PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

Last week the students’ participated in the Faction Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to Red faction for taking out the honours. The students gave a fine display of athleticism and sportsmanship. Thanks to the students for doing their best and cheering on their team.

Thank you very much to Mrs Teague-Robertson and the staff for organising the carnival and spending many hours practicing the activities with the students. The oval was lovely and green and clearly marked, thanks to Mr Rob Griffiths. A very big thank you to the many parent and community helpers. Without you, this day would not have been possible.

Congratulations to the following students:

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Junior Girl  Bindi Robertson Sara Simpson
Junior Boy   Jed Cummiskey Floyd Pickett
Intermediate Girl Lailani Ewing Elsie Edmonds
Intermediate Boy Lucas Wrigley Flynn Burton
Senior Girl  Aurora Ewing Ella-Jewel Cooper
Senior Boy   Richard Cullinan Harrison Clifford

P&C Disco

Thank you very much to the P&C for organising the disco. The students’ had a ball and the food was fantastic!

Building Stronger Students

Sadly, it has come to my attention that some of our students are experiencing cyber-bullying. Cyberbullying involves the use of email, chatroom or social media site messaging on the internet, and text, picture and or video messaging on mobile phones. Unfortunately, it means victims can be bullied even when they’re not at school, leaving children very few places to hide. Often, children may be scared to confide in their parents regarding cyberbullying, worried they’ll have their computer rights restricted, or their mobile taken away.

You may not be aware that your child is experiencing cyber-bullying. Symptoms may include: excessive computer use, troubled sleep, depression, anxiety and/or anti-social behaviour.

If your child is regularly on social media such as Facebook, Instagram and Kik, talk to them about cyber-bullying. Reinforce what is acceptable chat and what is not. Limit their ‘friends’ to people you and they know well. Suggest they block ‘bullies’ from their account. Make sure the computer is used under your guidance so that you can monitor the discussion. If the messages are threatening, keep a record and contact the police.

THANK YOU to the Denmark Little Athletics Club for the donation of the hurdles and the Walpole Men's Shed for the restoration job that they did on a tight schedule in time for our sports carnival last week.

VacSwim December/January school holiday programs
Enrolments are now open. Swimming pools and beaches are part of our Western Australian lifestyle. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s December/January school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. For information and to enrol, visit det.wa.edu.au/swimming. For further information, telephone VacSwim on 9345 4007 or email vacswim@education.wa.edu.au.

Family Mental Health Support Service
How can we help your family?
There are things that family members can do to promote positive mental health for yourself, and for children or young people. We can help with-
• counselling
• home-based practical support
• information and referrals
• connect with other services
Who is this service for?
Families with children between 0-18 years of age.
How do you get help?
This is a free service. Call us on 9845 7700 to speak to a Family Support Worker.
We are located at:
118 Serpentine Road, Albany

Kindergarten/Pre Primary School Enrolments for 2014
If your child is 4 or 5 years old by 30 June 2014, or changing primary schools in 2014, apply to enrol now.
Come in and speak with the friendly staff at our school who are here to help you with your application.
If your child is currently enrolled in Kindy at Walpole PS it is not necessary to re-enrol for 2014.
ACIR Immunization records and birth certificate are required at enrolment.

The Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge (in support of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA) encourages WA children to read more (or be read to) over the summer school holidays. Register for the challenge at summerreadingchallenge.org.au before December 2nd.