Good Evening Everyone

CONGRATULATIONS to the Senior students for their continued impressive performances in Perth and at the Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony last Friday as part of the Senior Choir and Angklung Orchestra. It is great to have the programme planned and prepared by Mrs Crossley continually recognised. This part of the School is one of the things that make education at our School unique. Following an offer of sponsorship last Friday, plans are being made to ‘cut’ a CD/DVD of the students.

At the commencement of Term, Haig Egerton-Warburton transferred to Great Southern Grammar – we wish Haig a successful transition to his secondary School.

Please note some necessary changes to dates for significant events occurring this term:

• Swimming Lessons – now during the Week commencing Mon Nov 28 for one week. Students will complete double lessons daily at Peaceful Bay (as per survey results 2010).
• Year 7 Graduation Dinner will be held at The Country Club on Monday 12 December.
• End of Year Presentation Night is now on Wednesday 14 December to avoid a clash with Denmark HS Night.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
The next meeting is at 7.00pm in the School Library on Wednesday 2 November. Business will include:

• Ratification of Behaviour Management Policy: After a long and protracted revision an amended Policy will be submitted to The School Council for ratification next Wednesday. The draft is available on the School website for parents to preview.
• Setting of 2012 School Fees; it is proposed that current fee of $25.00 per student be retained. An estimate of fees for extra curricular activities (camps, incursions and excursions will also be proposed).
• 2012 Budget
• Independent Public School planning
• 2012 Class Structures

If you have any concerns or matters that you wish to be considered please discuss them with your elected Council Members:

• Glen Burton  98401332
• Deanne Blake  98408836
• Julie Ewing  98401441
• Dave Edmonds  98401105
• Matt Wrigley  98401852
• Karen Pascoe  0458140656
• Antony Egerton-Warburton  98401636
BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT
With regard to the behaviour of our students it is important to note that whilst we may have to address minor issues at School we regularly receive positive comments about student demeanour and actions away from the School as demonstrated by the following letters received over the past two weeks.

To The Principal, teachers and students of Walpole Primary School.

I am just writing to let you know that on the 7th of September, 2011 I travelled to Perth on a flight with students and teachers from your school. I have just come back to Melbourne from holidays in Perth this week and this is the 1st chance I have had to write to you.

It was a pleasure travelling with such well-behaved and polite students. When we asked where they were travelling to they spoke well and described exactly where they came from.

If I had not bordered just before these young people, who stood back and let others board before them. I would never have known that there were so many young students on the flight. The teachers/adults are also to be commended on the way they guided the children.

All too often we only hear negative comments about our young people and I felt that it would be nice to let the staff and students know that someone acknowledged them.

Kind regards,
Kathy Lee

Dear Mrs Crossley

Last night I attended the Festival Concert of WA Govt Schools at the Burswood. I feel compelled to write and congratulate you and your team on a fantastic performance that was unusual, using the Angklung, an instrument I'd never encountered before. Your choice of music, the group motivation and enjoyment of presentation was a joy to experience. I hope the children, parents and school recognise your amazing skills and expertise. This was my first experience of these concerts and hope it wont be the last.

Thank you for your inspiring contribution.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who performed creditably in The University of NSW Mathematics tests:
Yr 6
Claire Roocke Credit Pass
Shannon Wrigley Participation Certificate
Yr 7
Siobhan Blake Participation Certificate
Ashlen Fry Credit Pass
Megan Pascoe Credit Pass
Ebony Thorpe Participation Certificate

SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS
PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, IF WE DO NOT HAVE CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARENTS/REGISTERED CARERS TO THE CONTRARY, STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THEIR NORMAL BUS HOME.
WE WILL NOT CONTACT PARENTS TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHETHER STUDENTS SHOULD/SHOULD NOT BE ON BUSES.
THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE AND REQUIRES TOTAL PARENT/CARER ATTENTION.

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
"Winning is great, sure, but if you are really going to do something in life, the secret is learning how to lose. Nobody goes undefeated all the time. If you can pick up after a crushing defeat, and go on to win again, you are going to be a champion someday."

Wilma Rudolph

Olympic track star Wilma Rudolph was born on June 23, 1940, in St. Bethlehem, Tennessee. Until she was 12, she had to wear a leg brace because of polio. At age 20, she became the first American woman to receive three Olympic gold medals -- by running!
P & C NEWS

Congratulations to Ian Matheson for his successful bid for the signed West Coast Eagles Football. Thank you to everyone who placed bids in the secret ballot.

P&C are having a sausage sizzle fundraiser this weekend at the Walpole Markets 29th Oct. Money from these fundraisers will go towards painting and marking games and activities on the school playgrounds and pathways.

P&C Sports Day Food Stall Next Friday 4th Nov at the school sports day the P&C will be doing a food stall,

On the menu will be:

- Nathan & Deanne’s coffee
- Homemade lemonade
- Ginger bread men
- Cup cakes
- Sausage sizzle with/without onions and vegetables

If you would like to pre-order your lunch, order forms will go home next Monday.

I need 2 parent volunteers to help with the sizzle. Please let the front office know if you are available or ph Fiona on 98401852.

TERM 4 P&C MEETING

All parents, carers and interested community members are welcome to attend the Term 4 P&C Meeting on Monday 7th of November at 3.15pm at the school.

If anyone has any items they would like to have addressed at the meeting please let the front office know, or come along to the meeting...

Thank- you
P&C Committee

Active After School Communities Sports Programme

The Active After School Communities Programme is a national initiative that provides primary school-aged children with access to free sport and other structured physical activity programmes in the after-school time slot of 3.30pm to 4.30pm. The programme aims to engage traditionally inactive children in sport and other structured physical activities, and through a positive and fun experience, develop a love of sport that inspires them to join a local sporting club.

The fourth term programme will be focusing on Dance on Monday, Basketball on Tuesdays and Lawn Bowls at The Country Club on Wednesday afternoons/Saturday mornings (9.00am). The dance and basketball programmes started on Monday 24th October and run for 7 weeks. The Bowls programme will commence on Saturday 12 November and run for five weeks. In addition a Tennis programme will be introduced on Fridays (Nov.11 and Dec 9 as a prelude to a full programme in 2012. There is no cost and all equipment is provided as well as afternoon tea. Please fill in a consent form (if you have not done so already this year) at the school office for all interested students (all ages welcome).
Parents’ Corner
Advice for Parents
Exhausted, stressed and depressed children. Frantic parents desperate to make their children succeed. This is a worrying aspect of modern parental anxiety about children and over-identification with children’s performance. These harried children are more likely to suffer from profound feelings of insecurity and anxiety in later life, no matter how successful the after-school tutoring, fish oil tablets, baroque music and homework done by parents have made them. When does normal parent help become a takeover, with the underlying message to children that they are not good enough to stand on their own two feet and do things themselves?
Experts offer some advice which may come as a relief to parents as well as children:
- **Appreciate your children** as they are. Keep your ego and feelings of anxiety to yourself.
- **Basic warmth** between a parent and children – hugs, kisses, listening, words of sympathy, laughter – is the first pillar of parenting.
- **Stand back** a step. Support, applaud, assist, but don’t hover anxiously like a ‘helicopter’ parent. Parents don’t need to be over-involved to the point of obsession in their child’s academic or sporting performance. Never be tempted into doing their schoolwork yourself.
- **Keep your expectations high** but realistic. Accept that most people are average yet still successful, often had parents who were controlling, competitive and judgemental.
- **Avoid living vicariously** through your children. Be proud of their efforts and achievements, but resist the temptation to boast or pull strings. Let your children be themselves, not the perfect child you wish you had been yourself. You can’t relive your life through them.
- **Discipline is vital**, but that just doesn’t mean punishment. Be consistent – that helps children develop self control. Live according to the values you teach them.
- **Don’t waste** time and energy trying to create the perfect child.
- **Don’t damage** their self esteem by criticising their efforts too often. Insecure adults, however successful, often had parents who were controlling, competitive and judgemental.
- **Respect** their individuality, especially those characteristics which make your children different from you. Don’t reject them – that feeds self hatred.

**Spend time together.** Eat your evening meal together as often as possible. Involve your children in as many rituals as possible – sports, visits to grandparents, aunts and uncles, birthday celebrations, family get togethers, church and community events.

*Above all, enjoy the individuality of each and every child.*

(Taken from Principals’ Digests Volume 13 Number 18)

### Triple P Parenting Course
**Venue:** Mt Lockyer Primary School  
**Term:** 4th Term 2011 – (Week 3)  
**Dates:** Friday 4th November 2011  
**Time:** 9:15am – 10:45am: Morning Tea provided  
(Child care may be provided if needed.)

Limited numbers of places are available and you need to book in advance – please register your interest to attend as soon as possible by returning the information below by Wed 2 November 2011.

To register or for more information please contact Jennifer Allen, Mt Lockyer Primary School, Humphreys Street, Mt Lockyer 6330 on 9842 5801.

### 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

### Bushfire Safety
During the bushfire season we all like to go on holidays, visiting favourite campsites, beaches and national parks. It is important that all families develop a Bushfire Survival Plan to prepare for the possibility of bushfire. For further information and suggestions visit www.fesa.wa.gov.au

### RIO, PARIS, N.Y AND MILAN ALL IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD
HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!
Each year there are hundreds of students from around the world who choose to visit Australia. You can be a part of the experience by welcoming an exchange student into your home. By opening your door, and hearts, to an international exchange student, your family can:

- Make a life long link to a family in another country
- Learn about another culture
- Share the beauty of Australia and our culture
- Gain a new family member
- Contribute to International goodwill
- Develop a friendship that will last for many years

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au
## WALPOLE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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