



Walpole Primary School Newsletter

Nature Culture Future

important dates

6 April – Students last day Term 1
7 April – Good Friday Public Holiday
24 April – School Development Day, no students
25 April – ANZAC Day Public Holiday
26 April – First day of term 2 for students



AUTISM AWARENESS DAY – 3 APRIL 2023

Students and staff raised over \$144.80, for the free dress day on Monday.



From the Principal

by Stuart Klose

How time flies. We are at the end of Term 1 already. The students, staff and parents all deserve a relaxing break to recharge and reconnect.

There have been a number of highlights this term, from STEM night to cubby building but I am continually blown away at how hard the students work and the care they demonstrate for each other. NAPLAN has been and gone and I was so impressed with the Year 3 and 5 students for how they embraced the tests as a positive way to demonstrate what they know.

During Week 7, the School Board members had the opportunity to receive training to familiarise themselves with the associated roles and responsibilities. Sinan Kerimofski entertained us all but also inspired the members with a greater understanding of the power of a strong and cohesive board. I look forward to working closely with our board heading into Term 2.

I encourage all parents to get behind our P&C as they do a wonderful job for our school, but they are struggling for numbers. With a large working party, the P&C can pursue a greater number of opportunities resulting in some fantastic projects being completed for your children.

I would like to thank Ms Kimberley Stacey for the time she has spent with us as our Manager of Corporate Services. Kimberley has secured a fulltime role at Rapids Landing in Margaret River. We wish you the best in your new role Kimberley. I would also like to thank Julie and Trevor Collins for always keeping our school very clean, especially during COVID. Julie and Trevor, we wish you well on your travels around our country. I would like to welcome Mrs Macia de Brito who will be joining Room 1 as an EA - Special Needs in Term 2.

Thank you to all the parents who have paid the Voluntary Contribution for their children. We have hit the 46% paid. We look forward to using these funds to enable further opportunities for your children.

The Cross-Country carnival is coming up in Term 2 and the students have been training all term. We have decided to add a parent's category for the first time. Parents will run the Senior course of 2.5km and the winner will not only have the bragging rights but will also win a championship medal. Time to start training.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish all the students and their families a wonderful Easter and a safe and relaxing school holiday.



From the P&C

by Brooke Halkyard

Update on Wally

You may remember last year that Lisa and Dan Neill kindly committed to donating the proceeds from the future sale of one of their steers - Wally - to the P&C.

So, where's Wally now?

Wally and a few of his buddies are growing a little on the slow side. They have been hanging out and munching grass, silage and hay out in the big paddock. Watching the local roos & emus, kicking up their heels and having fun. With the new winter grass growing rapidly they are on track for heading to sale in a few weeks. Eat up Wally!



Wally at the start of the year

Vacancy P&C President

The P&C still requires someone to step into the President role. In the absence of a President, the P&C cannot continue to function. At this time, a decision may be required at our Term 2 meeting to dissolve the Committee and surrender P&C funds. We really don't want it to come to this... If you think you can commit to four meetings per year, with as little or as much time spent on fundraising as you can spare, please email walpoleprimarypandc@gmail.com or speak with one of the committee members if you have any questions about the role or would like to register your interest.



From the Chaplain

by Glenn Richardson



Using a few bowls of water, a dry leaf and a magnetised needle, some students were shown, how to make an improvised compass.

The compass shows us our direction and may help us to find our way. People can be just like a compass pointing us in the right direction. A person who does that has to be trustworthy, consistent and wise.

Each student was asked to consider who in their life is like a compass. They described friends, parents, and siblings. All great examples of people they trust that help keep them going the right direction.

As the new chaplain it has been such a great experience this term learning how best I can serve this school. I'm still finding my way. I'm not a survival expert I don't intend to teach survival. I hope in the coming term to relate a practical skill to our lives and help foster some gratitude for what we do have. We all have people we trust, places we can go for help. Sometimes we just need a reminder of who or where that is.





STEM NIGHT

Walpole Primary School staff and P&C hosted a Family STEM night last Thursday night. Under the theme of Magic, children and their parents investigated the magic of science through a variety of interesting experiments.

The Elephant Toothpaste experiment, Symbols of Dance and Floating Pictures activities were particularly fun. Everyone also enjoyed viewing students work on mazes, completed in Design and Technology under the guidance of Ms Gill Irvine.

The highlight of the evening was the Spaghetti Tower Challenge. Each family worked together to build the highest tower using the provided materials- 30 strands of spaghetti, one marshmallow and 1/2m of masking tape. This was quite a difficult task. Congratulation Jordy, Leah, Jade and Ryan for creating a 74cm tower and Dylan, Chloe, Toni and Ky for a close second of 70cm.

We all enjoyed a delicious meal of warming soups prepared by the Y3-6 students. Thank you to the Village Grocer for donating the tasty bread rolls.

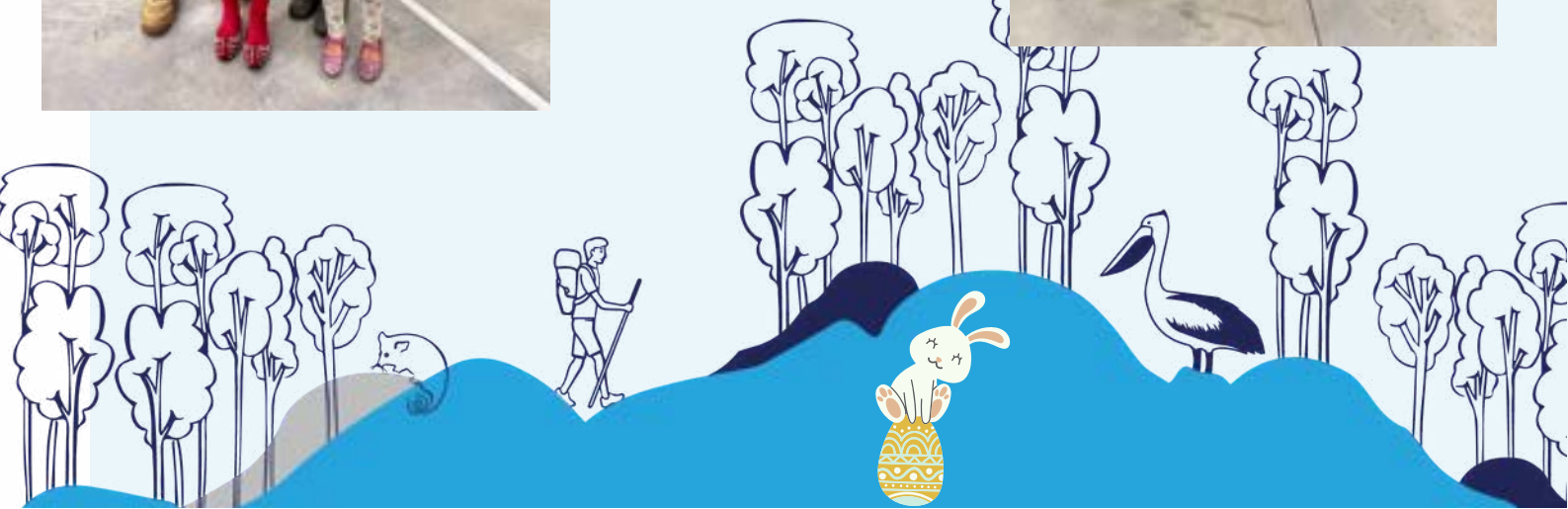
The STEM night was attended by more than 60 people. We are all looking forward to the next one.



Winners - Tower
Challenge,
The Smith Family



Runners Up - Tower
Challenge,
The Strickland Family





STEM NIGHT CONTINUED

Our families and there children having a fantastic time and getting involved in all the activites.





YEAR 6 GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Grip Leadership Conference was held in the Albany Entertainment Centre on Thursday the 23 of March at 9:15am and concluded at 2:30pm. Kids from many different schools gathered to learn more about being a good student leader. The hosts of the conference were Andy, Nadia and Tasha. They provided us with a small booklet to take notes with activities inside.

Topic One “How to be an others first leader”

We learnt about the 4 H's Happiness, Hear, Help and Humility and we watched a video clip to do with the 4 H's the videos were and we had to identify the traits being displayed.

And then we had a morning tea break

After session one we had morning tea break which went from 10:45 to 11:10. Through that time we could play and eat around the Albany Entertainment Centre.

Topic 2 “The people we can impact as a leader”

All through session 2 we learnt about the people we can impact as a leader these are the people that look up to us, the people who are left out by others and the people who are like-minded. Each session we had ten minutes of loud noises where we played games that educated us about the topic.

Lunch break

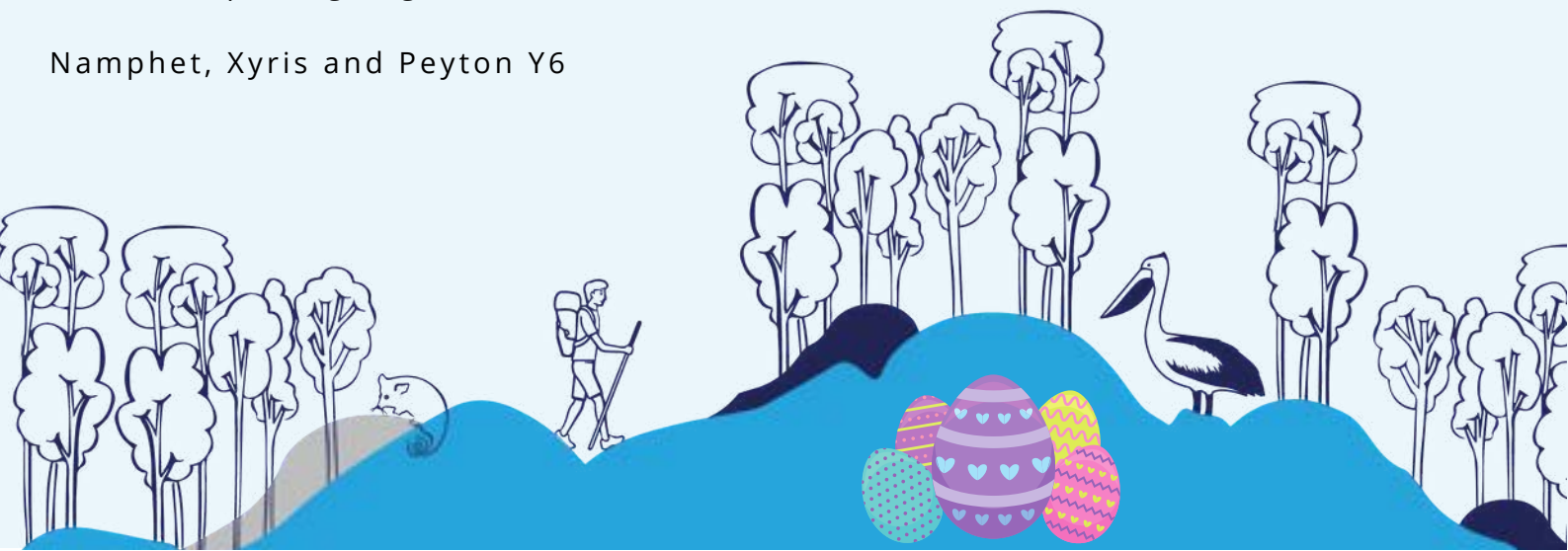
Session 3 “How to get everybody on board with a new idea”

In session three, we talked about how we could get everybody on board with a new idea by organizing activities that other students might prefer.

Q&A With the team

We got to ask questions to the Grip Leadership team, and they would answer our questions with an explanation that we could understand. Overall, it was very fun, and we hope to go again.

Namphet, Xyris and Peyton Y6





YEAR 4, 5 & 6 SIGNATURE DISH

The Year 4, 5 & 6 completed their Signature Dish homework recently. Students needed to plan and prepare a dish for their families using one of the nominated ingredients. This time it was tomatoes or oats. All the students enjoyed making delicious food for their family.

Sarah Walker, Classroom Teacher

Peyton

Creamy tomato pasta

Feedback: You did a great job, Peyton. Dinner was delicious. (Mum)



Lyndon

Lasagna

Feedback: We eat lasagna a bit at home but never use ricotta, which is a healthy option and less time-consuming to cook. It was a learning experience for me too, which was great. (Aunty Karena)

Oliver

Muesli Power Bars

Feedback: I liked the apple pieces in the muesli bars. Good job, lad. (Dad)



Lucas

ANZAC Slice

Feedback: Lucas was very enthusiastic and excited when we picked the recipe. He followed the steps of the recipe very well. (Mum)





CONTRIBUTIONS 2023

Contributions have been set at \$60.00 per child for 2023. Payment of these enables the school to support your child's education by providing materials, services and facilities such as:

- cooking ingredients
- materials for arts and crafts, design and technology, and science activities
- class sets of resources
- access to educational software systems such as Mathletics.

This equates to \$1.50 per week or \$15.00 per term. The school is very happy to support families wishing to set up a payment plan, please contact the office and organise to meet with the Manager Corporate Services.



BUS NOTIFICATION

To assist the smooth departure of the school buses, could you please contact the office before 2pm if there is to be a change in plans for children getting home.



COVID 19

Families are reminded that Covid 19 is still present in the community, and we ask that if your child is unwell with cold or flu like symptoms that they stay home until their symptoms resolve.

We also have a good supply of RAT Tests, both oral and nasal so please come to the front office if your family needs any.





COMMUNITY NEWS

Shire of Manjimup - Dismantle Bike Rescue

A fantastic workshop for Walpole families happening next week – the Dismantle Bike Rescue.

This workshop is a great way for both local and visiting community members to ensure their bicycles are working well and that people can travel and play on their bikes safely - It would be wonderful to see some students/families who use bikes to get to/from school attend.

GET YOUR WHEELS IN TOP SHAPE
THIS SCHOOL BREAK WITH

DISMANTLE

BIKE RESCUE

Learn from experienced bike mechanics how to keep your bike running great.
Bring your own bike to work on - it will roll out better than it rolled in!

DETAILS

When: Wednesday, 12th April
9.30am - 3.30pm

Where: Walpole Skate Park
2 Swan Street, Walpole

COST

Cost includes workshop, equipment,
and parts used on your bike.

\$20 Visitors

\$5 Shire of Manjimup Residents +
\$2 for additional family members

FUN 4 EVERYONE

This workshop is open to all ages.
A parent or guardian is required
for children aged under 10 years.

REGISTER NOW!

Register now. Pay on the day.
Ride-ins on the day welcome too!
www.surveymonkey.com/r/Dismantle

This opportunity has been provided by Dismantle through the Youth Engage and Empower Project.
The project is supported by the Shire of Manjimup, the Criminal Property Confiscation Grants Program,
and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.





COMMUNITY NEWS

The Behaviour Tonics Team

Have a FREE special event coming to Denmark for all fathers and Father figures and we are hoping you might share our event to be held in Denmark WA on the 10th May 2023 to fathers/father figures of your centre.

<https://fb.me/e/JnTaCGVe>

Presenting a FREE Fathering 101 Course sponsored by WANSLEA WA available to all fathers and father figures. I have also attached a flyer for your interest or for advertising on noticeboards or circulating via email (live links).

Wednesday 10 May

6:00-8:00pm

Denmark Community Resource Centre

2 Strickland Street Denmark

Register here >> <http://bit.ly/40plA3C>

Thank you for your support!

Parenting Connection

Fathering 101
A free workshop delivered by a dad, for dads and male caregivers

This workshop will cover:

- Building self-regulation in children.
- Show your kids how it's done!
- "Same page parenting" - is it possible?
- Setting limits and boundaries.
- Teaching positive behaviour and life skills.
- Strengthening relationships.

Food and drinks provided.
Bookings: <http://bit.ly/40plA3C>

Facilitator: Brad Williams, Behaviour Tonics
Brad Williams is known for his engaging & practical workshops. He is a father of 2 boys, was raised on a farm and before changing careers, he worked as a cray fisherman along the West Coast.

When: 6 - 8pm Wed
10 May 2023
Where: Denmark CRC
2 Strickland St
Denmark 6333

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Albany Athletics Club

We'll run and walk on Sunday mornings from 16th April until 23rd September at 8 beautiful outdoor locations in and around the city of Albany including National Parks, Reserves and private farmland. We offer running and walking options of approx. 2km, 4km or 6km distances for adults and juniors aged 6 years and above. Courses are well marked and events are timed by the Club.

Registration fees are low. Senior and Junior Memberships are only \$65 for approx. 20 Cross Country events, with current Albany Little Athletics members receiving a \$50 discount rate.

For more information about our Winter Cross Country season people can head to our website www.albanyathletics.com.au.

ALBANY ATHLETICS CLUB

2023 Winter Cross Country

- Sunday mornings
- April to September
- ~2, 4 or 6km options
- ages 6 years old & up
- marked & timed courses
- 8 outdoor locations

Registrations now open!
www.albanyathletics.com.au





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Newsletters this term will be made available from
our website on Friday of Week 3, 7 and 10.



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