PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

End of Term

It’s nearly the end of term. Students have been busy swimming at Peaceful Bay and preparing for end of year celebrations. I’d like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

We look forward to seeing everybody at the End of Year Concert on Tuesday. Please arrive before 6pm so that the children are organised.

2016

When the Year 7s left primary school, it was always the intention to have 4 classes with two year levels in each class. This year, a transition adjustment to One Line Budgets was made and $65000 was removed from our budget. This left us unable to have the four classes this year.

We’re still hopeful to have the four classes even though we have lost some families for next year. Assuming we maintain our current enrolments, allowing for the students I have been told are definitely leaving, we will be able to have four classes—K/P, 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 of between 8 and 22 students. Being a half glass full gal, I have notified staffing to advertise a position at the school to start the new year.

However, if we lose some students, we will only have funding to cover three classes comprising, K/P/1, 2/3/4 and 5/6 of between 18 and 23 students. Extra support will be provided to the 2/3/4 classroom to ensure the students’ needs are met.

With either scenario, I expect to retain our current staff and continue to provide a first class education for all students at Walpole PS.

Year Six Dinner

What a great dinner was had by the Year Six students, their parents and staff to farewell the students to highschool. All of the students began their schooling at Walpole PS and Mrs Flett produced a Powerpoint, treating us to memories of their early years. Mrs Walker coordinated the event and gave a touching speech on what to expect in, and prepare for, the future.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious two course meal prepared by Flaming Hot Takeaway. Year Five students under the guidance of some parents did an outstanding job waiting on tables. The room looked amazing! Room 4 crafted the decorations and Mrs Kendrick created the flower arrangements.
Room 4 Visit to Manjimup

Room 4 have been working with a couple of artists to come up with designs for an art installation at the Manjimup Aquatic Centre. Last week they got to have a look at the first sculpture and have a bit of fun at the pool. As usual, our students’ behaviour was exemplary.

Lost Property

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Karate Tournament

at the
Walpole Rec Centre
Sunday 13th
December
From 9.30am
GOLD COIN ENTRY
The event will be catered for by the Walpole P&C. A full canteen will be on offer serving delicious morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.
Rec Centre Xmas Hamper Raffle.
Kata, Kumite, Continuous
Kumite, Team Kata.
Black Belt Grading.
See the Walpole and Denmark kids in action this Sunday.

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