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Walpole Primary School

Dates to Remember

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| Tuesday 18 August | Live PD at home- Striving Schools |
| Friday 28 August | Winter Carnival (Y3-6)- Pemberton |
| Friday 18 September | Assembly, 8.50am |
| Thursday December 10 | School End of Year Concert |

Striving Schools

Dr Adam Fraser has designed a live PD event on '**Striving Schools - How schools can partner with parents to help students be more resilient and have a functional relationship with struggle and failure.**

Dr Adam Fraser is an award-winning human performance researcher and consultant who studies how individuals thrive in challenging and evolving environments.

This joint initiative for teachers and parents is designed to strengthen and support a community approach to our children's education. It will provide tools for educators, parents and guardians to help their kids navigate a better and more robust relationship with struggle and discomfort, in order to improve learning, boost their wellbeing and strive.

Click on the link, August 18, just before 5pm.

<https://eventsbeyondlive.com.au/>

Surveys

Thank you to the parents who completed the School Survey. Only seven surveys were completed by parents, which is a bit disappointing considering we have 41 children at the school. Eleven Year 4-6 students completed the Student Survey.

The views were generally positive across all areas with some occasional concerns. Everyone acknowledges that the school is well-maintained and is a safe place to be. Teachers care about the students and have high expectations of them. See the table attached for more information or go to the webpage at <https://www.walpoleps.wa.edu.au/>

This year, specific questions were included that asked about the impact of COVID-19. Generally, home learning was a stressful time for families for various reasons. On a positive note, it raised awareness of what was being taught at school and ways in which their child learns, or avoids learning. It also led to greater appreciation of the teacher and what is involved in teaching.

School Support Services

In the survey, one parent asked what support services were available to the school. We have a number of visitors during the year.

A speech pathologist and occupational therapist from Amity Health, Albany, visit the school once a term. They screen the young children and provide activities for the teacher and parents, if further development is suggested. Children can be referred for therapy if there is a need.

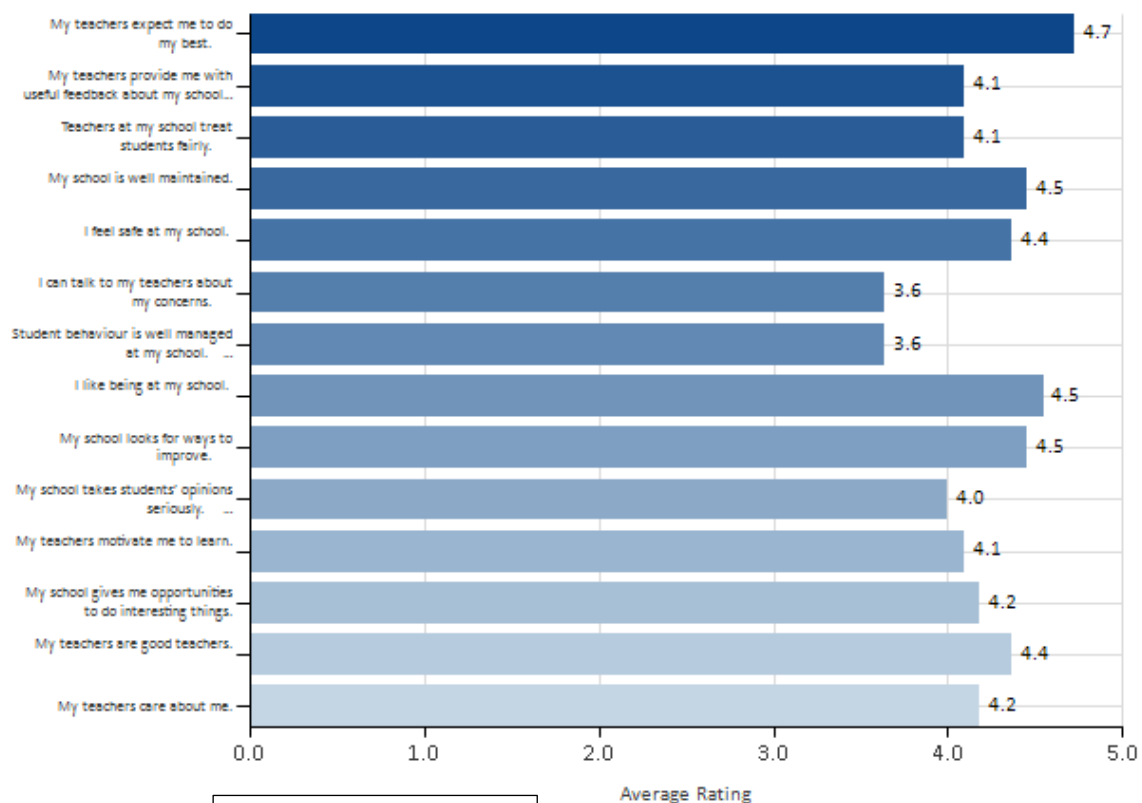
The school psychologist visits two or three times a term. Sue Swift normally works with the teachers to develop academic or behavioural plans for students. She can test students but doesn't generally work directly with them.

Steve Fisher, the chaplain, visits every Monday. He is available to chat with students, staff and parents about issues that may concern them.

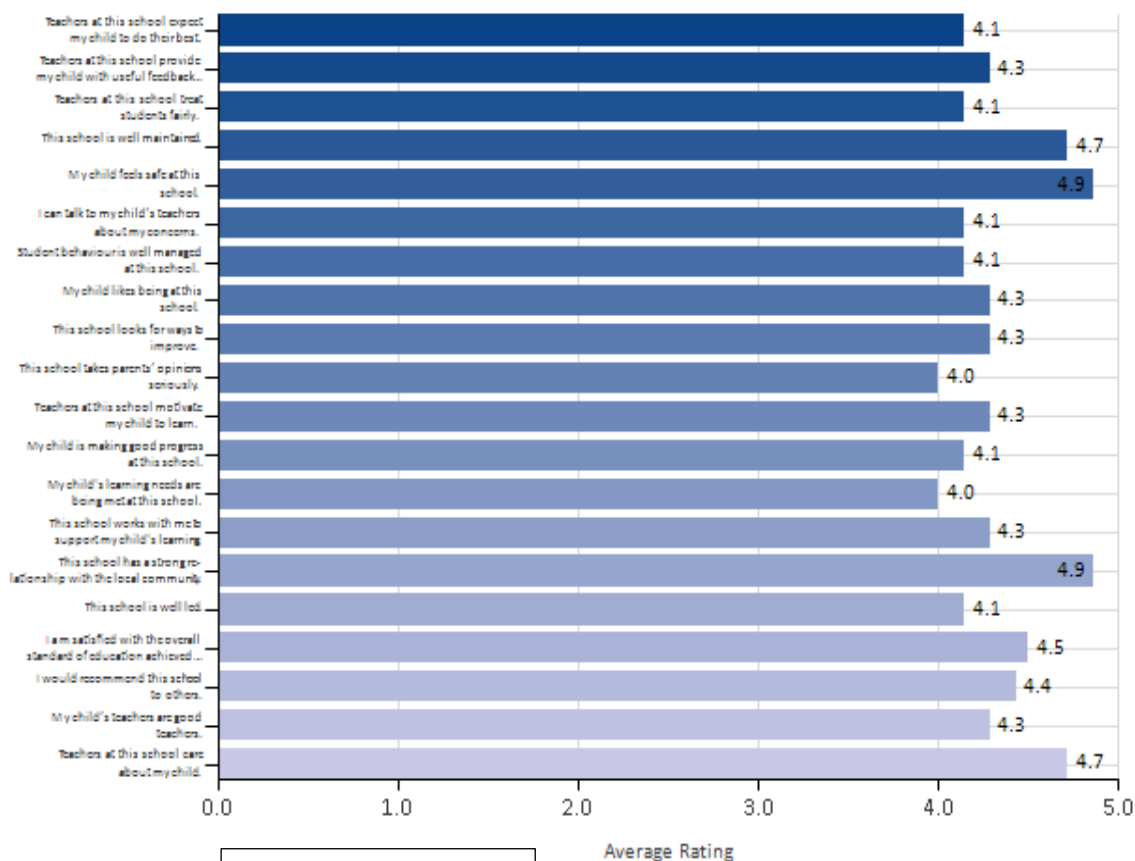
The school nurse, from Manjimup, is meant to visit once a term but hasn't been as yet this year. Hopefully, someone will come this term to screen kindy and new children.

The Dental Van will come about every 18 months but you can access them in another town at any time.

Please talk to the teacher should you feel your child needs support in one of these areas. Parents can also access a variety of services outside of school. Your GP may be able to refer you.



2020 Student Survey



2020 Parent Survey