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Dates to Remember

9-12 May	NAPLAN for Year 3 & 5
9 May, 5pm	School Board Meeting in Rm 4
12 May	Year 6s Outward Bound
Wednesday 17 May	Faction Cross Country
Friday 19 May	P&C Meeting 5.30pm @ Walpole Hotel Restaurant <i>All new members welcome</i>

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

We hope you had a relaxing holiday with your children. Many were very excited to be back at school with their friends.

It was so lovely seeing a large group of students participate in the ANZAC ceremony. The choir sounded superb and the readers did an outstanding job. Having a number of younger students without older siblings watch the ceremony gave them an opportunity to see what polished performers we have at our school.

The teachers spent the first Monday back assessing and moderating students' narrative writing. We compared samples of writing within the school and against criteria.

We have some very clever writers in our midst who are learning to control various aspects of their writing including vocabulary and sentence structure. Alas, there are also students who don't consider the reader when they write and make little attempt to use spelling and punctuation conventions appropriate at their age.

We also reviewed Phase 2 of the West Australian Curriculum and considered what changes needed to be made to our planning to incorporate the new areas including Food Production and Economics and Business.

Lapathon

K-6 students participated in the Lapathon on May 3rd. Please bring in any money raised.

Diane Wolfer- Guest Author

On Wednesday the 26th Dianne Wolfer came to the school to tell us about the books she writes and how it was like in the time of WW1 and WW2. She researches her topic and takes notes for further use.

She also told us about pictures in the Mud, Lighthouse Girl, Light Horse Boy and where she got the inspiration.

Brian Simmonds, her illustrator, drew some great drawings to accompany her books.



She also read us her new book coming out in June, called "Nana's Button Tin" based on her Nan's button tin from when she was a little girl.

She also showed us a slide show and told us why the army took kangaroos to Egypt.

She showed us photos of the Kakoda track and the story behind it.

By Connor and Ben

Walpole Primary School



Dear Walpole PS

How fantastic to have so many children attend yesterday to represent Walpole Primary School. Their singing was absolutely beautiful and they really made a great contribution to the Service. As I have said before, it is excellent that they can attend and have active roles in a public event of this importance. Trish does a fabulous job planning, selecting and preparing very suitable items and the students obviously enjoy their music very much. We received some lovely comments afterwards.

*Best wishes for the new term,
Margot (ANZAC Coordinator)*



School Nurse News

My name is Julia Green and I'm the community health nurse for Walpole Primary School.

Did you know that Australia has one of the highest incidences of food allergies in the world? This is increasing at an alarming rate; in fact, one in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy.

With no known cure for food allergy, awareness and education is of utmost importance, as a severe allergic reaction and/or anaphylaxis can rapidly become life threatening, and must be treated as a medical emergency.

It's important for all Australians to be aware of food allergies, and know how to respond in an emergency situation. A great way to help raise awareness is to get involved in Food Allergy Week and Show You Care. Please follow the website link below to learn more.

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



P&C NEWS 30-4-17.

The P&C held a sausage sizzle on Easter Monday at the Tree Top Walk. Thanks to Sergeant Cheree Kirkwood's organisational skills, we had 22 people show up for their shifts. (How cool is that?) This included 2 grandparents and 9 kids dressed in school uniform doing it for their school. Good on you Luluca, Jorja, Tristan, Anabelle, Madeleine, Pia, Ben, Lara and Jack.

Russell is still crying about having to chop up 20kg of onions. Fiona Brennan donated a huge tub of green stuff she called Tabouli which proved very popular with the punters. Thanks John from Walpole Quality Sausages. (We love you). And a big thank you to Julie Ross and her staff at the TTW for supporting us and providing the venue. We made \$819 for the day, which will go towards timber lunch tables for the undercover area. The Men's Shed boys have agreed to build them for us.

Cheree has been a busy girl. She single handedly organised the bulb sales for the P&C and raised \$348 for her efforts. (Legend).

Big thanks to Di Pickersgill for the kind donation of the aprons and hats for cooking lessons.

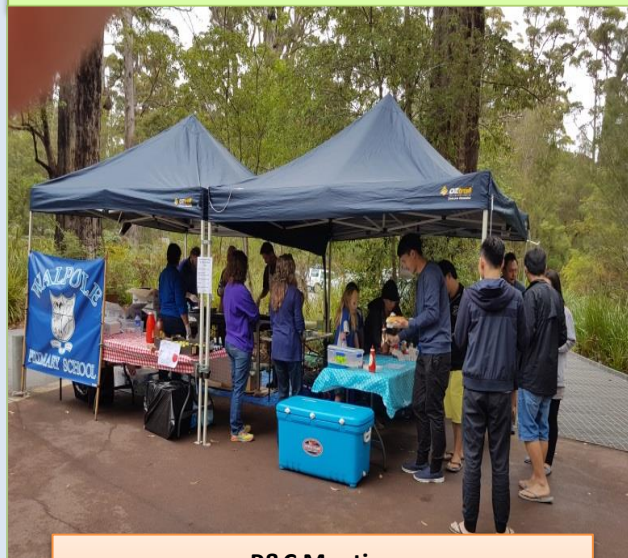
Don't forget the produce stall and the School Uniform Pop Up shop. Both are ticking along very nicely. You can place your excess produce or plants directly on the stall or drop off your old uniforms to the front office.

These funds go directly back to the school and to your children. It's not just about raising money. It's also about showing our kids what it means to be a community and what we can achieve if we all pitch in and work together. If you would like to be involved and help out but don't necessarily want to come to any meetings, send me an email and I can keep you informed.

Your P&C El Presidente,

Gary Hunter

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P&C Meeting

5.30pm Friday 19th May

@ Walpole Hotel Restaurant

All new members welcome!!