Walpole Primary School Newsletter

Nature Culture Future

important dates

16 November – Staff Development Day (no students)
18 November – Kindy Cafe session 2
20 November – Interschool Athletics Pemberton
23 November – Scitech Incursion
3 December – Kindy Cafe Session 3
3–4 December – Year 6 Transition to DSHS
4 December – Year 5 Student Leader Election Speeches

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Walpole Primary School Faction Carnival was held last week Friday 6th November on the school oval between Green Faction and Blue Faction.
It was a great day with the students battling it out to start the day off our 800m race and then leading into our Jumps and Throws. The running races and team games followed, where the students competed strongly against one another, showcasing their athletic abilities and sporting skills.

The points were collected throughout for each of the events and Champion Boys and Girls across the Junior, Intermediate and Senior cohorts.

The Factions tussled all day and rallied behind their team, but there was a clear winning in the end. The Blue Faction finished on a commanding 508 points to the Green Factions respectable 389.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Champion students for the day across the cohorts were:

Junior Girl Champion - Luna Burton
Junior Boy Champion - Ned Belgrove

Intermediate Girl Champion - Finlay Anning
Intermediate Boy Champion - Wihanre Du Toit

Senior Girl Champion - Isabelle Anning
Senior Boy Champion - Deed Neill

Thank you to all the parents who supported their children, helped out on the day and participated in the events!





ATHLETICS CARNIVAL















From the Principal

by Stuart Klose

Kaya, parents and community members of Walpole Primary School,

Thank You, Mrs EJ!

I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Elvin-Johnston (Mrs EJ) for relieving Mrs O'Brien while she has been on long service leave. Mrs EJ has done a wonderful job and fitted into our school community so well. Her enthusiasm, care for our students and willingness to get involved in school life have been greatly appreciated. Thank you, Mrs EJ, for everything you have contributed during your time with us!

A Fantastic Athletics Carnival!

Our recent School Athletics Carnival was a great success! It was wonderful to see all students giving their best effort, encouraging one another and demonstrating great sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to Blue Faction on taking out this year's carnival!

One positive change this year was the introduction of separate Champion medals for boys and girls, replacing the previous combined awards. This was a welcome improvement and provided more opportunities to recognise the achievements of our students.

A big thank you to Kate and her P&C team for organising and running the morning tea stall. It was fantastic to have food and refreshments available for parents and students throughout the carnival. We really appreciate the time and effort that went into providing this service and the ongoing support of our P&C.

Mr Nisbett and I will be reviewing the carnival to identify what worked well and where we can make further improvements. We also appreciate the constructive feedback and suggestions received from parents, which will be considered as part of our planning for future events.

We are now looking forward to the Interschool Athletics Carnival on Friday 20 November, where our students will compete against other Warren-Blackwood schools. We wish all our competitors the very best and know they will represent Walpole Primary School with pride.

Celebrating Student Progress

As we approach the end of the school year, our classrooms have been busy completing end-of-year assessments. These assessments provide valuable information about the progress students have made throughout 2026, help us celebrate their achievements and identify areas for continued growth. The results also play an important role in our planning for 2027, ensuring we continue to provide teaching and learning programs that meet the needs of our students.



From the Principal

by Stuart Klose

This year, we are introducing an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with their child's classroom teacher to discuss their learning, achievement and progress across the year.
On Wednesday 9 December (Week 9), parents will be able to book a meeting with their child's teacher. These conversations will provide an opportunity to celebrate successes, discuss individual progress and look ahead to the next steps in learning.

Further information about meeting times and how to make a booking will be shared soon.

Every School Day Counts

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to remind families of the importance of regular school attendance. Every day at school provides valuable opportunities for learning, practising new skills and building friendships. Missing just one day each week adds up to approximately eight weeks of lost learning over a school year, while missing two days each week is equivalent to around 16 weeks. This can have a significant impact on student progress, particularly in literacy and numeracy, where new learning builds on previously taught skills. Students who are frequently absent can find it difficult to keep up with classroom learning and may miss important explanations, practice and opportunities to consolidate their understanding. We understand that illness and unavoidable absences occur, but encourage families to make school attendance a priority whenever possible. If attendance is becoming a challenge, please speak with us so we can work together to support your child. Every day really does count!

End-of-Year Concert Preparations

The excitement is building as Mrs Burton and our students have been busy rehearsing for the End-of-Year Concert. There has been plenty of hard work happening behind the scenes, and we are looking forward to what promises to be another wonderful evening of entertainment.

Parents, please take a moment to check in with your child about how they are going with learning their lines. At this stage of rehearsals, students should be able to deliver nearly all of their lines without referring to a script. A little extra practice at home can make a big difference to their confidence on stage. Thank you for helping them prepare!



From the Principal

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A Huge Thank You – School Raffle

I would like to extend a very big thank you to Trudi and Russell Miles for their incredible generosity in organising our school raffle. They have donated a superb pool of prizes, along with special prizes for the student in each class who sells the most raffle tickets. Their generosity and commitment to supporting our school are greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to all our students and families for getting behind the raffle and doing such a fantastic job selling tickets. All profits will go towards the rebuilding of our school basketball court, a project that will benefit our students for many years to come.

There are only a few tickets remaining, so if you haven't purchased yours yet, be sure to get in before they are gone! We look forward to drawing the lucky winners at our End-of-Year Concert.

With just a few weeks remaining in the school year, there is still plenty happening at Walpole Primary School.

Thank you to our staff, students and families for your ongoing support and for contributing to such a positive school community. We look forward to finishing 2026 on a high note!

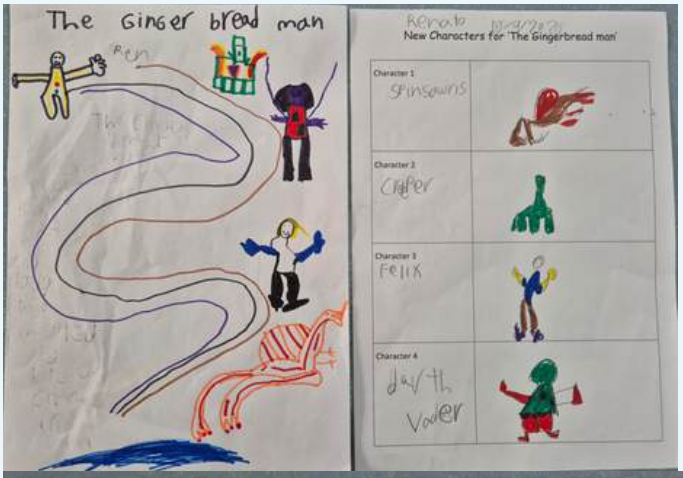


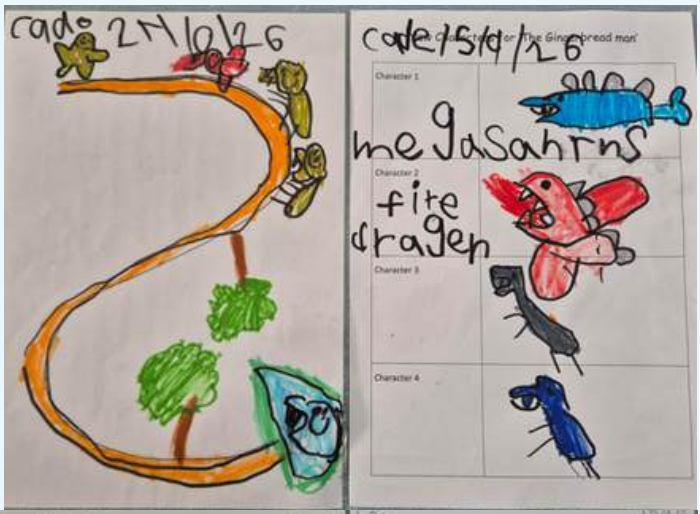
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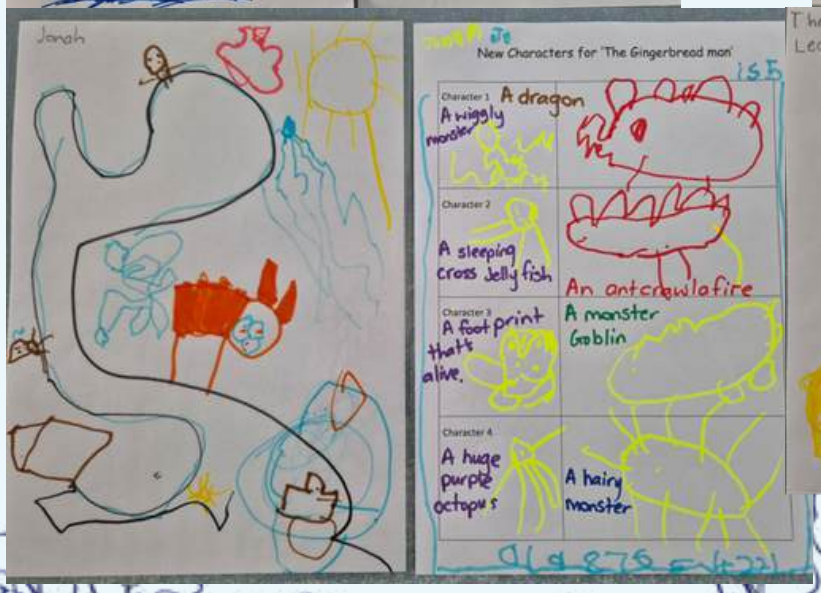
🌟 Room 1 – Talk for Writing Adventures!

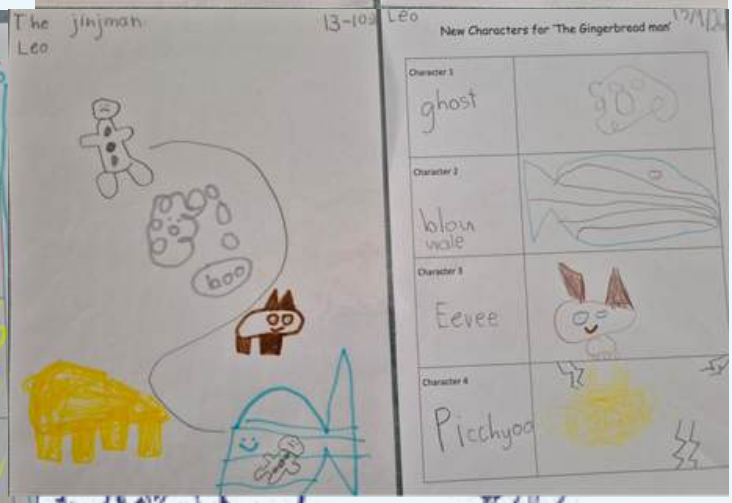
Room 1 has been busy exploring **characters and settings** through our *Talk for Writing* and narrative writing activities. Using the familiar story of *The Gingerbread Man*, students have been using their creativity and imagination to change the characters and create their very own versions of the story.

Students have enjoyed **orally retelling, acting out and writing their stories**, using descriptive language and story sequencing to bring their ideas to life. These engaging activities have helped develop their **oral language, storytelling, writing and confidence**, while encouraging them to become creative and enthusiastic young authors!









NEWS ROOM 2

Money Markets

The Year Two/Three's have been exploring money over the past few weeks. They have learnt to count money, find different collections to make a certain amount and to give change. This is the class market we held to explore purchasing and selling. The students used replica Australian coins and notes to buy the items they liked and received change from the 'shop keepers'. There were some very proud entrepreneurs.

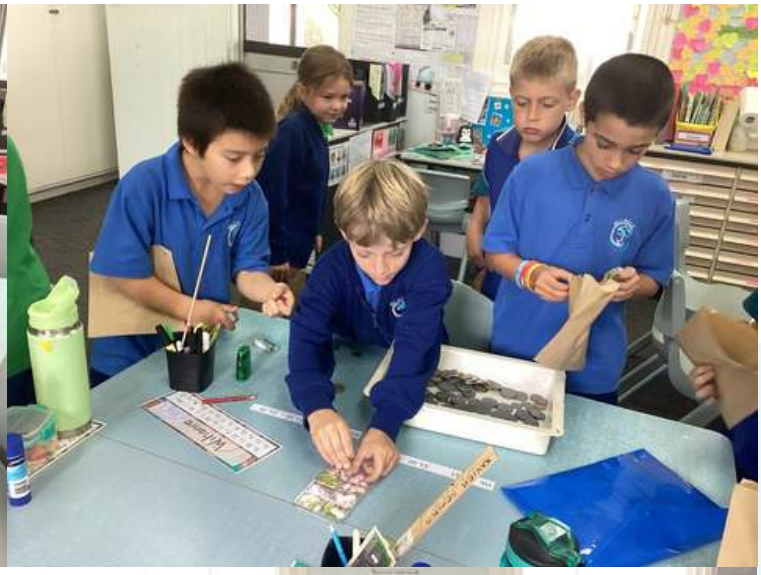






NEWS ROOM 2









NEWS ROOM 4

Room 4 Maths students have also been exploring Statistics and Probability in Maths. Students have been investigating the likelihood of events, making predictions and conducting hands-on chance experiments using dice, coins and spinners.

They have been learning to describe events as impossible, unlikely, equally likely, likely or certain. A key focus has been representing probability as a fraction by comparing the number of favourable outcomes with the total number of possible outcomes. For example, the chance of rolling a 2 on a six-sided die is 1/6.

Through these fun investigations, students have been developing their mathematical thinking, recording results, comparing predictions and discovering how fractions can help us describe the likelihood of events!
Room 4 have also been learning all about fractions in Mathematics! We have been exploring fractions using number lines and folding string to help us understand where different fractions belong. We have also been learning about mixed numerals and improper fractions, developing our understanding of how these numbers are connected and how they can be represented in different ways. It has been wonderful to see everyone building their confidence and mathematical thinking!





NEWS ROOM 4

Science and HASS

This term, we are combining student learning in HASS and Science through an exciting country research project. Students are investigating different countries and exploring the amazing natural features and events that shape our world.

Year 4–5 students are researching significant geographical landforms, discovering how weathering and erosion have shaped these natural features over time. Year 6 students are investigating natural disasters, exploring how they impact the land, environments and the people who live there.

Through their research, students are developing their geographical knowledge, scientific understanding and research skills while discovering the powerful ways Earth's natural processes shape our world!











NEWS ROOM 4

Room 4 – Preparing for Future Leaders!

Room 4 have also been busy preparing for their leadership opportunities for next year! Mr Nisbett visited the class to talk about leadership and what it means to be a good leader. Students discussed the qualities and responsibilities that make a great leader and how they can set a positive example for others.

Our Year 5 students are very excited to start preparing their speeches and deciding which leadership positions they would like to nominate for next year. There is lots of enthusiasm and anticipation as they get ready to take on these exciting opportunities!

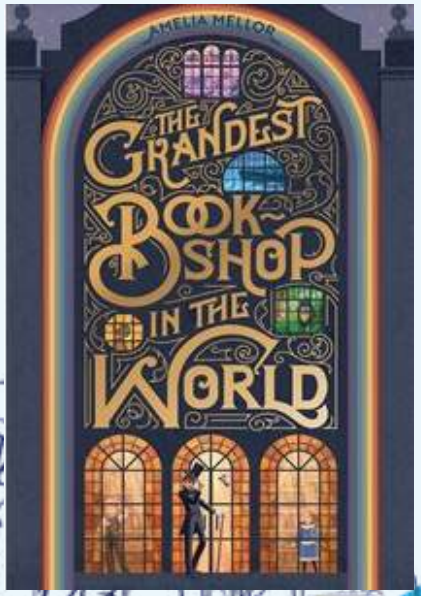
Stay tuned! Leadership election speeches will be held in Week 8. We can't wait to hear what our future leaders have to say!

The Grandest Bookshop in the World!

We have been enjoying reading The Grandest Bookshop in the World by Amelia Mellor together as part of our novel study.

Through this engaging novel, students have been exploring the art of narrative writing, focusing on the author's use of vivid imagery, descriptive language and rich vocabulary to create atmosphere and bring characters and settings to life.

Students have also been developing their understanding of how to use effective dialogue and the 'show, don't tell' technique to build suspense, reveal character emotions and keep readers engaged. They will now put these skills into practice as they create their own imaginative narrative stories. Students will begin creating their own imaginative narratives based around a bookshop, using all the wonderful writing techniques they have been learning in class. They will have the opportunity to develop interesting characters, create engaging settings, build suspense and bring their stories to life through descriptive language. We are looking forward to seeing their creativity shine as they bring their own magical bookshops and stories to life!







KITCHEN GARDEN

Kitchen Garden – Harvest, Cook & Create
Our Kitchen Garden students have been busy making the most of our fresh produce! We used our harvested produce to make mini savoury muffins, which were very yummy and enjoyed by everyone!
Out in the garden, students have started cleaning out and preparing the garden beds, ready for planting our new crops.

In our multi-age groups, students have also been writing up their recipes and adding their own creative touches. It has been wonderful to see students of different ages working together, sharing ideas and developing their cooking, gardening, writing and teamwork skills.
Another busy and rewarding time in our Kitchen Garden! 🌱🧁







TECHNOLOGY NEWS

There has been lots of creativity, problem-solving and collaboration happening across our classrooms in Design and Technologies this term!

Room 1 (K–1) have been busy designing and creating their own marble runs. Students have been investigating how forces, slopes and different design features affect the movement and speed of a marble. They have enjoyed testing their creations, making adjustments and finding ways to improve their designs.

We also had a special scaly visitor pop into the workshop during sunny Week 4! A big thank you to Miss Everett for safely escorting our curious shingleback back to the garden.









TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Room 2 have continued exploring their musical instrument theme, taking their learning beyond the classroom through an exciting collaboration with the Ficifolia Community Garden. Students are working together to design a whole-class music wall that will hopefully become a permanent addition to the community garden, providing a creative space for the wider community to enjoy.





TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Room 4 have been busy designing and creating sets and props for our end-of-year performance. Students have embraced the opportunity to contribute to a shared project, demonstrating excellent teamwork, initiative and cooperation as they bring their creative ideas to life.

It has been wonderful to see students applying their design skills, thinking creatively, solving problems and working together to create something meaningful. We can't wait to see their finished projects!









ART NEWS

In Term 3, students from Rooms 1, 2 and 4 created their own colourful flags, inspired by Australian illustrator Alice Oehr. Each flag featured the student's favourite fruits and vegetables. Together, these individual artworks formed a vibrant collaborative display celebrating creativity, community and healthy food! The finished artwork was exhibited at Ficifolia Community Gardens in Walpole as part of the Schools on the Art Trail program during the September school holidays. Launched in 2021 to complement the Southern Art and Craft Trail, the project provides schools with an opportunity to showcase students' creativity, with Walpole Primary School proudly participating since 2023.

As well as providing a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and promote the fantastic artwork our students create, Schools on the Art Trail offers students a valuable experience of having their work displayed in public spaces beyond the school environment.

We hope many of you had the opportunity to see the flags on display during the Art Trail. The good news is that they will remain at the gardens, so there is still plenty of time to visit and enjoy the fruits of the children's artistic labour!













P&C UPDATE

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P&C UPDATE

Get involved!

We're always keen to welcome new members and volunteers. Meetings are held just once a term, with our next meeting in Term 1.
Coming up, we have the Colour Run on the last day of school and a school breakfast BBQ in Term 1. We'd love some extra hands!
If you have an idea, feedback, or something you'd like the P&C to consider, we'd love to hear from you. And if you'd like to lend a hand, you're always welcome. You can contact any of the committee, email **walpoleprimarypandc@gmail.com** or ring Kate on 0408 00 3062.
Thanks for supporting our wonderful school.

Walpole Primary P&C



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on receiving a merit certificate at our last assembly.



ROOM 1 WINNERS:

- Vada Burton
- Petra Pearce
- Cade O'Brien
- Ren Catoni

ROOM 2 WINNERS:

- Ava Hambley
- Audrey Wimsett
- Alistair Bain
- Wihanre Du Toit

ROOM 4 WINNERS:

- Louis Bentink
- Phoenix Cole
- Jelanri Du Toit
- Delta Wightman



COMMUNITY NEWS

Ficifolia Community Garden

are excited to invite you to our community celebration...

Sunday 29th November

Gates open 4pm

FORMIDABLE VEGETABLE LIVE IN CONCERT!

Gourmet Sausage Sizzle

and... GRAND opening of the FCG children's nature play fort, with special thanks to Walpole Op Shop and Dept of Communities for making it possible

St John Raffle Fundraiser to say thanks to Walpole St John Ambulance sub-centre for helping to keep our volunteers safe and whole

Government of Western Australia Department of Communities

WALPOLE OP SHOP

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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CONTRIBUTIONS 2026

Contributions have been set at $60.00 per child for 2026. Payment of these enables the school to support your child's education by providing materials, services and facilities such as:

- cooking ingredients
- materials for arts and crafts, design and technology, and science activities
- class sets of resources
- access to educational software systems such as Mathletics.

This equates to $1.50 per week or $15.00 per term. The school is very happy to support families wishing to set up a payment plan, please contact the office and organise to meet with the Manager Corporate Services.

BUS NOTIFICATION

To assist the smooth departure of the school buses, **could you please contact the office via phone or email before 2pm** if there is to be a change in plans for children getting home. Please also contact the office regarding ongoing changes such as participation in after-school sport on Wednesdays (when running).

FEELING UNWELL

Families are reminded that if your child is unwell with flu like symptoms that they stay home until their symptoms resolve.

To ensure the safety of our students, parents please make sure that the office has the most up to date medical details for your child.





email your newsletter items to:

walpole.ps@education.wa.edu.au or dropped off at the office by 3pm Monday of newsletter week. Newsletters this term will be made available from our website on Friday of Week 5 and 10.

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