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Dates to Remember	
Friday 29 October	Kylie Howarth, Visiting Author
Friday 5 November	School Photos
Friday 12 November	Faction Athletics Carnival, yr K-6
Friday 19 November	Interschool Athletics Carnival, yr 1-6
Friday 26 November	Assembly, 8.55am
Wednesday 8 December	Presentation Night, 6pm

It's lovely to be back at Walpole PS after my term in Collie. Term 4 has started with a bang as there is so much going on. We have our Faction Carnival and Interschool Athletics this term and the students are busy learning the rules of games and improving their personal skills.

Most families make a day of attending the carnival and cheering on the kids. If you are able to help out at the Faction Carnival, it would be very much appreciated.

The Manjimup Library organised an author, Kylie Howarth, to come during Book Week earlier year in the but it was postponed. Kylie is coming to school next week to share her experience as an author. She is an award-winning, internationally published children's book authorillustrator draws who her inspiration from her underwater travels.

Attendance

Congratulations to Finlay, Isabelle, Astrid, Mila, Nithula, Cinta, Peyton, Jasper M, James, Luke, Mei, Chloe, Dylan and Namphet who attended at least 98% last term. A big thank you to their families who value education and have persevered to ensure their child attends each day.

From The Principal

Squid Game

The most streamed Netflix series in Australia is *Squid* Game. Many children and young people have watched or are aware of the South Korean survival drama. This series is classified Matured as Accompanied (MA15+) children under 15 should not watch MA15+ material unless they are in the company of a parent or adult.

Children who watch MA15+ content may be exposed to graphic content. As a result, you may see an increased number of students starting to play their own versions of these games.

We felt it important to share this information with you to enable you to address concerns raised by parents and to support children and young people to make positive and appropriate behaviour choices.

Kambarang

We are now in the Noongar season of Kambarang where there is an abundance of flowers, the reptiles emerge and the young birds sing out to parents to feed them.



New Quokka Signage

While learning about ways to make Walpole a better place in the future, as part of their URWalpole program, 2021-41 Future Proofing Walpole, the K/P/1 students at Walpole PS were heartbroken to hear about the many quokka deaths on the highway near town.

Understanding that writing texts to persuade can be powerful, the junior students collaborated to try and convince the Main Roads to increase signage. They wrote letters, posters and drew pictures to get their intended message across.

Main Roads responded by designing a new sign with the intention of installing them on South Western Highway between Walpole and Nornalup as well as other areas that quokkas are known to inhabit.

Teacher, Lisa Teague-Robertson and her students were ecstatic that their voices were heard and they may play a part in drivers keeping an eye out for quokkas.



P&C Meeting
Tuesday 26 October
@4.45pm, room 2

All Welcome





SCHOOL BUS 2022

School Bus Services endeavors to process Transport Assistance Applications within 10 business days.

During peak periods, particularly over the Christmas school holidays, you may experience delays.

School Bus staff will be in contact with you regarding the outcome of your application by mid-January 2022.

Please note:

- If your child is <u>changing schools</u> or <u>residential address</u> in 2022, a new application should be submitted.
- If you have an additional child that wishes to access the bus in 2022, this will also require a new application.

Applications for 2022 should be submitted by Monday, 22 November 2021 or as soon as possible, prior to the commencement of Term 1 2022.

Applications can be submitted online at schoolbuses.wa.gov.au

Many thanks to the families that have already submitted their application.