



# Walpole Primary School Newsletter

## Nature Culture Future

### important dates

4 July – WA Student Assistance Payment deadline

4 July – Last day of Term Two

21 July – School resumes for staff and students

28 July – 100 Days of School

4 August – PEAC testing for Year 4 students



## UR WALPOLE CELEBRATION

This term, our school had the unique opportunity to explore the theme of "Air" through the UR Walpole project, and what a success it was! With the guidance of Gary and Emma from WOW Cruises and Charles Biddle, our students and staff worked tirelessly throughout Term Two to bring this theme to life. Each class delved into exciting projects and discoveries about air, which they proudly showcased during an open classroom event. Parents and families were invited to wander through our school, witnessing the creativity and hard work of our students. The celebration culminated in a formal ceremony held in the undercover area, where Rooms 1, 2, and 4 delivered captivating presentations on the theme. The highlight of the day was the thrilling Air Powered Vehicle Challenge, with students showcasing their inventive creations. A big congratulations to all participants and the winners of the challenge. Well done to everyone involved in making the UR Walpole Celebration an airy delight!



## From the Principal

*by Stuart Klose*

Kaya, parents and community members of Walpole Primary School,

As we draw to a close on a bustling Term Two, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our incredible staff and students for their unwavering dedication and hard work. You have all earned a well-deserved break! A special thank you goes to everyone involved in this year's UR Walpole project. Under the theme of air, students engaged in an array of enriching hands-on learning activities, made possible by the generous support of Gary and Emman from Wow Boat Cruises and Charles, whose scientific expertise was invaluable.

Today, we say goodbye to our remarkable Room 4 teacher, Ms. Sarah Walker, as she embarks on an exciting remote community experience. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Ashlea Rushton and Mrs. Simone Barrow, who will capably step into the Room 4 teaching role. Additionally, Ms. Madison Gleeson will take on Room 2 on Fridays, and Ms. Shenoa Elvin-Johnson will lead our Numeracy Intervention efforts.

In recent discussions, children's screen time has been a significant topic, highlighted by the program "Parental Guidance: Screentime" on Channel Nine. This episode provided valuable insights into various parenting styles and the associated risks and benefits of screen time. I encourage you to watch it if you would like to know more. [Parental Guidance: Screentime](#)

Looking ahead to Term Three, our students in Years 3 to 6 will have the exciting opportunity to compete in the Winter Carnival in Pemberton. We also look forward to welcoming author Diane Wolfer for Book Week, enjoying the much-anticipated Book Week parade, and hosting visiting Indonesian teachers.

Wishing you all a restful and rejuvenating break!

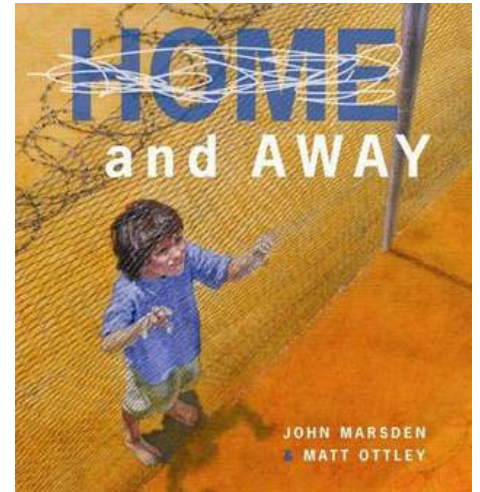
Warm regards,  
Stuart Klose





# ROOM 4 BOOK REVIEW

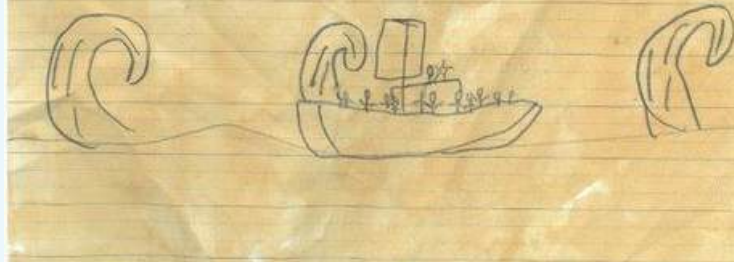
The writing is a response to the book Home and Away and the theme of refugees



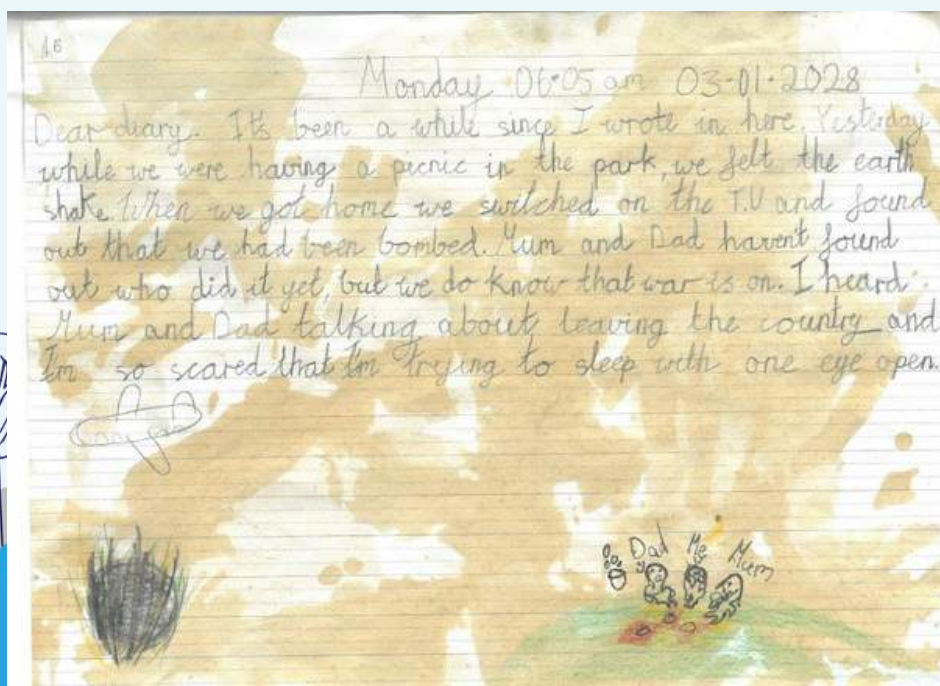
Dear diary, first day on the boat, we only got a small portion of food. It wasn't that bad, except we had to sleep on the wet wooden floor boards.

Day two: Dad was able to gather some fish with his hand line. We didn't get enough food to share, so he was stabbed to death by another man. I think it was about an argument about dividing the fish or something, no one talks about it anymore.

Day three: The sleep wasn't good but it was better than last time. Today we didn't get any food or water. It was horrible, but it was our last hope to escape the war.



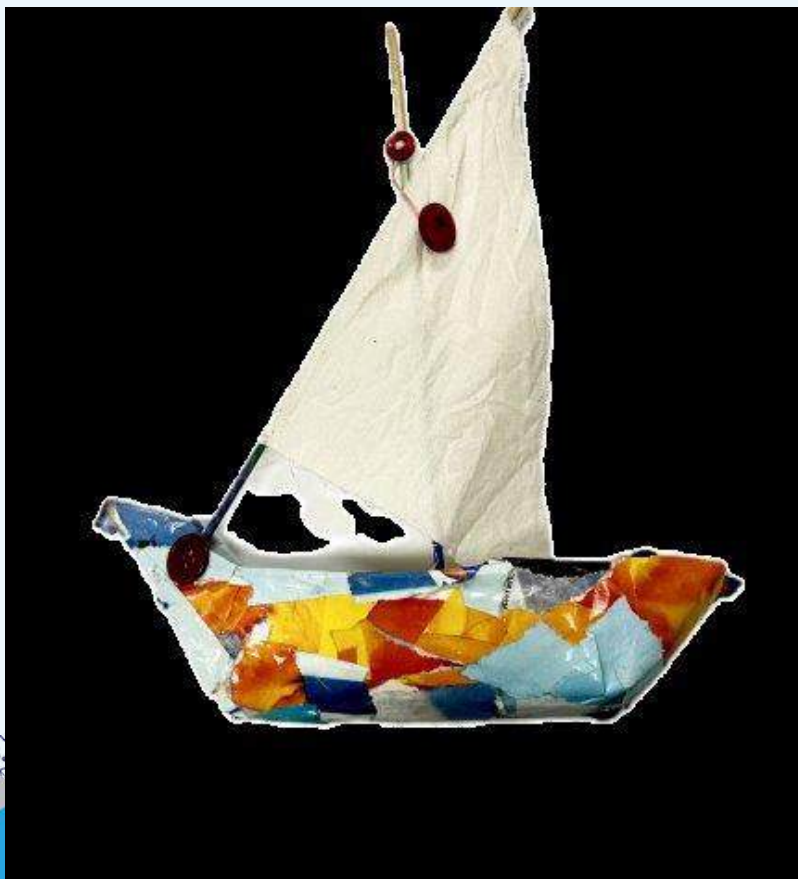
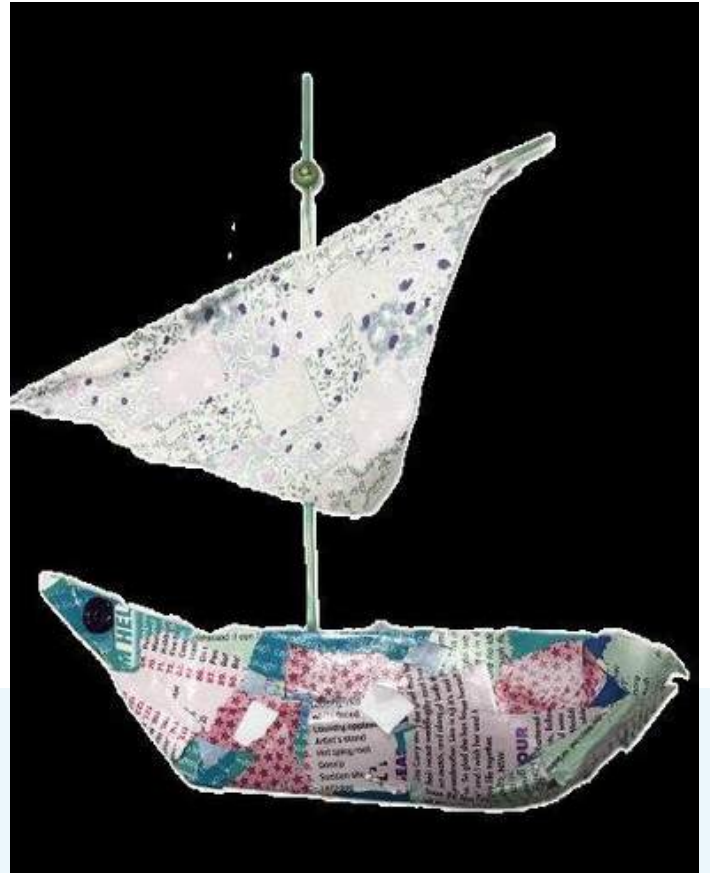
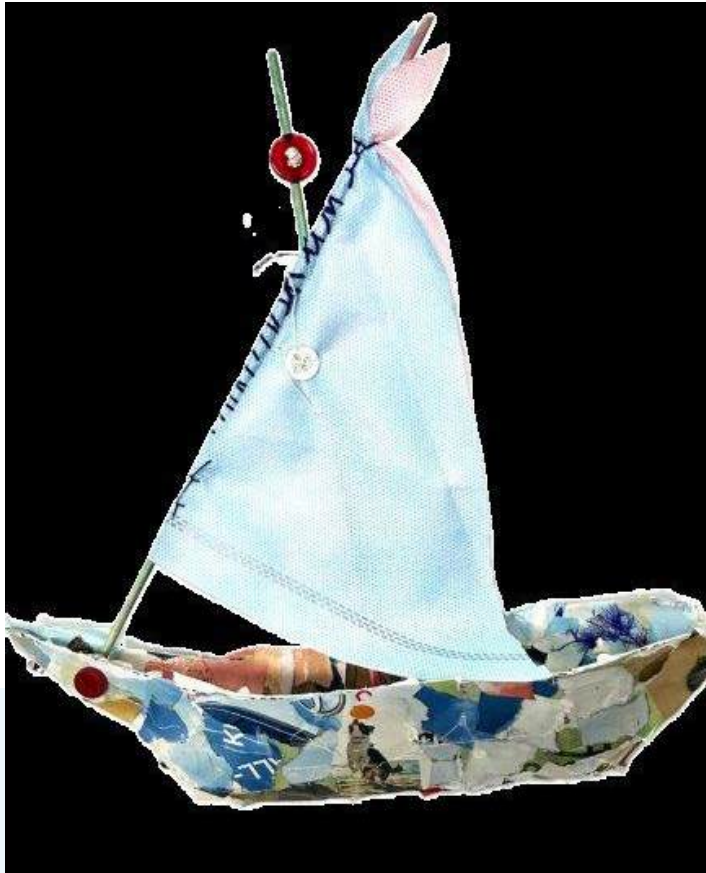
30 of 6 Diary mum just bought this book for me. Dad is starved to death, because of the war. First of July: Today mum finds out that there is a boat to Hollania. We are leaving tomorrow. I'm scared. I almost forgot to introduce my family. First my mum's name is Ruby and my dad's name was Thomas. I don't have siblings. It gets very lonely. Second of July: Today some one get stabbed, I was scared. My mum and I saw a couple of trees. Today more people died, one was my neighbour. First of August: We saw a navy ship but they said go away. The next day we ended up in a prison which was actually a time out centre. I did not like it.







## ROOM 4 BOOK REVIEW





## ROOM 4 FREE DIVING

Free Diving is an emotional, educational text set in the 1800. Written by Lorrae Coffin it tells the story of an Aboriginal man heading out to sea to gather pearls so he can earn his keep. This book explores the themes of bravery, black birding, human perseverance, and connecting to nature.

The pearl diver who lived in Broome was on a lugger with a colourful crew, he dove into the sea with a Malay man who made sure there was no threat coming. A Japanese man was also there who took the divers only communication with the boat through a rope. The diver didn't have any equipment to dive down, he only had his lungs to help. Sadly, he died because he got the bends from being pulled up too quickly. This story is very emotional and educational, it shows how it was back then collecting pearls.

I found the illustrations of this book intriguing. I just loved the way Bromwyn Houston (The illustrator) used a lot of bright and soft water colours with pen, and how unique the illustrations are. This book made me reflect on how dangerous it was back in those times; however, it was interesting learning about the pearling industry is today. I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested to learn about history.

Free Diving is an emotional picturebook about how hard and painful it was collecting pearls back then. The story, filled with themes of bravery, history and slavery, the illustrations are beautifully drawn and represent the book great. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a historical, interesting book to read.

By Tyler S





# ROOM 4

## THE WILLYWAG TAIL

Legs like a thin bean

Chest the colour of cream

And they can be mean

They are in control

They live somewhere that is cold

But don't live too old



*By Isabelle Anning*

## THE RED HOODED PLOVER

HIS LEGS ARE AS PINK AS FAIRY FLOSS

DON'T ANNOY HIM, HE MIGHT GET CROSS

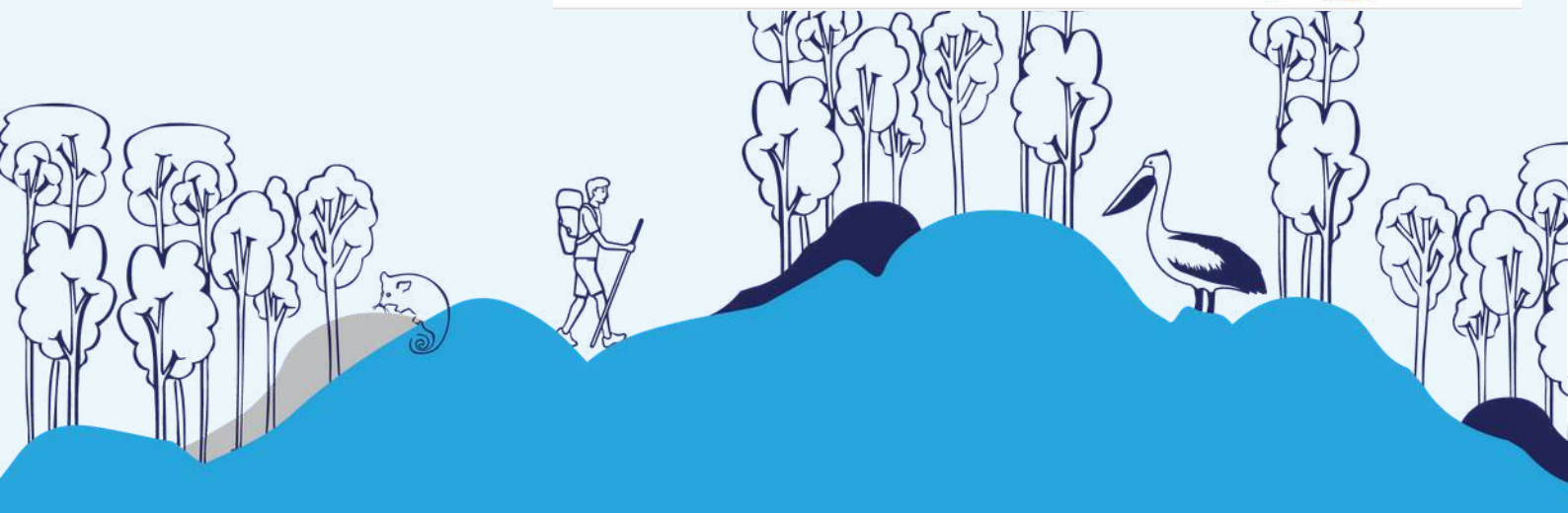
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE, HE'S THE BOSS

THEY LIVE AT A BEACH AND A LAKE

A CHOOK, CHOOK SOUND THEY MAKE

THE RED HOODED PLOVER HAS A WHITE NAPE

BY DEED NEILL







# ROOM 4



## *The Kookaburra*

*The young kookaburra laughs loud,  
Standing very tall and proud,  
His feathers are as soft as clouds.*

*They soar through the sky,  
Quietly expanding their wings to fly,  
But when they hunt their prey, they try.*

*By Bynn Thomas*

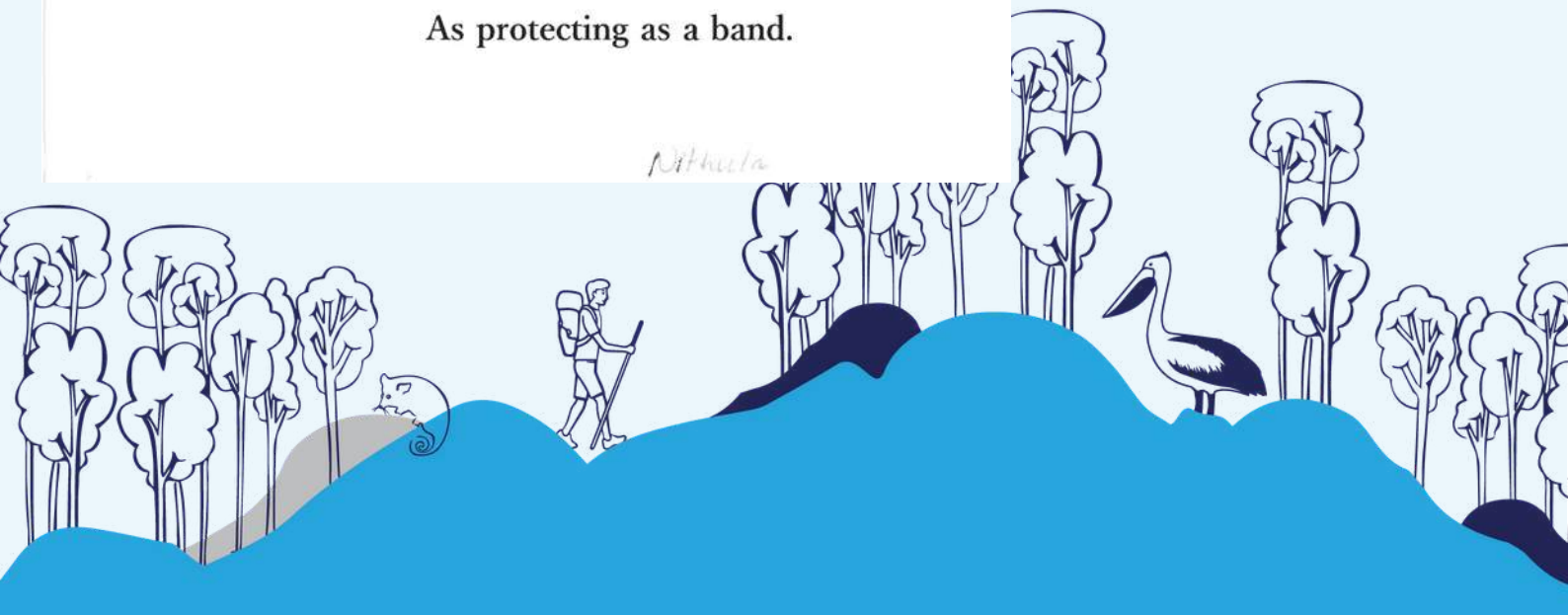
## THE BAR TAILED GODWIT

*Dipping hesitantly into the mud.  
Trying to find a delicious bug.  
So many wormies under the mud.*



*Very territorial about land.  
Always protecting their command.  
As protecting as a band.*

*Nithula*





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



## WALPOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY AND INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The Walpole Primary School students embarked on their annual School Cross Country in term 2. After a shaky start with the weather, and the event being rescheduled for the following week, it didn't deter the efforts and spirits of the students and parents/carers that attended.

The students had been practicing their running throughout the term and it showed throughout the races, with all students having a go and trying their best. The junior event was won by Elijah, with Ned and Xavier not far behind. The Intermediate event was won by Deed, with Lucas and Felix following in just behind. The Senior event was won comprehensively by Lyndon with Jasper and Izzy coming in second and third respectively. Overall, the day was all about trying your best and having fun with the overall points going to Green faction on 274 and Blue faction on 208.

There were 9 students who attended the Interschool Cross Country in Manjimup, with a really promising effort from all of the students in their respective events. Again, the students gave their all in the Interschool Cross-Country event with all of the 9 students finishing within the top 25 of each age bracket.







## TECHNOLOGY NEWS

That's a wrap for our Term 2 UR Walpole focus on air, specifically the movement of air which, of course, is wind! What a great topic to learn about and use in our design concepts. Each class did an outstanding job of designing, creating, testing and reflecting on their designs for their various projects. They should all be very proud of their efforts.



Room 1 students with their bubble makers..



# TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Room 2 students with their sailboats.



Room 4 students with their windmills.





## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Winter Holiday Fun LET'S GET SLIMY



Join us at the Walpole Public Library  
for two fun slime workshops

**FRIDAY 11 JULY**  
**10:00AM - 12:00PM**

**&**

**FRIDAY 11 JULY**  
**1:30PM - 3:30PM**

**FREE EVENT**

**RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 6+**

Email: [walpolelib@manjimup.wa.gov.au](mailto:walpolelib@manjimup.wa.gov.au) or  
call: 9840 1108 before 4 July to reserve your place





## CONTRIBUTIONS 2025

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 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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