



Walpole Primary School Newsletter

Nature Culture Future

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dates*

22 February – P&C AGM, everyone welcome

22 February – Long Table Lunch

6 March – Public Holiday, Labour Day

Week 5 – Interm Swimming

23 March – STEM Night

Week 7 & 8 – NAPLAN Testing

7 April – Public Holiday, Good Friday & start of School Holidays

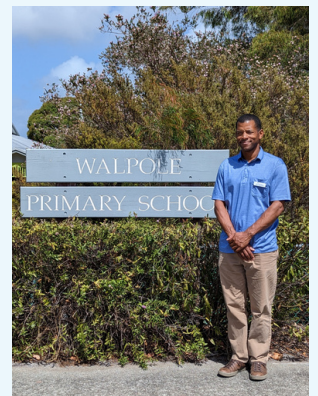


WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

CHAPLAIN

Glenn Richardson is the new YouthCARE chaplain to Walpole primary school and he hopes to bring an emphasis on true friendship, teamwork and personal resilience.

His background and experience relied very heavily on these areas, and he hopes to bring this to the students at Walpole primary. Glenn comes from the United States of America and is retired from the US Army.



GARDENER

Mark Coldrey has joined the Walpole team, filling the position of Gardener. He brings a wealth of experience, from working with the City of Canning for many years and is looking forward to getting to know the students and share his passion for gardening.





WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Walpole Primary School is very excited to welcome 12 new students to our school. We have a big group of kindergarten students that are keeping their Teacher Lisa Teague-Robertson and Education Assistant Margaret Everett very busy, organising and planning lots of learning activities.

It is lovely to see so many happy faces in the Early Childhood area and across the whole school.



BACK: Teacher - Lisa Teague-Robertson, Principal - Stuart Klose, Education Assistant - Margaret Everett
FRONT: Tully, Audrey, Luke, Elijah, Naomi, Ned, Ericka, Codie, Zoe, Luna, Jethro and Alistair

Seed Bank



It is that time of year when our flower beds are starting to go to seed. Please consider donating seeds to the seed bank. This provides a great learning opportunity for our KP1 students as they are involved with counting the seeds and packaging them, also it is great for the environment.

If you would like to drop off seeds, please place them in the box located on the fence line of Early Childhood, or further information can be obtained from Lisa Robertson-Teague, Classroom Teacher KPI.



Thank you



From the Principal

by Stuart Klose

Welcome Back!

I would like to welcome you back to another year at Walpole PS. After speaking to the students, I know many of you had some great adventures over the holiday period and got to spend quality time with your family and friends. We have had a productive start to the term and there is such a positive feel around the school. It is great to see students so engaged in their learning and demonstrating pride in what they produce.

I would like to extend a very big welcome to our 11 new Kindy students and their families, they are all settling in so well. A big thank you to Mrs Lisa Teague-Robertson and Ms Margaret Everett for making the students and parents feel so welcome. Also, welcome back to Jethro (in pre-primary) and his family who return from their stint in the Pilbara.

At the end of 2022, we said goodbye to our gardener, Mr Rob Griffiths, who has been a big part of the school over the last 10 years. Mr Mark Coldrey has joined our team and is already doing an amazing job. He brings with him a wealth of experience from his previous roles as a gardener. Mrs Dani Woods was successful in gaining a fulltime position in Perth and Ms Lyndall Watson has taken on the role of Drama/Music Specialist. Mrs Gillian Irvine has had a change of role from Phys Ed Specialist to Design and Technology Specialist. I have witnessed some of the hands-on activities that the students have started, and I will be excited to see the end results.

We would also like to farewell Julie and Trevor Collins who have been our cleaners over the last 4 years. They had a difficult role to play during COVID and we thank them for their efforts. Julie and Trevor are off to explore our glorious country. We are seeking a suitable person to take on the permanent position of school cleaner. If you are interested or you know somebody who might be, please head to search.jobs.wa.gov.au

This year NAPLAN has been moved to Term 1 where it was previously early Term 2 and will take place in Week 7. We also have swimming lessons just around the corner, if you haven't returned your forms can you please send them in.

A long table lunch is planned for Wednesday 22 February to say a big thank you to the OP Shop volunteers for their very generous \$2000 donation that will be invested in decodable readers (reading books to support learning to decode English). Mrs Sarah Walker would love some help from parents for this event. If you are available, please contact Mrs Walker.

STEM nights have returned this year and our first event will be held on March 23, beginning at 5.30pm. Keep an eye out for more details to come.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning, please make their teacher your first point of contact. If you have any other concerns or ideas, I will happily make time to meet over a cup of tea or coffee.





VACANCY - CLEANER



Department of
Education

Cleaner wanted

Walpole Primary School

Location: 1 Swan St, Walpole WA 6398

We are looking for a dedicated and organised Cleaner to join our friendly team.

For more information: contact Kimberley Stacey, Manager Corporate Services, by telephoning (08) 6871 0200 or emailing kimberley.stacey@education.wa.edu.au

Apply now by scanning the QR code with your smart phone or find our job on www.jobs.wa.gov.au and search for Walpole Primary School



Applications close:
3.30pm (WST) on Monday, 27 February 2023.

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NAPLAN MOVING TO TERM ONE

NAPLAN will move to Term 1 from 2023 and testing will be held from Wednesday 15 March to Monday 17 March.

Test dates for NAPLAN Online 2023 commencing Week 7 of Term 1 for a nine-day testing period;

- Wednesday, 15 March – Monday, 27 March
- Week 7 – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
- Week 8 – Monday to Friday
- Week 9 – Monday



P & C – AGM 22 FEBRUARY 2023

The Walpole P & C will be holding an Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday the 22 February at the Soccer Oval. All members and non-members are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information about the P&C, please call Claire Chhor the President on 0411 287 354 or Brooke Halkyard the Secretary on 0439 242 878.



REMINDERS

- Please let the office know of any changes to residence, health conditions, contact details, etc. Forms have been sent out to all families to enable personal details and medical condition information to be updated.
- Bus Students - if there are any changes to children catching the school bus home, please inform the school before 2:00pm on the day. This can be done by calling the front office on 08 6871 0200, sending a text to 0488 904 920 or emailing walpole.ps@education.wa.edu.au. Parents can also provide an overview if arrangements will continue throughout the term/year if this suits them better.





OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

SOCCER/Basketball

Will commence week two of term one, Wednesday 8 February 2023.

KARATE

Will commence week one of term one, Thursday 2 February 2023.

Please let the office know if your children will be attending especially if they are bus children.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Walpole Silverchain

Please note that the Walpole Silverchain clinic will be closed Friday, March 3rd with no on-call availability. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your continued support.

WA Child Safety Services

Protective Behaviours Parent & Carer Webinar – Tuesday 7 March at 6:30pm

This workshop will provide parents and carers with up-to-date information and practical strategies that can empower your child and help prevent child abuse.

The program is based on two core themes:

We all have the right to be safe and feel safe at all times.

We can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is.

Join the conversation with Justine O'Malley, one of WA's most experienced Protective Behaviours facilitators, Mum, Teacher and Social Worker. Registrations are just \$15 each.

To register your place for either of these webinars, visit our event page [here](#).

To find out more, visit our [website](#) or call 1300 310 083.





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OUTDOORS
GREAT SOUTHERN

Supported By:



Department of
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CLUB

Term 1 - 2023

FEBRUARY - 18/25
MARCH - 11/18/25
APRIL - 1



Year 4 - 6 - Go WIRED! in Nature

Join us as we take part in activities such as:

- Beachcombing/Marine life identification
- Flora and Fauna identification, Bush care
- Wild animal rescue and care with local carers and what you can do to help
- Geocaching and navigation skills
- Bushfire safety and awareness
- Bush Tucker and shelter building with local elders



Years 1-3 - Young Adventurers!

Our first ever young adventurers program will see participants take part in fun outdoor activities such as:

- Shelter Building
- Navigation
- Keeping safe outdoors
- Clothing and equipment
- Nature hikes and scavenger hunts

Year 1-3

Session Time - 1.30 - 3.00

Cost: \$100

Year 4-6

Session Time - 1.30 - 4.00

Cost: \$190 (Returning Participants)
\$210 (New Participants)

FOR DETAILS, VISIT

outdoorsgreatsouthern.org.au/events







COMMUNITY NEWS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

Australian Government Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia. A Mobile Service Centre will be visiting your area soon.

Staff from Services Australia travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can assist people with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families is also available.

Our Mobile Service Centres have disabled access and customer Wi-Fi to assist in creating myGov accounts and accessing online services.

INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Wednesday, 1 March 2023

Near the Post Office, Nockholds Street

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

WALPOLE

For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



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INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centres



If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide help and support.

Staff from Services Australia travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Our Mobile Service Centres also have disabled access.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the Mobile Service Centre and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff will provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

More information

To view the latest itineraries for the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations for Mobile Service Centres are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

Information and help you can access on board the Mobile Service Centres

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

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items to:*

walpole.ps@education.wa.edu.au or dropped off at
the office by 3pm Monday of newsletter week.
Newsletters this term will be made available from
our website on Friday of Week 3, 7 and 10.



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