Dates to Remember

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Principal's Address

Another year has seemed to fly by; it has been a busy one. Thank you to all the students, parents, staff and volunteers that make it so. I wish you all a safe and merry Christmas.

A special thank you to the P&C for their many hours of volunteering, cooking and fundraising. Thank you to the School Board for their input into policies and practices at the school.

Staff Changes

After 38 years teaching at Walpole PS, Kaye Edmonds will be retiring. I'm sure your children appreciated her calm approach and vast experience. We wish her all the best!

Jason and Ashleigh are heading off to Perth (via Europe). It's been great having their youthful enthusiasm in the school.

Thank you Judy Pine for teaching the P/1s this term. They've appreciated your thoughtful programs and classroom strategies.

Presentation/Concert Night

Next Wednesday is our End of Year Presentation and Concert. We look forward to seeing you all. Please invite any family and community members to come along.

Please bring a supper to share at the end of the night.

UR Walpole DVD

Copies of the UR Walpole DVD will be available on the night for $7.50.

Reports

Student reports will go home on Thursday December 18. If your child is unable to take them home on that day, they will be held at the school until the start of the school year when they can be collected.

Year 6/7 Dinner

The year 6/7s had their Leavers' Dinner last night at the Country Club. The students looked very grown up in their good clothes and were supported by a large number of parents and family members. A big thanks to Sarah Walker and Lorelle Flett for planning the night. Also to Jenny Kendrick (table settings), Patty Burton and Ros Hatfield (cooking), Mimi Minty and Lorraine Anning (bar), Julie and Aurora Ewing and Rhonda Perpoli (kitchen staff) and the Year 5 students (waiters).

Change of Factions for 2015

Faction colours will change for 2015. The new colours will be green and blue. Children will be allocated to factions next year once we have numbers confirmed.

Swimming Lessons

It has been a cold week for swimming lessons. The students have braved the water and the waves and many have successfully passed their next certificate. Well done!

As the distance to Coalmine was much less than Peaceful Bay, there has been a refund of $16 per child for reduced bus fares. Please call into the office next time you are in town to collect your cheque.

Moving Rooms

We have moved a couple of classes in preparation of the transportables being shifted over the holidays. Thank you to the people who volunteered.
At the beginning of the 2014 school year the P&C set a goal to raise funds for a much needed school kitchen. We have had a busy and successful year with various fund-raising events such as sizzles, a quiz night, sales of bulbs, socks, tea-towels, home-made lemonade, raffles- including a wood raffle and a seafood and wine raffle (to be drawn on the 19th of December). All this would not be possible without the help of volunteers and donors. On behalf of the P&C I would like to thank -

Our P&C Committee - Fiona Brennan, Tash Viner, Cheree Kirkwood and Tim Gamblin

- our students, parents, grandparents and community members for volunteering their time
- Walpole Op Shop
- Walpole Quality Meats
- Walpole Transport
- Walpole Menshed
- Peaceful Bay Seafood Cafe
- Peaceful Bay Marron Farm
- Kent River Winery
- Rockcliffe Winery
- Fridge & Washer City Albany
- Reece Plumbing Albany
- Appleyards Albany
- Kmart Albany
- Target Albany
- Rest Point Caravan Park
- Linda Hoskins
- Rob Griffiths

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Festive Season with your families and look forward to seeing you at our P&C meetings in the New Year.

Sophie Jacoumis
P&C President

Nutrition Corner

Mothers have the most influence on how many vegetables their children eat. There is strong evidence that eating vegetables protect children from childhood illnesses and diseases later in life such as heart disease and some cancers. Children’s food preferences are formed as early as 2 to 3 years and mostly stay the same through childhood. Therefore find out what vegetables your children prefer and serve them in as many interesting ways as possible. Write down all the vegetables you know, present the list to each child and ask them to rate how much they like each one. Don’t include deep fried chips but it is OK to add small amounts of oil and flavourings to make vegetables more interesting. Use these symbols to help your children choose: ☺☺ (really like), ☺ (like), ☻ (neutral), ☻ (don’t like), ☼ (really don’t like). Use their responses to create happy fuss free meals over the summer holidays.