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Walpole Primary School

Dates to Remember

11 August	BATS performance in Denmark
18 August	Winter Carnival in Pemberton
25 August	Assembly run by 5/6 and performance by 2/3/4
15 September	Assembly run by K/P/1 and performance by 5/6

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS School Development Days

The students had an extra couple of days at the start of the term to enjoy either warm places or warm fires while the teachers extended their knowledge on Digital Technology, Writing, Spelling and Mathematics. The staff also explored their health and well-being and the importance of finding some control in their busy lives.

Jenny Allen, the Lead School Psychologist in Albany, shared some information regarding the program Kids Skills. This program recognises the importance of working respectfully with others and seeing misbehaviour as skills that may need to be learnt rather than problems.

Some parents and students joined us to explore the school vision. We have confirmed that "Nature, Culture, Future" best describes how we see our teaching, learning and environment. We have also added the logo, 'Local School, Global Perspectives' to strengthen the message for those who don't know Walpole PS well.

Ms Walker is organising collaborative lessons with Pemberton DHS to extend our Technology and Kitchen/Garden focus.

Inspiring Australia Science Engagement Programme

The school applied for and received \$5000 to support the high standard of Science teaching and learning currently taking place at

Walpole PS. We will be purchasing a 3D printer and software.

We also need support from a community member to volunteer to assist the students and 'trouble shoot' any problems. If you know of anyone who has some technical skills, not necessarily with 3D printers and some time to spare, please ask them to contact the school.

Using the Internet Safely

The internet and electronic devices are amazing tools to be able to access information and keep in touch. They are a way of the future and can not be ignored.

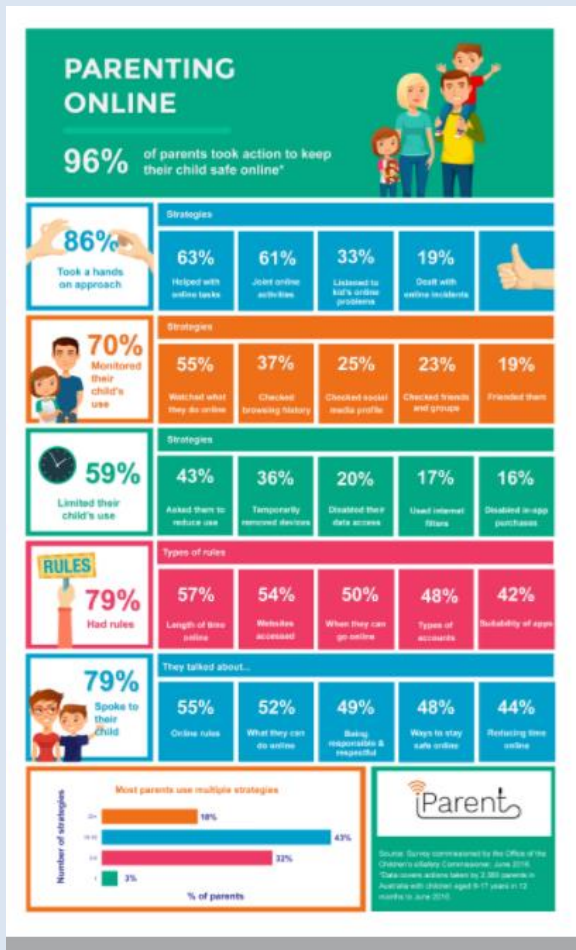
However, they can also cause problems when children have access to information that they don't have the emotional capacity to deal with.

If your child has an electronic device that connects them to the internet such as an ipod or ipad, please sit down with them and have a discussion around the rules of use. Search their history to check what sites they have been accessing. Talk about what they can do if an inappropriate site comes up inadvertently. <http://thinkuknow.org.au/parents-portal> has more information.

Replacement Principal

I am taking some Long Service Leave during term 3 and my replacement is Brian Devereaux. Brian is an experienced administrator who is undertaking relief work across the state. Please make him welcome.





<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/parenting-online-infographic>

CONGRATULATIONS

to our School Councillors for semester 2.

They are:

Jade V- Head Student and Environment

Megan B- Head Student and Media

Luella M- Fundraising

Blayde B- Blue Sports Captain

Ben CL- Green Sports Captain

Zephyr S- Library



Dental Van

The Dental Van is at Denmark PS until August 7. Then it will move to Kendenup PS for 5-6 weeks, then on to Cranbrook. Please ring 0437 486 143 should you need to make an appointment for your child.

Schools of the future

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) touch every aspect of today's world, and the innovations that emerge from these fields underpin the global economy.

Our challenge is to ensure we prepare every young Queenslander to take advantage of the many opportunities a knowledge-based economy offers and become the entrepreneurs of tomorrow.

We must harness the passion for change and innovation by engaging students in STEM and providing them with the opportunities they need to develop as problem solvers, critical and creative thinkers.

Our teachers are critical to the success of our plan for STEM. Supporting teachers to innovate and engage with cutting edge science and teaching practice will transform the teaching of STEM in every state school.



<http://advancingeducation.qld.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/schools-of-the-future-stem-strategy.pdf>

Engaging STEM Girl Power Camp students in the World Science Festival Brisbane