



# Walpole Primary School Newsletter

## Nature Culture Future

### important dates

13 May – Boat Cruise Room 4  
14 May – Boat Cruise Room 1  
15 May – Cross Country @ Walpole Country Club  
17 May – Coalmine Beach Walk Room 2  
20 May – Boat Cruise Room 2  
24 May – Room 1 Assembly



## WALPOLE KIDS IN THE CITY

We were all looking forward to camp. It's one of the best things in the school year. The students were going to come back more responsible, knowledgeable, and independent. We were all so excited about the activities we could hardly sleep. All of us knew we were going to be exhausted by the time we got back. Keep reading and you'll find out all about the fun but exhausting activities we experienced in Perth.

### Jarrah & Isabelle

A visit to Parliament House was first up on Tuesday. We saw the gold swan, played the parts of political people, and got badges for souvenirs. It was lovely to catch up with our Indonesian teachers, who treated us to a tour of SIDE and an Indonesian feast. We learned about animals that adapt to urban environments at Boola Bardip. Ice skating was great, and we all had a good time.

### Simon and Jasper

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### Dylan, Louis and Brynn





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The first day was unforgettable. Pemberton Aerial Adventure was the first stop. We did the yellow, pink, and green ropes course. These were challenging. We hit the road to Perth and only stopped a few times. After what felt like years, we finally made it to Point Walter Camp School. The luggage was unloaded, and we set up our rooms and made our beds. We got with our dorm mates and decided on a room name and motto. All the mottos and names were very creative. After that, we had a game of volleyball with students from another school and we won the game. After that we had dinner: Ms Cao joined us for dinner. We had lasagne, salad and garlic bread. After the first day, we were all tired and fell into bed for a good night's sleep.

## **Elianna & Lyndon**

The South Metropolitan Recycling Centre and Fremantle Prison were eye-opening places. We learned what happens when people put rubbish in the wrong bin. After we learned a lot at the recycling centre we went to Fremantle. We visited the Shipwreck Museum and did a workshop that taught us how archaeologists learn about the past from artifacts. Fish and chips were on the menu at Cicerellos and then we returned to the Museum. Afterwards, we went to the Fremantle Prison where we learned all about convicts and Moondyne Joe. Overall, we're pretty sure you know we had a fabulous day.

## **Mila & Astrid**

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## **Dylan, Louis and Brynn**

Going to camp is always a highlight of the school year. We have learnt so much, like improving our social skills and independence, and increasing our knowledge. We enjoyed everything about it. We would like to sincerely thank Walpole Op Shop, Walpole Primary School P & C, the Golden Wattle Bakery and Cash for Cans for the generous donation that made our camp so affordable for families. Thank you to Mrs Rule, Mr Dilley, Mr Klose and Ms Walker for supporting us. We were very happy to go to Perth for camp this year and can't wait to go again.

## **Skyler and Taj**







# WALPOLE KIDS IN THE CITY





## From the Principal

*by Stuart Klose*

Kaya

Currently, we find ourselves in the Noongar season of Djera, a period that is deeply significant to the Indigenous peoples of Southwestern Australia. This time of the year is traditionally characterised by changes in the environment that signal transitions in the flora and fauna. However, this year, we've observed an unusually dry spell, impacting not just the natural world around us but also our community activities and agricultural practices. It's a reminder of the importance of understanding and respecting the rhythms of the natural world, and the wisdom of the Noongar people who have managed this land for thousands of years.

Amidst these reflections on our environment, we recently had the opportunity to come together as a community to commemorate ANZAC Day – a day of great importance to our nation. It is a day to remember and honour the courage, sacrifice, and resilience of the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all parents and guardians for allowing your children to participate in the Walpole ANZAC Ceremony last Thursday. Their involvement in such ceremonies is invaluable, providing them with a sense of connection to our nation's history and the sacrifices made for the freedoms we enjoy today.

The participation of our students in the ANZAC Ceremony is a testament to the strong community spirit that defines Walpole Primary School. Your support enables us to provide our students with meaningful experiences that enrich their education and foster a deep sense of civic duty and pride.

### **UR Walpole 2024: Dirt**

Our UR Walpole program for Term Two delves into the intriguing world of dirt, offering students a unique lens through which to explore its significant impact on the Walpole area. This year's theme not only invites curiosity but also fosters a deeper connection with our natural surroundings. Students will embark on an enlightening journey that includes a scenic boat cruise, a captivating walk at Coalmine Beach, and engaging in a variety of hands-on science experiments. These activities are designed to enhance students' understanding of the environment and inspire a sense of ownership towards preserving the beauty and ecological integrity of Walpole. Through this immersive experience, students will uncover the hidden wonders of dirt and its pivotal role in sustaining life, shaping landscapes, and contributing to our community's well-being.



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*by Stuart Klose*

## **Room 4 School Camp: A Week of Adventure and Learning**

As the first term drew to a close, our Year 4, 5, 6 students embarked on an unforgettable journey, leaving the familiarity of school behind for a week-long camp filled with exploration, education, and excitement. Our destination? The vibrant city of Perth and its surrounding wonders, where each day promised a new adventure.

One of our adventures was Scitech, where curiosity met discovery. Students were immersed in the wonders of science and technology, engaging with interactive exhibits that sparked their imagination and thirst for knowledge.

There was also a visit to the WA Maritime Museum, where history came to life. Participating in a workshop, our students delved into Western Australia's rich maritime heritage, uncovering stories of exploration, trade, and the sea's significance to our past and present. This experience not only provided a deeper understanding of our state's history but also inspired a sense of adventure and exploration.

Sustainability and environmental responsibility were our focus at the recycling centre in Canning Vale. Here, students gained invaluable insights into the importance of recycling and waste management. They learned about the processes involved in recycling various materials and the impact of our choices on the environment, reinforcing the importance of being conscientious citizens of the planet.

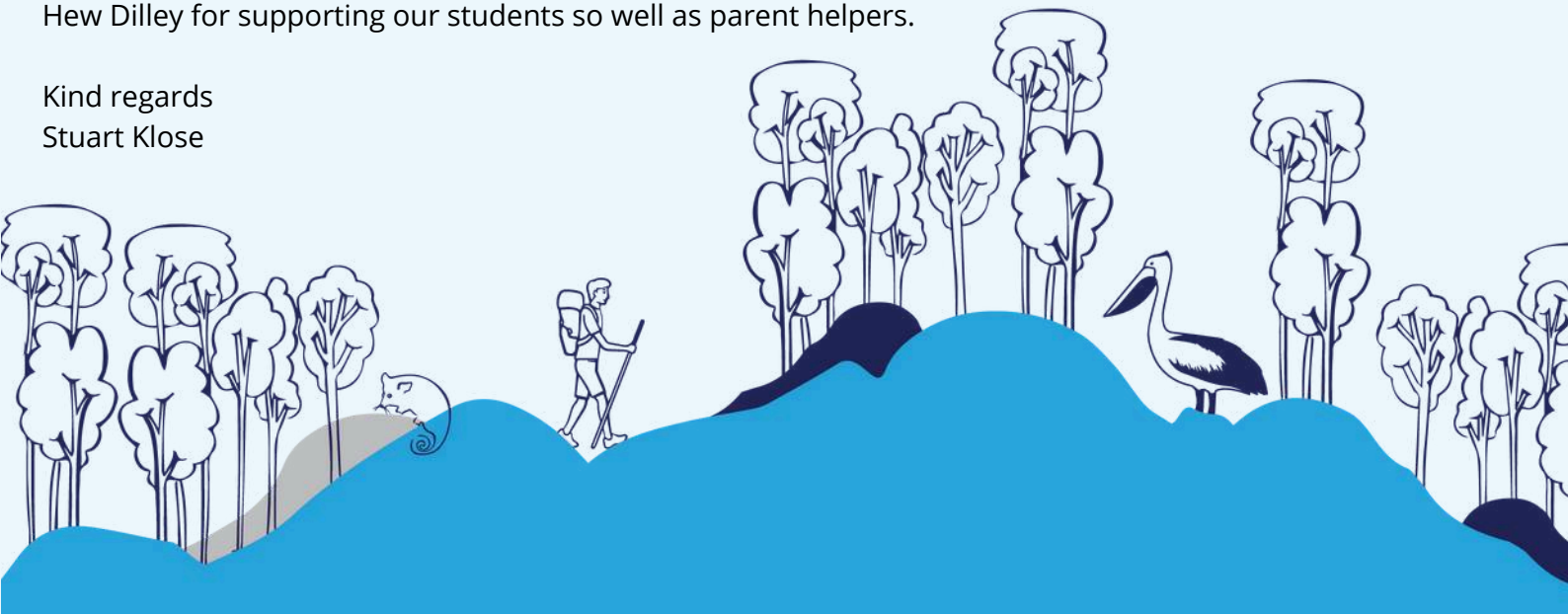
Our journey through history continued with a tour of the Fremantle Prison. Walking through its corridors, we were transported back in time, uncovering stories of the inmates and the prison's historical significance. This eye-opening experience provided a unique perspective on justice and societal change over the years.

Adding a dash of fun and laughter to our educational journey, we laced up our skates and hit the ice rink. Ice skating was a delightful break from our learning expeditions, allowing students to bond, share laughs, and challenge themselves in a new and exciting environment.

Our final stop was the Kodja Place in Kojonup, a cultural gem that offered insight into Australian history, Indigenous culture, and the shared stories that shape our nation. This visit was a fitting conclusion to our camp, leaving us with a deeper appreciation of our country's diverse heritage and the stories that connect us all.

Thank you, Sarah Walker for organising such an amazing camp. Also, a big thanks goes out to Nat Rule and Hew Dilley for supporting our students so well as parent helpers.

Kind regards  
Stuart Klose







# ANZAC CEREMONY







# WALPOLE P & C

## Mother's Day Gift Stall

This year, the P&C will be hosting a Mother's Day gift stall as part of its fundraising efforts!

The stall will be open between 8:30 and 10:00am on Thursday 9 May and Friday 10 May at the Walpole Primary School library.

All items will be priced between \$5 and \$10 (cash only). The selection includes home decor, bathroom products, stationery, jewelry, gardening items and more from the Moon & Back range.

Students who bring money to school will be provided with an opportunity to purchase directly from the stall during school hours. Grown-ups are also welcome to come along and browse (please be sure to sign-in at the front counter).

The P&C is currently fundraising to finance upgrades to the school playground. All profits from the stall will go towards this fundraising goal. More details on what's being proposed coming soon. Watch this space!

## Thank you to the Manjimup Op Shop!

The P&C would like to acknowledge the immensely generous donation it has received from the Manjimup Op Shop. With heartfelt thanks to the Op Shop committee, the P&C is another \$2,000 closer to its playground fundraising goal!

## Annual Walpole Football Day!!

Denmark Walpole Junior Football Club and SDJFA Round 4

Saturday 18th May 2024

9am start

Walpole Sport and Recreation Centre Oval

Latham Avenue

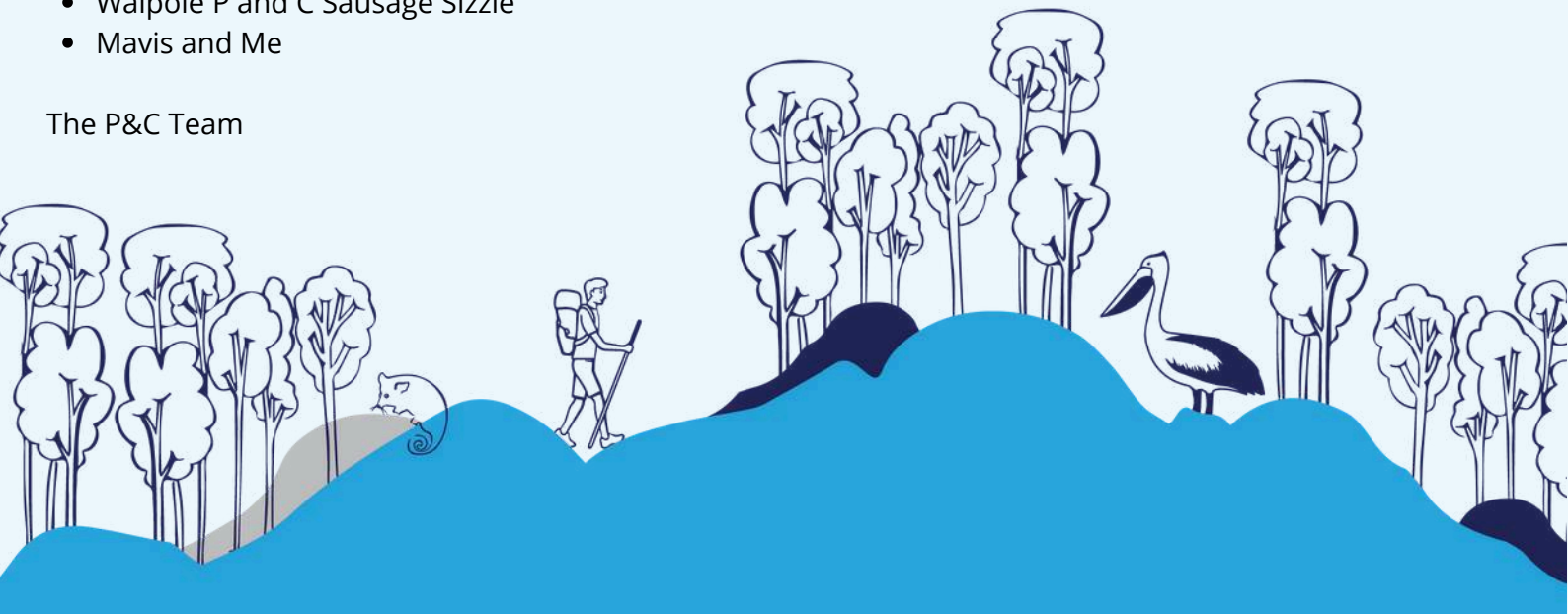
Spectators Welcome

Please come and show your support for our young local Aussie Rules players

Food, drinks and coffee available:

- Walpole P and C Sausage Sizzle
- Mavis and Me

The P&C Team





## 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 cold or 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.







## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**GO FOR 2 & 5 ALBANY**  
**KITE FIESTA**  
**SUNDAY 2nd JUNE 2024**  
10AM - 4PM ANZAC PEACE PARK  
KINJARLING ALBANY FORESHORE

**ART**

**FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT**

**Kite Making kits \$6**

**GIANT KITES**

Join Michael + Jan Alvares of  
**KITE KINETICS**  
[www.kitekinetics.com.au](http://www.kitekinetics.com.au)  
**& GREEN SKILLS**  
for kite making and kite flying FUN!!

**Green Skills Inc**

**Go for 2 & 5**

**healthway**

THIS EVENT IS PROUDLY SPONSORED BY HEALTHWAY TO PROMOTE THE 'GO FOR 2 & 5' MESSAGE  
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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**National Road Safety Week 2024**  
5-12 May





## BIKE SKILLS AND ROAD SAFETY

Sunday 5th May  
@ BMX Track  
Vista Street, WALPOLE  
10:00am to 3:00pm

Skills Session with Denmark Mountain Bike Club  
Social ride to The Knoll  
BBQ lunch and ride back

Supported by the  
CRC Community Bus  
Lunch Supplied

Parents encouraged to attend with a bike

Children under 7 years must be supervised

Accredited MTB Coaches from Denmark Mountain Bike Club





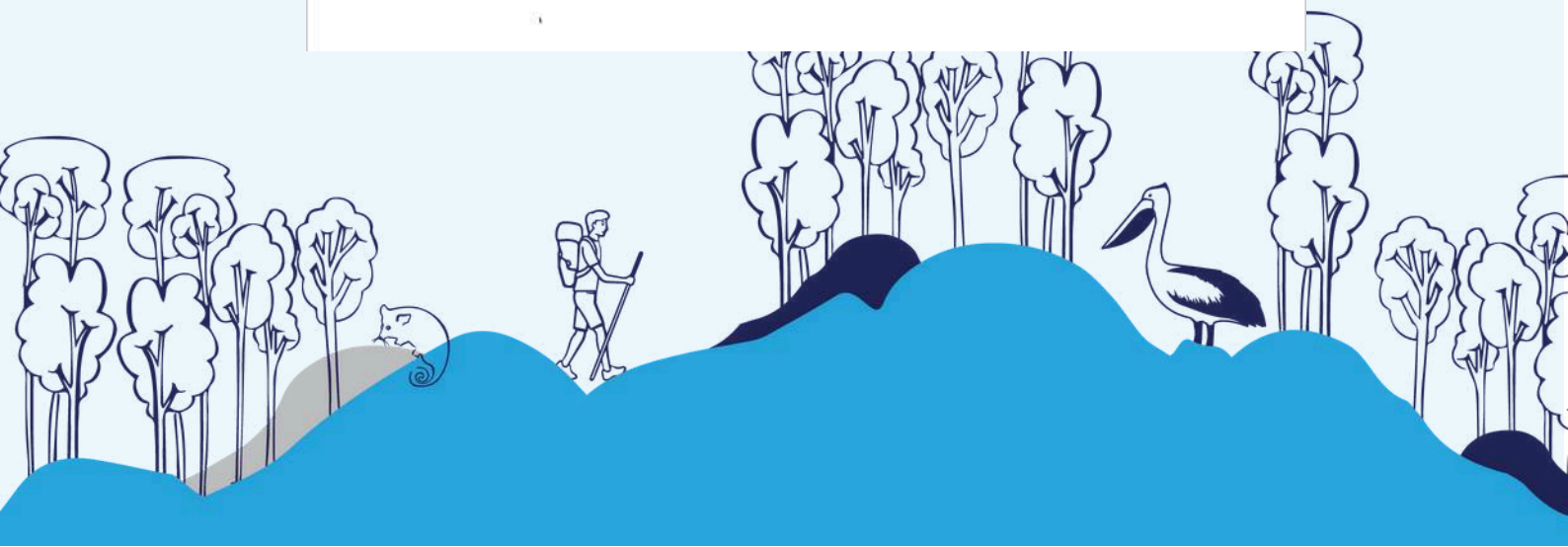


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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



*This event is proudly sponsored by Healthway  
to promote the Go for 2 & 5 Message*

## Go for 2&5 ALBANY KITE FIESTA 2024

**10am - 4pm, Sunday 2 June 2024**

ANZAC Peace Park Albany Foreshore

**FREE EVENT**



Join Michael and Jan Alvares of

**Kite Kinetics**

[www.kitekinetics.com.au](http://www.kitekinetics.com.au)

and Green Skills for kite making and kite flying fun.

Watch the skies for the giant kites! Kite Making kits available for \$6

**Bring along your families!**

Green Skills 9848 3310





# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Ages 9 - 14**



**About  
FACE  
Kids  
2024**

*About FACE Kids  
returns for 2024!*

- Four-day choral day-camp
- Located in Albany
- Meals - fully catered
- Three trained vocal coaches

*Children will learn*

- Vocal technique
- How to read a musical score
- Choral ensemble skills
- Three-part harmony singing

*Other activities include*

- Games
- Archery Tag
- Zonk Challenges
- Prizes
- Memorable public performance



**School Holidays  
July 9 - 12**

Choral Director  
**Sue Findlay**



**Registrations Close  
21 May**







# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**OUTDOORS**  
GREAT SOUTHERN

## ANACONDA Kids Adventure Club

May 12 Indigenous Experience  
May 19 Geocaching  
May 26 Hike and scavenger hunt

**LONG WEEKEND - BREAK**  
June 9 Bike Ed  
June 16 Basic first aid, bush survival  
June 23 Bushfire awareness

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries







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the office by 3pm Monday of newsletter week.  
Newsletters this term will be made available from  
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