



Dates to Remember

Wednesday July 19

Term 3 starts for students



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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

URWalpole Assembly

Thank you to parents, relatives and community members who visited the school during our URWalpole Celebration. It has been a busy term but I know the students have learnt a lot about flowering plants. Thank you teachers for devising exciting lessons and activities on the theme.

School Development Days

The first two days back next term are designated School Development Days. Teachers will review Maths and Literacy Whole School approaches and school vision as well as look at Teacher Well-being and Kids Skills.

Board members and some students will be invited to join us for the session to develop vision. This allows the community some voice on where we are headed as a school.

We also look forward to parents joining us on Monday the 17th to look at positive ways to parent/manage children.

Waste Audit

We have been doing six monthly waste audits since last year and it was amazing how much landfill was generated at the school. We've put in a few strategies such as bees wax lunch wraps, recycle and compost bins and highlighting to the students the amount of waste created.

The strategy with the biggest impact has been the later lunch.

We have gone from 2kg of food waste (whole lunches and fruit) in one day to 0kg. The students are hungry after playing and are happy to just sit and eat.

I think the trial will be a permanent fixture on the school timetable.

The Tidy Towns judges visited the school and were impressed with the various ways we have reduced waste.

PRIME Futures

Classroom teachers at WPS have just attended two days professional development for the PRIME Futures program, an initiative of CSIRO and BHPBF that improves student outcomes in Mathematics. Teachers will use a model of planning that starts with reality, moves to abstraction before narrowing the focus to the math to be learnt. Critical reflection and application are the final steps.

Attendance

A number of staff and children have been sick the last few weeks with this terrible flu and a few others sustained bone injuries. Hopefully, next term is a healthier one.

Even with these issues, our attendance is 93.1% for the semester, which is an improvement on last year. The kindy and year five students attend most frequently.

Leah H, Luke M, Keira E, Matilda H, Freya M and Connor H attended every day or had only one day away, ≥98%. Only two students attended less than 79% of the time.



Life is a Dance

On Wednesday Barry Peters came to our school and shared his love of music with all of us. He lives in Warrnambool on Australia's southern coast. He writes great songs, rich with environmental themes, his music is profound and energetic.

Barry showed room 4 how to make a song using crazy ideas, it was very interesting and surprisingly easy and very fun. After that he did a performance in our undercover area. The story he told was about a type of owl that is nearly extinct and how trees getting chopped down has decreased their numbers by a lot because their nests are in the hollows of trees

Barry Peters visit was funny and very interesting.

By Ben and Connor



KIDS' SKILLS

Tuesday 18 July 2017 1.30pm – 3.00pm

TRAINING: for Principals, Teachers and Parents who wish to work individually with children on behavioural change.

This practical program can be used to support behavioural change in children in many areas including emotional and social concerns, conduct difficulties and concentration issues.

It emphasizes respecting the child and building genuine cooperation with the child's social network.

PRESENTER: Jennifer Allen (Lead School Psychologist)

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Registration: By Monday 17 July 2017 by contacting the school (9840 1020) or

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Cost: free



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