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Dates to Remember			
Friday September 18	Assembly		
Friday November 6	School Photos		
Thursday December 10	Concert and Presentation Night		

I hope you are all keeping well and taking the opportunity to get outside when we have some lovely Spring weather.

Buddhist Celebration

The students have been invited to participate in a blessing ceremony on September 21. I saw this as an opportunity for children to be exposed to different cultures and celebrations.

Some parents have voiced their concern about the children waving Buddhist flags when they have Christian beliefs. I have asked that the students do not wave flags.

If the excursion doesn't fit with your values, please don't feel you have to approve your child attendance to it. Staff will remain at school to supervise students.

Winter Carnival

The Year 3-6 students had a fabulous time at Pemberton competing against other local schools. The scores don't relay the closeness of the competition.

The netball team won two games and lost two. The hockey players played well but did not win any games.

Online Media Concerns

You may have seen media coverage recently regarding a Western Australian Police investigation that has uncovered a series of online grooming offences against young people in the wider community.

Charges of this nature are unsettling and we want to make sure that all parents/carers remain

aware of the importance of cyber safety. Parents are best placed to talk to your child/ren about cyber safety and there are many resources to help guide you through this on the <u>Department of Education website</u>. Other online resources are available on the <u>eSafety Commissioner website</u>.

Recent media coverage may lead to children being more aware of these types of offences wanting to disclose information. The Department's parent helpline, 1800 882 345, is available for you to call if you have any questions or and is staffed concerns, psychologists, child protection officers and principals. The phone line is available from 8.00am to 4.00pm this Monday to Friday.

There has also been a distressing suicide video circulating this week. Young people respond can differently to highly distressing events. Some will seek immediate assistance from their parents, carers or teachers, while others may be less inclined to do so. It is important for young people to know that they are not alone, and help is available from trusted adults, friends and professional support services.

If you encounter harmful and disturbing content online, please report it immediately to the social media platform publishing it first, and then to eSafety at www.esafety.gov.au/report/illegal -harmfulcontent.

Primary Winter Sports Carnival 2020 Results

	Netball	Soccer	Hockey
1 st	St Joseph's	PDHS 2	PDHS 2
2 nd	PDHS 1	PDHS 1	PDHS 1
3 rd	PDHS 2	Northcliffe	Nannup A
4 th	Walpole	St Joseph's	St Joseph's
5 th	Nannup A	Nannup 1	Nannup B
6 th		Nannup 2	Walpole



Walpole PS Netball Team



Walpole PS Hockey Team



