PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Literacy and Numeracy Week
Walpole PS will celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week by opening our classrooms and inviting parents and the community to see our Math program. Three days a week, the K-6 students participate in BUILD - a work-station approach to math. You can watch it in action on Tuesday September 1, at the following times: P/1 - 9:00-9:40; 2/3 - 9:45-10:40 and 4-6 11:15-12. Feel free to take a sneak peek at the progress of the kitchen (undercover area) or the Football Clinic (oval).

NAPLAN Results
We're very happy with the NAPLAN results this year. The School Targets for English and Mathematics for 2015 were for Year 3s to achieve equal to Like Schools and Year 5 students demonstrate an improvement of 80 mean points across English and Math per two years.

It is too early for Like School results to be published but we do have State and National results. This year: the Year 5 students performed above the National average in all Literacy and Numeracy areas. Year 5 students averaged 83 progress points from year 3 to 5. The breakdown in progress is: Numeracy - 89; Reading - 99; Spelling - 84; Grammar - 65 and Writing - 72.

The Year 3 students performed above the National average in Reading and Grammar and performed equal to the State in Writing. Numeracy and Spelling results are of concern but may be comparable to Like Schools. We are sure the BUILD program is making a difference to student knowledge and confidence in Math. We are looking at programs used by other schools to enhance our Spelling and Writing results.

eSmart Week
September 7-11 is eSmart Week. Teachers will focus on activities that enable students to be responsible digital citizens.

The school psychologist, Katarzyna Rogozinski and school chaplain, Steve Fisher, will hold a parent session on Wednesday September 9, at 5:30pm in Room 4. Please come along and find out how to prepare your child/ren to be safe online communicators. Please let the office know if you are attending to ensure there is enough interest.

ThinkUKnow is an internet safety program delivering interactive training to parents, carers and teachers online and through schools. Go online to find out how you can support your child to use social media safely.

http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/

Book Week Fundraiser
There were some delightful, and scary costumes worn to promote Book Week this year. The School and Student Councillors raised $5760 for Make a Wish Foundation to grant the wishes of children with life threatening conditions.

Student Councillors
Elections for Semester 2 have been finalised. Lailani and Bree-anna will remain as Head Students and hold positions as Grounds and Media Captains respectively. Connar is captain of Sports. Ella - Library and Ashley - Fundraising.
Help your child become a better reader by asking questions to encourage them to think about the story they have read or heard. Ask what, why, what could happen next questions.