Walpole Primary School
Newsletter No 16 – 21 October 2010

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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

PARENT SURVEY
As a result of feedback we have already implemented some actions, more specifically in regard to the perceived level of bullying:
- Student Councillors are now rostered to provide a series of supervised lunch time activities for younger students requiring structured play.
- Mrs Brodie is conducting a sewing group with a number of interested senior students. If you have any material scraps (lining, cotton fabric), ribbons, laces or embroidery threads you are willing to donate she would love to hear from you.

The following definition of bullying is that used by the School (and Department of Education):
Bullying is when an individual or group misuses power to target another individual or group to intentionally threaten or harm them on more than one occasion. This may involve verbal, physical, relational and psychological forms of bullying. Teasing or fighting between peers is not necessarily bullying.

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 advise the School in writing if you do not wish to have your child’s photograph published on the WPS website!

ALBANY SHOW DAY - Friday Nov 12
SCHOOL WILL REMAIN OPEN AND ALL CHILDREN WILL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

CHILD SAFETY RESTRAINT LAWS.

With changes that came into effect on 1 October 2010 – are you compliant?

Children aged 4 years to under 7 years must not travel in the front seat of a vehicle that has a back row or rows of seats unless all the other back seats are occupied by children who are also under 7 years.

Must use either:
- a forward facing approved child restraint with an inbuilt harness (max 18kg), OR
- an approved booster seat secured with a properly fastened and adjusted seatbelt, OR separately purchased child harness.

Booster seats are suitable for children up to 26kg in weight. Use either:
- A Combination restraint – stow internal harness and use with either a Lap/Sash seatbelt or Child Harness once child is over 18kg.
- A Booster seat with either an adult Lap/Sash seatbelt or Child Harness.

Keep children in a booster seat until they reach the maximum limit of 26kg. If your child is over 7 years of age and still fits in their booster seat (up to 26kg) keep using it.

SENIOR CAMP (Years 5-7?) TO CANBERRA 2011
To date we have only received eight responses to the survey sent out to the parents of next year’s Year 5-7 students concerning the proposed camp. A number of fundraising ideas were received at the meeting conducted on Tuesday 12 October and if the camp is to proceed we need to implement them now.

It is essential that we receive any additional responses by Monday 25 October otherwise planning will cease and the camp proposal will be abandoned.
STAFF CHANGES
We welcome Dan Midalia to our school to undertake teaching practice in the Year 2-3 room Dan will be with us until 26 November.
Mrs Harrington has resigned from the School Officer position on Fridays and has been replaced by Mrs Kim Burton. On behalf of the staff I thank Mrs Harrington for her contribution to Walpole PS and wish her well with her future plans.

SCHOOL BANKING
Several parents indicated in their responses that they would like the School to present some activities concerning Financial Education. If parents are interested in us progressing this matter, is School Banking considered to be a part of this process? If you would like School Banking commenced please inform me as both Bendigo Bank and The Commonwealth Bank have indicated their support for this service.

BUILDING PROGRAMME
WOW! the 'Spider' is installed and is receiving regular and consistent use. Last week classes were rostered for exclusive use daily however this has now been changed as follows:
- Monday Years P-2
- Tuesday Years P-1
- Wednesday Years 2-4
- Thursday Years 4-5
- Friday Years 6-7
The undercover area has progressed significantly and it is anticipated that construction work will be completed by the end of the year and that full access will be available to us by the commencement of school in 2011.
On Wednesday we will be receiving a visit from members of the 'Building Education Revolution' taskforce to discuss complaints submitted by parents. If you have any concerns please forward them to me prior to close of School on Tuesday 26 October

IN-TERM SWIMMING LESSONS
Separate documentation will be sent home regarding swimming lessons. At present we awaiting confirmation of teaching staff however it is anticipated that lessons will be presented during the week November 22-26 inclusive.
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). 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 THOUGHTS
"If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders."
Abigail Van Buren

"If you take responsibility for yourself you will develop a hunger to accomplish your dreams."
Les Brown

The MOBILE DENTAL THERAPY VAN is located at Denmark Primary School until early August 2011. It is anticipated to be in Walpole from 8 August – 19 August 2011. To contact Michelle and Lorna phone 0437486143.

THANK YOU to Derek for assisting Larry with marking the town oval for our sports day and to the schools neighbours for feeding our chickens over the holidays.
Your help is very much appreciated.

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 10 November 2010 for the January program.
For more information contact VacSwim on 9344 0900 or www.det.wa.edu.au

How does the Coles Sports for Schools program work?
From Thursday 2 September until Sunday 31 October 2010 for every $10 spent at Coles Supermarkets, Coles Online, Bi-Lo and Pick’n Pay customers will earn a Coles Sports for Schools voucher worth 1 point (given at check out).
Students can collect these vouchers from family, friends and neighbours (even teachers!) and drop them into the voucher collection box, which is located in the front office.
We need to drop off our voucher collection box into our local Coles Supermarket store by 5pm on Friday 12 November and then go shopping – for new sporting equipment.
Our brand new sporting equipment will then be delivered at the start of school in 2011. What a great way to welcome back all the kids from their holidays and get them excited about the new school year!
P&C News

THANK YOU to Neil and Kelly Burton, Matthew Wrigley, Anthony Thompson, Nathan Blake, Brad Cooper, Glen Burton and Larry Youngman for erecting the Spider and to all the cooks and helpers at the 100 year celebration in the holidays.

Dates for your diary:

29TH OCTOBER SPORTS DAY

TEA, COFFEE, CAKE AND HOMEMADE LEMONADE STALL, ALSO SAUSAGE SIZZLE AVAILABLE FOR LUNCH.

(Note home next week with more details.)

19TH NOVEMBER
"SUMMER FUN" DISCO AT THE REC CENTRE.

Fiona Wrigley, P&C President

FREE PARENTING SEMINARS

Managing children’s behaviour can be challenging at times for most parents. Parents are invited to attend a free parenting seminar being offered in your town to learn practical, positive and effective ways to deal with common behavioural problems, and ways to help your child achieve their best at school and in the future.

Parents may attend the following 2 hour seminar

Seminar One: The Power of Positive Parenting

When THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
AT SILVER CHAIN WALPOLE

Time 10am to 12 o’clock

Cost: Free

For more information, or to register to attend a free parenting seminar please contact: School Nurse Sue Slezczak at Community Health on 97770411

Parents of children aged between three and five years are encouraged to attend. In some areas, parents of children aged between six and eight may also be able to attend.

Rural Watch - Handy Hints

THINGS YOU PROBABLY NEVER KNEW YOUR MOBILE PHONE COULD DO

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out some of the things that you can do with it:

FIRST
Emergency
The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112
If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile; network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialled even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

SECOND
Have you locked your keys in the car? Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday.
Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home or their mobile phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock.
Save someone from having to drive your keys to you.
Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other remote for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

THIRD
Hidden Battery Power
Imagine your mobile battery is very low. To activate, press the keys “*970#” Your mobile will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show an increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your mobile next time.
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