PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS
Welcome back to another school year. It is great to hear the hum of busy children through the school this week.

CHANGES, CHANGES, CHANGES
Walpole PS has undergone a lot of changes over the last few weeks. As of today, we have 67 students enrolled at the school. It’s quite a big reduction from 95 at the start of 2014 but we’ve been prepared for the change.

STAFF
We have a great team of staff throughout the school. Mrs Sherrill Williams and Mrs Lisa Teague-Robertson will teach the K/P/1 class with support from Miss Margaret Everett. Mrs Lorelle Flett is teaching the year 2/3s and Ms Sarah Walker, the 4/5/6s, with support from Mrs Kim Burton. Mrs Trish Crossley will continue the fantastic Music program and Mrs Teague-Robertson will keep the students achieving their personal best in Phys Ed.

Mr Daniel Robertson has joined the team and will teach Science. Mr Rob Jones will continue as AIEO (and Masterchef).

Mr Steve Fisher is the School Chaplain and will be available to work with teachers and children. If you do not want your child to have access to the School Chaplain, please let the office know.

Mrs Debra Doust and Mrs Kim Burton cover the office and Mrs Debbie Doust is our cleaner. Ms Tash Viner is now our permanent Library Officer. Mr Tim Gamblin is doing a great job as gardener while Rob Griffiths continues with treatment.

CLASSROOMS
The K/P/1 class will continue to operate mainly from Room 7 but will flow into Room 1. The 2/3s are in the old Science Room (Rm 2) and the senior class is in the old library (Rm 4). The new library (Rm 3) will have its grand opening next Tuesday (also a change in library days). The grounds are looking a bit bare but we hope to get a plan prepared and actioned by Autumn.

STUDENT COUNCIL
Congratulations to Lailani Ewing and Bree-anna Burton for being voted as our semester One School Captains. The following are the other Captain roles: Oscar Ebbet-Sports, Ashley English-Media, Ella Harris-Library and Connor Hill-Fundraising. Lailani and Bree-anna will share the Environment/Grounds role.

SCHOOL BOARD and P&C
Please let the office know if you are interested in being a member of the School Board or P&C. Both groups help the school and students in different ways. The School Board is an advisory group for planning and policy. The P&C help with fundraising for resources such as the new kitchen. Last year they did a magnificent job and raised over $10,000.

THANKS
Thanks to Norm and Sue at Walpole Hardware & Rural for the donation of an impact drill and to John at Walpole Quality Meats for the donation of sausages for the last day sausage sizzle.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS DUE
Voluntary contributions are now due if you want to pay the reduced fee of $50 per child. You can also pay a $20 P&C contribution.

COMMUNICATION
Please let the office know if your child is away from school or if there are any changes for the afternoon pick up/bus routine. We would hate for them to end up somewhere unplanned.

BUCHFIRE PREPAREDNESS
The recent fires in the district are a reminder that everyone living in Walpole should have a bushfire plan. Further information is available on http://www.dfas.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/fire/bushfire/BushfireManualsandGuides/DFES_Bushfire-Prepare_Act_Survive_Booklet.pdf