PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

School Development Days
The teachers at Walpole PS spent a busy three days on professional development, last week. On Monday, we joined other schools in the district and moderated writing samples using the Australian English Curriculum. Then we took a tour through the WA Museum Albany. It’s definitely worth a look as many of the exhibits linked with our URWalpole theme. On Tuesday and Wednesday we reviewed our Whole School English Plan and discussed the Behaviour Management Policy and National Quality Standards for early years care provision.

Hopefully, you all enjoyed the break and made the most of some glorious winter days.

Laura Arrowsmith
With regret, Laura Arrowsmith resigned from her position at Walpole PS at the end of last term. She has been operating as a ‘supernumery’ for the last 18 months and was unsure how long this could continue. A position became available at Denmark PS and Laura was offered, and accepted, the position.

Laura has been a vibrant and creative member of the school team and we will miss her. Miss Everett will cover both the kindy and P/1 classes, as funded by the department.

Wednesday lunches will be prepared by the 6/7s this term, in place of Friday lunches.

Student Councillors
Congratulations to Macy Lane and Grace Hardiman for being elected as our new Student Captains. Congratulations also to Jorja Brown, Elsie Edmonds, Emily Burton, Kalin Lane, Jessica Bedford and Cameron Bailye for being elected as Student Councillors for semester 2.

Term 3 & 4 Planner
Please add important dates from our fortnightly newsletter to keep up to date with happenings at school.

URWalpole Video
A number of parents have requested a copy of the URWalpole video from the celebration assembly. It would be great to be able to sell copies as a fundraiser.

If you have an issue with your child’s image being on the video, can you please let the office know. Your child’s image will be removed. A copy will then be taken and sold through the school.

The video will also be used to promote the URWalpole program with other schools and industries.

Communicating with the School
If your child is unable to attend school, can you please notify the school by phone or in writing?

It is also important that you notify the teacher and office if your child is attending an activity straight after school. That way, we can ensure that they go to the appropriate place. If there is some change to this arrangement, again, let the school know. We can waste a lot of time trying to contact a parent who has forgotten to ring or give us a note. Even worse, send them where we think they should be and you’re expecting something else.

It is also important, especially with young children, that you notify us if someone different is collecting your child from school. K/P/1s will not be released to someone you have not given us permission to release to.

School Photos
Order Forms have been sent home this week, orders and payment due back by Monday 11 August. If you require additional forms they are available on our webpage.

Please remember the Dress Code is white school shirt for both days.

Out Of The Bag Incursion
Out Of The Bag Incursion will occur on Friday 29 August. For those people who paid for Phil Kettle, the charges will be carried over for this event. If you prefer a refund, please let the office know. If you haven’t yet paid, a reminder will be sent out.
Kindergarten and Pre Primary School Enrolments for 2015

Apply to enrol by 8 August 2014

If your child is 4 or 5 years old by 30 June 2015, or changing primary schools in 2015, apply to enrol now.

Come in and speak with staff at our school who are here to help you with your application.

If your child is currently enrolled in Kindy at Walpole PS it is not necessary to re-enrol for 2015. ACIR Immunization records and birth certificate are required at enrolment.

‘Orange’ School Bus Services

Is your child starting or changing schools in 2015 and are you seeking Transport Assistance on an ‘Orange’ school bus?

In 2015 all Year 7 students, will be attending high school as secondary students. This will have a substantial impact on the ‘Orange’ school bus network and will require significant planning. It is very important that Public Transport Authority establishes the number of eligible students requiring Transport Assistance.

The Public Transport Authority is requesting parents that have children starting or changing schools in 2015 and requiring bus travel to complete an online application for Transport Assistance at www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au by no later than 31 August 2014 for travel in 2015.

Please be aware: Transport Assistance is offered to eligible families in two forms, either by ‘Orange’ school bus or a Conveyance Allowance paid to parents to drive their children to and from school. The type of Transport Assistance provided to a family depends on many factors including, location and bus availability.

If your child is currently travelling on an ‘Orange’ school bus and they are not changing schools next year, there is no need to reapply or contact us as your transport arrangements as a rule will remain the same.

If you have any further questions please phone 9326 2625 or email schoolbus@pta.wa.gov.au

P&C NEWS

Walpole Primary School P&C Meeting

Tuesday 19th August 2014
10.30am @ School Library

Please email items for agenda – fiona.brennan@westnet.com.au
enquiries – Sophie Jacoumis - 0429133082

All welcome
come along and support our school!

P&C Fundraisers

Mid-Year Martial Arts Tournament
Walpole Recreation Centre
Sunday 3rd August 9.30am start

The Walpole Primary School P&C are fund-raising at this event. Could you please assist with contributions of morning tea items such as cakes, muffins, savouries etc. We also require help on the day to run the kitchen. Please contact me if you can help.

Donations of fresh produce also gratefully appreciated to sell on the day!

Thankyou – Sophie Jacoumis 0429133082

Basketball

The P&C will be providing food and drinks for the basketball season commencing next week. We will require volunteers for food and service over the season. A roster will be set-up to spread the load. Your help with this event will be greatly appreciated!!

Firewood Raffle

The P&C will be selling tickets for a trailer load of firewood to raffle on the morning of Saturday 9th August – outside IGA.

If you would like to receive the school newsletter by email please contact the office or email Walpole.ps@education.wa.edu.au your email address.
Come along and purchase some tickets!!
Thank you for the support from The Walpole Menshed, Western Power for supplying the poles and to the Work camp for preparing the wood.

Apology
The Walpole Primary School P&C would like to apologise for the late delivery of loom bands ordered for the holidays. Unfortunately the situation was out of our hands as the parcel was lost in the mail. Fortunately the company will replace the orders, but we are still waiting on back orders. Orders will be sent home as soon as the orders are complete.

Socks for Winter
We have our ongoing fundraiser at www.SocksOnLine.com.au
View and order your socks for all the family online.
To ensure part of the payment goes to our P&C, enter the school code: wps6398

Nutrition Corner
My child won't eat breakfast. What can I do?
Children who eat breakfast are able to concentrate better at school. Breakfast also influences how much energy your child has for physical activity during the day.

Remember healthy eating starts with you. Children are more likely to eat a healthy breakfast when they see their parents and other family members eating a healthy breakfast. Make time to sit down for breakfast in your morning routine.

Choose breakfast cereals that are low in fat and sugar and high in fibre. Choose wholegrain breads. To increase variety, add fruit and yoghurt to the menu.

What if you or your child does not feel hungry in the morning? Try eating less carbohydrate at dinner (in other words, leave out bread, rice, pasta, noodles or potatoes) so you wake up feeling hungry. Start with something small, even if it is just a piece of fruit to get you going for the day until your body gets used to eating in the morning. Once you get used to eating breakfast you will wake up feeling hungry.

Some ideas for breakfast:
- Vegemite muffins (using English muffins – whole meal or grain are best)
- Boiled egg and multigrain soldiers (4 minutes for runny eggs or 6 minutes for soft boiled)
- Baked beans
- Scrambled eggs in a whole meal pita pocket
- Sultana porridge (add sultanas to cooked oats).
- Banana smoothie (made with low fat milk, banana, plain/natural yoghurt and small amount of honey).

If your child doesn't like to eat at home in the morning, perhaps they'll happily eat a sandwich or cracker biscuit with cheese or peanut butter on the way to school.
Remember that healthy kids generally wake up with an appetite which is normal and natural - and should be satisfied with breakfast.