PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

Please be aware that next week is Easter and the school will not be open Easter Friday (25/3), Monday (28/3) and Tuesday (29/3). It is a good opportunity to have some family time.

School returns after the vacation break on Wednesday, 27th April to allow for ANZAC Day and a School Development Day for teachers in Albany. We will be learning about the ICT requirements of the Australian Curriculum.

Some children are already starting to miss school for events that could be timetabled during the school or public holidays. Remember, every day at school makes a difference.

92% of Walpole students attend on a regular basis, 6% attend just less than 90% and one child has had the equivalent of more than one day off a week.

Occasionally we have parents in the office asking about school events. When they are told, “It was in the newsletter”, they then respond with, “but I don’t read the newsletter.” This is our main form of communication to parents. If you have any suggestions on ways to make the newsletter more appealing, can you please let Chris or Deb know? Thanks.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Over the next few weeks I will publish one aspect of the school’s Parent Code of Conduct.

A PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND A COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVEMENT OF POTENTIAL

As parents we can support our children in learning and encourage them to try their best by:

- Being good role models. It’s what we do that really counts, for example, we can:
  - Pursue lifelong learning and share knowledge and experiences with our children.
  - Read to ourselves and to our children.
  - Encourage the development of “enquiring minds” in our children.

- Ensure that our children are ‘equipped’ to learn, for example, we can:
  - Provide appropriate items as per the class lists.
  - Ensure children are well rested and well nourished when they arrive at school.
  - Ensure we provide our children with healthy nourishing food at school.
  - Encourage a healthy active lifestyle.

- Take an interest in our children’s school work, for example, we can
  - Encourage the completion of homework, for example, by providing a time and place for children to do their homework.
  - Help out in the classroom or with excursions.
  - Maintain regular contact with teachers via school diary and newsletters.
  - Ask children about their day using open questions and actively listening to what they say.
  - Praise our children for all their efforts and recognize their learning.
  - Make every effort to be involved with Sports Days, Learning Journeys, art projects, assemblies and fetes.
Don’t forget to buy a ticket in the fantastic P&C Easter Raffle. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. The raffle will be drawn Easter Sunday at 1pm.

Thanks to local businesses for their generous donations: Pioneer Store, Walpole Post Office, Aradia Blue, Walpole Pharmacy and Golden Wattle.

FORM has partnered with the City of Albany and the Vancouver Art Centre to bring this incredible project to life. On April 16th you are invited to experience the international and Western Australian mural artists creating large scale works along York Street along with a selection of local Albany artists creating temporary art installations around the City Centre. All the community can join in an artwork tour during the day and the wrap-up party in the Town Square in the evening from 5pm. It will be an evening filled with urban art, music and food.