**PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS**

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN information will be sent home to parents of Year 3 and 5 students this week. At school, we continue to focus on teaching a broad range of knowledge and skills that your child can draw on during an exam.

You can help make the testing a stress-free event. Make sure your child eats well and gets plenty of rest during testing week, May 12-14. Let them know that you are confident they will do their best.

**On Entry Testing**

The year 3 and 5s aren’t the only ones who are undergoing national testing. The P1s also have testing on their early literacy and numeracy understandings. This provides teachers immediately with information for targeted programs.

**Visitors**

Just a reminder that all parents/guardians visiting the school must sign in at the front office before entering the school grounds for any reason during the day, eg dropping off lunchbox.

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**Secondary Trauma**

It’s great to be able to say we’re safe from the fires, thanks to the many individuals who helped manage them. However, sometimes after a situation as this, we can still feel traumatised. This secondary trauma can arise when we’re indirectly exposed to a dramatic event. Prolonged exposure to an event through the media can also be upsetting.


**Wednesday Lunch**

The senior class continues to plan and cook some wonderful meals for the school on Wednesdays. We try and use our garden as a basis for any meals. If you have any excess vegetables and/or fruit to donate, it would be very much appreciated.

**Playground Inspection**

Our equipment has just passed its annual inspection. Once the rain starts, we will endeavour to replace the bare patches, where the classrooms were removed with grass. Current water restrictions are making it hard to keep the lawns lush and green.
From the P&C

P&C’s are established under the Education Act for the purpose of supporting a strong government school system for the benefit of all of the students. The P&C is a forum for parents to discuss issues pertaining to the school and its community. They can fund-raise for extra resources for the benefit of the students. P&C’s develop parent participation and involvement in the school.

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held 6pm Tuesday 10th March 2015 followed by a general meeting. All positions will be open. If you have some time and would like to support the Walpole Primary School, please come along.

2015 Voluntary Contributions

Kindy – Yr 6 students ~ $50.00 each
P&C Levy ~ $20.00 per family
Payment by cash, cheque
payable to Walpole Primary School
or Direct Deposit
BSB 306 009 A/C No: 419 756 0
(please use family name as reference)

Walpole Primary School P&C AGM

6pm TUESDAY 10TH MARCH 2015
Walpole Primary School Library
All Positions Open and all welcome.

Nibbles and refreshments available.

Enquiries: Sophie Jacoumis - President

A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY
HEALTH SCHOOL NURSE IN 2015

The Community Health School Nurse is involved in maintaining the health of the school community. We are available to give information/support and assistance on a wide variety of health issues such as immunisation, aspects of growth and development such as vision, hearing, puberty, sexual health, behaviour issues, first aid, self-esteem, nutrition, medications, drugs and alcohol and any general health issue to name a few!

The Community Health School Nurse is also involved in the health education and health promotion of the whole school community (This includes Parents, Students, Teachers)

Student Health Conditions

It is important that the school is aware of all students’ health conditions and medical issues that these are up to date. Please let the school know as soon as possible if your child has any health issues or needs to take medications at school, on a regular basis or otherwise. The school will develop an individualised health care plan for each student that has a health condition. If your child suffers from asthma or anaphylaxis it is very important that they keep their own Ventolin or EpiPen with them at all times and ensures they take them on all school excursions.

Vision

If your child is showing any of the following, he or she should have a vision check. This may be done by the Community Nurse at school, or Optometrist.

- Covering /closing one eye when reading
- Holding books very close
- Complaining of eyestrain or headache
- Complaining of double vision
- Complaining of blurred vision with reading/ blackboard viewing
- Complaining of words moving on a page

From the P&C

Jenny and Clive Kendrick - kitchen cupboards and doors for the school kitchen
Norm & Sue – seedlings over summer
Doug Simpson – bale of silage
Sara Simpson – Marron for the Aquaponics
Keith Burton – for helping Tim setup the classroom smart boards

Thank you for your donations and helping hand
- Losing his/her place with reading, or skipping words and lines
- Inattention or short attention span when reading
- Rubbing the eyes

A leaflet about Colour Vision is available if you didn’t receive information in year 7 or 8.

**Scoliosis** is an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine. It can develop during early adolescence, at about 10-13 yrs. An information leaflet is available, please contact the school. If parents have any concerns, these may be discussed with your General Practitioner or School Community Health Nurse.

**Immunisations** should have been completed at the end of year 8. However, for those who didn’t complete their vaccinations at school last year, or miss any vaccination you can visit your local Doctor or community health department (97770400) to catch up on any missed vaccines.

In the event of a confirmed case of measles in a school, the WA Department of Health Public Health regulations require all children who have not received two doses of Measles, Mumps, Rubella vaccine (MMR) to be excluded from school for 14 days after the last reported case of Measles.

I am available to discuss any health issues or concerns, no matter how big or small they may seem. Please leave a message at the school or alternatively you can email me at dalene.read@health.wa.gov.au.

Dalene Read – Community Health Nurse. Warren Blackwood Community health.

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**Cricket Clinic with Ross Stephens**

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Meet Our Student Councillors

Lailani & Bree-anna
Captains

Connor –

Ella – Library

Oscar –

Ashley – Media