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Walpole Primary School

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 9 April	Faction Swimming Carnival
Friday April 12	8.50 Assembly, last day of term 1
Monday April 29	School Development Day (No school)
Tuesday April 30	Students Commence, Term 2
Tuesday 4 –7 June	Year 4/5/6 Camp

We've had a busy couple of weeks participating in the Faction Athletics Carnival and swimming lessons. There are two more events, the Interschool Athletics and Faction Swimming Carnivals, before we start the April holidays. Hopefully, the weather will continue to shine so you can enjoy it.

Faction Carnival

Congratulations Blue Faction on winning the Athletics Carnival this year. At the end of the jumps and throws, both scores were very close but Blue showed themselves to be stronger in the end.

Congratulations to Keenan N and Tristan K for winning Senior and Intermediate Champion respectively. Congratulations to Pia G and Reilyn S-M (Senior) and Luke Mc and Mei P (Intermediate) for coming Runner-up Champions.

Thanks to the staff who have been training the students and the many parents who helped out on the day.

It was disappointing to have had to finish half-way through the program but wet grass can be dangerous.

Apologies to those parents who didn't receive the email about Wednesday's continuation of the carnival. I don't know what happened!

Alcohol on School Grounds

It was brought to my attention, after the carnival, that a parent had consumed alcohol on the school grounds. Alcohol is not permitted at a student event and it was very disappointing to think that someone thought it necessary to drink during the day. I hope this won't happen again, but if you notice it, please let me or a staff member know.

Swimming Carnival

We have our Faction Swimming Carnival in Albany next week. The students enjoy the opportunity to display their prowess in the pool.

Students are placed in events based on their swimming stage rather than their age as they need to be able to swim the stroke and distance. Year 3 to 6 students under stage 4, take part in fun activities in the smaller pool.

While organising the carnival, it has come to my attention that most of the students are unable to swim 25m of the pool in a variety of strokes. Only the students stage 8 and above are considered in Championship events. Although it is a great day out, this is likely to be the last swimming carnival as it is unrealistic to have only a couple of students participate in a range of events.

Outstanding Attendance for Term 1:

Elianna, Mila, Pia, Mae, Abel, Leah, Dylan,
Lucy, Jorja, Luke, Keenan, Mei, Grace,
Lyndon and Jasper

Congratulations!

Official School Shirts

Must be worn to the Interschool Athletics Carnival and all official school events. We will look very smart in our new uniforms tomorrow!

Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 9 April

Year 3-6 permission forms and payment are due.
Please return to the office.

Thank you ☺

Dental Therapy Mobile Update

Hi Everyone,

Please be informed that the Mt Barker Dental Van will be temporarily closed from 29th March – 28th April, 2019. We will be re-opened at Denmark PS from Monday 29th April, 2019.

In an emergency only, please phone Spencer Park DTC on 98413967 from 8am – 4pm. After hours emergency, please contact your private dentist in town or the nearest hospital.

Many thanks,

Regards

The Dental Team

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

K – Yr 6 \$60.00 per student

P&C Levy \$20.00 per family

*Thank you to the families who have
already contributed.*

In-term Swimming & Outdoor Classroom



Thank you, to Christie Bentink and Janine Liddelow from DPaW and Bob Eddington from Sea, Search & Rescue, Peaceful Bay, for the interesting information and activities during our week at Peaceful Bay.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

THE IMPACT OF HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TIME



Developing the habit of going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning.

That is why we strongly encourage you not to go on family holidays during school time.

Why is going to school regularly so important?

At school, many concepts (such as [literacy and numeracy]) are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later. This is particularly important in the early years when essential foundation skills are being taught.

Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of 'showing up' – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.

Missing school may mean missing out on friendships. Some students who have a period of time away from school also feel disconnected socially.

Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student's learning. Students who attend more, generally do better at school and in life.

What can you do?

While it can be tempting to take advantage of discount offers for accommodation and flights, we strongly encourage you to organise holidays during school holiday periods to make sure your child doesn't miss out on school.

The *School Education Act 1999* does not allow principals to give permission for families to take holidays during the school term. As students are required to attend school every day, time off for holidays is recorded as an absence.

For more information please contact:

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