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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<td>Friday 19 November</td>
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<td>Friday 3 December</td>
<td>Assembly run by Yr 2/3, Item by Kindy</td>
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<td>Thursday 16 December</td>
<td>6.30pm Presentation Night</td>
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Good Evening Everyone

CONGRATULATIONS to students (staff and parents) for the fantastic athletics' results at Pemberton last Friday. The School won the Handicap Shield (the last win was in 2000) and was overall runner-up.
All students performed creditably with notable performances by:

Ethan Burton GOLD Year 6/7 boys and
Bronze 900m primary boys

Tayla Smeathers SILVER Yr 6/7 girls and
Bronze 800m primary girls

Toby Burton SILVER Yr4/5 boys
Aurora Ewing SILVER Yr 4/5 girls

Thanks also to the parents who so willingly assisted with transporting students – your help is truly appreciated.

Change of Assembly set for 26 November
Due to swimming lessons the Assembly planned for Friday November 26 has been deferred until Friday December 3.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Apologies regarding the late notification re swimming lessons but a lack of communication has resulted in late notification and confirmation of arrangements for supply of teachers.

Student Community Involvement

Over the past few weeks several groups of students have been taken down to Pioneer Park to clean the area of dropped bottlebrushes – damage caused by parrots. The area around the bus stop looked great even though it didn’t last more than a day or so – thanks Ivan for taking the rubbish to the dump for us.

On behalf of the School, I thank and congratulate them for the concern they have shown to their environment and their involvement that goes to substantiate the Walpole slogan – Unity in the Community.

Special thanks to WOW Cruises for their support for the Year 6 students currently participating in cruises and presenting researched notes to passengers. This is a great opportunity for our future leaders to learn:
• more about Walpole
• how to deal with and speak to the public
I have already had very positive feedback from Gary and his passengers on our students’ conduct and their presentations.
Message to community members:
As from 2011 the school newsletter will only be available online or by mail out – it will not be distributed via 'The Walpole Weekly'! If you would like to receive a copy of the school newsletter by mail please contact the school with your details; we will be pleased to mail you a copy to maintain your involvement with the School.

Inappropriate Use of Computers
Whilst teachers closely monitor student use of computers it has come to our attention that a number of upper school students have been accessing inappropriate websites whilst using computers at School. Whilst the School does not currently have a policy in place to deal with these transgressions, parents are asked to inform their children that, if they are found to be accessing inappropriate sites, use of computers at School will be withdrawn for those students for an appropriate period.

Did you know that there are minimum age requirements for persons using social media sites?
Myspace – 14 years Facebook – 13 years

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
Lawn Bowls for Years 4-7 will commence on Tuesday afternoon November 23 (3.30 – 4.30pm) and continue for 4 weeks including a competition each Saturday morning commencing November 27 between 9.00 and 10.00am. A bus will be hired to take students to the Country Club each afternoon – parents will need to transport children on Saturday mornings.

OUR NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE is up and running. Visit www.walpoleps.wa.edu.au

Note to parents:
As many class and School activities include photographs of the children, please inform the School in writing if you do not wish to have your child’s photograph published on the WPS website! Please visit and use information on our website – the providers pay us $0.50 per ‘hit’ and in order to maintain this payment we need your support in viewing (and using) sponsors’ details.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE SCHOOL UNIFORM
We have received a proposal to change the shirt component of the School uniform – see picture and the actual shirt is available in the School office.
Rather than have two or three options which can be costly it is suggested that we have one shirt that students wear to School daily as well as using for sports.
The proposed shirt is made from a breathable material that is supposed to be easier to wash, more stain resistant and with less chance of fraying or fading. Cost is estimated to be $22.00 compared to current shirts that cost around $19.00.
If the proposal is accepted by the School Council the old uniform will be phased out during 2011.

School Garden
Thanks to Larry Youngman (School Gardener), Garth Nockolds, Frank Cooper, Wayne & Todd Brown for their help on Tuesday 9th in erecting the poles to allow us to net the orchard. If you have some time to spare I’m sure Larry would appreciate your support and knowledge to enable us to net the trees before the parrots find the fruit.
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 mornings & Tuesday afternoons and on Fridays (although this is often a meeting day in Albany). As previously indicated 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**

"Although there may be nothing new under the sun, what is old is new to us and so rich and astonishing that we never tire of it. If we do tire of it, if we lose our curiosity, we have lost something of infinite value, because to a high degree it is curiosity that gives meaning and savour to life."

Robertson Davies

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**FOR SALE – P&C Backpack fundraiser**

If you missed out on placing an order we have available from the Front Office:

3 x Posture tuff primary backpacks - $55.95 each
4 x Eco Library/reading bags - $8.00 each

Only while stock lasts.

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**P&C News**

**19TH NOVEMBER**

"SUMMER FUN" DISCO

Come dressed in a Summer Fun Theme

**WHEN - FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER**

**TIME - 5PM TILL 7PM**

**WHERE - REC CENTRE**

Children 5yrs and under will need parental supervision.

**Door costs**

- Per child $4.00
- For three or more children $10.00

**Food**

- Home made pizza
  1. Hawaiian - ham cheese and pineapple per slice $1.00
  2. Margarita - tomato and cheese
- Caramel/plain popcorn in cones .50c
- Home made lemonade per cup .50c
- Home made marshmallow fish .50c
- Cup cakes .50c
- Soft drinks $1.50

Some Glow hair clips, Glow bracelets, Freddo frogs and Pop rocks also available.
Junior & Adult
TENNIS COACHING
at TINGLEDALE TENNIS CLUB
With DAVID KERR (Tennis Australia Development Coach)
Sunday 7, 14, 21 & 28 November, 9.00am - 12.00noon
COST Juniors: $40 for the 4 weeks

Adults: $20 per lesson
For further information or to register please contact:
Laura Grieve on 0438 893 926 or Viv Tippett on 9840 8168
Stay on after coaching for social tennis (starts at 2.00pm)