**Dates to Remember**

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**PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS**

**Outstanding Attendance**
Research has shown that every day at school counts. Missing schools leads to lower academic scores and a lack of a sense of belonging.

As of last Friday, two students have attended school 100% of semester two: Pia Gamblin and Chantelle McKinlay. What a great start to schooling for these youngsters! Amber Ninyette, Elsie Edmonds, Connar Hill, Matilda Hill, Keira English and Lucy Hoskins attended 99% of the semester. Congratulations to these students and their parents for such excellent attendance.

**Enrolments**
At this stage, we have 92 students enrolled for 2014, up from 89 at the start of 2013. It is fantastic to have increased enrolment numbers.

To enable us to plan effectively, if your child is not going to be at Walpole PS in 2014, can you please let the office know?

**Thank you**
Thank you to the staff, parents and students at Walpole PS. I have had a tremendous 9 months and have appreciated your support. The existing team is on board next year with the current class groups continuing. We expect to see Mrs Sarah Walker returning early in term 1, with Miss Ashleigh Cooper ably supporting where required.

**School Uniforms**
It is fantastic to see so many students wearing the school uniform. It shows pride in the school and makes deciding what to wear an easy choice each morning.

The colours of the school are royal blue, light blue and white; navy blue items are permissible where royal blue is not readily available (eg tracksuits, skirts). Students are expected to wear the school uniform according to its design; eg tracksuit pants will be worn as designed, fully extended NOT rolled up.

Unfortunately a few other items are now being worn. They include black and navy blue shorts and pants. Jewellery such as dangly earrings, bracelets and rings are not to be worn as they can be a safety issue. No make up is allowed, including nail polish.

Parent support with this issue would be appreciated. Please be ready for your child to start the new year with a school uniform. Manjimup Monograms and the Op Shop have uniforms available.

**Building Stronger Students**
Students who achieve things on their own become confident of their abilities and are willing to take risks to try new things. Over the holidays, aim to increase your child’s skills. Pick one thing they’re not doing now that they are capable of doing, e.g. dressing themselves, making their bed, doing the dishes, cook a meal, etc. Ask that they start doing that and support them to do so, initially. Then slowly step back as they develop their skills and confidence. Don’t step in and do it for them, they will continue to be dependent and lack confidence in their abilities.

Happy holidays!
Students Personal Items Lists
Parents and Caregivers, if you are finding it difficult to source the TI-15 Calculator locally we have included a link below which may help if you wish to order online.

If you would like to receive the school newsletter by email please contact the office or email Walpole.ps@education.wa.edu.au your email address.

Thank you to the following...
John and Eve O’Brien, Walpole Quality Meats for the donation of sausages and Kasey Hill for crocheting Mo’s for our Movember Fundraiser. We raised $177.56 for the cause.
Doctors Without Borders for the generous donation of plants for our gardens.

Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk Summer Holiday Program.
There are plenty of fun, free and low cost activities so please come along and join in.

~Last Day Celebrations~
On the last day of school, Thursday 19th December, we will be having a whole school party to celebrate an excellent school year!
We will be cleaning the hall and our classrooms in the morning. Then in the afternoon we will enjoy a shared lunch and watch movie together in the hall (The Santa Clause, G).
Please bring a plate of healthy food to share.
Please NO softdrinks.

Wheelies at Walpole!
Fun for all ages at all stages!
Bring your Skate Board, Scooter, Skates and Blades down to the Walpole Skate Park Launch - 29th Jan 2014, 10:00am - 3:00pm Car of Jones & Swan St

For more information contact Sharon on 08 9771 7752

Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk Summer holiday activity program (Walpole Wilderness to Denmark)
3 December to 18 January 2015

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Book your activity now
Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk
Open daily from 8am. Last box 5:15pm
Phone: 98 60 8163 Email: ttw@dpaw.wa.gov.au
Website: www.parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au

Please note: A parent or guardian is required to accompany children under 15 years old on all activities. Activities are one hour unless stated otherwise.