



Walpole Primary School Newsletter

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dates*

Monday 3 February 2025: Staff Development Day
Tuesday 4 February 2025: Staff Development Day
Wednesday 5 February 2025: Students Resume
10–14 February: Swimming Lessons @Peaceful Bay

END OF YEAR CONCERT

On Friday evening, Walpole Primary School hosted its highly anticipated Presentation Night, a cherished annual event that brought together students, families, and community members to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2024 school year. The evening commenced with a heartwarming slideshow, reflecting upon the memorable moments and achievements of the past year, eliciting smiles and applause from the audience.

Andrea Thomas, representing the Walpole Primary School Board, took the stage to address the crowd. She highlighted the year's successes, expressing gratitude to the dedicated board members who played a pivotal role in the school's progress. Following her, Trudi Miles, President of the Walpole Primary School P&C, shared the P&C's achievements and extended her thanks to the hardworking committee. She also emphasized the need for new members to join in 2025, encouraging parents to become involved.

The highlight of the evening was a delightful performance of the play "Where the Wild Things Are" by the entire student body. Each student had the chance to shine, showcasing their talents in a production expertly coordinated by Ms. Lyndall Watson and Mrs. Kim Burton. The audience was captivated by the students' enthusiasm and skill.

Special guests, including Ms. Jane Kelsbie, Mrs. Kath Ward, and Mrs. Jenny Wilcox, presented awards to students who demonstrated exceptional dedication and achievement. The Year 6 students were celebrated with graduation certificates and delivered an energetic dance performance to the timeless hits of the Bee Gees, leaving the audience in awe.





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The evening concluded on a festive note with a whole school rendition of "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas," bringing a joyful end to a night of community and celebration. It's events like these that highlight the strong bonds and vibrant spirit of Walpole Primary School.





RFDS COLOUR RUN



On Thursday 12 December we held our Colour Run to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service WA. Mrs Walker and her Year 6 students decided on the event to support the wonderful work being done by Laura McKenney.

Laura and her family addressed our student group outlining her journey and the important role the RFDS made in saving her life. Thank you for sharing, Laura.

The Colour Run was great fun and i am not sure who had the most fun, the students, staff or the DBCA/volunteer firies.

A big thank you to the Walpole Fire Brigade and DBCA for providing fire truck to support the event. The Year 6 student's effort raised over \$1000 for RFDS WA.





RFDS COLOUR RUN



From the Principal

by Stuart Klose

Room 2: Mrs Narelle O'Brien (Monday - Thursday) and Mrs Simone Barrow (Friday) will be teaching Year 2 and 3 students. The classroom teachers will be supported by Mrs Kim Burton for a small portion of the week.

Room 4: Mrs Walker will be teaching the Years 4 - 6. Mrs Walker will be supported by Mrs Kim Burton for a portion of the week.

The Arts: Ms Lyndall Watson will continue the role of The Arts specialist on Thursdays in 2025.

Design and Technology: Mrs Simone Barrow will continue the D&T specialist role (taking over from Ms Irvine) on Thursdays in 2025.

Physical Education: Mr Bradley Nisbett will join our team in 2025. Mr Nisbett has taught Health and Phys Ed in primary schools in Perth but more recently has been the Great Southern Community Coordinator for the West Coast Eagles.

Staff Development Days 2025

Term 1:

- Monday 3 February
- Tuesday 4 February

Term 2:

- Monday 28 April

Term 3:

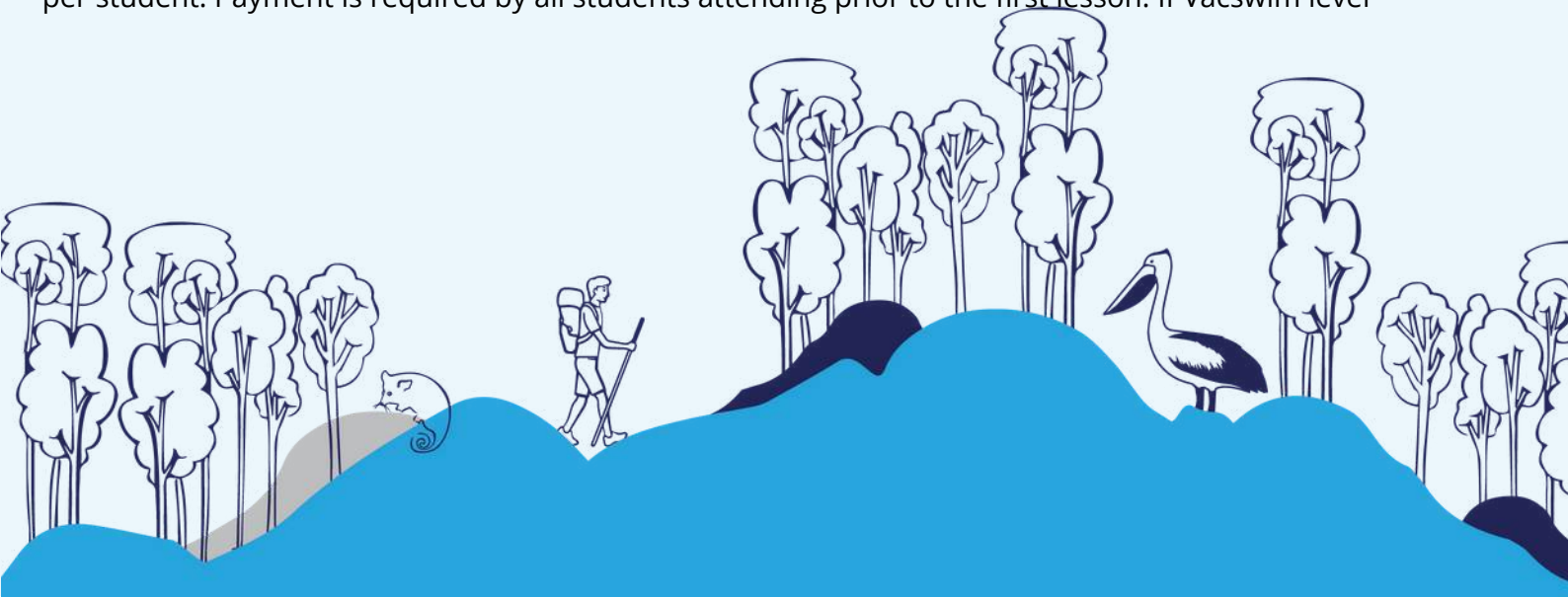
- Friday 15 August

Term 4:

- Friday 7 November
- Friday 19 December

Swimming Lessons 2025

Swimming lessons will again be held at Peaceful Bay. Lessons will occur in Week 2 of Term 1. Please complete the permission form and return to us as soon as possible to enable the swimming instructors to appropriate groupings. We are again hiring a self-drive bus from Albany. This has enabled us to keep costs down to \$40 per student. Payment is required by all students attending prior to the first lesson. If Vacswim level



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Why Attending School Regularly is Important

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to emphasise a crucial element in your child's educational journey: consistent school attendance. Regular attendance plays a vital role in the academic and social development of primary school students. When children attend school consistently, they are better able to grasp foundational skills in reading, writing, and mathematics, which are essential for future academic success. Additionally, being present in the classroom fosters essential social skills, such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving, as children interact and learn alongside their peers.

Missing even a few days of school can have a cumulative effect, making it challenging for students to keep up with the curriculum and potentially leading to gaps in their learning. Moreover, frequent absences can disrupt your child's routine, making it harder for them to reintegrate into the school environment. As parents, you play a pivotal role in setting the tone for your child's educational experience by prioritising attendance and reinforcing the importance of going to school.

I understand that there are times when absences are unavoidable due to illness or family emergencies. In such cases, please communicate with your child's teacher to ensure they can catch up on missed work. Together, we can work towards ensuring your child reaps the full benefits of their primary education, setting a strong foundation for lifelong learning and success.





PE TEACHER BRAD NISBETT

I am very much looking forward to joining the Walpole PS team in 2025 as the PE and Health Teacher. I thoroughly enjoy working with the younger generation within the school space and will continue to help develop their skills in sport, knowledge of health and everyday life skills.

I have previously worked as a PE teacher across various Primary and High Schools in Perth.

I made the move to Denmark at the start of 2022 and have loved my time down here. In my spare time I enjoy surfing, yoga, camping, music and sport.





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CONTRIBUTIONS 2024

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 via phone or email before 2pm** if there is to be a change in plans for children getting home. Please also contact the office regarding ongoing changes such as participation in after-school sport on Wednesdays (when running).



FEELING UNWELL

Families are reminded that if your child is unwell with flu like symptoms that they stay home until their symptoms resolve.

To ensure the safety of our students, parents please make sure that the office has the most up to date medical details for your child.





HOLIDAY IDEAS

We are delighted to invite you to our

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Hosted by the Ficifolia Community Garden



Saturday, December 14th
from 5:00pm
Latham Avenue, Walpole

FREE EVENT

Gourmet Sausage Sizzle
Gourmet Vege Wraps
Gluten Free Option
Water Refill Available
Mavis & Me
Santa
Prizes for Best Christmas Hat
BYO Refreshments

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WALPOLE P SHOP

Local performers are invited to showcase their talents -
apply via email fcgwalpole@gmail.com no later than 29th November





CHRISTMAS FUN!

Join us at the
Walpole Public Library
to make your own macrame
Christmas decorations



FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2024
10:30AM - 11:30AM

FREE EVENT

RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 10+

Numbers are limited
please email
walpolelib@manjimup.wa.gov.au
or call: 9840 1108
before Wednesday 18 December
to reserve your place





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