



# Walpole Primary School Newsletter

## Nature Culture Future

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dates*

Monday 2 June: WA Day {No School}

Friday 6 June: Interschool Cross Country, East Manjimup PS

Tuesday 17 June: School Board Meeting

Friday 20 June: Room 1 Assembly

Thursday 3 July: UR Walpole Celebration

## MOTHER'S DAY IN 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, massaging with our natural hand rub, 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.

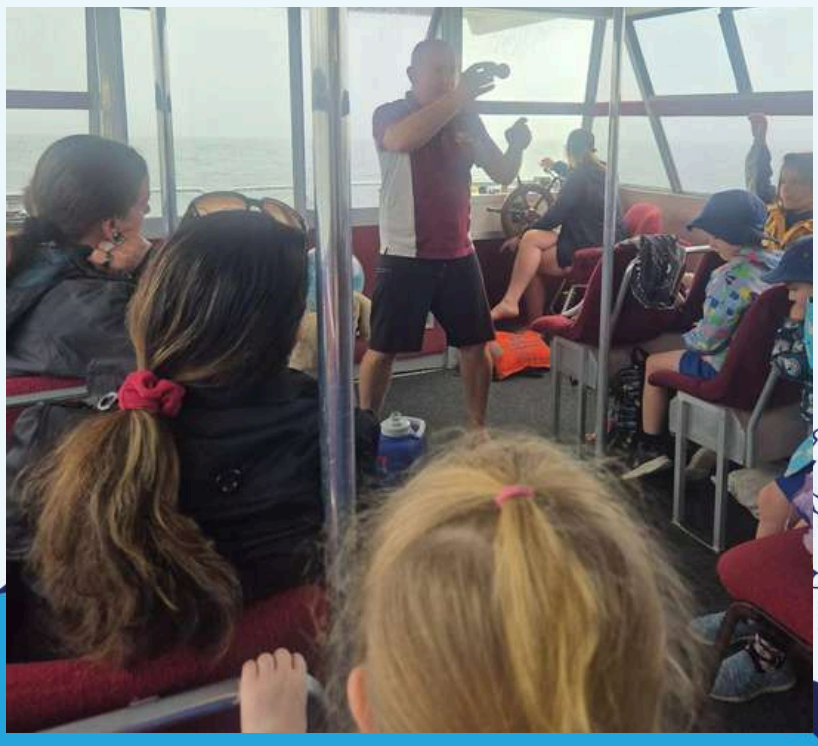






# ROOM 1 WOW CRUISE

On Monday, room 1 went on the WOW cruise with Gary and Emma. It was an awesome day exploring the sand dunes, looking at fossilised tree stumps and foraging for plastic on the beach. We learnt about the different layers of air around the Earth and how it protects the planet from meteorites and the different gases that we breathe on the periodic table. Gary was able to demonstrate all these learning experiences in such a way that the students were thoroughly engaged and eager to learn more. Thank you, Gary, for such a memorable adventure.







# TECHNOLOGY NEWS AIR



## Technologies News

In keeping with our UR Walpole theme Air, Term 2 is all about wind in Design and Technologies, with each of the three classes focusing on a different aspect of wind technology. Room 1 and Room 2 have started the term by constructing instruments to measure wind speed and direction, while Room 4 has been exploring designs for windmills and wind turbines to create energy.

### Room 4

After learning about wind energy in week 1 (and at the Power Up Electricity Museum in Manjimup while on camp), last week the Room 4 students designed and constructed windmills made from paper plates, which we then tested using wind from a desk fan. First, we tested if the design was able to spin. Then we tested how fast it can spin, by counting the number of rotations in 15 seconds. We were very fortunate to have Mr Liddelow join us to help with both our constructing and testing. As the term progresses, we will continue the design process by conducting further testing, reflecting on the results and making improvements to our designs. We hope to have some exceptional windmill designs and models ready by the end of the term.





## ROOM 2 ASSEMBLY



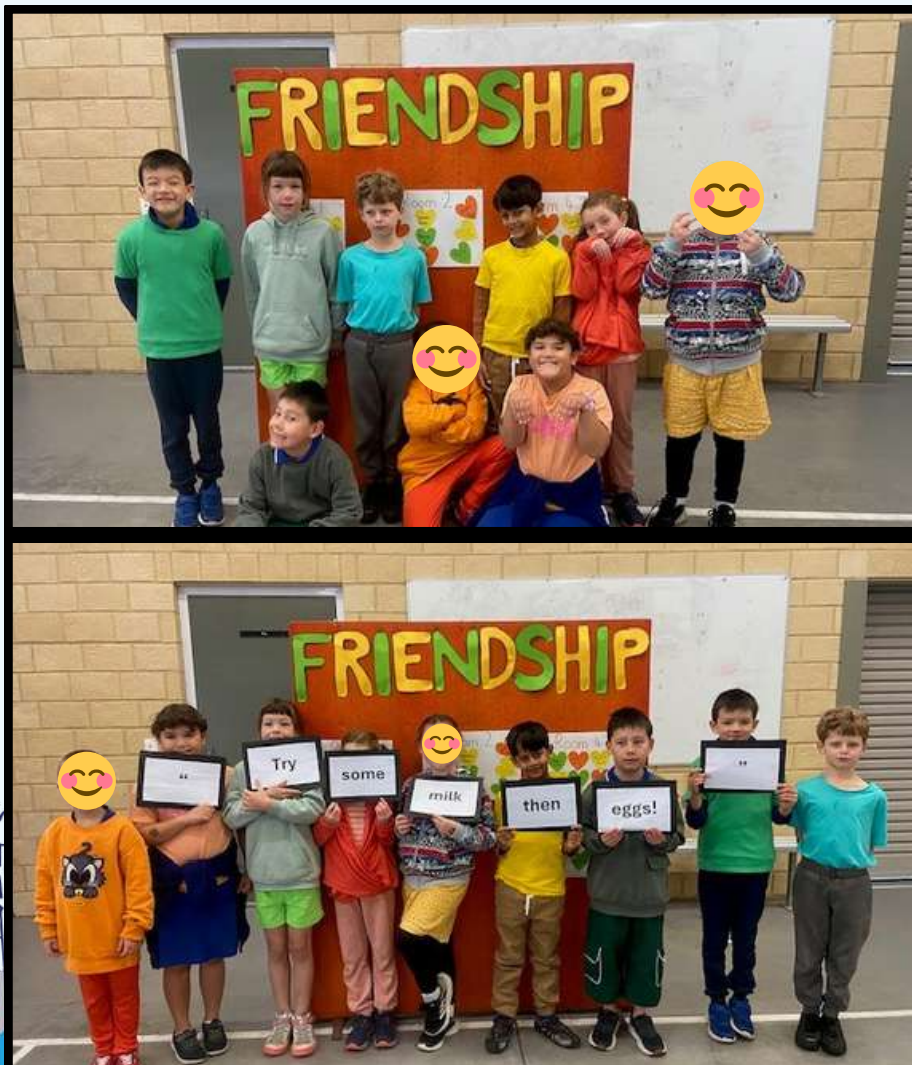
After many rehearsals and with much anticipation, today's whole school assembly was hosted by the brilliant students of Room 2. For such a small class, the students did an outstanding job and should be very proud of themselves.

The class performance began with singing the friendship song "Count on Me" by Bruno Mars, to fit with our whole school PBS focus of considering other people's feelings and a class focus on being a good friend.

The students then shared their recount writing about their wonderful WOW cruise experience last Wednesday. Room 2 has just finished a writing unit focussing on recount writing. The purpose of recount writing is to tell about a past experience, including what the experience was, who was there, when and where it happened, so the WOW cruise was a fitting event to write about. The students have also been practicing adding their emotions to their writing, in this case, how they felt during different parts of the day. Some lovely memories!

Thank you to the Student Councillors for addressing the assembly and to Mr Klose for presenting the Merit Certificates and the Aussie of the Month award. A big congratulations to all the worthy recipients. Thank you also to all the parents and family members who attended.

Our next assembly, hosted by Room 1, will be on Friday Week 8, June 20th.





## From the Principal

*by Stuart Klose*

Dear Walpole Primary School Community,

Happy WA P&C Day! We are thrilled to celebrate our newly formed P&C and their incredible work. A special shoutout to Alicia and her team, as the construction of our new nature playground fort is set to begin in just three weeks. This project is a testament to the dedication of our P&C members, both past and present, who have tirelessly supported our students and school. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and hard work!

I am also delighted to share some wonderful news regarding our school's attendance. Thanks to the collective efforts of our community, we have successfully increased our attendance rate from 84.6% to an impressive 91.7% this year. With 72.7% of our students now attending regularly, we have met our school target and will celebrate with a whole school reward. Remember, consistent attendance is a crucial investment in your child's future, providing a strong foundation for their education and personal growth.

Welcome to Mrs. Ashlea Rushton, who will be spearheading our Numeracy intervention program every Wednesday. Through the Bond Blocks program, we've carefully screened students to identify those needing additional support in counting, place value, and addition and subtraction. In addition to the focused lessons Mrs. Rushton will offer, students will receive Numeracy intervention within their classrooms to reinforce these vital concepts. Walpole PS is proud to offer comprehensive intervention programs in both Literacy and Numeracy, ensuring that all students have the support they need to succeed.

Our UR Walpole program is thriving, embracing this year's theme: air. Our students have had the opportunity to explore this concept through the exciting WOW cruise, with hands-on learning experiences facilitated by the generous contributions of Gary, Emma, and Charles. Did you know that thick smog can be seen from the International Space Station, or that most of Earth's oxygen comes from ocean algae? And here's a fun fact: the average adult breathes enough air to fill an Olympic-sized swimming pool every 227 days!

Lastly, due to the forecast of thunderstorms, we have had to postpone our cross-country carnival. The event will now be held on Friday, 30 May. We encourage all parents to join in the fun by participating in the 850m parent race, and don't forget to dress up!

Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing you at these fantastic events and continuing to build a vibrant and inclusive school community.





# ROOM 4 WOW CRUISE



Every year for UR Walpole, everyone gets hyped up for the WOW cruise, and term two on the 5th of May at 10 am, it was time for Room Four to leave school over to Gary's boat. Before getting on the boat, everyone had to clean their shoes, and Gary told us all about dieback, which is a disease that goes through the soil and can kill some trees. After we cleaned our shoes, we hopped onto the boat. Once everyone was seated, Gary asked Deed and Jai to show us how to put on a life jacket with a bit of help from Chloe, who read out the instructions.

We all breathe air, but have you ever really thought about it? We learned about the different layers of the atmosphere, which include the troposphere, stratosphere, mesosphere, thermosphere, and exosphere. Gary remembers it like this: Try Some Milk Then Eggs, for short TSMTE. Gary explained how spray bottles damage our Ozone layer. When we arrived on Shelley Beach, Gary and Emma told us about how in Durban, South Africa a shipping container with 25 00 000 plastic nurdles fell into the Indian Ocean in 2017. After we heard Gary's story, we started to pick up rubbish on the beach. We found 30 nurdles and a lot of other types of rubbish, which was sad. We also found bones, sponges and crab bodies. After we collected all the rubbish we went back to the boat. We came back from the beach exhausted and hungry. We enjoyed our lunch on the jetty at the mouth. We piled on the boat and sat at the front on the trip back. We all enjoyed the watermelon, lemon cake and lemon crush as we sat and enjoyed the ride back to the school. When we eventually got to shore, we had a short discussion about snake bites and dogs.

Having our school day out on the WOW cruise was a blast for everyone. Gary and Emma shared so many exciting facts. But the day came to an end, and we had to say goodbye, but we are looking forward to the next WOW cruise adventure.





## FROM THE LIBRARY

### Hooray Hooray it's Library Day!

We've been busy in Term 2 in our lovely little library.

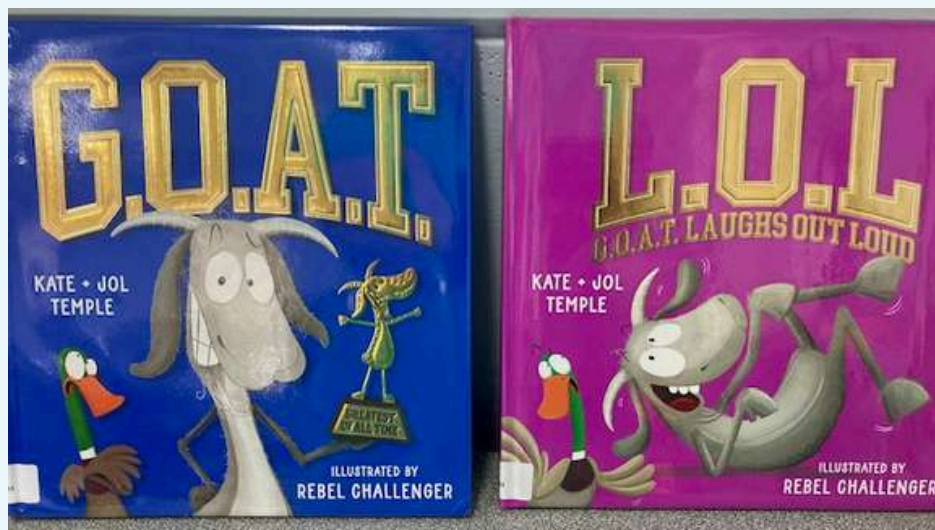
Our focus this year is on stocktaking and weeding, and this term we have been archiving our "old" Non-Fiction books. This will help make our collection more up to date and relevant to our children in 2025.

Thanks to our wonderful Op Shop who have funded a request for more books, we are taking the opportunity to make sure we have CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) winning Book of the Year titles from the last few years.

We are also taking stock and filling gaps in the Non-Fiction section, It's been wonderful to get input from the children as to what they would like to read: topics include keeping farm animals and pets, Human Body, and Sport, including Mountain Biking, Ballet and Karate.

This week's new book titles on the shelf include Building Lego - Animals and Vehicles, Maps and Flags, the latest Weirdo, and the latest "I Survived" Graphic Novel - always popular.

We've also got Kate and Jol Temples gorgeous new series G.O.A.T. and L.O.L - lots of fun to read aloud with your children, enjoy the acronyms, LOL.







# SCHOOL NURSE

## Healthy eating - ten tips for parents

- Give children a variety of different foods
- Offer nutritious snacks, like fruit, yoghurt, crackers and cheese
- Encourage your child to eat breakfast
- Ensure that the family eats together at least once a day
- Pack your child's lunch at home. Let your child help.
- If your child refuses a new food, don't make a fuss. Try again several times.
- Listen when your child tells you they are full
- When your child is thirsty, encourage them to drink water.
- Allow your children to help with planning and preparing healthy meals.
- Plan physical activities for your family







# SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

## Sustainability Squad

The Sustainability Squad are the student representatives of the school sustainability committee. It is so inspiring to work with such engaged students, eager to do their part to reduce waste, reuse materials where possible and recycle effectively. The Squad have already helped educate students to reduce the amount of bread being placed in our food scraps that go to compost, making our composting system more effective. They achieved this by speaking with students about the kind of food items that should not be placed in our food scrap bins and creating posters to help remind students. Well done to our Sustainability Squad and our student body for so effectively making this small change.

Each term the sustainability committee meet to review progress of goals and targets and set new goals to make the environmental footprint at our school as small as possible. At our most recent meeting we discussed reducing the use of single use plastics and starting next week, we are introducing a new initiative to help achieve that goal. Every Wednesday will be waste free Wednesday. For the remainder of term 2 we are asking students to bring a waste free recess, and that will extend to lunches in term 3. Students that have a waste free recess will get a raffle ticket and each fortnight at our Monday morning mini assembly, and at our school assemblies, a raffle ticket will be drawn for a student to win a prize. In the coming weeks the Sustainability Squad will meet with each class to talk about how to pack a tasty, nutritious and waste free lunchbox. Additionally, they will be contributing recipes into the newsletter that students can make to help them with waste free Wednesday. Please support this school-wide initiative and we would love to hear from you if you have a go-to recipe for lunchboxes or send us a photo of your 'kid in the kitchen' making something for waste free Wednesday.

Thank you to our Sustainability Squad for helping Walpole Primary School reduce our environmental footprint. We love hearing your ideas, and the energy and commitment you all have is commendable.





# ROOM 4 KID'S PAGE



## Word Grid Instructions:

- Look at the word grid and try to find as many words as you can.
- Write the words that you find on the lines that are on either side of the grid.

## Word Grid Puzzle

C	K	I	S
A	H	N	R
T	I	G	M
B	L	L	E

### Word Count

1 or 2 Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

4 Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

5 Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

6 or More Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Words: \_\_\_\_\_







## ROOM 4 KID'S PAGE



### *Spaghetti Bolognese*

#### Ingredients

- 1 tbs vegetable oil
- 700 g beef mince
- salt and pepper
- 1 brown onion (diced, large, peeled)
- 1 tsp garlic (minced)
- 2 tbs tomato paste
- 1 cup carrot (grated)
- 1 cup zucchini (grated)
- 400 g tomato (diced, fresh)
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 2 bay leaves
- 50 g butter (chopped)
- 1 packet spaghetti

#### Method

1. Place a large, heavy bottomed frying pan on high heat.
2. Add oil and swirl to cover pan, when it's very hot add mince, salt and pepper and brown- cook for about 5 minutes or until meat juices have evaporated, stirring occasionally.
3. Add onion and sauté for 1-2 minutes.
4. Add garlic and tomato paste, stirring to coat the meat.
5. Once tomato paste has started sticking to the bottom of the pan and the meat is reddish, add the carrot, zucchini and diced tomato.
6. Stir to thoroughly combine then add oregano, bay leaves and butter.
7. Place a lid on top, bring to the boil then turn the heat down to a simmer and cook for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.
8. Check for seasoning then leave to rest for 5-10 minutes for flavours to meld.
9. Cook pasta according to packet instructions and serve meat sauce over pasta garnished with grated parmesan cheese.





## 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 learning 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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