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Walpole Primary School

Dates to Remember

Friday 28 August	Winter Carnival (Y3-6) in Pemberton
Friday 18 September	Assembly, 8.50am

It's great to be back at school and jumping straight into teaching and learning.

School Development Days

Staff spent the first two days this term learning more about Autism Spectrum Disorder and Applied Behavioural Analysis, with other Albany schools. It was interesting that in 2018, the prevalence of autism was 1 in 70 people, as a result of better recognition and diagnosis of the condition.

Teachers also furthered their understanding of developing reading skills through teaching writing and Inquiry Learning.

High School Transition

Last week I attended Denmark SHS, with principals of other small schools in the area, to plan for the Year 6 transition. It was a great opportunity to discuss issues that impact on the small schools.

Interestingly, there can be and probably is, a perception that small schools provide 'less of an education' than big schools. The data we have at the school level suggests otherwise. Our students are more than comparable with schools across Australia. We don't have NAPLAN results for 2020 but last year, students in year 3 and 5 achieved equal or better than state and Australian schools in all areas except Yr 3 Spelling and Grammar. See the table attached.

I asked the high school their perspective on the Walpole PS students. They said they integrated well into the high school setting. They made friends easily with others and showed

strengths across all curriculum areas.

When I asked if there were any areas we could focus on to improve their achievement and success and I was told, "No! They are great!" This was uplifting to hear as it reinforced what we knew- that Walpole PS provides a quality education.

The many Walpole PS students who win awards at the high school also provides evidence that the Walpole PS students have an outstanding grounding in education.

COVID Update

There a few minor changes this term with COVID precautions. We are able to hold assemblies as long as we can maintain the 2m distancing for adults, which we can do. Children are able to attend excursions and interschool activities which enables the Winter Carnival to go ahead.

Attendance

Here's hoping that WA can continue to avoid terrible COVID data and we can keep children learning face to face, at school. To try and boost attendance we will have a 'reward' for students who attend school 99%+ of this term. This may be cooking and eating a special morning tea or lunch. Details will be decided closer to the end of term.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

Surveys

Thank you to the parents that have completed the survey. I will put an overview in the next newsletter.

Walpole Primary School 2021 Kindergarten



Enrolments

Apply now to enrol your child for Kindergarten
If your child is four years old by 30 June 2021
you can apply to enrol.

At the time of enrolment your child will need to have
an 'up to date' AIR immunisation history statement.

Contact us by Friday 24 July 2020 to apply.

Phone: 98401020 or
Email: walpole.ps@education.wa.edu.au



Water Bottles

We have continued to stop the use of water fountains and encourage students to bring a water bottle from home. There are taps they can use if they need to refill.

It's a good idea to rinse the bottles out at the end of each day.

Once a week, bottles should be washed with soapy water, paying special attention to the lid where dirt can be trapped. The leave to dry with the lid off.

If the bottle develops a slight smell, rinse with vinegar to kill bacteria.



Missing school on a regular basis has a big impact on learning. Here are some figures to demonstrate.

Average Days Missed	Attendance Rate	School Missed Over Years 1 - 10
5 days in a term	90%	1 year of school
1 day per week	80%	2 years of school
1.5 days per week	70%	3 years of school
2 days per week	60%	4 years of school

2019 Walpole PS NAPLAN Data- Average Results

	Yr 3			Yr 5		
	WPS	WA	Aus	WPS	WA	Aus
Numeracy	412	405	408	505	492	496
Reading	443	427	432	558	504	506
Spelling	398	412	419	552	500	501
Grammar	435	435	440	552	498	499
Writing	447	420	423	530	471	474

ONLINE 5 Week Course

Bringing Up Great Kids

A loving, safe parent is the best relationship a child can have. This course is for parents and carers who want to understand their child's behaviour and through self-reflection, gain helpful insights into their own parenting. We will also help you identify the important messages you want to pass onto your child and how to do this."

This is an inter-active 5 week course which supports you to:

- Reflect on the origins of your parenting style and how it can be more effective
- Learn about your children's developing brain and understand how to meet their growing needs
- Examine the messages you pass on to your children through your behaviour and reactions
- Understand the underlying messages in children's behaviour and how to respond helpfully
- Overcome some of the obstacles getting in the way of being the kind of parent you would like to be

Where: Online
When: Thursdays 20 27 August 3 10 17 September 2020
Time: 9.30am to 12 noon WST
Cost: \$60 per person

Online sessions are interactive and have minimum requirements including:

- Computer/Laptop/Tablet with webcam and microphone
- Private space to attend
- Pre-registration and payment required prior to course

Bookings are required. Please phone 6164 0200 to enrol.

For more information about our courses and workshops, please click [here](#) or visit www.relationshippswa.org.au

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