



Walpole Primary School Newsletter

Nature Culture Future



important dates

29 January – Teachers return
2 February – Students return for 2026
16 February – Year 6 GRIP Leadership Albany
20 February – Assembly hosted by Student Council
3–6 March – Swimming lesson Peaceful Bay
11–23 March – NAPLAN



TIDY TOWNS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



On Friday 28th November, the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards for regional and remote communities, was held in Perth. Walpole Primary School (PS) were finalists in two categories, Young Legends and Environmental Education. Six finalists were chosen for each of the nine categories and the calibre of entrants was exceptional. The projects and initiatives for sustainable futures that were show-cased at the awards from regional communities across WA was both inspiring and heartening to witness.





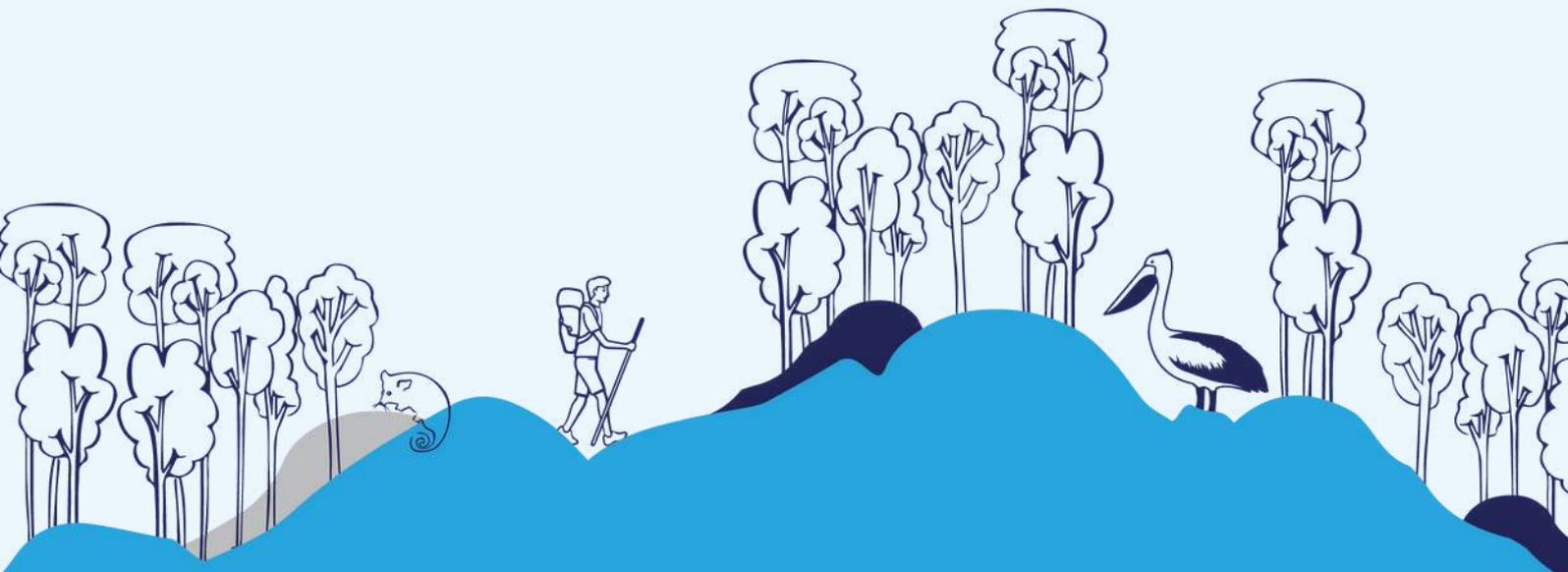
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Walpole PS was announced as the state winner in the Environmental Education category, beating some truly incredible projects being delivered in much larger communities than Walpole. Other finalists in this category included the Youth Sheds Solar Buddy program in Karratha, empowering young people to creatively and sustainably address energy poverty and the Aboriginal Food and Medicinal Garden in Kalgoorlie-Boulder, which promotes traditional Aboriginal knowledge of the nutritional and medicinal uses of native plants, working with community and students to develop the Aboriginal Bush Garden Education Program.

UR Walpole is an annual program that has been running since 1996. Held each year in term two, this

cross-curricular whole-school program that aligns with Walpole PS's motto of Nature, Culture, Future, offers authentic learning experiences connecting students to local and global environmental issues. A different theme each year is explored, with 'Air' being the 2025 area of study. Activities included examining how air circulation influences weather and ocean currents, using air to preserve food, air pollution and mitigation strategies, how plants use air and the creative use of air in music and art....to name just a few! These activities encourage students to think critically and creatively about sustainability and science.





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A key contributor to the program's success is the partnership with WOW Wilderness Ecocruise. The WOW team give their expertise, time and resources generously every year and are an integral part of UR Walpole. Their contribution ensures engagement and knowledge building remain high amongst students, as well as the staff! A highlight each year is the WOW cruise, a much-loved UR Walpole activity.

It needs to be acknowledged that there have been many organisations over the years that have been a part of this unique environmental education initiative, such as DBCA, volunteer fire and rescue services, local Aboriginal Elders, and artists. There have also been innumerable individuals with an area of expertise or skillset, local families that have helped in so many and varied ways, the dedicated staff that work hard to make environmental education a priority at our little school, and of course, our wonderful students that immerse themselves every year in learning how we can leave a smaller environmental footprint whilst building social and community capacity.

Winning this award is recognition of this long-time initiative that enhances student learning at Walpole PS, but it's also a recognition of the Walpole community as a whole. It is the countless community contributions towards students' environmental education that have made UR Walpole the success that it is. Here's to another 20 years of UR Walpole!

Narelle O'Brien



END OF YEAR CONCERT



INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Walpole Primary School students recently competed at the Inter-school Athletics Carnival in Pemberton, displaying great individual and team efforts throughout the day. The students tried their best and showcased their skills, performing really well against the other schools in the district as seen below:

Primary - Handicap

- 1st - PDHS Red
- 2nd - PDHS Blue
- 3rd - St Joseph's
- 4th - Walpole
- 5th - Nannup
- 6th - Northcliffe



Primary - Non Handicap

- 1st - PDHS Blue
- 2nd - PDHS Red
- 3rd - St Joseph's
- 4th - Walpole
- 5th - Nannup
- 6th - Northcliffe

Kind regards,
Mr Nisbett



INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS



From the Principal

by *Stuart Klose*

Kaya, parents and community members of Walpole Primary School,

As we reach the final newsletter of the year, I am reminded just how privileged I am to work in Walpole. Our school is set in a truly beautiful location, but it is the people within it—our wonderful students, supportive families, and dedicated staff—who make Walpole Primary School such a special place. Each day, I see care, commitment and community spirit in action, and I thank you all for contributing to another successful year.

Our end-of-year concert was a standout highlight and a wonderful way to celebrate the talents of our students. The performances were outstanding, with students showing confidence, creativity and teamwork on stage. The whole-school play *Spring Chicken* was performed with great enthusiasm, while our Year 6 students were absolute stars in their performance of *Pink Panther*. Congratulations also to all award winners—it was fantastic to recognise student effort, growth and achievement. A sincere thank you to Mrs Kim Burton and the many staff members who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to organise and support such a memorable event.

I would also like to congratulate the team of students who travelled to Pemberton to compete in the Interschool Athletics Carnival. Our students gave their best effort, won a great number of ribbons, and—most importantly—demonstrated outstanding resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. They represented Walpole Primary School with pride.

This year marked the successful first year of our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) program. We have seen clear improvements in student behaviour, with fewer negative incidents and a strong increase in positive, respectful choices across the school. Students have engaged enthusiastically in learning about positive behaviours and have responded well to our wristband reward system, which has reinforced our shared expectations and values.

Personal item lists, along with information about contributions and charges for 2026, have now been sent home to families. These documents are also available on our school website for your convenience.

To our Year 6 students, we wish you every success as you prepare to begin high school in 2026. You have been wonderful role models at Walpole Primary School, and we are very proud of all you have achieved.

Finally, thank you to our parents and carers for your ongoing support throughout 2025. Your partnership with the school makes a significant difference to the success and wellbeing of our students. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and restful school holiday break. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.



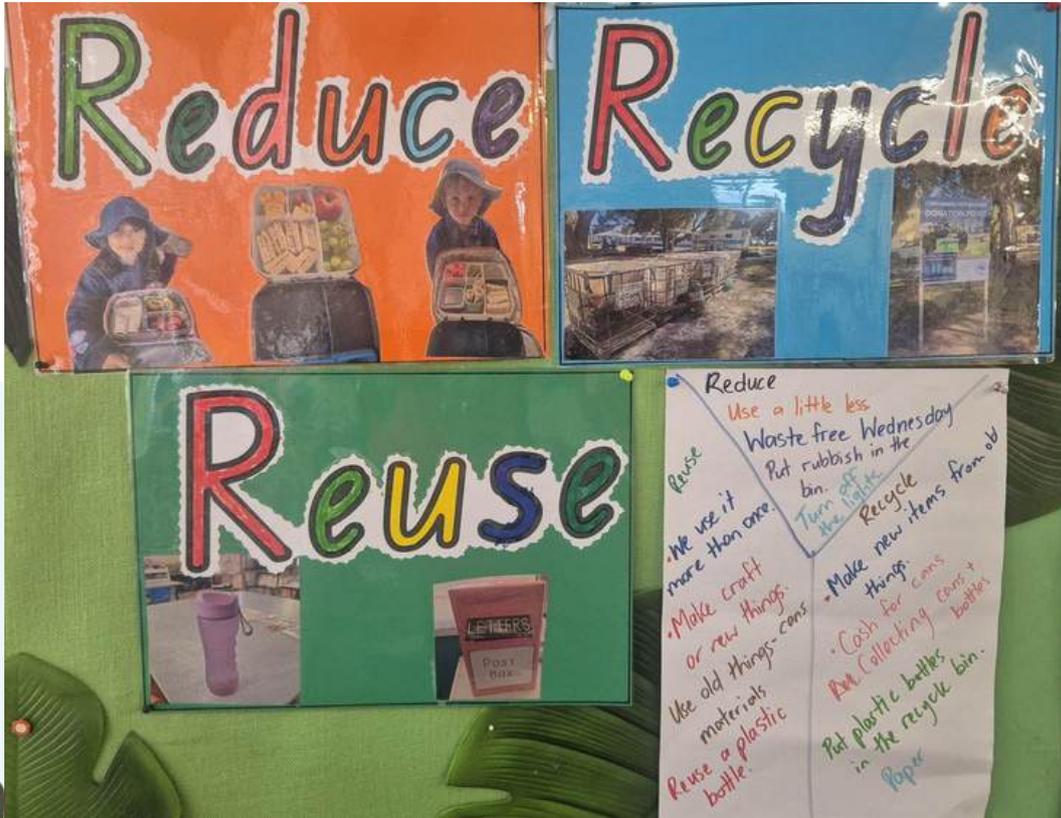
NEWS ROOM 1

In Room 1, students have been exploring how to care for our environment as part of our Geography learning.

Our focus has been on the three key actions: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Students proudly performed a song at assembly to share their learning with the school community. We have enjoyed discovering practical and fun ways to help look after our environment!



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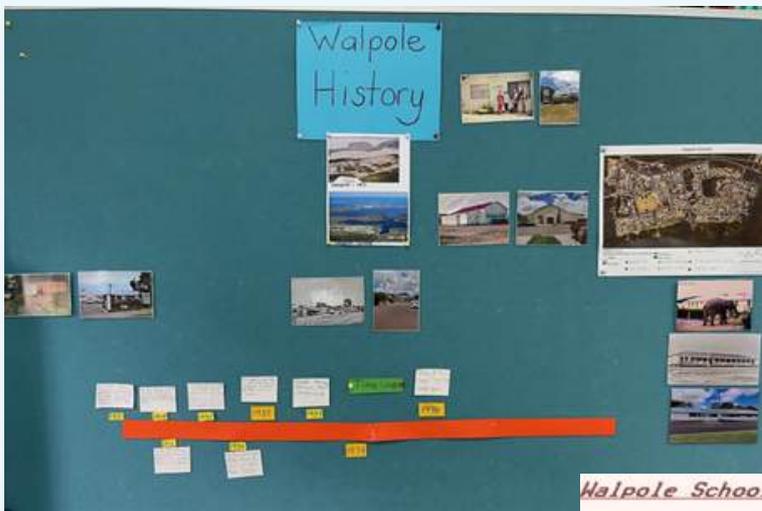
NEWS ROOM 2

In room 2 this term, we have been learning about the history of Walpole. Students have been exploring how Walpole has changed over time, significant events that have shaped our town and how participation in community groups and events benefit us as individuals and the larger community.

Recently, our class went on a 'walking excursion' around town, taking photos of places such as our main street, the medical centre, community hall and our own school to compare the infrastructure changes in Walpole over time. We have begun to create a display wall of photographs that show how Walpole has changed, with students working in pairs to write then and now cards.

Next week, students will begin writing narratives, with some students writing from the perspective of a student attending WPS in 1953, and some students writing from the perspective of a student attending WPS in 50 years time.

I would like to thank Heidi for accompanying us on our excursion around Walpole. I'd also like to thank Don Burton, a long-time local and part of the Walpole Nornalup and Districts Historical Society for sharing so many photographs of our town. It has been wonderful to see how engaged the students have been, learning about this beautiful part of the world that we are lucky to live in.



Walpole School





NEWS ROOM 4

This term, Room 4 has been learning all about division! Students have been practising dividing by multiples of 10 and working through a variety of division problem stories. Everyone has been putting in great effort to strengthen their skills and build confidence in using division in different situations. We are very proud of their progress!

In English, we have been enjoying *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold—a powerful story about an unlikely bond between a girl and a polar bear living on the remote Bear Island. Students have been deeply engaged with the characters and are enjoying exploring the text together.

We have also been focusing on persuasive writing, learning how to use strong arguments, emotive language, and clear structure to convince a reader. Students are looking forward to using all the techniques they've learned to create their very own persuasive piece. Stay tuned!

We are all very excited for the last 3 weeks of term, with lots of wonderful things happening in our classroom.

Water colour workshop

Last Thursday on the 20th of November room 4 went over to the town library to see a water colour artist. First off we chose one colour and painted a square then we put water on rectangle then painted over it to get a lighter colour. After we did that three times we did a painting, the painting was already drawn but we got to paint it with only one colour but it turned out and looked amazing! We all had an amazing time and hope we can do it again next year.

Interschool Carnival

On Friday the 21st of November, selected students from Walpole Primary School went to interschool in Pemberton to verse other schools. First up were the girls 800 meter, then the boys 800meter running. All students never gave up and showed resilience, perseverance and respect. We all had a great time and thank you Mr Nisbett for organising.





TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Our term 4 projects are in full swing, and all classes are busily working with students displaying enthusiasm, an exceptional level of engagement in their tasks, and pride and satisfaction in their end products. Design and Technology really is such a joy to teach.

Sometimes a picture paints a thousand words, so here is a selection of photos of the students in the thick of their D&T projects. Please enjoy.

Room 1





TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Room 2



Room 4





LIBRARY NEWS

Our year of celebrating and enjoying books here at the Walpole Primary School library is coming to a close How is that !??

Next week (Tuesday 2 December) will be the last week for borrowing from the library.

Please help to ensure your children remember to bring their library books back so they don't get disappointed, they will be able to borrow for the last week of borrowing as long as they have brought all their books back to school next Tuesday.

All books on loan will need to be returned on Tuesday 9 December.

Wishing everyone the happiest of holidays and I will be looking forward to seeing all the children returning in 2026.





COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Craft Workshop

Come deck the halls with us at Walpole Public Library's merry craft workshop! Get your jingle on as we dive into Christmas papercraft and wreath-making fun on

DECEMBER

SATURDAY

20

10am-11:30am

This is a free event, recommended for ages 5+
Email: walpolelib@manjimup.wa.gov.au
or call: 9840 1108 before 19th December 2025
to reserve your place





COMMUNITY NEWS



Gates Open 5pm
Santa 5.30pm
Music 6pm

Formidable Vegetable



Ficifolia Community
Gardens
Free Community
Celebration

SUN 21st DEC

Sustainability meets
Summer Solstice meets
Christmas Carols meets
Community Waste Free
Party!!

Food
Santa & Mrs Claus
Childrens Activities
Hamper Raffles
Local Performing
Artists!!!

LOCAL ARTISTS REGISTER EOI
AT FCGWALPOLE@GMAIL.COM
BY 1ST DEC 25





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.

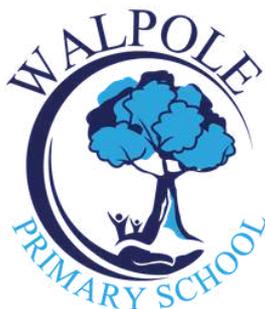
To ensure the safety of our students, parents please make sure that the office has the most up to date medical details for your child.





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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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