an ongoing need to continue investing in viable state and national policies and programmes for teacher training, recruitment, and incentives so that teachers remain and develop within the profession.

CONGRATULATIONS

TULLY Lane has been selected to participate in the National U/14 Country Basketball Championships early next year. We wish her well; Tully is fundraising for the Championships and any support that can be provided will be appreciated.

YEAR 6-7 PHOTOGRAPHY

All students in the Senior Room have this week spent time with the School photographer, Alan Smith learning the finer points of taking and publishing pictures. This stunner was taken by Caelan Minchin.
SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Next Wednesday students will begin their participation in the Athletics Carnival by participating in Long Jump and Triple Jump activities on the School Oval.

Commencing at 9.00am with the Year 1-3 events (Chook Throw and Long Jump) followed by Year 4-5 and Year 6-7 events. (Vortex Throw, Long Jump and Triple Jump)

Then on Friday Nov 2 the Carnival will conclude with the running events and team games. All students have been allocated places in a variety of events to ensure maximum participation; this does not mean that they are involved in all activities, but that teachers have tried to ensure an equal opportunity for all to participate in line with the School’s policy.

IN TERM SWIMMING LESSONS: NOVEMBER 26 - 30
All students are expected to participate in this activity as part of their Physical Education programme and to prepare themselves for the not too far away summer holidays. The lessons will again be held at Peaceful Bay with instructors travelling from Albany.

Please return by tomorrow (Friday October 26) the forms sent home yesterday requesting updated information about your child’s swimming ability. It will be appreciated if your contribution of $20.00 per child towards cost of transporting students to lessons is paid to the office by Friday November 16.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
Sailing commenced at 3.15 pm on Monday 22 October at School and will continue on Sunday mornings at Coalmine Beach (28 Oct, 4, 11 & 25 Nov and 2 & 9 Dec). Sessions will commence at 8.45 with readying the yachts and conclude at 11.15 with packing away.

Any students who missed out enrolling will need to do so by Friday 26 October.

Later this term students will be offered the opportunity to participate in tennis.

Donations greatly accepted for any old hay, silage, pea hay or mulch for our orchard and gardens. If you can help out please contact Rob our Gardener.

SCHOOL EXPENDITURE
Following discussions with the Student Council two pieces of playground equipment costing approximately $30 000.00 have been ordered; a ‘rock climbing wall’ for senior students and a multi-function swing for juniors. It is hoped that installation will be completed this term. This money includes the $20 000.00 grant we received to replace equipment that was removed as part of the BER Building project.

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. 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!

Richard Walker

Interested in working at Walpole Primary?
Applications close 9 November.

Thank you to Peaceful Bay Playgroup for the kind donation of resources for the school.

WANTED
A blender for chopping up food for the worms. Please ring the School on 98401020
Thank you Yr 6/7’s

Circus workshop
Term 4 - Friday 26th October
Walpole Rec Centre.
Yr 2-Yr 7 from 3.15-4.15pm $5.00 p/p
Yr 8—Adults 4.30-5.30pm $8.00 p/p
Bookings essential 98401545
Bedtime Stories

Marlene Rattigan wrote in a previous Kidz Newz #120 article about the importance of having rituals and habits in place because of their positive effect in allowing all of us, including children, to achieve to our greatest potential. One such ritual for children is the bedtime story. When children are bathed, fed and ready for bed, reading is a wonderful way to induce sweet dreams. It operates rather like a tacit bribe wherein children know that if they hurry up to get ready for bed that they'll be rewarded with maybe more than one story. Of course the benefit is the language, the stimulation of the imagination, the exposure to wonderful pictures but above all, the special undivided attention and time with a parent who is not distracted by other essential activities of the day.

A ritual such as this, established at an early age, means that there's a strong likelihood the child will continue to enjoy reading well beyond his school years and into adulthood because the experience was pleasurable. As adults, who doesn't enjoy reading a few pages of a good book before bed? As students, the willingness to read has obvious consequences in exam results. And then there's the old adage, 'leaders are readers'. Encouraging reading at a young age can only be good. This is not to say that bedtime is the only time a child should be read to. Of course not, but there's something special about the rituals of bedtime and the bedtime story is paramount among them.

Parents can sometimes be concerned about whether the books are suitable. It doesn't matter, because the purpose of the exercise is to have that ritual, that special bonding between parent and child. Of course the child should choose the book or books. If the child chooses a very long book, it may take two or three nights to read, and that's OK. Maybe it's an anthology of short stories or fairy tales. Again, the child can choose one per night.

My niece, whose children appear in my 'Scarf Magic' DVD, told me that every night before bed her children are allowed to choose one book each before bed, plus one that they both want. (The baby has usually gone to bed by the time the reading for the older one starts.) She told me that the joint book the children often choose is Scarf Magic! How hilarious is that? Now in case you don't yet have a copy of this, let me explain that it is a 'how to' book about playing with your children using music and scarves (to develop the imagination, co-ordination, awareness of concepts, exposure to drama and dance and so on). It is not a story book. Nevertheless, as stars of the book and DVD, they love to have this book read to them, as they love to watch the DVD and join in with 'those children' (that is, themselves). Their father sits them down on the couch and duly reads, 'The first time you bring out the scarves your toddler or pre-schooler will be overjoyed.' The children are engrossed in this 'story'. I don't know how much he manages to get through, but perhaps he reads just a few pages per night. They MUST know it off by heart by now.

So you see it doesn't matter what the book is, so long as the child is being read to. Please encourage the parents in your midst to read to their children every night. It is so important.

FOSTERING – KIDS IN YOUR COMMUNITY NEED YOU!

Foster carers are urgently needed for kids in your neighbourhood, and you can help!

We need Aboriginal and non Aboriginal carers who can care for children for short and/or long periods of time.

It's not just the child's life that changes – yours will too as you experience the rewards and challenges of fostering.

To find out more attend an Information Session at the Gallery, Manjimup Family Centre, Mount St, Manjimup on Monday 5 November from 7.30 – 9.00pm. Call Pam Jones at Albany office of the Department of Child Protection on 984 10777 to register your interest in attending the session.

ALBANY SUMMER SCHOOL 2013

7 Jan to 18 Jan (not including Sat & Sun) 2013
Conducted in St Joseph's College, Albany

There are 3 courses run especially for young children. Art & Craft For Kids making lots of fun items using all sorts of material. This is for children 7 & up. Then there is Kids In The Kitchen. Parents think what yummies they may surprise you with. This is for children 8+ years. Also there is Table Top Puppets for children aged 8 – 17. This will lead to a small showing for family & friends. In all there are 58 courses being conducted in the mornings and afternoon during the two weeks. Brochures are available from your local Library or contact 0438415006 during business hours, fax 98415006 or email AlbanySummerSchool@westnet.com.au