Good Evening Everyone

Swimming Carnival is on Thursday 15 March, not Friday 16 March as mistakenly advertised.

Further details will be sent home in the next few days. Carnival will be held at Mt Barker Pool and students will travel to/from the Pool in vehicles driven by persons that meet the Department’s criteria for transporting students.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Tomorrow we will hold our first assembly for the year followed by access to Bendigo Bank for those parents wishing to open accounts for their child; please remember to bring some form of identification which includes your photograph (passport, WA Driver’s Licence, etc)

SCHOOL HALL
The School Hall is currently empty! If you have any suggestions as to its best use to benefit student learning please contact me or one of the School Council members.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
Parents please note that ALL students attending After School activities (including Karate) MUST gather on the lawn to the Kindergarten side of the front office pathway from where they will be escorted across the road. This is a necessary duty of care safety issue to avoid possible accidents.

During the last 2-3 weeks of this term students will be offered the chance to be part of a yachting programme that will continue on into Term 2. Numbers will be limited to approximately 16 students and first preference will be given to Yr 7, then Yr 6 students and so on until the required number is achieved. More information will be provided to students accepted into the programme which will be conducted with the support of the Walpole Yacht Club.

Students wishing to participate need to lodge the enclosed Expression of Interest with the office by Friday 9 March.

School Fees
The School Council set the following fees for 2012 at:

Kindergarten $50.00 per child compulsory
Years P-7 $25 per child voluntary

These fees enable the School to provide additional facilities to all students and parent support in making the contributions promptly will be appreciated.

Thank you to those parents who have already made this payment.
Last year we received in excess of 90% of payments allowing us to purchase a range of resources that would otherwise not have been possible.

INCURSIONS/EXCURSIONS POLICY
Incursions and excursions are NOT COMPULSORY parts of the School’s academic programme and in accordance with information included in the November 10, 2011 newsletter students are required to contribute $5.00 towards attending any activity. Students who do not pay the money are provided with other appropriate learning activities and required supervision during the activity.
BRINGING TOYS TO SCHOOL
Our school has a policy that no toys, games, collector cards, electronic gadgets (Ipods, mobile phones) and other personal items are brought to school unless under agreement with the class teacher and they are here for educational purposes. They should not be played with during school time or recesses but may be used in the classroom as directed by the teacher.
We do this as past experience tells us that items may be damaged, stolen, misused, lost or misplaced. They are also used by some as a way to create in-crowd / out-crowd behaviour.
I am very mindful in particular of the role that mobile phones and the internet play in cyber bullying which is a real threat to our students. Please make sure that mobile phones are not brought to school.
We ask that you support us in this policy and ensure that students remain within it.

BICYCLES COMING TO SCHOOL
Children who do not wear safety helmets should not bring their bicycles to School. In discussion with Sgt Clifford he has indicated that he will issue notices to students (and parents) who do not comply with this legal requirement.

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

P & C NEWS

Bulb catalogues are being sent out today, please return your orders complete with money by the 30th of March.

The P & C are having a Hamper Raffle for the Easter markets. The raffle will be drawn Easter Sunday at the markets. Donations of any type would be welcome. Please drop them into the office by the 30th of March.

Thank you, P&C Fundraising Committee

This Fortnight’s thought
NAILS IN THE FENCE
Make sure you read all the way down to the last sentence. (Most importantly the last sentence).
There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His Father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all.
He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.
The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.
The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, 'You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. But It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound will still be there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one.
Remember that friends are very rare jewels, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share words of praise and they always want to open their hearts to us.'

Be Sun Smart
Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in Australia. Protect yourself in 5 ways from skin cancer.

1 Slip on sun protective clothing
2 Slop on SPF 30+ sunscreen
3 Slap on a hat
4 Seek shade
5 Slide on sunglasses
Take extra care between 10am and 3pm

Choosing a Sunsmart Hat -
BROAD BRIM
Choose a hat with a brim of at least 7.5cm that provides shade to the entire face.

BUCKET HATS
Should have a deep crown, sit low on the head and have a brim of at least 6cm.

LEGIONNAIRE
Should have a peak of at least 6cm. The side flap and front peak should meet the ears to provide protection to the side of the face.

Caps and visors are not recommended as they leave the ears and back of the neck exposed.
WALPOLE JUNIOR AUSKICK 2012
Registration Day Tuesday 3rd April 3.15pm at the Town Oval
Training commences Week 1, Term 2.
Parent Helpers would be appreciated.
Enquiries to Karen or Lee, 98401019

DENMARK NETBALL
REGISTRATION FOR THE 2012 SEASON –
MONDAY 12TH MARCH 2012 AT THE DENMARK
REC CENTRE FROM 3.30PM TO 7PM.
SUB JUNIORS AND JUNIORS – WEDNESDAY
AFTERTNOONS – TERM 3 & 4
NETTA AND FUN NET TUESDAY AFTERNOONS –
Term 3 & 4

FOOTBALL REGISTRATION DAY
Denmark/Walpole Junior Football Club and
DENMARK AUSKICK
ages 5 to 15, boys and girls welcome
SATURDAY 10th MARCH 9.30am to 11.30am
Mclean Oval Clubrooms
Auskick $75 (includes awesome pack), Juniors
$90 online registrations available
www.aflauskick.com.au
enquiries to Jo Rowling 0422129110

FREE HEALTHY COOKING CLASSES
Food Sensations cooking and nutrition workshops provide
new ideas and skills to help you cook healthy meals on a
budget. The programme consists of a 90 minute class held
every Wednesday over a 3 week period.
The Summer Workshops offer:
• advice from a Dietician (covering carbohydrates, fibre and
  the GI)
• cooking classes with healthy low fat BBQ ideas, and a
  range of delicious and nutritious salads.

Held at the Walpole Community Hall, these workshops are
FREE to residents of the Shire of Manjimup. Limited to 10
to 12 people, Food Sensations is a fun way to socialise and
enjoy good food.

Classes held on Wednesdays
10am to 11.30am
21 March/28 March/4 April
(Participants are to attend all 3 classes)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
9771 7716 or 9840 1395 (Walpole CRC)

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION
I ………………………………….. wish to
nominate for any vacancy that exists on the
Walpole Primary School Council.

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Signature

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - YACHTING
I ………………………………….. wish to
express my interest to participate in the
yachting program.

I give permission for my child
……………………………….. to participate in the
yachting program.

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Signature Date