



Walpole Primary School Newsletter

Nature Culture Future

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dates*

27 JUNE - UR WALPOLE CELEBRATIONS
15 JULY - STAFF PD
16 JULY - STUDENTS RETURN

ROOM 1 MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

A huge thankyou to all the Mum's, Nanna's, Grandma's and other special people for attending our Mother's Day afternoon tea.

We had an awesome afternoon having fun decorating and eating delicious biscuits, colouring in, making creative collages, playing with play dough and enjoying spending time with our loved ones!

It was a fantastic turn out and we appreciate your support and involvement with your child's learning.



From the Principal

by Stuart Klose

Kaya

We have finally begun the transition into winter and Makuru. Makuru sees the coldest and wettest time of the year in the South West. Traditionally, this was a good time of the year to move back inland from the coast as the winds turned to the west and south bringing the cold weather, rains and occasionally snow on the peaks of the Stirling and Porongurup Ranges. With the change in the weather, we ask parents to ensure your child/children have the necessary clothing to allow them to participate in school activities and stay warm throughout the day.

Our staff and students are well into our UR Walpole program focusing on Dirt. It has been such a pleasure to see so many amazing learning opportunities being run in and out of our classrooms connected to our theme. The level of engagement from our students is great to witness.

With the assistance of Gary, Emma and Charles, we have explored the visible layers of the soil horizon at the Knolls Drive picnic area and Shelley Beach, recreated an example of wind and water erosion at the inlet mouth and discovered the layer of minerals sands. We also identified the impact of acids and bases on rocks and learnt how lichen breaks granite down into clay. I would like to thank Gary Muir, Emma Bennet and Charles Biddle for their passion, generosity of time and resources to support our students and our wonderful school.

Teachers have been hard at work preparing reports for the end of term. The Term Two reports will again be distributed electronically on Wednesday Week 11, so please make sure the office has your correct email address. Parents will be sent an email containing a link to the report. Parents will have one month to download the report. After this period, you will no longer have access to the report from the email. Please contact the office if you do not receive the email containing the report link.

Our current school attendance rate sits at 88.1% and is still below the minimum expected rate of 90%. Well done to the Kindy and Year 2 students who both currently sit above 90% attendance. To reach our school goal of 93%, students must attend every day that they can.

Missing half a day of school each week equates to one month of missed learning opportunities each year.

Missing half a day of school each week between Pre-primary and Year 10, equates to missing almost one full year of learning.

Kind regards
Stuart Klose





ROOM 2 UR WALPOLE

The students of Room 2 finished off Week 5 and started Week 6 enjoying two awesome UR Walpole excursions. On Friday May 17th, the class met Gary and Super Charles at 'The Channels' along the Coalmine Beach Knolls Drive to learn about the different soil types and where they are found within the local eco systems. We began by looking at the layers of soil under a beautiful Eucalyptus tree, learning about the different elements in the soils and how they are utilised by the tree. We then walked down to the edge of the inlet to a special place where we could observe the different layers of soil and rock, as well as learn about how and when they were formed. Moving away from the coast, we walked further into the bush, where the landscape changed due to the change in soil composition. At the edge of the inlet the soils are more sandy in composition, whereas further inland there is more loam and organic matter present in the soils, meaning taller trees can grow. Before entering this area, Gary instructed us on how to properly clean our shoes to prevent Dieback transfer. He explained that Dieback is carried in soils on people's shoes, and causes many trees to die, so it is extremely important to keep it out of unaffected areas. We finished off our afternoon of exploration by looking at some beautiful fungus growing on a fallen log.

As if this experience wasn't fantastic enough, on Monday 20th May, we were treated to an absolutely magical day on the WOW Wilderness Cruise. Once again, we met Gary, Super Charles and with Emma joining us, we headed out across the inlet to land near Blue Holes. Here, to learn about the effects wind and rain has on sandy soils, the students created a sand mountain and then had a great time pouring water on it and blowing it away with a leaf blower. Not to be outdone, Gary appeared with his Ghostbusters-Like Wind-Blowing, Cyclone-Simulating suit... Sadly, the mountain stood no chance, but it was a great way to demonstrate how wind and rain erode sand dunes which don't have enough vegetation to hold them together, and an important lesson about caring for our coastline. Our next stop was Circus Beach after a hike over the dunes from the WOW jetty. Here, we explored the rock formations, again observing the many rock and soil layers formed over thousands and thousands of years and looked at some beautiful crystals under the microscope. Lunch back on the jetty, followed by Emma's famous Tingle Cake and a visit from the locals, a Stingray and some Black Bream, topped off a wonderful day of learning and discovery. We can't thank Gary, Super Charles and Emma enough for their generosity in sharing with us their knowledge of this beautiful area we call home, and for facilitating our unique UR Walpole Program.

"Living here truly is worth much more than gold."



ROOM 2 UR WALPOLE



CROSS COUNTRY





THANK YOU

Massive thank you to Charles Biddle for sourcing and Gary Muir for donating the Dino-Lite Digital Microscope. This will help to stimulate the interests of our students and bring a lot of excitement towards their learning experience, for the microscopy enthusiasts





INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY





SCHOOL NURSE

With the recent transition of Walpole Silver Chain to a WA Country Health Service site Child and School Health Services will now be provided by the Great Southern region (previously South West).

My name is Rochelle Klose and I will be the School Health Nurse who visits your school and am based in Denmark.

School Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of our work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Additionally, the nurse can be contacted at any time throughout primary school if you have concerns about your child's health, development, or wellbeing.

School Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. They also work in partnership with schools to support teachers in health-related curriculum and can assist in the development of health care plans for students with complex and chronic health needs.

The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me on 98480616 or via email rochelle.klose@health.wa.gov.au.





P&C NOTICES

On Saturday 18th May, Walpole Primary School P and C held a fundraiser sausage sizzle at the annual Denmark Walpole Junior Football Club game day in Walpole.

On a lovely sunny Saturday morning, the Walpole Recreation Centre Oval came alive, with many participants travelling from Denmark and Albany for the day.

The morning's Aussie Rules started off with the younger players enjoying Auskick, followed by games for DWJFC Magpies Yr3, Yr4, U12 and U14's playing against Albany teams.

The P and C provided a traditional sausage sizzle from the verandah of the Recreation Centre, with drinks, lolly bags and homemade cakes and treats also available. The sausages and onions in fresh rolls were very well received and complimented!!

Thank you to the Walpole Primary School P and C committee for organising and providing this Sausage Sizzle for the Football day.

It is definitely a great ongoing annual fundraiser for the P and C.

Thanks to Brooke and Huw Halkyard, Shaun Issacs, Stuart Klose, Mark Coldrey, Chloe O'Neil and Kim Burton for helping with preparation and planning for the event.

The fundraiser was a great success, the food was delicious, greatly enjoyed by all, and the friendly enthusiasm of volunteers serving the food much appreciated.

The P and C recognises with gratitude donations of lollies from the Walpole Volunteer Fire and Rescue and hotdog buns from the Golden Wattle Bakery. Thankyou Peter and Linh Nguyen for your generous donation of 300 delicious freshly baked rolls!

We are most grateful and appreciative to volunteers who cooperated to do a fantastic job, in food preparation, baking cakes for the stall and also gave generously of their time and energy, setting up, cooking and serving food and packing up. Thankyou to Brooke and HUW Halkyard, Shaun and Stacey Issacs, Natalie Rule, Christie Bentink, Donna O'Brien, Martin Cleary and Claire Chhor.

Great teamwork everyone, We have raised over \$800 from this fundraiser.





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

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**





*email your
newsletter
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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Information for parents – When is it OK to miss school?

It is important for children to attend school all day, every day.

When is it OK to not go to school?

An OK reason is one that prevents your child from getting to school. This could include:

- ☐ your child is unable to attend because they are sick
- ☐ attending cultural or religious observances such as sorry time and funerals
- ☐ an unavoidable medical appointment
- ☐ an unavoidable natural event such as flood waters or a cyclone

The Principal decides if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

It's NOT OK to miss school if your child:

- ☐ is celebrating a birthday
- ☐ is going on a family holiday
- ☐ is visiting family and friends
- ☐ has slept in or had a big weekend
- ☐ is looking after other children
- ☐ has sport or other recreational activities that have not been approved by the school
- ☐ has appointment such as haircuts and minor check ups

If possible, routine medical and other health appointments should be made either before or after school, or during the school holidays.

Do you need to let the school know if your child will be away from school?

Yes, you need to let the school know the reason why your child is going to be, or has been, absent from school as soon as possible. Where possible, please discuss any upcoming absences in advance so we can let you know of important learning or activities your child will miss out on.

This requires a responsible person, usually a parent, to provide a reason for the absence within three school days.

Having information about why your child is missing school helps us plan for their return to school and work out whether we can provide any further help to you.

Why is going to school so important?

- At school, many concepts such as literacy and numeracy are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later. This is particularly important in the early years when essential foundation skills are being taught.
- Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of ‘showing up’ – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.
- Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student’s learning. Students who attend regularly, generally do better at school and in life.