Good Evening Everyone

MRS KENDRICK NOMINATED FOR A NATIONAL TEACHER AWARD.

Mrs Kendrick has been nominated, by a School community member, for a National Inspirational Teacher Award. She has been presented with a NEiTA Certificate of Nomination.

The purpose of these prestigious awards is to honour and recognise inspirational teachers, and to highlight the work, not only of individual teachers throughout Australia and New Zealand, but also the team contribution of all teachers in every school.

Mrs Kendrick will now be considered for a National Inspirational Teaching Award and grant. On behalf of the School community I congratulate Mrs Kendrick, thank the nominator and say ‘Well done!’ to all our teachers for doing a great job.

NEiTA Chairman, Terry O’Connell, said, “When the community generally thinks of leaders, it is usually in association with our National heroes, or political or business figures. But Australia’s educators who demonstrate their leadership skills every day, often go unrecognized. NEiTA aims to help remedy this and shine the limelight on a host of leadership qualities that inspirational teachers possess.

“Great Teachers Lead The Way” as they guide and inspire their students in learning, support and encourage parents and colleagues, and forge community connections and exchange.

OUR NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE is up and running. Visit www.walpoleps.wa.edu.au
All newsletters, current term planners and forthcoming events are now available online. A number of areas on the website are still under construction. We will continue to add other areas of interest such as P&C and School Council information over the next few weeks.
TINGLEDALE BUS
As from **Monday 30 August** Lee Cummuskey will be taking over driving the Tingedale bus. For any bus changes please contact Lee at home on 98401019 before 7.15am or mobile 0429784924 after this time.
Many thanks to Peter Newton for his support in recent years; he will continue to act as a relief driver as required.

PARENT SURVEY
School Council parent members who will be collating the data have decided to delay processing until this weekend. If you have completed the survey, but have not forwarded it to School and wish your responses to be included please return the survey by tomorrow. The sealed container is available in the Office.

SENIOR CAMP TO CANBERRA 2011
Mrs Walker is currently in Canberra as a guest of the Canberra Tourism Board undertaking preparatory planning for the proposed camp. She will return to School on Tuesday. Further discussions shortly.

WINTER SPORTS CARNIVAL RESULTS
All students who travelled to Pemberton had a most enjoyable day although there were some mixed results in the different sports.
The **Hockey** team, despite forfeiting one game in the haste to get home, was undefeated and finished first, the Firebirds **Netball** team only lost 2 games and managed to finish first whilst the Blue Wren team had four wins and four losses and finished fifth. The soccer team played gallantly all day without on-field success but had lots of fun.
Mrs Walker reported back that our students’ behaviour and sportsmanship was positively commented on by a number of teachers from other schools participating – WELL DONE EVERYONE.
Thanks to Mrs Walker for her organisation and to parents for their support on the day.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
The **School Nurse** attended School today for Yr 7 Immunisations.
If any parents have specific concerns and wish their child to be referred to the nurse please let your child’s teacher or the office know so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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 and their participation in many activities is severely hampered by the lack of the necessary stationery.
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.

2011 SCHOOL ORGANISATION
Following staff deliberations and giving consideration to the analysis of the recent survey, class planning for 2011 will be presented to School Council for their endorsement.
Following this, parents will have the opportunity to discuss the proposed placement of their child prior to any firm decision being taken. It is not possible to satisfy all preferences and ultimately the decisions made will be, in the opinion of staff, in the best interests of maximising students’ learning opportunities.

SCHOOL FEES
At this stage of the year we still have 14 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 eight 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 Thoughts
"All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talent."
John F. Kennedy

"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do."
Walter Bagehot

Green Day
On Friday 3rd of September Walpole Primary will have a Green Day. Each class will get one classroom bin and no others. There is a prize to the class with the least rubbish in their bin. This bin will be used for lunch, recess and classroom rubbish. Also on this day you will be able to wear green clothes. To wear green clothes please bring a gold coin donation for our sponsor child Sarini.

Thanks
Student Council

P&C QUIZ NIGHT
Saturday 11th Sept
Walpole Rec Centre
$5.00 per person, Tables of 8.
6.30pm - 10.00pm
Questions commence at 7.00pm
Tea, Coffee and Bar available.
BYO supper.

Tickets available from
Walpole Rec Centre and School Office
or ring Fiona to book a table or seat, 98401852.

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

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

Can you help....
Needed are small drawer string bags sewn to keep classroom headsets safe. Please see Lorelle if you can assist.

\[\text{Help Wanted}\]

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 or have any ideas to share please let us know via the front office, or ph 98401852.
Thank you
Fiona, P&C Committee
NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
Sunday 5 September to Saturday 11 September 2010

Find out how you can keep your child safe in cyberspace at a free public presentation with Dr Julian Dooley, a cyber safety expert and senior research fellow at Edith Cowan University, who will share with parent's safety tips for children.

Keep your child safe in cyberspace
Wednesday 8 September 2 times are available

Session 1 - 12.00pm to 1.00pm
Session 2 - 2.00pm to 2.00pm
Murray Street Mall, Perth (near City Arcade Entrance)

- □ Keep computers in shared spaces.
- □ Have an agreement with your children about their use of the internet.
- □ Explain why it is important to be careful about what information is shared online.
- □ Discuss why your children's offline friends should be their only friends online.

Visit www.internetsafety.wa.edu.au to find out where you can go for more information on cyber safety and your child.

This event is brought to you by the Department for Child Protection, Department of Health, Department of Education and WA Police.

School Nurse News...

Children need 1 - 2 serves of fruit a day.
A serve of fruit is:
1 medium piece i.e. banana, apple, pear, orange
2 small pieces i.e. apricots, kiwi fruit, plums
1 cup canned or dried fruit
Dried fruit i.e. 4 apricot halves, 1 1/2 tbsp sultanas

- Encourage your children to come shopping with you for fruit and vegetables. Allow them to choose what fruit or vegetables they would like to eat, ensuring they are picking enough for 1 - 2 serves a day.
- Buy fruit in season as it is cheaper and better quality.
- Try to shop for fruit twice a week.
- Encourage your children to help you with the preparation of meals.

Crunchy Baked Bananas

Ingredients
4 small bananas
3/4 cup orange juice
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons sultanas
2 tablespoons chopped walnuts
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
4 tablespoon low fat yoghurt

Method
1. Preheat oven to 200°C.
2. Peel the bananas and slice in half length-wise.
3. Place bananas in a shallow dish and pour orange juice over the bananas.
4. Drizzle honey over the bananas, and sprinkle with sultanas, walnuts and cinnamon.
5. Bake in oven for 15 to 20 mins.

It's getting warmer... Cricket is here!!
Registration Norman Pavilion, Centennial Oval
Pre Primary to Year 11
Wed 8th Sept. - 03:30 to 05:00
Includes visit from a “WESTERN WARRIORS” player

Other Registration dates...
Wed 15th Sept. - 03:30 to 05:00
Sat 18th Sept. - 09:00 to 12:00

Can't make it to Albany? Please find registration form and payment details @
Web: ajca.wa.cricket.com.au

Play Cricket! Meet Friends! Have Fun!
Mobile. 0412 723 116
Email: albany_jca@hotmail.com

ROLLERBLADING
AT THE
REC CENTRE!

This Friday 27th August 3.30-4.30
Pre-primary to Year 7
$5.00 includes afternoon snack

Some skates available to use or BYO
Parents welcome to skate for free
Music Camp Concert

Introducing...

Walpole Primary Schools Angklungs Orchestra, Circle of Song and Guests at the Walpole Community Hall on the 10th of September from 5pm to 6.30 pm. Please bring a plate to share and a gold coin donation; all funds raised will go towards the Year 5/6/7 music camp.

Hope to see you there!

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Primary Winter Sports Carnival

Everyone from years 4 to 7 had been training for weeks and on Friday 20th of August they all piled into a bus from several cars and headed to Pemberton for the Primary Winter Sports Carnival. Walpole entered two netball teams, the Walpole Firebirds and the Walpole Blue Wrens, one hockey team and one soccer team. They were all juiced up and new they could do well representing Walpole.

They arrived at Pemberton exploding with excitement and energy. The netballers headed straight inside. Both of the Walpole netball teams warmed up and versed each other first. The firebirds won. There was one change to the teams then the Walpole Girls and Boys separated into their two teams. There were two courts only and fortunately they were both inside. The Firebirds always played on court two and the Blue Wrens always played on court one so they never crossed paths apart from the cheering for the other team when they had a bye. There were nine netball teams including the two Walpole teams. The Firebirds came first and the Blue Wrens came fifth. The coach for the Blue Wrens was Mrs Debbie Pierce and the umpire was Mrs Bronwyn Clark. The coach for the Firebirds was Miss Mikaela Smeathers and the umpire was Ms Sarah Walker.

The Hockey team did phenomenally well. They also came out first. There were six teams including them. Their coach was Mrs Kendal Inverarity and their umpire was Miss Caitlin Slatter. They played outside on two basketball courts. They experienced the true winter weather when it started to rain. They weren’t really that soaked or dirty when they got on the bus but boy were the soccer people dirty.

Mud filled shoes, mud coloured socks and mud stained school clothes. That is what the soccer players looked like after their games. There were also six teams competing. Their coach was Mr Larry Youngman and their umpire was Mrs Louise Gardener. They had two fields to play on yet only played on one. Unfortunately the game last but they had fun, tried their hardest and that’s all that matters.

The carnival was an enormous amount of fun and it wouldn’t have been successful without the help of teachers and parents. Thankyou to everyone who helped organise and helped make things happen on the day. A special thanks to Mal Smeathers who drove the bus up and back. Thankyou to all the students who participated and well done to you all. I’m sure we all had great fun.

By Ashlen Fry
Being Nice to People

One day, when I was a sophomore in high school, I saw a kid from my class walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd."

I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends tomorrow afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and went on.

As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They ran at him, knocking all his books out of his arms and tripping him so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him. He looked up and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes.

My heart went out to him. So, I jogged over to him and as he crawled around looking for his glasses, and I saw a tear in his eye. As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are jerks. They really should get lives." He looked at me and said, "Hey thanks!" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude.

I helped him pick up his books, and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he had gone to private school before now.

I would have never hung out with a private school kid before. We talked all the way home, and I carried some of his books. He turned out to be a pretty cool kid. I asked him if he wanted to play a little football with my friends. He said yes. We hung out all weekend and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him, and my friends thought the same of him.

Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are gonna really build some serious muscles with this pile of books everyday!" He just laughed and handed me half the books.

Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends. When we were seniors, we began to think about college. Kyle decided on Georgetown, and I was going to Duke. I knew that we would always be friends, that the miles would never be a problem. He was going to be a doctor, and I was going for business on a football scholarship.

Kyle was valedictorian of our class. I teased him all the time about being a nerd. He had to prepare a speech for graduation.

I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak. Graduation day, I saw Kyle. He looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually looked good in glasses. He had more dates than I had and all the girls loved him. Boy, sometimes I was jealous.

Today was one of those days. I could see that he was nervous about his speech. So, I smacked him on the back and said, "Hey, big guy, you'll be great!") He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled. "Thanks," he said.

As he started his speech, he cleared his throat, and began. "Graduation is a time to thank those who helped you make it through those tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach...but mostly your friends. I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to someone is the best gift you can give them. I am going to tell you a story."

I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told the story of the first day we met. He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his Mom wouldn't have to do it later and was carrying his stuff home. He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile.

"Thankfully, I was saved. My friend saved me from doing the unspeakable." I heard the gasp go through the crowd as this handsome, popular boy told us all about his weakest moment. I saw his Mom and dad looking at me and smiling that same grateful smile. Not until that moment did I realise it's depth.

Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture you can change a person's life. For better or for worse. God puts us all in each other's lives to impact one another in some way. Look for God in others.

"Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."