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Walpole Primary School



Dates to Remember

Monday 28 August	St John First Aid Focus K-6
Wednesday 6 September	P&C Meeting, 5pm in the school library
Friday 15 September	Assembly run by K/P/1 and performance by 5/6
Friday 22 September	Last day of term 3

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A busy week at Walpole PS this week! NAPLAN student reports have arrived for distribution and staff have had the opportunity to study the results. Although NAPLAN is a one-off test it does provide very valuable information to the school for planning purposes. It lets us see how we are going compared to the Australian average and to other 'like' schools. Most importantly it provides a detailed review of student achievement for every tested item so teachers can see who needs what specific help. Overall the results for this school were very encouraging with maths showing encouraging results for both Yr 3 and Yr 5, likewise in reading again for both Yr 3 and Yr 5. In writing Yr 3 students performed very well and Yr 5 are showing improvement which is beyond the achievement of similar schools. When there are less than 10 students in a year level as is the case at Walpole PS, individual results can skew averages either way quite significantly so bear that in mind if you are researching the schools results on the My School website.

Overall I would think parents should be very happy with the learning opportunities provided in a small school with low numbers in each class providing more opportunities for individualised learning assistance.

This week saw the Room 4 students involved in the "Write a Book in a Day" project which they enjoyed and which was very productive. Students enjoyed dressing up as their favourite character to celebrate Book Week.

Two teams of students worked on two stories "Stranded" and "Mastermind Missy". Nine students each had to

write a chapter, illustrate their chapter and ensure that the story line and characters were consistent and plausible; that appropriate tense was maintained; characters developed and the plot upheld. Finally the book is bound, title and author, cover and chapter outlines sorted and printed – all in a day! Great Effort and congratulations to every student in Room 4.

The final products are entered into a competition and copies are available in both the town and school libraries and in children's hospital libraries.

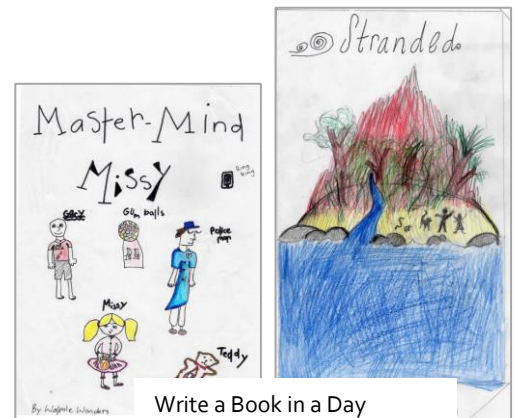
We have also had an assembly hosted by Room 4 students, followed by a parent morning tea and an art exhibition in Room 1. Great Stuff!

On Friday Sarah Walker and Craig Banister-Jones will be joined by Simon Mansfield, a Digital Technologies proponent to learn how to use and get the best learning from the schools' new 3D printers – an exciting new initiative and development for the school.

All in all a full and productive week!

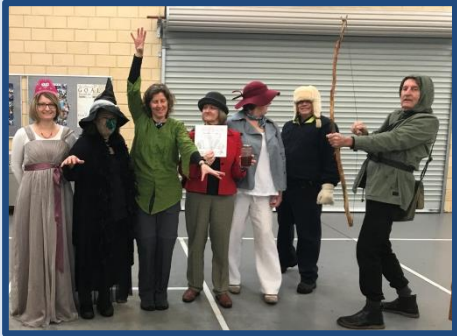
Best regards to everyone.

Brian Devereux
Relieving Principal



Write a Book in a Day

**Book Week
Dress up Day**
Students raised \$74.55 for
The Kids' Cancer Project



Merit Certificates

- Kindy Lyndon R
Mila T
- Year 3 Mae H
- Year 4 Dylan H
- Year 5 Keira E
Madeleine G
- Year 6 Ben CL



Aussie of the Month Evie R, Year 3

Take a look...

Write a Book in a Day
stories are on our
webpage.

- Titles -**
- Stranded by Terrific
Tingles
 - Master-Mind Missy by
Walpole Wonders

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Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre

Holiday Pre-school Swim Program is back!

This very popular program produces significant results, especially for children who are either on the verge of achieving their next certificate or are commencing 'learn to swim' classes for the first time.

Program 1 - 4 days Tuesday 26/09/17 to Friday 29/09/17 Cost \$55.60

Program 2 - 5 days Monday 02/10/17 to Friday 06/10/17 Cost: \$69.50

Enrolments open Monday, 21 August 2017.

To register your interest, please contact Nola (e: alacswimschool@albany.wa.gov.au)



P&C Meeting
Wednesday 6 September at 5.00pm

Agenda items to Heather Corrans
See you there!