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## Dates to Remember

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15 September	Assembly run by K/P/1 and performance by 5/6
22 September	Last day of term 3
Monday 9 October	First day of term 4

## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Dear Parents and Carers

Unfortunately today is my last day here at Walpole PS. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and been impressed by the education offered at this great little school where students are offered a broadly based curriculum and fantastic extra curricula activities.

23 families responded to the LOTE survey suggested by the Board and the following breakdown of preferences have been recorded.

Indonesian	8
Italian	1
AUSLAN	12
Mandarin	1
Philipino	1

While this shows a clear preference for AUSLAN it is unlikely that time will allow the school to be prepared for its introduction to Year 3 for 2018. To fulfil Department of Education requirements I imagine that the school will need to implement Indonesian for 2018 as the resources are in place and the delivery online is available and will work now that the school bandwidth has been increased. Then, during 2018 the school can prepare for the introduction of a whole school language program in AUSLAN if that remains the preferred language.

Thank you to everyone for your response and feedback.

Last Friday saw the start of the dance program delivered by

Claudia Simpson. Students were very engaged and enthusiastic, so at the end of the term I believe we can look forward to a very entertaining whole school performance.

I am very pleased to be able to announce that at the end of term 3 when our much respected and admired early childhood teacher, Sherrill Williams retires that we have been successful in engaging a recent early childhood graduate teacher Mr Gabriel Hurtz. Gabriel has just completed an internship at Cottesloe PS and comes highly recommended by both the school principal and his mentor teachers. Whilst Mrs Williams shoes will be large to fill, I believe Mr Hurtz will be a very prove to worthy successor.

Towards the end of term there will be an opportunity to farewell Mrs Williams after a 21 year career, 10 of them at Walpole.

Thanks again for the warm welcome I have received from everyone in this lovely community.

Regards

Brian Devereux Relieving Principal



## Open Classroom Year 5 & 6

**Museum In Motion** Early Australian Explorers unit

> Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 11:00- 12:00noon 2:00-3:00pm

Thank you to the P&C for donating three bean bag chairs to our Library.



Hello! I would like to introduce myself. **My name is Simone Barrow** and I am currently completing my first Student Teacher Placement with Mrs Teague-Robertson's wonderful class. Some of you may know me already, as I live locally (Bow Bridge) and have three children, Campbell aged 9, Eliza aged 7 and Christian aged 5 years. I also work part time as a guide at the Tree Top Walk.

I am halfway through my placement already and am thoroughly enjoying getting to know the students. I have been teaching them some interesting Maths and Literacy lessons, and have been impressed by the standard of work and behaviour demonstrated by the students. I look forward to teaching them many more lessons over the coming weeks. I would welcome the opportunity to meet and talk to any parents, so if you are coming to the school, please come in to the classroom and say hi.



Students enjoyed a visit from Dianne Wolfer, Author and Gabriel Evans, Illustrator at the Walpole Public Library



Basket ball Registrations Aussie Hoops Juniors and Sub Juniors Monday September 4 - 3.30pm - 5.30pm Monday September 11 - 3.30pm - 5.30pm Come down to the Denmark Rec Centre to register!!



Spring has sprung in our school garden





