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Walpole Primary School

Dates to Remember

<i>Wednesday 23 May</i>	<i>1pm Cross Country at Walpole Country Club</i>
<i>Friday 1 June</i>	<i>8.50am Assembly by Year 4/5/6 class</i>
<i>Monday 4 June</i>	<i>Public Holiday</i>
<i>Tuesday 5 – 8 June</i>	<i>Dental Van commences Year 4/5/6 Camp to Perth</i>
<i>Wednesday 27 June</i>	<i>URWalpole Celebration Assembly</i>
<i>Friday 29 June</i>	<i>Last day of term 2</i>

I hope you all enjoyed the two week break and the students are ready for a full term's work.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy will be conducted for students in Year 3 and 5 between May 15 and 18.

We value these tests as an opportunity to identify strengths and weaknesses across the school and check individual student progress. With small student numbers, it is difficult to compare test results of each cohort.

Parents can help their children prepare by keeping them well with plenty of sleep and nutritious food and assuring their child/ren that the tests provide information to teachers that they already know. It is simply an opportunity to do their best.

URWalpole

URWalpole, Great Migrations, starts this term. The classes will be busy learning why humans and animals migrate as well as the wonderful story of the Ficus's distribution around the world.

We have incursions planned by Fisheries and Parks and Wildlife staff and University researchers. The students will get a chance to go out on a WOW cruise to rehabilitate the dunes.

Your participation in any form is always appreciated.

Albany Whaling Station

Thanks to the P&C and their wood raffles the Walpole students are heading off to Albany on June 12 to visit the Historical Whaling Station as part of their exploration for Great Migrations.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Walpole students did well across a range of individual events at the carnival in Pemberton. **Molly V** and **Tristan K** won Runner-up Champions for their age group and **Keenan N** and **Lara H** won Champion Boy and Girl.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school makes a difference to academic progress and social connections. Our attendance rate by the end of 2017 had fallen to 89.4. It is currently 95.4% Well done all!

Congratulations to the following students who have attended at least 97% of the term: Elianna, Mila, Harry, Keira, Vallee, Kaleb, Stella, Leah, Matilda, Dylan, Lara, Jorja, Peyton, James, Freya, Chantelle, Luke, Keenan, Mei, Reilyn, Anabelle, Robin and Lucas. What a great start to the year!

School Logo

Following student brainstorm of an icon for our logo, the School Board have voted for the Tingle Tree. Claudia now has the difficult task of using this image to come up with a new logo for the school.

STEAM Family Night

Ms Walker held a night for all the family to enjoy last term. There were a number of activities to complete, a bit of competition and some lovely soup to keep us warm.

Tim Gamblin summed the evening up with, "Team work, science, controversy, negotiation, appeal processing and wheel tampering. Fun night!"

Dental Therapy Mobile

The Dental Van will be commencing at Walpole PS on Tuesday 5 June.

Queries and Appointments can be made between 8am – 4pm on 0437 486 143.

Regards, Natasha and Lorna



P&C Wood Raffle

Thank you to the P&C and all those who helped out during the school holidays with the wood raffle. \$525 was raised to go towards the excursion to the Whaling Station in Albany.



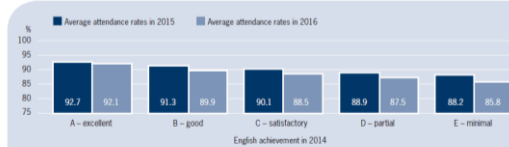
The Smith Family Education Outcomes Report

A recent report by The Smith Family has found that many children from low socio-economic families have low achievement due to correspondingly low attendance. Lifting attendance at school lifts academic achievement and has a lifelong impact on future health, relationships, employment and income.

Read more on:

<https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/research/reports>

Figure 1: Attendance rates 2015 and 2016 by English achievement in 2014



3. <http://www.acara.edu.au/reporting/national-report-over-schooling-in-australia-data-portal/student-attendance#view2>
6. Average attendance rates for Learning for Life students in 2016.

Cross Country

This term we will be holding the Faction Cross Country at the Country Club on May 23. Students from K-6 will be competing. The children will walk the track first and events will start about 1pm. Parents are welcome to come and watch.

The Interschool Cross Country is being held week 6, this term, and coincides with Yr 4/5/6 camp. Unfortunately, our school will be unable to attend.



Welcome Back from Julia - the Community School Health Nurse:

This term we will be commencing our School Entry Health Assessments for all Kindergarten children. These assessments include: Vision, Hearing, Growth (height, weight, BMI) and Oral Health. Early identification of physical, developmental and social wellbeing concerns have been shown to assist with school engagement and minimise the impact on learning. If your child is pre-primary age or older and has not had a School Entry Health Assessment that you're aware of or you are concerned about an area please discuss this with your teacher or contact me on: 97770413 for more information.

In addition, we are also commencing the Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY program for all secondary students. If you haven't returned your consent form to the school yet please do.

Remember, that there is a **free** meningococcal ACWY vaccine available for all children aged 2-5 years of age. This is available at your GP or alternatively, there are free immunisation clinics offered at your local hospital. Please ring: 9770400 to make an appointment today.

Finally, National Food Allergy Awareness Week starts on May 14-20th. Check out the activities and information on the link below.

<https://www.foodallergyaware.com.au/>

