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Dates to Remember	
Feb 21 @ 5pm	School Board AGM
Feb 23 @9am	Assembly run by Councillors & choir performing
Feb 27 @ 5pm	P&C AGM

Welcome back to the 2018 school year. We've had a very smooth start and it's great to see smiling faces everywhere.

We have three class rooms and 43 students this year. Mrs Lisa Teague-Robertson is teaching 9 K/P/1s, Mrs Lorelle Flett has 14 Yr 2/3s and Ms Michelle Burkett has 20 Yr 4/5/6 students.

Ms Chris Cook is teaching Art with the yr 2-6 students and Health with the P/1s. Ms Sarah Walker is providing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) support throughout the school and Mrs Trish Crossley will teach Music on Fridays.

Ms Tash Viner will continue in the library on Tuesdays, Mr Rob Jones assisting classes K-6 and lunches on Wednesday, Ms Margaret Everett will be in the Yr 2/3 class Mon and K/P/1s Wed & Fri. Mrs Kim Burton will be with the Yr4/5/6 class on Tuesday and Thursday and in the office Friday. Mrs Debra Doust is the Registrar Mon to Thur, Mr Rob Griffiths cares for our garden Tue to Fri and Mrs Debbie Doust is the school cleaner. Mr Steve Fisher will continue as the school chaplain on Wednesdays.

Teachers will be making contact with you shortly to organise a class information session. This is an opportunity for parents to find out about class routines and expectations. The more the teacher knows about your child, the better they are able to meet their needs. If you have something in particular you wish to discuss about your child, please make an appointment to see the teacher individually.

Swimming Lessons

I am trying to change our swimming lessons to term 1, as it is warmer. Hopefully this will be approved. I will let you know if it is.

School Board

The School Board has appointed Vivienne Williams as a community representative. Vivienne, as a well-known and involved community member, will bring her knowledge of

local families and their expectations.

The Board is also calling for nominations for new parent members. Nomination forms can be obtained from the office. Should more than three nominations be received, we will go to a vote. You are also welcome to come along to the AGM and see what happens.

The School Board is an advisory group for planning and policy. They meet once a term and provide local information for school processes and decisions. The AGM is being held on 21st February, at 5:00pm.

P&C

The P&C provides an avenue for parents and citizens to be involved in the school. Generally, they help with fundraising for resources such as the new kitchen or providing opportunities for the students, e.g. disco. This year, the intention is to create a more social group with less fundraising burden.

Meetings are generally once a term but may be more, depending on fundraising opportunities. The more, the merrier. The P&C AGM is being held on February 27. Please come along (nominations have been received for all executive positions but other nominations are welcome).

Voluntary contributions

Thank you to those families who have already paid their school and P&C contributions.

Bus changes

Please remember to advise the office if your child is usually on the bus and is not using it to go home. We don't take advice from the student as to where they are going as they may end up in the wrong place and we 'lost' a few who took themselves off to karate without the office being informed.

Student update forms

Please return excursions, medical form and permissions forms as soon as possible so we can update our information on your child.

Student Councillors

Congratulations to our new Student Councillors for Semester 1, 2018. The Head Student Captains are Logan T and Madeleine G, who also hold the Blue Faction and Library roles, respectively. Lara H is the Media Councillor and Laluca BJ is the Green Faction Captain. They were given their job descriptions this week and I know they are looking forward to being positive role models in the school.

P&C AGM

Tuesday 27th February 5pm Walpole Hotel Restaurant.

It's that time of year when the P&C re-group and hold their AGM.

We have lost a number of active P&C parents from last year, with their children moving on to high school, but still retain a core group of enthusiastic people who understand the important role the P&C plays within the school and our community.

I have had nominations to fill all office bearer positions and I will be re-nominating myself as President.

My focus this year will be to make our P&C more user friendly, social and reduce and streamline any fundraising activities. We need more parents to help make that happen. So if you have ever considered finding out more about the P&C but didn't want to get lumbered with a job, now is your chance. Come along to our meeting have a cordial and join in.

If you can't make it but would like to be on the P&C email contact list or have any questions, please email me or give me a call and have a chat.

Regards
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P&C Produce Stall & Pop Up Uniform Shop

Once again the P&C produce stall is up and running. It is located on the pathway to the front office. Last year we raised some well needed funds for purchasing a food dehydrator used to process surplus fruit and veg grown on the school grounds. You can support the school by making a purchase from the stall or through the donation of any excess fruit, veg or pot plants from home. All money raised goes directly back to the school.

We also run a Pop Up Uniform Shop at school assemblies. Second hand uniform items available for \$2 each or contact Denise Hunter on 98401530 for further information.



The vege garden and orchard is brimming with produce. Vallee and Grace enjoy a snack while they picked veges for Wednesday lunches.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to the families who have paid school fees. Remember, it is less than one day at Day Care. Although this is voluntary the money assists with providing computer equipment and school resources.

\$60.00 per student \$20.00 P&C Levy (per family)

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or direct deposit. Schools bank details are:

Walpole Primary School BSB 306 009 Account No. 419 756 0

ROLLERBLADING

(a) THE REC CENTRE!

Term 1 Tuesday afternoons 3.15-4.30pm \$6.00 per child

PLEASE PAY REC CENTRE ON ARRIVAL.

Never tried to Rollerblade? Now is the time to give it a go.

Various sizes of blades available or bring your own!

Don't forget your registration note.

WHAT TO BRING- waterbottle and thick socks.

Parents- come and skate for free! Enquiries 98401345