Walpole Primary School
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Our purpose is to contribute to each student's physical, emotional and academic development and to assist them to foster positive values as participants in an ever-changing society.

**Dates to Remember**

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**Good Evening Everyone**

**Concert and Graduation Information**
The Year 7 Graduation Dinner will again be conducted at The Walpole Country Club on Monday 13 December commencing at 6.30pm. Invitations have been extended to parents.

Year 6 students will prepare and serve the meal. The Year 6 students have been allocated duties either during the day preparing the food or at night serving, etc.

**The End of Year School Concert on Thursday, December 16th begins at 6.30pm in the Community Hall.**

Students will need to be at the hall no later than 6.15pm to give them time to dress for their items. Finally, the P & C has organised a supper at the conclusion of the evening’s program. Each family has been asked to supply a plate supper. We have many visitors including grandparents and other family members, and I’m sure that they will appreciate a lovely supper.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Claire Roocke on her excellent piano exam results and thank you for the lovely rendition presented at the Assembly last week.

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES**
CONGRATULATIONS to the Year 7 students who prepared and served lunch to the Senior Citizens’ group at The Recreation Centre last Wednesday. From all reports the food was delicious and the students enjoyed their participation in undertaking a community service.

SPECIAL THANKS to Gary Muir and Leah Elston for their support in allowing our Year 6 students to join them on their Monday, Tuesday and Friday cruises for the past 5 weeks. During this time students have observed and learnt about Walpole from Gary and Leah and have also presented their own researched topic to passengers. From all reports passengers appreciated the courtesy, manners and commitment made by all students and from student comments they certainly all learnt a lot about various aspects of Walpole.

Thanks again Gary and Leah.

**STUDENT REPORTING**
Reports will be provided to students on Thursday 16 Dec – they will not be released earlier. Teachers are currently making contact with some parents to discuss special placement for 2011. Class lists will be placed on room doors prior to school re-commencing on Wednesday February 5.
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
The last Lawn Bowls activity for Years 4-7 will be at 9:00am tomorrow morning at the Country Club. Special thanks to Brian Sarre and the many other bowls club members who have willingly given their time to teach the students the art of the game. Special thanks to the Country Club for allowing students to use their facilities.

SOUP KITCHEN: TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER
Next Tuesday we will be conducting a “Soup Kitchen” with various soups available in exchange for a gold coin donation.

A separate order has been sent home today. Please return form on Monday so that students can finalise preparations.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE SCHOOL UNIFORM
Consideration to change the School uniform will be determined at the first meeting of The School Council on Monday Feb 22. Please discuss your concerns with members of the Council so that they can truly represent your views:
Glen Burton Chair 9840 1332
Deanne Blake 9840 1849
Matt Wrigley 9840 1852
Antony Egerton-Warburton 9840 1636
David Edmonds 9840 1105
Karen Pascoe 9840 8025
Julie Ewing 9840 1441

FINAL STUDENT DAY ACTIVITIES
All students will participate in activities at the Recreation Centre on Thursday Dec 16. A free sausage sizzle lunch, including fruit and a fruit drink will be available to students.
Students will need to wear School uniform and bring their own morning tea and water bottles.

On behalf of the staff, I thank you, the parents of our students, most sincerely for the support you have given all of us throughout 2010 and look forward to your continued commitment in the coming year.

Merry Christmas

Have a great, safe holiday with your children and an enjoyable festive season

Richard

THIS FORTNIGHT’S THOUGHTS
"Help others and give something back. I guarantee you will discover that while public service improves the lives and the world around you, its greatest reward is the enrichment and new meaning it will bring your own life."
Arnold Schwarzenegger

My Wish for You in 2011
May peace break into your home and may thieves come to steal your debts.
May the pockets of your jeans become a magnet for $100 bills.
May love stick to your face like Vaseline and may laughter assault your lips!
May happiness slap you across the face and may your tears be that of joy.
May the problems you had, forget your home address!
In simple words ...

May 2011 be the best year yet!

FOR SALE - Backpack fundraiser
If you missed out on placing an order we have available from the Front Office:
2 x Posture tuff primary backpacks - $55.95 each
4 x Eco Library/reading bags - $8.00 each

Only while stock lasts.