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Walpole Primary School



Dates to Remember

18 August	Winter Carnival in Pemberton
21 August	Write A Book In A Day Competition
22 August	Book Week – Dress-up Day (gold coin donation)
25 August	Assembly run by 5/6 and performance by 2/3/4

Dear parents and caregivers,

I am delighted to be here as relieving principal while Chris is away camping in warmer climes!

Walpole primary is a gorgeous little school and having just completed a conducted tour of your amazing school grounds, gardens and community kitchen by Rob and 2 lovely garden helpers from room 1, I must say that you have a very impressive campus! The integrated learning that takes place in the community garden all the way through to the final products emerging from the kitchen are all very important life skills and the students obviously love their involvement.

I have had the opportunity to be in all three classrooms and from an outsiders standpoint I think you can be very proud of your kids and the work that the school is doing in preparing them to take their places in the world beyond. Today I spent an hour with the year 1 students and was impressed with their language skills in reading and writing, their friendliness, oral language skills and general knowledge. I can assure you that in all aspects of learning, students at Walpole are very much on a par with students at much larger schools that I have worked in.

My previous school was Vasse Primary in the Busselton area with over 600 students and 50+ staff, so it will be a delight to have the opportunity to get to know everyone well and I look forward to meeting many parents. Please call in if you get the opportunity.

Schools are hugely important community assets especially in smaller communities so I will be doing the best I can to support and promote the school community relationship. On that note I understand that the school has recently been funded for the purchase of 3D printers. These devices are state of the art technologies and can be very useful in providing students with ICT skill development and entrepreneurial opportunities to set up future employment and business options. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics are proving to be real areas of growth in Australia and will provide options in the future that do not exist today for our students.

One of the schools' teachers (Sarah Walker) is keen to be involved in the

further development of these areas, as is Craig Bannister-Jones, and so we have contracted a tech whizz to work on the development of a strategic plan for the ongoing use of the new technologies with a clear community focus and involvement.

I will keep you informed of the developments.

We welcome Mrs Simone Barrow to the year2/3/4 class as a student teacher working with Lisa Teague Robertson. Everyone from year 2 – 6 is looking forward to the excursion into Denmark on Friday to the performance of the musical BATS.

Next week all year 4 students can be tested, with their parents' approval, for entry into the PEAC (primary extension and challenge) program for talented students. This is a great opportunity for able students to work with other similarly able kids from around the district on challenging and creative projects. Currently there are 2 students from Walpole engaged in the program.

Letting you know too, that the school has produced a comprehensive Bushfire Emergency Plan in collaboration with the Shire Fire Officer. This plan is designed for the protection of students in the event of a bushfire in the area.

The plan is available in the school office if you wish to look at the detail.

That's about it for this fortnight, but please feel free to contact the school or myself if you wish to discuss any aspect of school.

Best regards,

Brian Devereux
Relieving Principal

Staff Training

The School Nurse, Julia Green, recently updated staff knowledge on anaphylaxis and asthma first aid.

If your child has any health issues that may require staff intervention, can you please keep the school informed so our response is appropriate? Thanks.

Cancer Fight goes by the book as Walpole students write a book in one day.

On 21st August 2017 students from Walpole Primary School will write a book in one day for children's cancer research.

It's all part of the annual national "Write a Book in a Day" competition which is run by The Kids' Cancer Project.

The school has entered two teams in the competition. Pupils will be given a brief and then within 12 hours write, illustrate, bind and submit a storybook of up to 5000 words. Each book is then donated to children undergoing treatment in hospitals around Australia.

Walpole Primary School invites any community members who are interested in writing to work in a team with other adults to create their own book. This will be a whole day activity 8:30 – 3:00pm. If you are keen to be involved please contact Ms Walker at school.

The Kids' Cancer Project is an independent national charity supporting childhood cancer research. Since 1993, thanks to strong community support the charity has contributed tens of millions of dollars to scientific studies to help children with many types of cancer.

In order to qualify for judging and have the chance to take out one of the coveted 'bragging-rights' awards, we will be raising money through our dress up day (22nd August) and a book swap/ sale. Donations of books or cash are welcome. These can be left at the front office.

On-line donations can be made at
<http://www.writeabookinaday.com/teams/terrific-tingles>
<http://www.writeabookinaday.com/teams/walpole-wonders>

The facts:

- Childhood cancer is different to adult cancer.
- Cancer is the leading cause of death of children by disease.
- Three Australian families hear the words, "your child has cancer" every day.
- Every year, 950 Australian children are diagnosed with cancer.

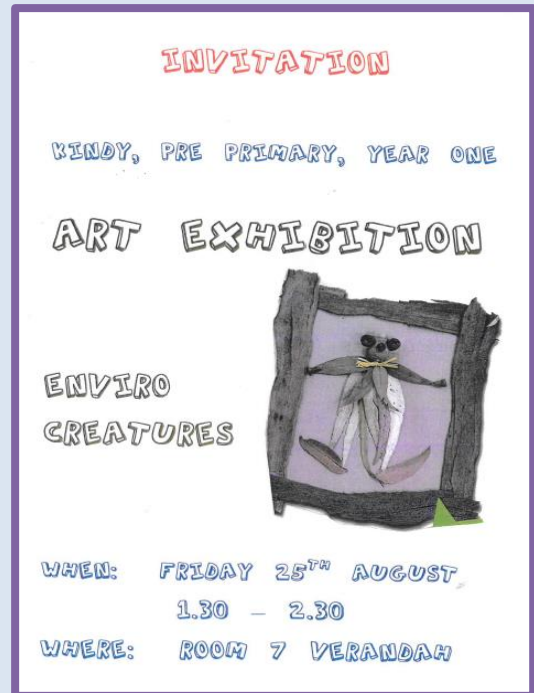


Students practicing for "Write A Book In A Day"

Writing Sizzling Starts

The teachers have been focusing on sizzling starts to ensure the reader is engaged in the student's writing. Evie (year 3) has produced an excellent example that uses emotions and description to reveal the story:

Jumping leaf to leaf, crack, crackle, crackle. Walking along the side of the train, little voices speaking in my imagination. The beautiful sun rising amongst the Earth. Swish, goes the leaf, falling gracefully through the sky. Nature's music singing. Walking across the train track entering the woods once again. I am a robot walking through the woods. I am home.



CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY

TUESDAY 22 August

Think about where reading takes us- places in our imagination, in history, or to another place / country.

Dress up as a book character that lives in a place you would like to go to.

Please bring a gold coin donation. Funds raised will be donated to Kids Cancer Project.

Luella and the Student Council

Children's Book Week Postcard Design

At school to celebrate Book Week we will be decorating a postcard with a picture of a place we would like to visit. Look out for our entries in the Town Library.

Ms Viner and Zephyr

