**Dates to Remember**

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**PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS**

**School Review**

As an IPS, Walpole PS experienced its first review a fortnight ago. Verbal feedback from the reviewers was extremely positive. They felt that Walpole PS has a strong academic focus while providing an excellent environment for well-rounded citizens. Written feedback should arrive before the new year and will be posted on the school website.

**Swimming Faction Carnival**

Walpole held its swimming carnival on Monday. It was a huge success thanks to the thorough planning of Mrs Teague-Robertson and the many parent helpers. Green faction won but all students enjoyed the opportunity to swim in a pool.

**School Board**

A number of Board members are nearing the end of their three year term and will be stepping down from their position on the School Board. New members will be called for early in the 2016 school year. Please consider how you can help support the school.

The role of the School Board is to set the long-term future of the school and maintain oversight (not management) of the school’s operation. The Board provides expertise to help the school achieve the best possible. It is also important to have a variety of participants to allow full representation of the community.

There should be seven parent and four staff members, including the principal. Parent and staff members must nominate and if more than the required nominations are received, elections take place.

The School Board works within the Department of Education’s relevant legislation and regulations. They

- contribute to the School Delivery and Performance Agreement and Business Plan;
- review and endorse the Annual Budget;
- review and approve policies and Dress Code;
- approve fees, charges, contributions and book lists;
- review the performance of the school and
- create interest in the school within and across the community.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD DOES NOT:**

- manage the running of the school;
- discuss issues relating to individual students, staff or parents;
- intervene in the educational instruction of students or
- represent special interest groups that dominate the agenda.

Board meetings are held once a term but may be held more often if the need arises.

As the School Board consider the best interests of all of the students and school community in their role, interactions are completed in a civil and respectful manner. Decision-making is transparent, honest and democratic. Discussions must maintain respect and confidentiality.
Getting distracted doesn’t take much. A chatting passenger or a good song can easily divert your attention from the task of driving safely. As our dependency on technology increases, so does the temptation to participate in distracting activities.

**DID YOU KNOW:** Between 15-20% of all distractions appear to involve driver interaction with technology. It has been estimated that distraction played a role in 32% of all road crash deaths and serious injuries in Western Australia between 2005 and 2007. Approximately one third of all distractions appear to be outside-the-vehicle distractions.

Distraction appears to be largely associated with rear-end crashes, same travel-way or same direction crashes, single vehicle crashes, and crashes occurring at night.

Please stay safe!