



Walpole Primary School Newsletter

Nature Culture Future

important dates

25 January – School Office Opens for Term One 2024
 29 – 30 January – Staff Development Days (No Students)
 31 January – Students First Day of Term One 2024
 5 – 9 February – Swimming Lessons Peaceful Bay
 13 – 25 March – NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5



PRODUCTION AND AWARDS NIGHT

A Magical Night at Walpole Primary School: Journey Into the Mountains with Gawaine the Dragon

On an enchanting Friday night at our Presentation Night, the talented students of Walpole Primary School transported the audience into a mystical world high in the mountains. The highlight of the evening was the whole school play, brilliantly directed by Miss Lyndall Watson and Mrs Kim Burton.

The stage was set in a quaint village inhabited by characters with vivid imaginations, all under the shadow of the legendary dragon, Gawaine. The role of the fearsome yet misunderstood dragon was portrayed by Peyton, adding a touch of magic to the performance. It was the brave Tommy, played by Dylan, who was forced to embark on a courageous journey to rescue the village from the perceived threat.

As the story unfolded, the audience was treated to a delightful twist, revealing Gawaine to be a friendly and gentle dragon. The heartwarming ending left everyone in awe, showcasing the power of friendship and understanding..





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Adding to the enchantment were the talented trio of Savanna, Aoife, and Finlay, who brought the village to life with their portrayal of cackling crones. The Kindergarten students added a touch of innocence and beauty to the production, portraying delightful snowflakes.

The night was not only filled with captivating performances but also a celebration of achievements. Throughout the evening, many deserving students were recognized and honoured with awards, highlighting their dedication, talent, and hard work.





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From the Principal

by Stuart Klose

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Welcome to our last newsletter of the year.

We have just entered the Noongar season of Birak (December – January). The Noongar Season 'Birak' is represented by the colour red as it symbolises heat, sun and fire. During Birak season the rain eases and the warm weather really starts to take hold. The afternoons are cooled by the sea breezes from the southwest.

What a fantastic effort from our students on Friday night in presenting Dragon Days. All the hard work the students put in really paid off. A big thank you to Ms Watson and Mrs Burton for making it such a success. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members present to enjoy the evening. I would like to congratulate all of our worthy award winners and wish our Year 6 students the very best as the move onto high school next year.

I would like to thank Ms Maria Miranda for stepping into Room 1 early in Term Three. Maria has done a wonderful job with the K, P, 1 students due in large to her dedication and care that she has for each and every child. Ms Miranda will be teaching at Mount Lockyer PS in 2024. We wish you all the best Maria.

Please save the dates for our School Development Days for 2024. These are the days which we devote to professional learning for staff so students do not attend on the following dates:

Monday 29 January, Tuesday 30 January

Friday 26 April (ANZAC Day Thursday 25 April)

Monday 15 July (First Day Term 3)

Monday 11 November

Friday 13 December (Last Day of Term 4)

We will look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 31 January 2024 which is the first day of Term 1. For a full list of term dates go to <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/future-term-dates>

We have previously emailed the Financial Contributions and Charges for 2024. This is a detailed guide of the most you could be expected to pay for your child to participate in activities next year. Personal Requirements Lists (aka Booklists) have also been sent out. Both documents are available on our website

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Kind regards

Stuart Klose





ROAD REFLECTOR RUBBISH

Walpole Primary School just discovered a devastating story. Mr Filby was walking along the highway recently when he came across a pile of road reflectors. Being the man he is, he picked up each and every one of them.

The markers were later passed on to Walpole Primary School. The students in Room 4 each guessed how many markers there were. After guessing, the students counted the markers and established that there were 1 764 pieces. Lyndon guessed the closest amount.

We are unsure who did this dreadful act, and we hope it will never happen again. If they were left where they were it could have been harmful to the environment. Thankfully Mr Filby removed the rubbish, and no harm was done.

Xyris, Oliver, Taj and Astrid.





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. Please only contact the office by phone, text or email. If your child is on the bus and you pick them up, please sign your child out through the office before leaving.



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

Karaoke/Music Workshop with Oceanique

Date: 19th December 2023

Time: 10 am to 12 pm

Price: \$5 per child

Meet: Walpole CRC

Instruments welcome.



Denmark Thrills Adventure Park

Date: 10th January 2024

Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Price: \$35 per child

Meet: Walpole CRC

Please wear bathers. Bring dry clothes, a towel and a hat.

Lunch provided

Beach Cricket-Peaceful Bay

Date: 12th January 2024

Time: 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Price: \$5 per child

Meet: Peaceful Bay Caravan Park

Lunch included

(Parents must drop off and pick up children)



Laser Tag - Albany

Date: 17th January 2024

Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Price: \$35 per child

Meet: Walpole CRC

Please bring a hat, water and enclosed running shoes.

All events please RSVP

Limited spaces

mail: adminassist@walpole.org.au

or Call: 9840 1395





COMMUNITY NOTICES

Summer Fun with 'Lets Go Surfing' mornings for All-Abilities.

Disabled Surfers Association Great Southern will hold four surfing days on Saturday mornings in 2024 at Middleton Beach in front of the Albany Surf Lifesaving Club

Register here, Participants, carers/parents and volunteers:

<https://events.humanitix.com/lets-go-surfing>.

Dates:

- 20 th January
- 17 th February
- 16 th March
- 13 th April

Surfers:

- Armbands and rashies can be collected 9 am - 10 am at the registration tent (registrations finish at 10 am)
- Surfing - 9:30 am to 11.30 am, followed by a FREE BBQ and presentations before 12 pm
- Sunscreen and wetsuits are available
- Please BYO a water bottle





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Volunteer Jobs:

- Set up - from 7.30 am - 8.30 am
- Surfing support - 9.30 to 11.30 am - sunscreen and wetsuits are available
- Pack down - finished by 12 pm
- Any shift you can volunteer with is much appreciated
- FREE BBQ Breakfast for set up volunteers
- FREE BBQ Lunch for surfing and pack-down volunteers

These times are flexible, so if the day doesn't go to plan, you are still welcome to come and go anytime you need.

So come along and join us all for a morning of Surf, Fun.... Putting Smiles on Dials

Follow our Facebook page www.facebook.com/DisabledSurfersGS

COVID - if you are testing positive, please stay home until you are clear.

Disabled Surfers Association
 **Great Southern 2024**
'Let's Go Surfing' Days

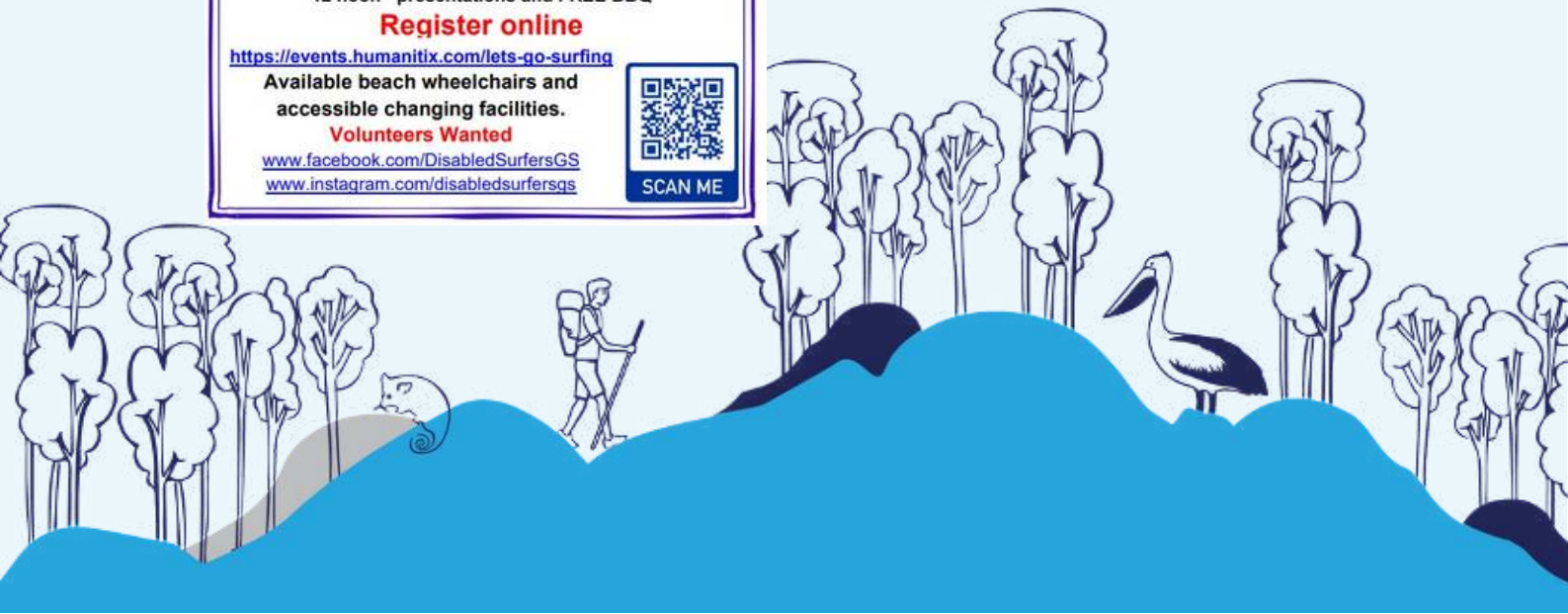


Participants of All-Abilities/ages
Saturdays - Middleton Beach, Albany
Jan 20th, Feb 17th, March 16th, April 13th
 Collect arm bands from 9am, in water 9:30am -11.30am
 12 noon - presentations and FREE BBQ

Register online
<https://events.humanitix.com/lets-go-surfing>
 Available beach wheelchairs and accessible changing facilities.
Volunteers Wanted
www.facebook.com/DisabledSurfersGS
www.instagram.com/disabledsurfersgs



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 **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

SHIRE OF DENMARK PRESENTS



**DENMARK
CHRISTMAS
FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER
BERRIDGE PARK
5pm - 9pm**

Face Painting / Family Activities
Food Vans / Market stalls
Selfie with Santa
5pm

Christmas Pageant
6pm
Carols by Candlelight
7pm

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