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

**PARENT SURVEY**

As part of our accountability we ask that you complete the survey sent home last week. Before Friday 20 August, a member of the School Council will contact you to see if you require any clarification or assistance and/or to collect your completed survey.

Each page covers one or more distinct parts of the information being sought. Whilst we would like you to be succinct in your comments, please attach extra pages if there is insufficient room for your comments.

**Please return surveys to one of the following sites by Monday 23 August:**

- a sealed box placed on the counter in the School office.
- to Julie Ewing at The Recreation Centre.
- hand to a member of the School Council (parent representatives are Glen or Kim Burton, Deanne Blake, Karen Pascoe, Julie Ewing, Matt Wrigley, Dave Edmonds or Anthony Egerton-Warburton).

The survey boxes will be opened and responses collated by parent members of the School Council. **School staff will only be able to view data once it has been aggregated.** This has been done specifically to encourage parents to be totally honest in their responses without fear of School ‘retribution’.

Following collation of the data a summary will be included in a newsletter. Please circle one of the numbers to indicate your agreement; 1 is Strongly Disagree - 4 is Strongly Agree.

Thank you in anticipation of you taking the time to contribute to the evaluation of our School.

**SCHOOL EXCURSIONS**

There are a number of activities taking place throughout the School in various classes including:

- The kindergarten students visiting The Silver Chain yesterday. They will be visiting other services around town over the remainder of the year.
- Bendigo Bank Netball competition at Katanning for upper School students.
- Years 4-7 participating in the annual Winter Carnival at Pemberton next Friday.
- Junior Students will be travelling to Albany shortly to attend the presentation of ‘Wombat Stew’.

**STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

The following specialists will be visiting the School shortly:

- **School Psychologist** Monday 23 August
- **Speech Pathologist** Wednesday 25 August.
- **School Nurse** Thursday 26 August

If any parents have specific concerns and wish their child to be referred to any of these specialists please let your child’s teacher or the office know so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS**

It is absolutely essential that parents inform us if students are not travelling on the bus on any particular day. When a student can’t be located because a parent has picked up their child it creates a situation where we have to verify that the child has actually been correctly
collected. This results in a considerable waste of time and bus delays meaning that contractors often can’t meet their time requirements to meet up with other buses and late drop off of other students often causes their parents angst.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION
In an effort to reduce the amount of paper used in the school we would like to email the school newsletter to parents and community members who have computer access and an email address. Please advise the office if you would like to receive the newsletter this way. A hard copy will still be available to those parents requiring this form of communication with distribution continuing as at present. Thanks to those parents who have already responded.

SCHOOL WEBSITE
We now have set up a new website for the School: www.walpoleps.wa.edu.au
Over the next few weeks staff and students, the P&C and School Council will be loading data to make it easier for parents, and others, to learn more about what is happening at Walpole PS.
The site will be sponsored by various companies for varying periods. The School will receive $0.50 each time the website is visited. Whilst this sum is small by itself, it will like ‘every penny saved’ start to accumulate allowing us some extra funds to support student learning.
Our first sponsors are Bunnings and Blue Pod Coffee Co; see later pages for their advertising. I thank them for their support with this venture and trust that a mutually beneficial outcome will be realised by them and the School.

STUDENT STATIONERY REQUISITES
PLEASE check that your child has all the necessary stationery items needed to be able to fully participate in all lessons. Some students have lost, damaged or simply used up their initial supplies. The basics for most classes are as follows:
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- 3 or 4 lead pencils
- a good wooden ruler
- set of 12 colouring pencils
- set of textas
- 3 or 4 red and blue biros (years 4 to 7)
- eraser
- library bag

Having all these items in good condition makes it easier for students to complete class work and be engaged in learning. Please check with your child to find out the condition of their stationery. Teachers will be conducting audits of student’s stationery over the next few days and sending home notes if there are required items missing from pencil cases.

SCHOOL FEES
At this stage of the year we still have 15 families who have not paid their voluntary fees. These monies, whilst being of a voluntary nature are important to the School’s end budget. Monies received are spent on the educational well-being of all students and enable us to further improve learning opportunities for all students.
Thank you to all those forty seven families who have already paid. Payment by other parents would be appreciated.

We also have joined the McCain’s Vege promotion. If you purchase any of their frozen vegetables please cut off the barcode and forward it to School. We can earn points towards the purchase of equipment that supports the children’s garden and orchard development.

If you have any matters that you wish to discuss with me please telephone to make a mutually convenient appointment – at present I have no teaching responsibility on Monday morning & Tuesday afternoons and on Fridays (although this is often a meeting day in Albany). I can’t guarantee the answers that you want BUT I will listen and endeavour to negotiate an acceptable solution or to investigate your concerns and get back to you!

Have a great fortnight
Richard

This Fortnight’s Thought
"Accept that all of us can be hurt, that all of us can and surely will at times fail. Other vulnerabilities, like being embarrassed or risking love, can be terrifying, too. I think we should follow a simple rule: if we can take the worst, take the risk.”

Joyce Brothers
P&C News...
Well the play equipment should be here any day now, so we look forward to a new addition in the playground for the children.

Dates to note –

Saturday September 11th we will be holding a fundraiser Quiz Night at the Rec Centre.

Saturday October 2nd a sausage sizzle at the morning markets and catering for National Parks celebration at Nornalup Hall in the afternoon.

Friday 19th November we will have a disco at the Rec Centre for all children.

Times and costs for these events will be advised.

Coming up soon is an opportunity to buy backpacks, homework/music bags and washable lunch wrappers.

Finally, we would like to ask for volunteers with Friday lunches. We need 1 parent helper each Friday of term, to help supervise the students preparing and cooking the meal. Whether you can manage 1 Friday or 10 it will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to help out with any of these events or have any ideas to share please let us know via the front office, or ph 98401852.

Thank you
Fiona, P&C Committee

2010 – 2011 VACSWIM
Lessons are open to anyone who is five years and older on the first day of classes.

Enrolments for October and January classes are completed and sent direct to the VacSwim Office (PO Box 130 Tuart Hill, WA, 6939); or online at www.det.wa.edu.au. Enrolments must be received by 1 September 2010 for the October program and 10 November 2010 for the January program.

For more information contact VacSwim on 9344 0900 or www.det.wa.edu.au

FOR SALE
UR Walpole tea towels
Available from the Front Office
$10.00 each

Walpole Public Library
New Hours
Effective Wednesday 11th August 2010

Wednesdays
9am—12noon & 1pm—3.30pm

Fridays
9am—12noon & 1pm—3.30pm

Saturdays
9am—12noon
PLAY FOR LIFE ... JOIN A SPORTING CLUB

Children are being encouraged to consider taking up a club sport as part of a National campaign themed Play for Life ... join a sporting club.

Nationwide, around 150 gala days or try a sport events will be held between July and September to introduce children and parents to the range of club sports available in their area.

The campaign reflects the importance of physical activity for the healthy growth and development of our children. Research shows that it helps children cope with stress, reduces anxiety and depression, strengthens self-esteem, and boosts mental alertness.

Playing a club sport adds another dimension – it helps children develop valuable life skills such as co-operation, discipline, respect and tolerance.

Renowned child and adolescent psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg says that after 20 years of working in his field, he is absolutely convinced of the benefits of club sport for children.

“Apart from the obvious physical benefits, participation in sports clubs enables young people to take healthy risks, spend structured time with age-appropriate peers, and win, lose or draw, they discover more about themselves,” he said.

Johanna Griggs has supported the initiative by becoming the campaign’s ambassador.

“I’m proud to be an ambassador for ‘Play for life ... join a sporting club’. It reflects my own journey with sport a journey that has helped me get to where I am today.

“But more importantly, it reflects the positive role that sport plays in my boys’ lives ... for life.”

For more information, or to find sporting clubs near you, visit ausport.gov.au/findaclub.

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