Good Evening Everyone

This week the Years 5-7 students are in Perth participating in a Musc Camp – thanks to Ms Walker and Mrs Crossley for their organisation. Students will be presenting at various schools, including John Septimus Roe College (who visited us last year) as well as The Australian Primary Principals’ Conference – an audience of around 1000 school administrators from all over Australia. In addition they will visit various other places of educational interest.

I will be attending the APPA Conference from Tuesday afternoon through to Friday. In my absence please direct any urgent matters to Mrs Doust or one of the teachers.

P&C Activities
Quiz Night
Congratulations to all concerned for their organisation of this evening which resulted in a significant amount being raised towards School activities.

Years 4-7 Class Activities
CONGRATULATIONS to all students on their fantastic efforts with their Roman, Greek and Egyptian projects. Parents who visited have remarked very positively on the variety and standard of work undertaken. Parents and students should be extremely proud of their children’s efforts.

PARENT SURVEY
As a result of feedback and affirmation of current processes provided by parents we have already implemented some actions, more specifically in regard to the perceived level of bullying.

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.

A separate newsletter detailing survey matters will be sent home in the first week of next term.

For your diary
At Monday night’s School Council meeting it was agreed that a meeting be held to discuss many of the issues raised in the survey. Accordingly the meeting has been planned for 7.00pm on Monday October 18 in the ‘Computer Room’ (nearest the toilets).

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!
CHILD SAFETY RESTRAINT LAWS.
With changes coming into effect on 1 October 2010 — are you ready?
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.

ALBANY SHOW DAY - Friday Nov 12
We received insufficient responses (5 to stay open and 8 to close) to make an informed decision as to what parents would prefer. Accordingly the SCHOOL WILL REMAIN OPEN AND ALL CHILDREN WILL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

SENIOR CAMP (Years 5-7?) TO CANBERRA 2011
To enable us to make an informed decision about proceeding with planning for the proposed camp a meeting to discuss the camp will be held at 3:15pm on Tuesday October 12 (whilst basketball is on). If we do not receive sufficient support at the meeting to commence bookings then we will need to abandon planning for 2011!

Message from Murray Brooker
(Karate teacher)
"Can I also pass on my respect for the dedication, discipline and quest for learning demonstrated by the students of Walpole. Each student is respectful and is a credit to you, your school staff and their parents. A job well done!"

LOST PROPERTY
Could all parents please check that the jumpers that their children are bringing home belong to them?
It is also essential that all clothing items are clearly labelled with your child's name as replacement of such items becomes not only frustrating but quite expensive.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
By the time students return to School next term, the ‘Spider’ will be installed and ready for use — special thanks to the willing band of parents who gave up their time to commence the construction.
With support from the architects additional funds have been sourced to complete landscaping of this area adjoining the P-1 class.
It is also anticipated that the Undercover area will have progressed significantly — hopefully the rain will stay away to enable planned construction work to be achieved.

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!

I trust you have a great fortnight and a safe holiday with your children.

Richard

This Fortnight's Thoughts
No person has ever gone blind from looking at the bright side of life.  
Source unknown

"Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance."

C.S. Lewis

Physical Education Classes Term 4
Just a quick reminder that Physical Education is still on Thursdays for all students PP – 7.
We are currently training for the athletics carnival.

Please have children prepared ‘or activity EVERY Thursday — suitable footwear (sandshoes, NOT boots or sandals), clothes that they can move comfortably in (not dresses and tight skirts), hats and a drink bottle.
If your child is too sick or injured to participate please send them with a note for me, or call at school in the morning. If they are ‘a bit sick’, also let me know and he/she may be able to participate in some, if not all activities.
Please talk to me if you have any concerns,
Louise Gardiner
Health and Physical Education Teacher
MERIT CERTIFICATES AWARDED

Kindy  Maximum Matheson
        Will Arrowsmith
        Tia Burton

Pre Primary  Sara Simpson
             Cooper Masters

Year 1  Kobe Halse
        Ella Harris
        Kaitlyn Dawton

Year 2  Elsie Edmonds
        Kailis Bellanger

Year 3  Riekaya Finlay

Year 4  Aurora Ewing
        Grace Gardner
        Reg Clark

Year 5  Tully Lane

Congratulations!

WALPOLE NAB AUSKICK 2011

If anyone is interested in coaching or co-ordinating the 2011 season please contact Kim Burton 98401332
It would be a shame if Auskick had to stop.

Children - are you interested in a drama performance at Red Faces?
Contact Laura Arrowsmith for help with ideas for your performance. Phone: 98408069.

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

Denmark Walpole Junior Football
The end of season wind-up was held on Saturday 18th September in Denmark.
Well done to all of the players.

Congratulations to
Ethan Burton, Fairest and Best u/13s
Edward Rooke, Utility Award u13s
Martin Leggerini, Rookie Award u13s
Kyle Thorpe, Coaches Award u15s
Adam Leggerini, Runner-Up Fairest and Best u15s
Warren Taylor, Rookie Award u15s

GO THE MAGPIES

P&C Backpack Fundraiser
Still time to place an order, extended until Friday 15 October.
Display of bags and order forms available from the Front Office.
Ancient Civilisation
Year 4/5/6/7