PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

It’s great to be back at school even though I did enjoy my extended holiday. I visited Croatia and Italy and was amazed how I put the Italian the students and I have been learning to good use.

REPORTS

Reports went home at the end of the term. If you have any queries regarding the details, please contact the teacher for an appointment.

SURVEYS

Thank you to the nineteen families who took the time to complete the school surveys. The results have been reflected on by the teachers and will now go to the Board for discussion.

Communication seemed a concern for some parents. The staff discussed the various ways they have tried to improve communication this year - phone calls, emails, texts as well as newsletters. If there is some specific information you feel you are missing out on, please let us know.

It is also important that you read the information that is sent home. I am always amazed when parents ask about an event and when I say “it was in the newsletter”, they shrug it off with, “I don’t read that”. The calendar often gives reminders of what is coming up.

URWALPOLE

Another busy term and high-level learning cumulated in the end of term assembly. Thank you to every parent who attended, your support is much appreciated.

IPADS AND ANIMATION

As part of the implementation of the Digital Technology curriculum, the staff and students enjoyed a day or two of animation workshops under the guidance of Mediaark. We learnt to use various programs on the ipads including Book Creator. I was astonished how quickly a project could be completed with current technology.

ATTENDANCE

Research has shown there is a direct link between attendance and NAPLAN results. Every day makes a difference!

The following students attended school every day last term:

Please call through or send a note to school with your child to explain why they have been away. Letters are sent home every Friday if we have not received a reason for absence. Thank you.

CARPETS

The library and Mrs Flett’s room have had their carpets replaced this week. The rooms look a lot fresher and cleaner.

WASTE AUDIT

The Yr 1/2s completed a waste audit and found 2kgs of food waste in the bin from one day. Please talk to your child about options if they don’t want to eat everything in their lunchbox.
The Shire of Manjimup is developing an Early Years Strategy. If you are involved in the care of a child aged 0-8, they would like your opinion.

Public consultation will take place August 9 at the Walpole Recreation Centre at 10:00am.

If you are unable to attend but still wish to share your contribution, access the online survey at [www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/earlyyearsstrategy](http://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/earlyyearsstrategy) between August 1-19.

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Education budget infographic provided by the Department of Treasury which depicts the Department of Education budget 2016-17.

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Thank you to the parents who attended the Microplastics Workshop last week. Even though we think we are careful about rubbish, it’s astonishing how much microplastic rubbish we create.

The students completed the project with UWA on Friday, to separate the microplastics from the beach sand they collected in term 2.

Results will be collated with samples collected by other schools.

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GYM BARS

Thank you to the P&C for fundraising for the new gym bars. Thanks to Steven Skippings for producing and installing the bars, Garth Nockolds for laying out the softfall and Neil and Kelly Burton for donating the sand.

The students of all ages are enjoying the opportunity to climb, roll and develop their stomach and arm muscles 😊

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WALPOLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2017 Enrolments

Applications for enrolments for children entering:

**KINDERGARTEN**

*(IF YOUR CHILD IS 4 YEARS OLD BEFORE 30 JUNE 2017)*

Application packages are available from the office.

ACIR Immunization records and birth certificate are required at enrolment

Email: Walpole.ps@education.wa.edu.au
Phone: 98401020

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