



Newsletter No 2
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Walpole Primary School



Dates to Remember

Feb 27 @ 5pm	P&C AGM
March 19-23	Swimming Lessons at Peaceful Bay for Yr P-6
March 27	Swimming Carnival in Albany for Yr 3-6
April 6	Interschool Athletics Carnival in Pemby for Yr 1-6

The term is flying by and we are already at the end of week 4. Thank you to the families who have come in and met with the teachers. Educating a child is much more effective when we do it together.

Swimming Lessons

We have been able to change swimming lessons to week 8 this term. Notes have gone home so that we can let the swimming teachers know what stages the children are in. The children have double lessons that run for one week.

All children in Preprimary through to Year 6 attend. Two staff members will go to each session to supervise the students. Parents are welcome to join us at Peaceful Bay.

Swimming Carnival

The change to our swimming lessons means we have now also brought our Faction Swimming Carnival in to term 1. The Year 3-6 students will compete at ALAC, Albany, on Tuesday, March 27.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

There are even more changes to our carnival programs! Pemberton DHS is holding the Interschool Carnival in term 1 on Friday, April 6. The Year 1-6 students have been invited to participate. They will compete in running events and team games on the day.

Interschool carnivals provide an opportunity for our students to compete with students from other schools. They enjoy the challenge of competing against the unknown.

Rather than try squash in a Faction Carnival beforehand, we will be practicing for the event this term and running trials to select who will compete in each division. In term 4, we will hold a modified Faction

Carnival.

It would be great to see as many parents as possible on the day to cheer on the students.

A note will come home later in the term.

URWalpole

The URWalpole theme for term 2 is Great Migrations. Classes will look at animals that migrate across the equator and others that migrate within a small area specifically for food. We hope to use Murdoch University's research with black bream to look at migrating habits of fish and UWA's research on the movement of plastics. We'll look at the beautiful Ficifolia and the reasons why it has been transported around the world.

If you can support the students in any way, please let us know.

Indonesian

Mrs Flett attended training to be able to teach Indonesian to her Yr 2/3 students. Online resources are available to support her program.

Student update forms

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

School Board

Thank you to Tracy Hardiman for joining the School Board as a parent representative. There was a good turnout to the meeting this week with some frank discussions around faction and interschool carnivals.

The School Board also endorsed the Behaviour Management Policy and the Chaplain Policy.

Further positions are available should you want to join the Board or P&C.

School Chaplain - Steve Fisher

Steve Fisher has been the Chaplain at Walpole PS for the last four years. He also works at Yakamia PS as he resides in Albany. Steve has worked as a chaplain in schools for about ten years.

Steve decided to become a chaplain as his school chaplain made a big impact on his life and he wanted to do the same.

Steve worked at Wesfarmers and Kleenheat prior to becoming a chaplain in schools but worked with various youth groups while there.

Steve can be contacted during school hours on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on 0412 948 649.



STEAM



School Development Days for 2018

(Students do not attend)

Term 1 - Monday 29 January, Tuesday 30 January

Term 2 - Monday 30 April

Term 3 - Monday 16 July, Tuesday 17 July

Term 4 - Friday 14 December

IN TERM SWIMMING LESSONS

Monday 19 March to Friday 23 March

PP – Year 6

Permission forms and payment due by
Monday 12 March

P&C AGM

27 February @ 5pm

Walpole Hotel Restaurant

Nominations for all positions have been received
but more are welcome.

Please come along.

SCHOOL NURSE

My name is Julia Green and I'm the school nurse for the region. My role is to promote healthy development and wellbeing, helping students reach their full potential. I work across 6 schools in the region and can be contacted via your school or on the number below.

This month sees us kicking our health promotion series off with March Munch 2018 – an initiative to promote Crunch and Sip at Schools. Check out: www.crunchandsip.com.au for heaps of food ideas!

Julia Green | School Health Nurse | Warren Blackwood
Primary Health Unit | WACHS T: (08) 97770400

School Board

Two more positions are available for the School Board.

Please collect a nomination form from the office prior to the 28th of Feb. if you wish to be involved.

STEAM

This year Ms Walker is teaching the students STEAM. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. The years 4, 5 and 6 students are being taught about food, carbon and the benefits of eating food in season. Ms Walker hopes that later in the year her senior students, with her help will prepare a long table lunch, hopefully using organic plants from our school garden. Lunch times on Thursday, Ms Walker holds a Tinker Club. The students, who decide to go, do a range of activities, for example sewing or using the electric kits. If one activity seems popular the tinker club goes will do it for a few weeks, before changing to a different activity. So far STEAM and Tinker Club have been a great success.

Lara Hunter, Media Officer, Student Council