Good Evening Everyone,

STUDENT REPORTS

Please note that student reports are nearing completion and will be sent home with students at the close of school on Tuesday 18 December. Reports WILL NOT be available earlier than this. If your child is absent on 18 December then their report will be mailed.

THANK YOU’s

With the year rapidly drawing to a close there a number of people to whom we need to give sincere thanks including:

- Students for mostly being highly committed to their learning journeys (academically and physically);
- The whole School staff (Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Office staff, cleaners, gardeners). Ann Armstrong is retiring at the end of the year and special acknowledgement is made of her contribution to our students (and those at other schools) over many years. Thanks Ann – enjoy a well-deserved break and enjoy travelling with Bill.

- All parent helpers with special thanks to Julie Ewing and Gary Hunter for their regular work with and guidance for students (and staff) in the garden and orchard;
- School mentors, under Lisa Teague-Robertson’s guidance – Margaret Newton, Graham Hick, Hilary Mayger and Ann Armstrong.
- Our UR Walpole team led by Gary Muir; and
- The Walpole Community for its ongoing support of the School and its students.

2013 CLASSES

At this time of the year we are being told that some students will not be returning in 2013. If you know that your children will not be attending our School in 2013 please inform the office as this will greatly help with the class list planning.

Subject to confirmation of enrolments classes will be:

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This structure provides for Music and Physical Education Lessons and SHOULD enable us to also provide learning support and extension to identified students.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Teachers will continue to present regular lessons up to the close of School on Tuesday 18 December albeit that considerable time will be spent on preparations for the end of year Presentation Night and other activities.

Many parents and students consider that this is a wind down time, however much of the work to be done over the next two weeks is reflecting on learning that has occurred throughout the year. Accordingly please ensure that your children attend every day unless there is an unavoidable reason for their absence.
TERM DATES FOR 2013

The following dates correspond to 2013 terms. In line with the School Board’s new decision-making capacity the Board has determined that Staff Professional Learning will be undertaken in one block during the week 22 - 26 July; this means that students will have a three week break between semesters and will return to school at the commencement of Terms 2 and 4 and will complete the year on Friday 20 December at the same time as teachers. Whilst teachers will undoubtedly attend other one-off Professional Learning days there will be no other whole school Professional Learning days for staff in 2013.

Term 1, 2013
Monday 4 February – Friday 19 April

Term 2, 2013
Monday 6 May – Friday 5 July

Term 3, 2013
29 July – Friday 27 September

Term 4, 2013
Monday 14 October – Friday 20 December

Public Holidays
Labour Day Monday 4 March
Good Friday Friday 29 March
Easter Monday Monday 1 April
Easter Tuesday Tuesday 2 April
ANZAC Day Thursday 25 April
Foundation Day Monday 3 June
Queen’s Birthday Monday 30 September

Pre-Primary Compulsory from 2013
The Hon Colin Barnett MLA, Premier of Western Australia, announced that Pre-primary would become a compulsory year of schooling from 2013. Please be advised that legislation to give effect to that announcement has now passed both houses of the Western Australian Parliament. The School Education Amendment Bill 2012 will come into effect on 1 January 2013 and is relevant for all schooling sectors in Western Australia.

The passage of the pre-primary legislation means Western Australian children will attend 13 years of compulsory schooling and be well placed to take advantage of the Australian Curriculum as it continues to be rolled out ahead of 2015. It also means that each child of pre-primary age will be guaranteed a place at their local public school from the first day of the 2013 school year.

THANK YOU to Joe Burton for the kind donation of silage for our orchard and gardens.

YEAR SEVEN GRADUATION EVENING

The Graduation Evening will be conducted at The Country Club on Tuesday 11 December. During Tuesday the Year Six students will be busy preparing the meal and then will serve approximately fifty students and guests for dinner.

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION NIGHT

The End of Year Concert and Presentation night will commence at 6.30pm in the Community Hall on Tuesday 18 December. All parents, families and community members are invited to attend.

Parents may take photographs/videos for their own consumption BUT for legal reasons are advised not to circulate the documents publicly.

A light supper will be served at the conclusion of the evening. Parents are requested to bring a plate to share with those in attendance.

DRESS CODE

Our Dress Code provides for students to wear ear-rings and/or watches as the only jewellery to be worn at School. There is a current trend to girls wearing multiple ear-rings in one or both ears which IS NOT the intent of this privilege. Accordingly parents are requested to ensure that students have only one ear-ring in each ear. Student who do not abide by this request may face ‘loss of good standing’ under our Dress Code. An amendment will be put forward to the School Board early in 2013 to reflect this interpretation.

Finally I wish all parents, students and community members a safe and enjoyable festive season. Let’s spend time with our families, recuperate and return safely in February.

A big thank you to all those parents who have unconditionally supported our School over the past year. Your support has been appreciated by the whole School community.

Richard Walker

FINAL THOUGHTS FOR THE YEAR

"The greatest act of courage is to be and to own all of who you are - without apology, without excuses, without masks to cover the truth of who you are."

Debbie Ford

"The world is not looking for servants, there are plenty of these, but for masters, people who form their purposes and then carry them out, let the consequences be what they may."

Woodrow Wilson

"We need to learn to love ourselves first, in all our glory and our imperfections. If we cannot love ourselves, we cannot fully open to our ability to love others or our potential to create. Evolution and all hopes for a better world rest in the fearlessness and open-hearted vision of people who embrace life."

John Lennon