



Walpole Primary School Newsletter

Nature Culture Future

important dates

1 July – School Holidays Begin
17 July – Teachers Return
18 July – Students Return
21 July – Mens Shed morning tea
7 August – Spare Parts Puppet play and workshop
8 August – West Coast Eagles incursion
8 August – STEM Night: Old Fashioned Games



UR WALPOLE 2023

In its 24th year, UR Walpole is an eco-education programme that runs in Term 2 every year immersing students in their local area and community. It is always a busy but enjoyable event on the Walpole Primary School calendar and this year has been no different.

This year the topic was FIRE. Students explored this theme across the learning areas and engaged in many rich learning tasks.

All classes went on some exciting excursions including a trip to the Fire station for the YK-1 class, the North Walpole Bush fire brigade for Y2-3's, and the Year 4, 5 & 6's went to Horseyard Hill to look at the planning required for a prescribed burn.

All the Year K-6's went on the WOW cruise with Gary Muir. The K-1s enjoyed a trip to learn about fire. The Y2-3's learnt about the fire triangle and the Y4-6 students learnt about how different plants and animals respond to fire. They also heard about William's quokka study and the effects fire had on them and their recovery rate. Thank you to Gary, Emma, and Wayne for taking us out on the WOW cruise.





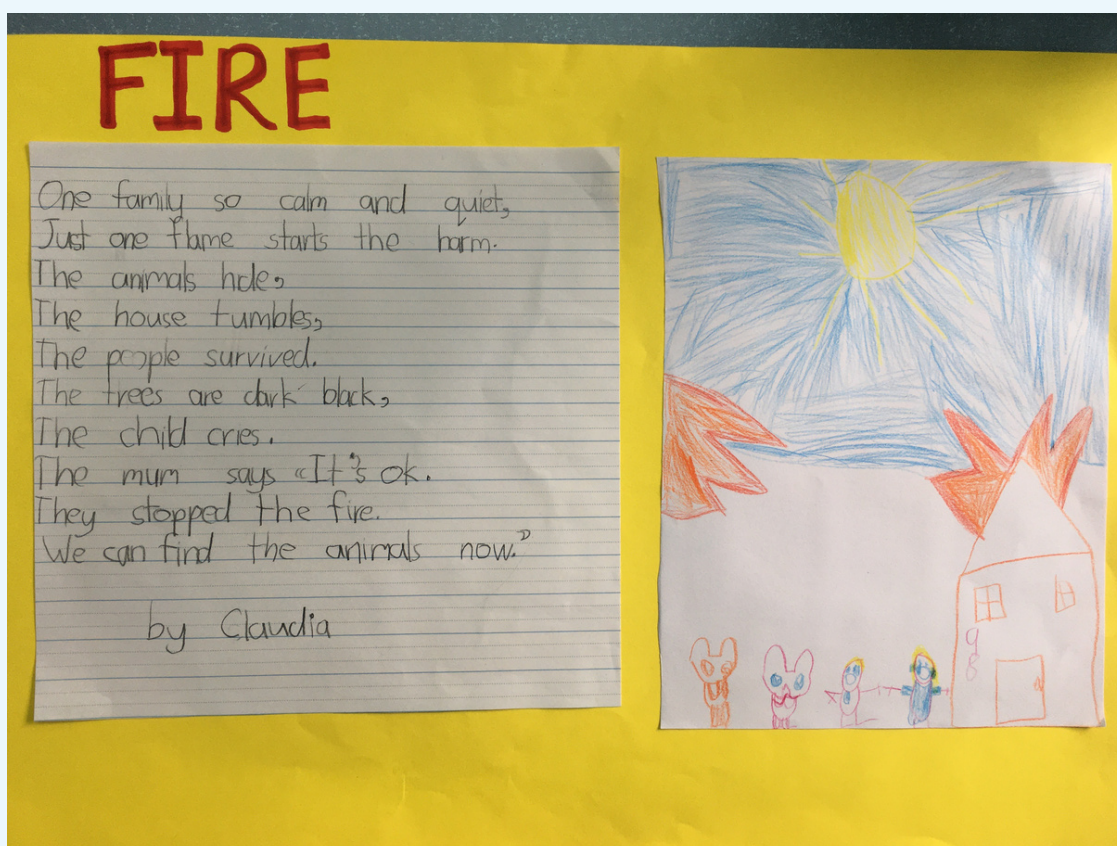
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Many staff from DBCA took the time to help students learn about fire. The Y2-3 class even made a weather observation with Julie and Sarah at Mount Frankland. Thank you to Ms Nikki Rouse who organised many of these interactions.

Guest speakers - Gary Muir and Charles Biddle, used fun scientific experiments to communicate the fire triangle and the properties of fire.

Apart from these fun excursions, students were very busy in their classrooms. They have written reports and poetry, made artworks, conducted experiments, and made digital stories. The UR WALPOLE programme culminated in a celebration assembly and open classrooms that were attended by the student's friends and families.

Thank you to all the teachers, staff, parents, and community members who have made this year's UR WALPOLE programme possible. UR Walpole provides students with many exciting memories.





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From the Principal

by Stuart Klose

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Winter/Makuru is well and truly here in Walpole. I have been surprised at how much rainfall we have had, it's more than I can remember for the start of winter in my 16 years in the Great Southern. Our students are so resilient with these conditions, they never let the weather stop them.

UR Walpole has run continuously since 1999 and is still providing students with authentic learning experiences that they will not get elsewhere. This year's theme of Fire has really opened the students' eyes to the impact that it has on their lives, the community and the surrounding environment. They have discovered both the danger and benefits of fire that it has now and the impact it has had through the history of the greater Walpole area.

I would like to extend a very big thank you to all the parents and local experts who enabled our students to engage in such rich learning experiences. I especially want to thank Gary Muir for the time and resources he contributes to this program year after year. I also want to thank all of our staff who have gone above and beyond for the students of Walpole PS. We look forward to next year's program.

I would like to thank Ms Benita Cattalini for relieving in Room 1 for Term 2. Ms Cattalini has stepped in at the last minute and has been able to provide a high-quality learning environment for the students. We wish Ms Cattalini a wonderful holiday to the Kimberly and look forward to her coming back into the school for relief later in the year.

Student reports for Semester One will be sent home with students on the last day of term (30 June). If a student is away on the last day, then their report will be posted out to the address we have on file.

We are now open for enrolments for kindergarten in 2024. If you have a child turning four between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020, they are eligible to enrol for Kindy in 2024.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to maintain an attendance level above 90%. We currently sit at 88%. This figure has been partially because of the sickness that is widespread throughout our community. Next term we will continue to work towards our goal of 93%.

We have a Staff Development Day on Monday 17 July (first day of Term Three) so students return on Tuesday 18 July. Thank you and have a safe and relaxing break.





TRIPLE P: POSITIVE PARENTING SEMINAR

Want to make family life easier – and happier? Triple P's Power of Positive Parenting seminar can help you understand why kids act the way they do, and how your reactions and words can make a big difference.

Our 90-minute seminar is free for all WA parents and carers, and packed with ideas to help you give your children the best start in life and get more enjoyment out of being a parent.

Walpole PS is hosting a free seminar on Wednesday 2 August from 9 - 10.30am. The session will be hosted by Laura Fitzpatrick our Triple P trained School Psychologist. Morning tea will be provided.

Book your free place now by calling the school on 6871 0200 or emailing to walpole.ps@education.wa.edu.au



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 NOTICES



LET'S BUILD A BIRD FEEDER TOGETHER

DATE: WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY
 @ WALPOLE CRC
 TIME: 10 AM TO 12 PM
 \$ 5 PER CHILD

Have you ever wanted to build a little house where birds can go to rest and grab some food?



CLIMBING AND NINJA OBSTACLES!

BUS TRIP

DATE: WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY
 TIME: 8:30 AM TO 4 PM
 AGE 8 and up
 \$35 PER CHILD



DO YOU LIKE ADVENTURE?

Be brave and join us for a fun day of climbing and Ninja warrior obstacles at the Indoor Activity Centre in Albany
 Transport and lunch is provided
 Please wear sneakers

RSVP is essential for all activities, please call the Walpole CRC at 9840 1395 or email adminassist@walpole.org.au

Walpole CRC -Term 3 Sports Activities



Where: Walpole Sports & Rec Centre
 When: Wednesday 26th July
 Wednesday 2nd August
 Wednesday 9th August
 Wednesday 16th August
 Time: 3:15pm to 4:15pm
 Age: 5 years and up

Please note: No sports activities week 1



Where: Walpole Oval
 When: Wednesday 23 August
 Wednesday 30th August
 Wednesday 6th September
 Wednesday 13th September
 Time: 3:15pm to 4:15pm
 Age: 5 years and up

Please note: No sports activities week 10

Come on down for a game of basketball or bush hockey in a fun and relaxed format.
Free All Welcome!

Queries: Nicole Munro 9840 1395 or 0428 955 840

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MANJIMUP REGIONAL
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END OF
TERM POOL
PARTY

JUN
30

7-14 YEARS
OF AGE
3:30PM - 5:30PM

NORMAL ENTRY FEE STILL APPLIES



WINTER
school holiday adventures

GEOCACHING

ONLY
\$20^{PP}
PER SESSION

AGES
8-12

Denmark - 11th July
Albany - 13th July
10am - 1pm

Tickets at www.outdoorsgreatsouthern.org.au/events





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the office by 3pm Monday of newsletter week.
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