

Walpole Primary School Newsletter

Nature Culture Future

important dates

13 October – First day of Term Four (students return)

28 October – School Photos

31 October – School Athletics Carnival

7 November – Staff Development Day (no students)

14 November – Room 1 Assembly



VISUAL ART AND SCHOOLS ON THE ART TRAIL





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Term 3 has been bursting with creativity (and plenty of paint!) in Visual Art. Our students have been busy crafting beautiful artworks for **Schools on the Art Trail**, which will be on display during the upcoming school holidays.

Once again, Walpole Primary School has partnered with the Ficifolia Community Gardens as part of the Southern Art & Craft Trail. Last year, Room 4 students created mosaic surfboards, which are now a permanent feature in the gardens. This year, we made artworks that continued the UR Walpole theme of Air:

- Room 2 created colourful, Koinobori-inspired fish windsocks.
- Room 4 designed stunning flags inspired by wildflowers.

Meanwhile, Room 1 students contributed illustrations for the self-guided walking trail developed by Room 4 with Ms. Walker at the end of Term 2. This trail takes visitors on a scenic walk from the Walpole Visitor Centre, through the town centre, to the Ficifolia Community Gardens, past Walpole Primary School, and back to town again.

Copies of the trail guide will be available from the Visitor Centre and other locations around town early in the school holidays—so be sure to pick one up!

Here is a link to the Souther Arts and Craft Trail booklet: [Southern Arts and Craft Trail Booklet](#)

SCHOOLS ON THE ART TRAIL

See Young Artists' Work at the Following Venues

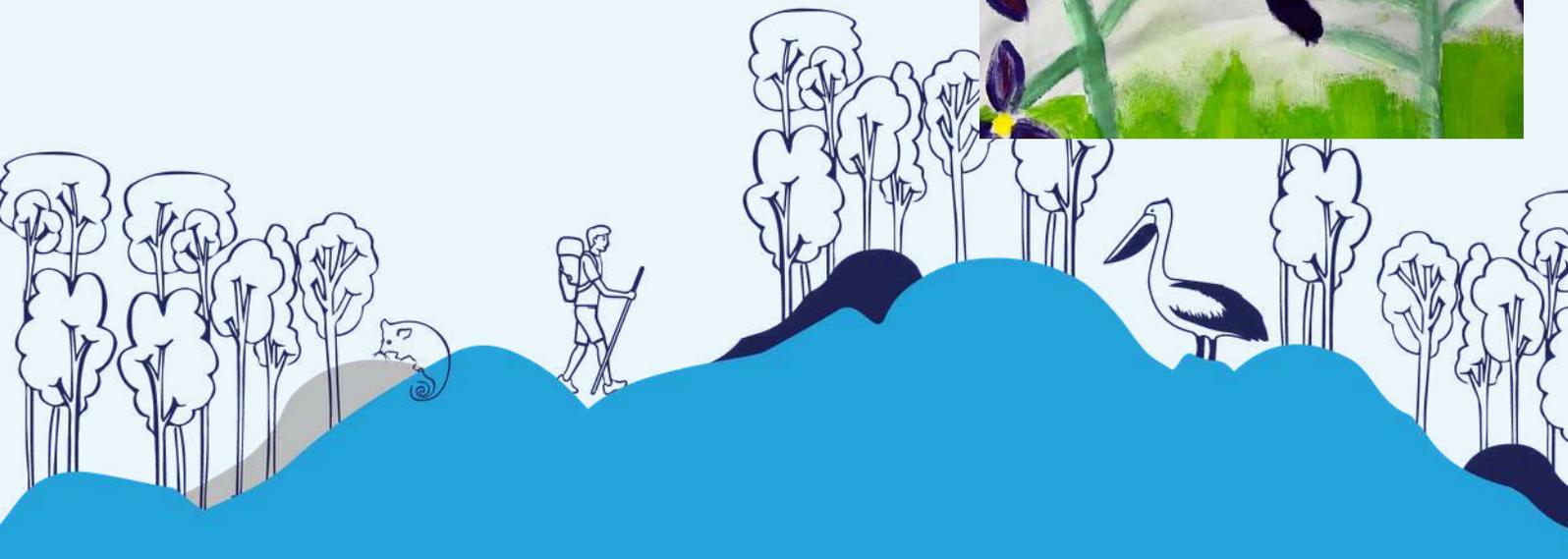
Schools on the Art Trail is back, introducing you to the work of our regional students. Lock out for these exhibitions located in our Art Trail towns: utilising public buildings, retail venues and windows. While the works are not for sale, we encourage you to address our rising costs and connect with the school, should you wish to know more. With the generosity of our long time Art Trail supporter - Albany's Historic Whaling Station at Discovery Bay - participating schools are in the draw to see one of three family papers to contribute towards their school fundraising programme.

<p>A NEWGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL Years Kindergarten to Four IGA Shop window display 5 Malley St, Newdegate</p> <p>B LAKE GRACE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL Various Years Lake Grace Show 15 South St, Lake Grace</p> <p>C BORDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL Years Kindergarten to Six Edlers Cnr Toppett Street & North Place, Borden and Borden LPO (Post Office) 15 Main Street, Borden</p> <p>D HOMESCHOOLERS MOUNT BARKER Various Years The Landerlee Bee 2/28 Langston Road, Mount Barker</p> <p>E NORTHCLIFFE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL Years One to Five Karr Country Good Food 13 Whalley Coast Road, Northcliffe</p> <p>F WALPOLE PRIMARY SCHOOL Years Pre-Primary to Five Ficifolia Community Gardens, Latham Avenue, Walpole</p> <p>G DENMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL Various Years Denmark Arts 24 Sinclair Street, Denmark</p> <p>H GOLDEN HILL STEWART SCHOOL Various Years The Denmark Environment Centre 35 Sinclair Street, Denmark The Denmark Visitor Centre 77 Inverloch Coast Highway, Denmark</p>	<p>I WOODSBURY BOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL Various Years Elkies General Store 1309 Lower Denmark Road, Elkies</p> <p>J NORTH ALBANY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL Various Years The Health Hub, 30 Peels Place, Albany</p> <p>K PERKI ANDIS SCHOOL Year One Shelter and Gather Studio, 84 Serpentine Road, Albany</p> <p>L ALBANY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL Years Seven to Eleven Kath Place, 42 Stirling Terrace, Albany</p> <p>M GREAT SOUTHERN GRAMMAR Years Five to Eight Albany Entertainment Centre Foyer, 2 Toll Place, Albany</p> <p>N MOUNT LOCKYER PRIMARY SCHOOL Years One to Four Three Anchors 2 Flinders Parade, Albany</p> <p>O WELSH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Years Nine and Ten Burnings Warehouse 142 Chester Pass Rd, Albany</p> <p>P FLOURISH ELECTRIC AFTER-SCHOOL ART SEWIE'S Various Years Flourish Electric Inspire Studio 138 York Street, Albany</p> <p>Q SPENCER PARK EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE Various Years Burnings Warehouse 142 Chester Pass Rd, Albany</p>
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VISUAL ART AND SCHOOLS ON THE ART TRAIL



From the Principal

by Stuart Klose

Kaya, parents and community members of Walpole Primary School,

As we wrap up Term Three, I could not be prouder of how resilient and responsible our students have been. It has been a challenging term with so much sickness around, yet our students have kept working hard and supporting one another. Alongside their learning, they enjoyed some wonderful experiences – from Book Week and a special author visit by Diane Wolfer, to the Indonesian teacher visit, Winter Carnival in Pemberton, the Book Fair, and Science excursions.

Term Four will be another exciting one, with School Photos on Tuesday of Week Three, our School Athletics Carnival on Friday of Week Three, Interschool Athletics on Friday of Week Six, the End of Year Presentation Night on Friday evening of Week Nine and finishing the year with a Colour Run on the last day of term.

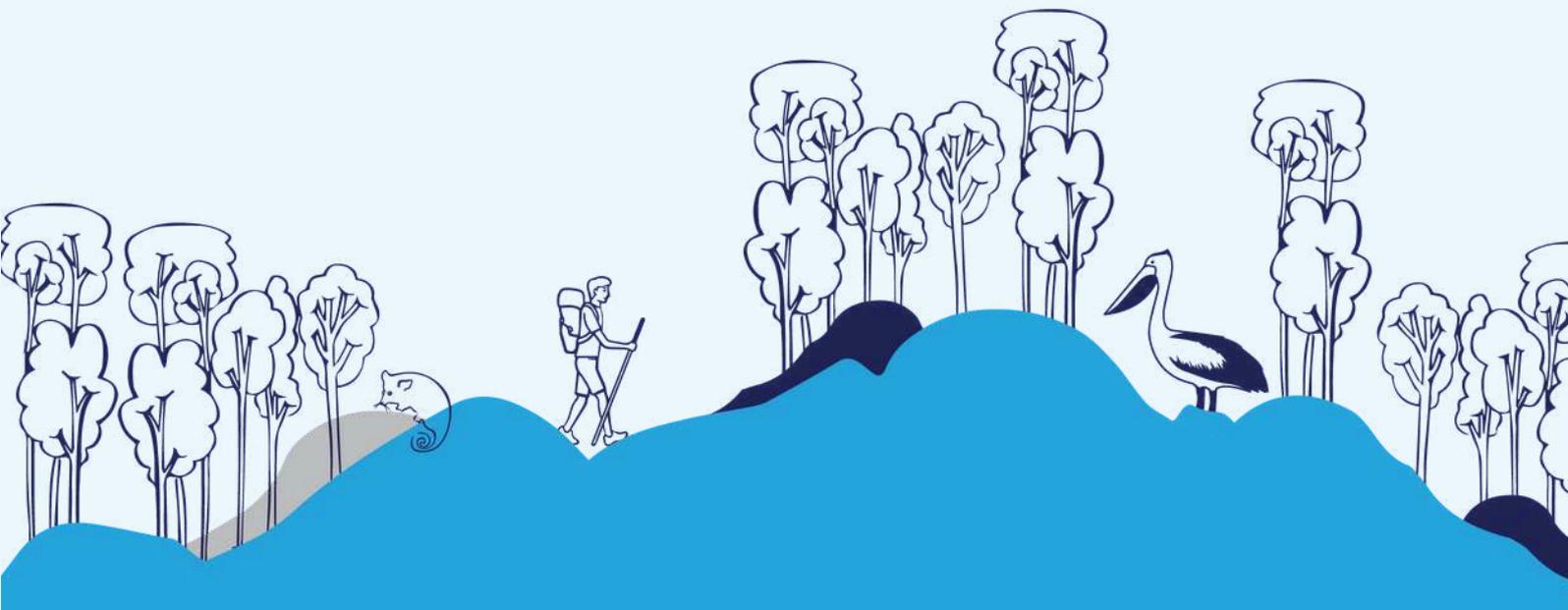
To make our Athletics Carnival a success, we are calling for parent volunteers on Friday 31 October. We are looking for helpers to be place judges, jumps marshals, vortex/discus marshals, and more. If you can lend a hand, please get in touch with the front office – your support will make a big difference for our students.

Looking a little further ahead, we have already booked Interm Swimming lessons for 2026 from 3 March to 6 March at Peaceful Bay. Families should be aware that transport costs will increase that year, as we are no longer able to hire a self-drive bus, which will add to the overall expense.

I also want to take a moment to talk about attendance. In Semester One, our regular attendance rate was 70.5%, but halfway through Semester Two it has dropped to just 41.5% – a decline of nearly 30%. Sickness has played a big part in this, and I truly hope we can turn this around in Term Four. Please remember the Department of Education's clear guidance on attendance:

✔ It's OK to miss school if: your child is sick, attending important cultural or religious observances (such as sorry time or funerals), has an unavoidable medical appointment, or if a natural event (like floods or cyclones) prevents them from attending.

✘ It's not OK to miss school if: your child is celebrating a birthday, going on a family holiday, visiting relatives, has simply slept in, is looking after other children, has sport or recreational activities that aren't school-approved, or has minor appointments like haircuts or check-ups.



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In Week Nine of Term Four, our Year 6 students will head to Denmark Senior High School on Thursday 4 December and Friday 5 December for their high school transition program. Travelling by school bus, they will spend time getting to know the layout of the school, meeting staff, and connecting with peers who will join them in Year 7 in 2026. On the same day, Thursday 4 December, our Year 1 and Year 3 students will step into their 2026 classrooms (Room 2 and Room 4), giving them a chance to become familiar with their new environment and teachers.

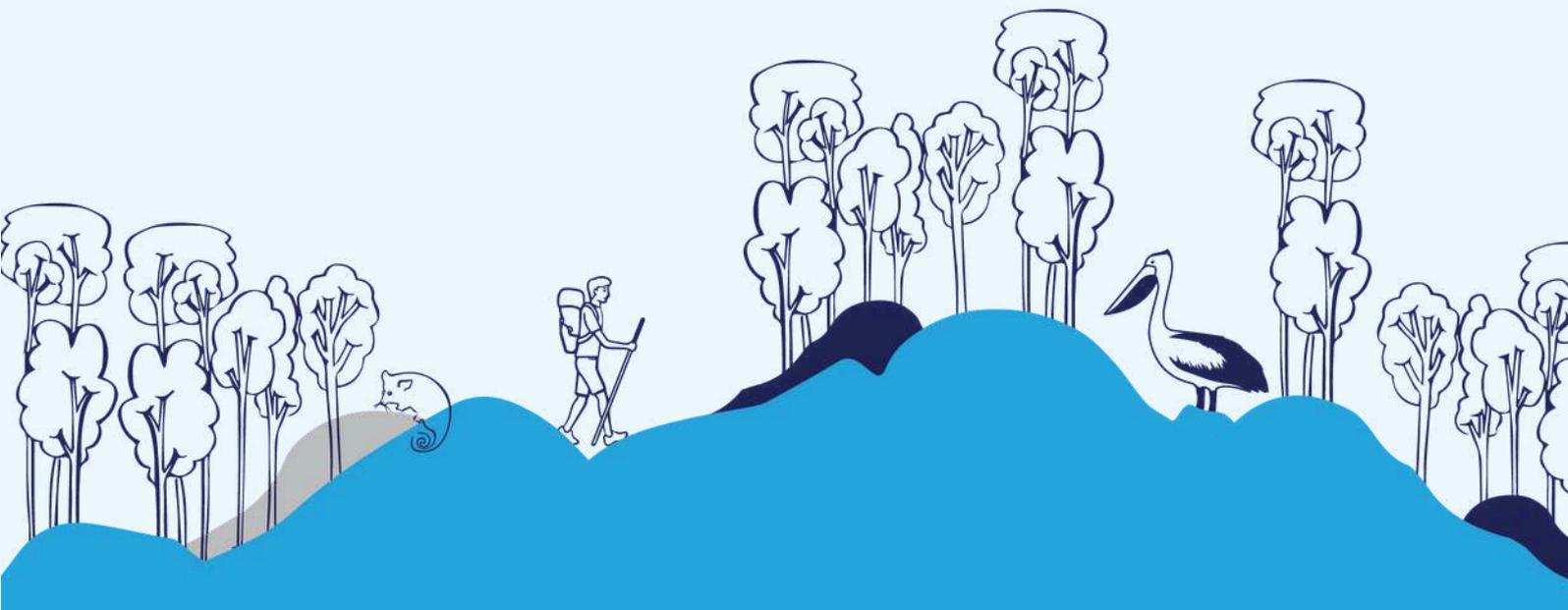
I would also like to thank our parents and greater community for their support of our Cash for Cans program. So far this year, proceeds have helped supplement travel costs for swimming lessons, interschool carnivals, and excursions. The program has also supported our UR Walpole program, the purchase of new Mathematics and English resources, and new equipment for the Art Room. Please continue to support the businesses and groups that make this program a success: Rest Point Caravan Park, Walpole Country Club, and Walpole Hotel and Motel. We are also working with the P&C to provide something new and exciting for our Room 1 playground during Term Four or early 2026.

Thank you for the continued support you show our school. I am constantly inspired by the way our families, staff, and wider community work together to create such a positive environment for our students to learn and grow. It is this partnership that makes our school a truly special place, and I feel very proud to be part of it.

As we come to the end of Term Three, I would like to express my gratitude to parents, carers, and community members for the many ways you contribute to the life of our school – whether it is volunteering, attending events, or simply encouraging your child each day. Your efforts make a real difference.

I wish all families a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday break. May it be a chance to recharge, spend time together, and get ready for the exciting opportunities Term Four will bring.

Kind regards,
Stuart Klose





NEWS ROOM 2

Room 2 students have been learning about celebrations and commemorations in Australia and other countries in HASS. They identified the differences between significant events such as New Years Eve and ANZAC Day and how differently Australians mark these occasions.

In recent weeks, we have shifted our focus to significant celebrations and commemorations in other cultures.

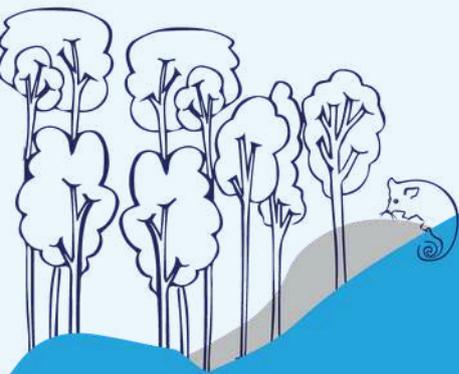
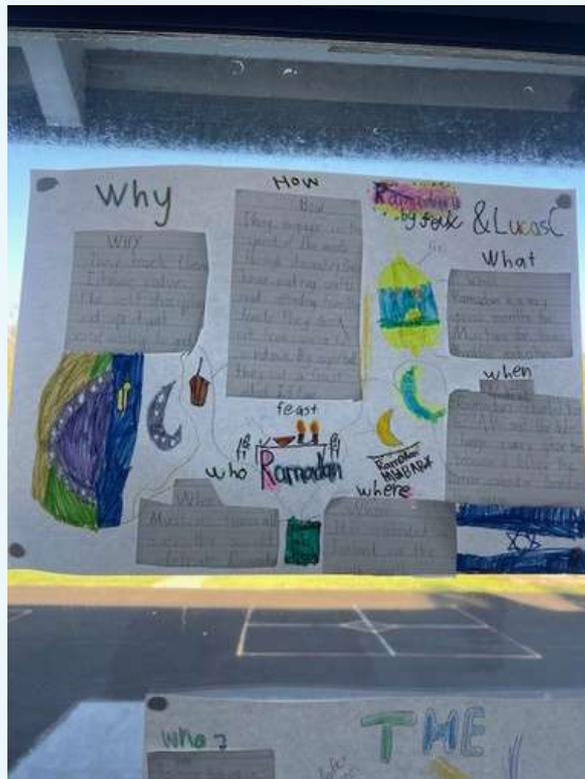
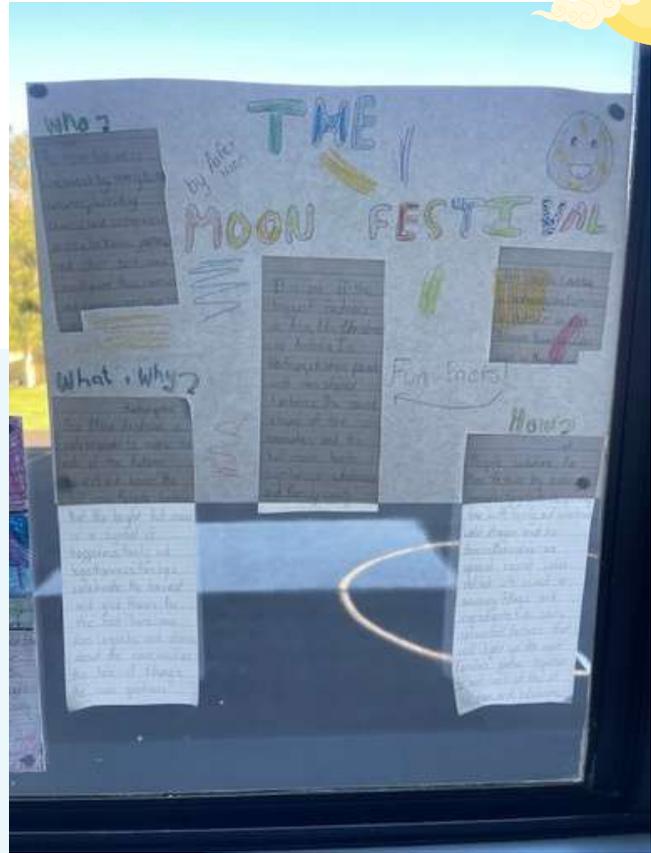
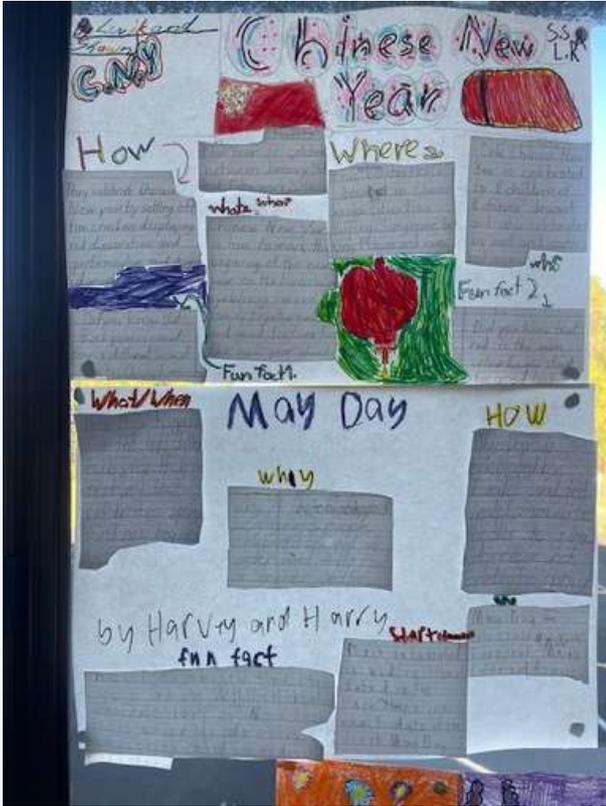
For this unit, students were placed in pairs or small groups. Each group had to research a celebration, write up their findings, make a poster about their event and present their completed work to the class. It was a great way for all of us to learn about each of the celebrations that students researched.

Group work can present some challenges, but is a valuable skill for students to acquire, both academically and socially. We began by discussing what makes a good team and drafting some 'rules' to ensure that our groups worked effectively. These included listening and respecting each group member, cooperating, clearly communicating one's ideas, being supportive and sharing the workload.

Each group did a great job of researching, writing up and presenting their work, as well as following the teamwork 'rules'. It was especially bucket-filling to observe how supportive the audience was during the presenting part of this assignment. Students encouraged each other and demonstrated appreciation to each group for their presentation. Well done, Room 2 students!



NEWS ROOM 2





NEWS ROOM 4

It's hard to believe, that our fluffy little classroom chicks Nugget, Salt & Pepper, and Milo are now four weeks old! Over the past month, Room 4 students have loved watching them grow from tiny hatchlings into lively, curious young chicks.

This week, Room 4 will be saying a fond farewell to Nugget, Salt & Pepper, and Milo as they head off to their new home at Mrs. Rushton's property. There, they'll have plenty of space to roam and grow even more.

As the weather warms up, the chicks will be slowly introduced into the chicken coop where they'll meet their new feathered family 15 adult chickens! The gradual introduction ensures they can adjust safely and comfortably to their new environment.

It's been such a joy for the students to care for and connect with these chicks. From daily feeding and cleaning to observing their behaviour and changes, the experience has sparked curiosity and compassion in the classroom.

The children are comforted knowing that Nugget, Salt & Pepper, and Milo will continue to thrive as part of a bigger chicken community.

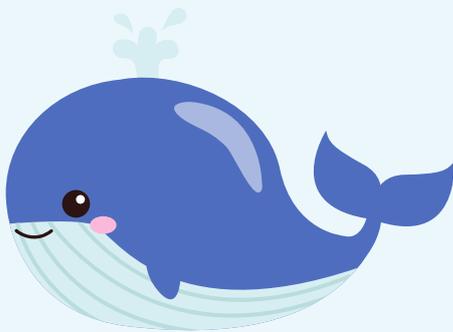




NEWS ROOM 4

Assembly Week 9

Last week it was Room 4's turn to host the assembly and everyone in attendance would agree that the students did an outstanding job. The students spoke clearly and confidently performed a short skit of a news broadcast, which aligned perfectly with our in-class reading unit based on the transcripts from a BTN news clip about whales beaching themselves. In addition, each student shared an interesting fact about the country they have been researching for HASS. Ranging from food, to geography, to languages, and tourism, the facts were both entertaining and informative. Congratulations to the Merit Certificate recipients and well-done Room 4 on a wonderful assembly.



 **NEWS ROOM 4****Assembly Week 9**

Did you know that Walpole Primary School did a behind the news item at our last assembly. We had three whales, 3 reporters and a whole lot of volunteers. And don't forget the camera man! It was based on the pilot whales beaching themselves at Fairwell spit, on the South Island of New Zealand.

Then we all read out our fun facts about the countries that we chose for our informational texts. Here are some of them.

Did you know that there are 101 million people in Vietnam? Did you know that Russia is the largest country in the world with an area of 17 million kilometres square? Did you know that Mexico's official language is Spanish? Congratulations to all the merit certificate winners and Aussie of the month. Thank you and have a great holiday.

By Jasper



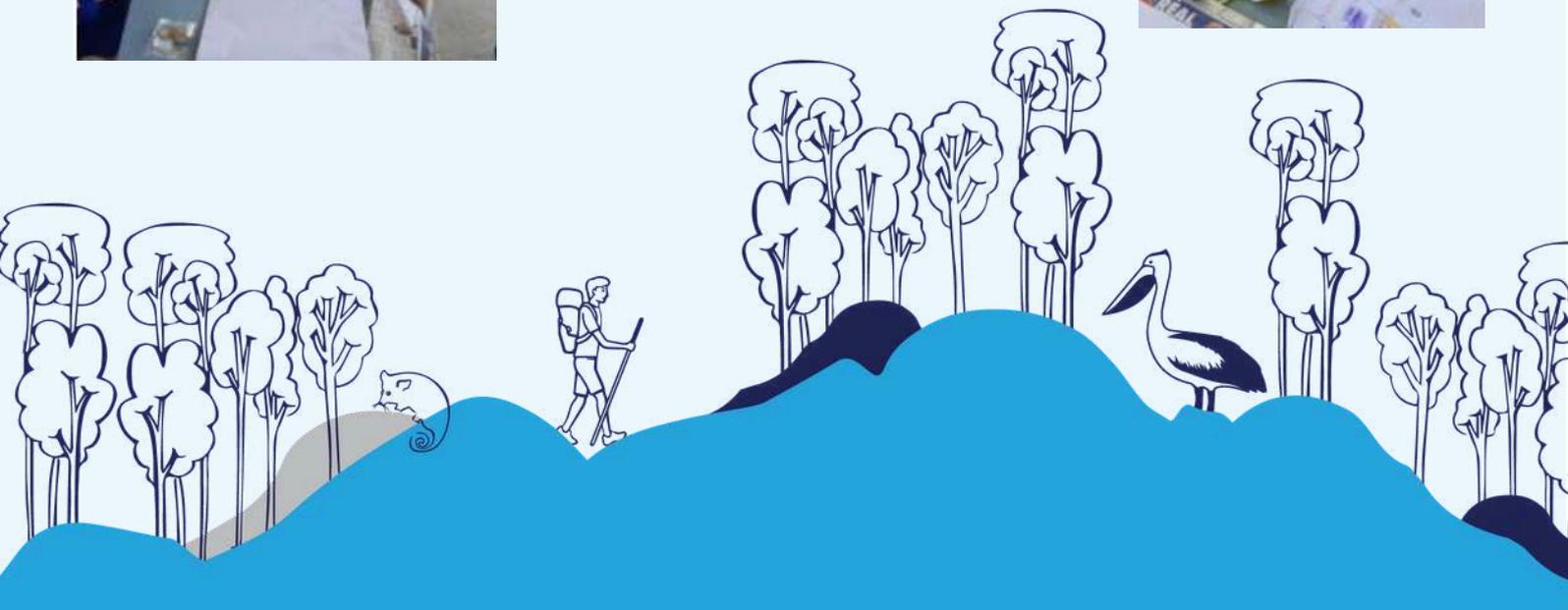


TECHNOLOGY NEWS

We have been busy finalising our Design Projects for Term 3 in the past few weeks. Room 1 has been designing and constructing Fairy Doors for our school grounds. This week, we put together our designs from natural materials and it was great to see the students so engaged in the project and their designs and ideas coming to life. We will start next term by adding a little bling to the doors, then placing them in the gardens.

Room 2 visited the Community Garden in Week 9 to gather information and inspiration for a Bush Tucker Garden. Despite the inclement weather, the students enjoyed exploring the garden and learning about the many different Bush Tucker plants which grow there. Next term and with the help of Mr Coldrey, the students will design and plant a Bush Tucker Garden at the school.

Room 4 have completed their Sustainable Housing Project this week and I am very impressed with the models they have created. The students put a lot of thought into not only the materials they used but also the sustainable features of the houses such as solar panels, water tanks, wind power generators and skylights to allow for natural light, to name a few.



TECHNOLOGY NEWS





RECIPES

Easy Macrons

Simple and easy macaron recipe. Not overly sweet like them store-bought ones. Who says macarons have to be expensive luxury cookies?

Course Dessert, Snack

Cuisine French

Keyword Cookies, Macaron

Prep Time 10 minutes minutes

Cook Time 16 minutes minutes

Resting (before baking) 25 minutes minutes

Servings 14 macarons

Calories 40 kcal

Author SforB

Ingredients

- 108 g Icing sugar
- 90 g Almond flour
- 2 Egg whites, room temperature (c.a. 70g)
- 50 g White sugar
- Choice of food colouring

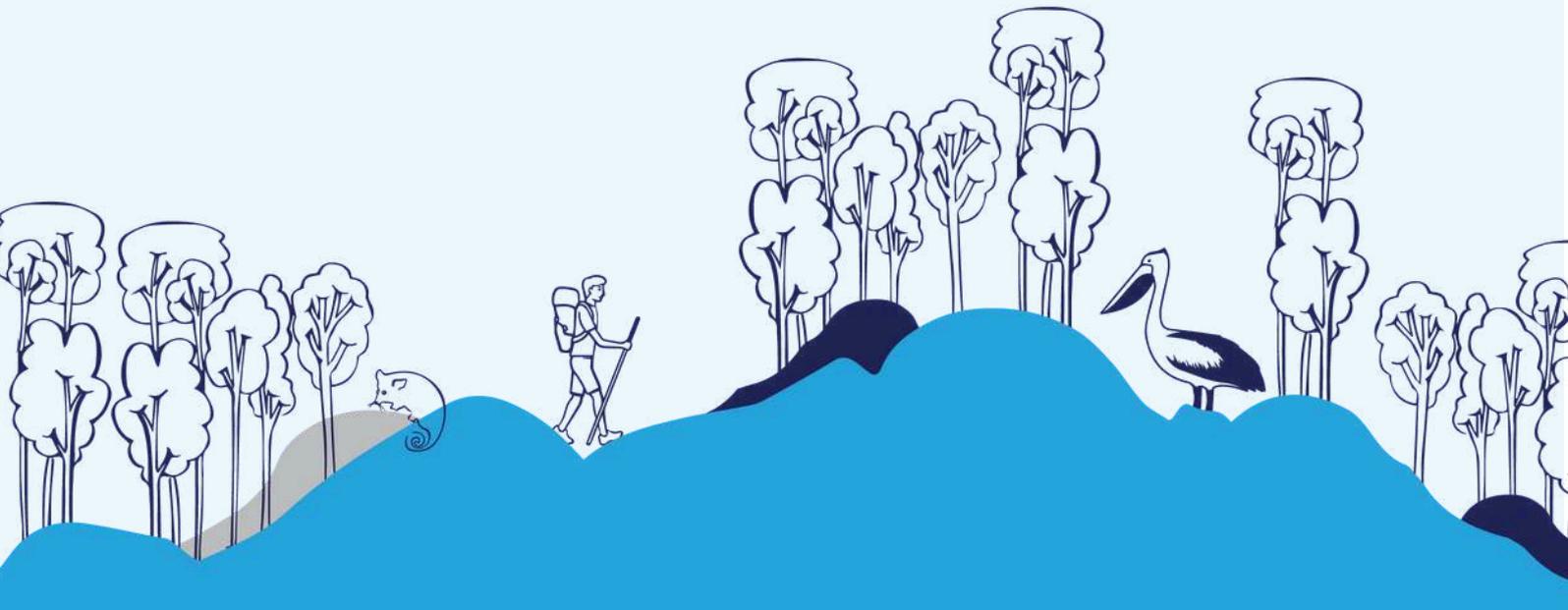
Baileys Buttercream Filling:

- 150 g White chocolate, cut into chunks
- 75 g Heavy cream
- 15 g Bailey Irish cream
- 2 tsp Espresso

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 150 degrees Celsius fan-assisted. Line a baking tray with baking sheet. *
2. Sift the icing sugar and almond flour together into a bowl, using a spatula to assist the sifting.
3. Prepare the meringue.

Beat the egg whites in a large mixing bowl with a mixer, gradually from low speed to medium-high speed. Once the egg whites are white and foamy, start adding the white sugar in - one tablespoon at a time, at 15-second intervals.





RECIPES

Easy Macrons

Instructions Part 2

1. Once the mixture reaches soft peaks, add in a few drops of food colouring. Continue beating until stiff peaks.
2. Fold half of the dry ingredients into the meringue. Once incorporated, add the remaining half and fold. **
3. Prepare piping with a piping bag and a round nozzle tip. Pipe the batter onto the baking sheet, leaving at least half an inch between each shell. ***
4. Tap the baking tray on the countertop a few times to remove air bubbles. Leave the piped batter to rest for 25 minutes.
5. Once the batter has formed a dry surface layer, the macarons are ready to be baked. This can be test by gentle touching a macaron side to ensure no batter sticks onto your finger.
6. Bake them in the preheated oven for 16 minutes. Once the baking is done, allow them to cool on the tray for 10 minutes. Transfer the shells to a wire rack to cool completely before filling.
- 7.

Baileys Buttercream Filling:

1. Heat the heavy cream, Baileys and espresso in a saucepan over medium heat. Remove from heat just before it begins to boil.
2. Pour the hot cream mixture over the chocolate chunks. Leave for 1-2 minutes before stirring to melt the chocolate. Leave aside or in the fridge for the buttercream to firm up.
- 3.

Assembling the macarons:

1. Pair up the macarons by their size. Pipe the fillings on one of the macaron and sandwich them together. The macarons are ready to be served, otherwise they can be kept in the fridge up to 3 days.





RECIPES

Caramelized Croissant

- 1 Using a rolling pin, roll out the croissant until it is as flat as possible
- 2 Heat a pan to medium and add the butter. Once butter has melted, add in the croissant
- 3 Drizzle the maple syrup and brown sugar on top, let cook for about 3 minutes per side or until golden
- 4 Add to a plate and top with Greek yogurt, berries, coconut and maple syrup





LIBRARY HOLIDAY FUN

A decorative background for the 'Petals and Pages' workshop featuring various colorful flowers like blue hydrangeas, yellow daisies, pink peonies, and orange and purple blooms.

Petals and Pages DIY Bookmark Fun!

Love books? Love flowers?

Combine the two in a beautiful way at this **FREE** school holiday workshop with Margot at the Walpole Public Library!

Recommended for ages 7-13
DATE: Friday 10 October 2025
TIME: 10 - 11.30am
RSVP essential, places are limited
PH: 9840 1108 or
E: walpolelib@manjimup.wa.gov.au

A vibrant background for the 'LEGO Club' featuring a blue field with scattered colorful LEGO bricks in red, yellow, green, and pink.

LEGO CLUB

Unleash your creativity and imagination by joining Walpole Public Library's **LEGO CLUB!**

From beginners to master builders everyone is welcome to check out our new LEGO collection and see the fun stack up.

Perfect for ages 6+
DATE: Saturday 4 October
TIME: 10am - 11:30am
RSVP essential, places are limited
PH: 9840 1108 or
E: walpolelib@manjimup.wa.gov.au





LIBRARY HOLIDAY FUN

Walpole Library Game Day

Saturday 27 September
9am - 12noon

Pop into the library these holidays for fun and discovery!
Dive into great reads, challenge yourself with games and puzzles and enjoy fun hands-on activities.
Recommended for Ages 5+

Games Galore:

Memory Games,
Puzzles, Guess Who,
Connect 4, UNO,
Dominos & More



SPRING INTO FUN!

Join Walpole Public Library for a fun-filled garden workshop where you will paint your own bright, beautiful pot to take home with seeds to start a spring garden.

Friday 3 October 2025 | 10am - 12noon

Free event

Recommended for ages 6 - 15

To register, please call 9840 1108 or email walpolelib@manjimup.wa.gov.au

All materials provided





COMMUNITY NEWS

School Holidays

Denmark Animal Farm

- Date: **Wednesday 1st October**
- Time: **9:00 am - 3:00 pm**
- Where: **Walpole CRC - Pickup**
- Price: **\$35**
- Age: **5 and up**



Lunch is included; please bring money if you wish to buy from the gift shop.

We're heading to the Animal Farm for a full day of fun! Come along to meet, pat, and feed all your favourite farm animals. It's a chance to explore, play, and enjoy the great outdoors with friends

Children's Day at the Garden

- Date: **Thursday 9th October**
- Time: **9:30 am - 3:00 pm**
- Where: **Walpole Ficifolia Garden**
- Price: **Free (donations welcome)**
- Age: **All Ages** - An adult must accompany children under six



Lunch included
Please note that children **will not** be handling bees
Parents are welcome to attend

In this special full day workshop, kids will get creative making their very own **bee hotels** to support native pollinators, and learn how to build and care for a **mini worm farm** to help recycle food scraps into rich garden fertiliser.

Please RSVP for both events

Call: 9840 1395 Email: reception@walpole.org.au






Registrations are NOW open




Albany Little Athletics and Albany Senior Athletics have recently merged forming one club, Albany Athletics.

Our club is welcoming, inclusive, proud and cooperative and caters for Little Athletes (U7-U12), Junior Athletes (U13- U18) and senior athletes (18+).

Join us on 18 October at 08.30 am for a come and try day and the first meet of our Saturday morning competitions.

For further information and season fees please visit our website: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/albanyac/>

FIND US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM AT ALBANY LITTLE ATHLETICS



Click here



REGISTER HERE!

Email us at Albanylittleathletics@gmail.com
Register during September to go in the draw to win 1 season fee free





COMMUNITY NEWS

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT TO CELEBRATE
& RAISE AWARENESS FOR MENTAL HEALTH,
REDUCE STIGMA & CREATE CONNECTIONS IN ALBANY

MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF
WA MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025

10AM TO 1PM • ALBANY TOWN SQUARE

BEST HAT COMPETITION 12 NOON
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • ACTIVITIES • FREE CAKE • FREE BBQ • COFFEE

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THIS MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE IS PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY LOTTERYWEST & MAAMI

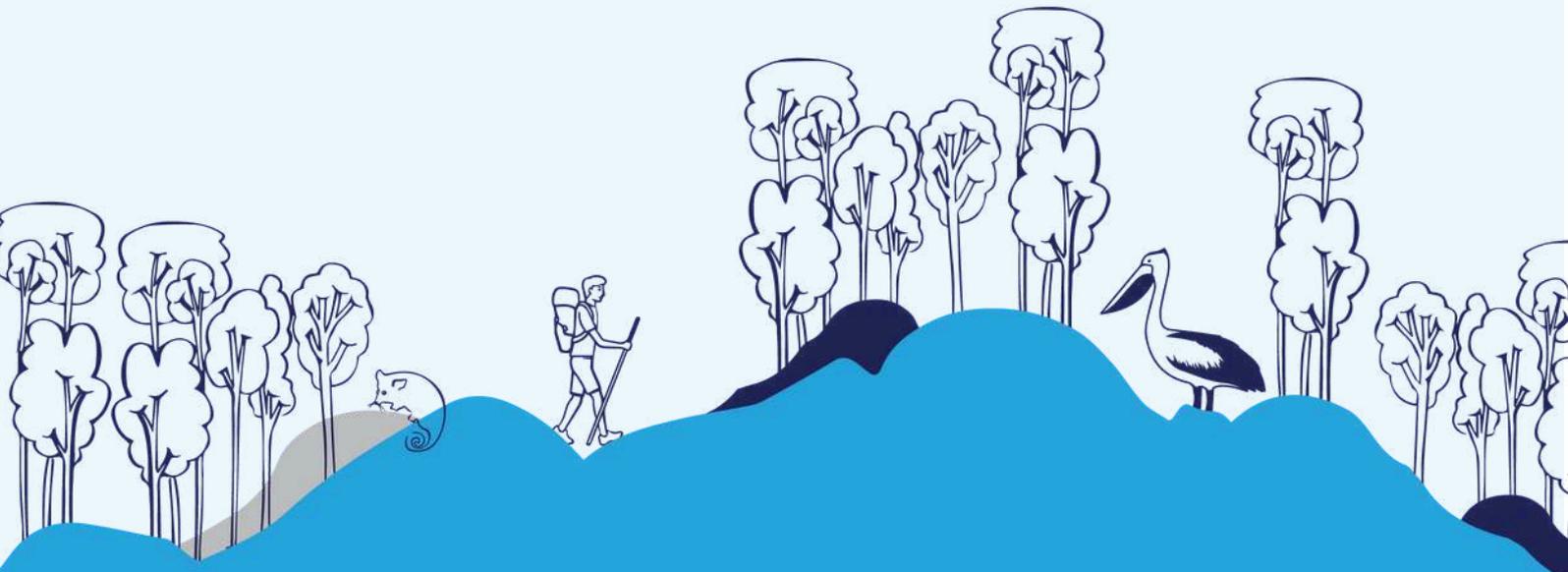
**AUSSIE HOOPS TERM 4 2025
REGISTER NOW!**

Denmark Basketball is excited to be running Aussie Hoops on Saturday mornings at the Denmark Recreation Centre, for Term 4.

Aussie Hoops is open to kids from Pre-Primary to Year 3, time slots will be confirmed once registrations closes.

Aussie Hoops is the perfect introduction to basketball – developing skills, teamwork, and confidence in a fun and supportive environment.

Please register your child now at the link below to secure your spot:
<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-wa/register/2ccaf1>





COMMUNITY NEWS



COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN PRESENTS

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Parenting in the Digital Age *Let's talk!*

Join us for a powerful day of **FREE** presentations designed to support parents, carers and service providers.

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Tuesday 30th September 2025

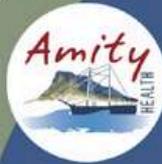
- TIME:** 9.30 am - 10.30 am
- Healthy Men: Being a Role Model
- 11 am - 12 pm
- Managing & Improving Kids Mental Health
- 1 pm - 2 pm
- Keep Your Child Safe Online

WHERE: Retravision Stadium Function Centre, 156 Lockyer Ave, Albany

Morning Tea & Lunch Provided

Book your FREE tickets today

For more information reach out to the Communities for Children team:
 E: cforc@amityhealth.com.au
 P: (08) 9842 2797



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Wednesday, 1st October 2025

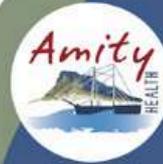
- TIME:** 9.30 am - 10.30 am
- Teaching Children to Make Healthy Decisions
- 11 am - 12 pm
- Bullying
- 1 pm - 2 pm
- How to Engage with Children Effectively

WHERE: Retravision Stadium Function Centre, 156 Lockyer Ave, Albany

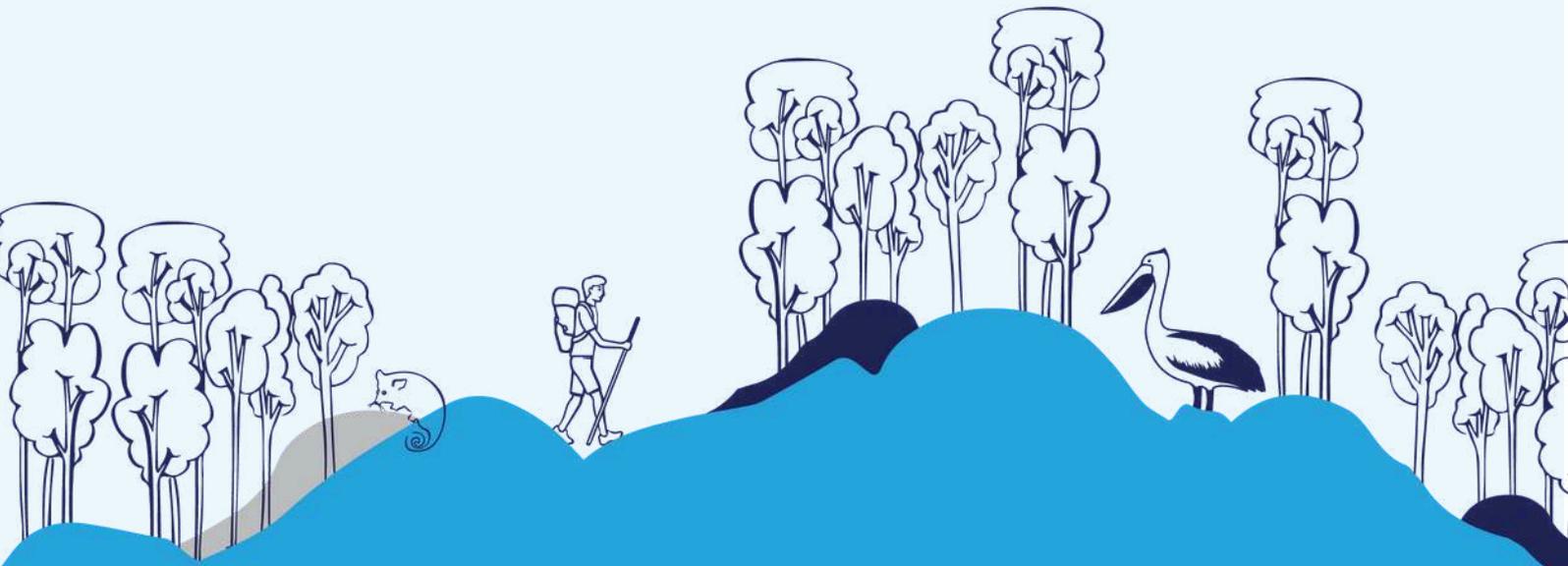
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CONTRIBUTIONS 2025

Contributions have been set at \$60.00 per child for 2025. 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.





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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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