

Walkaway Primary School

Newsletter

Newsletter #14 18th September

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

19th School Banking 8.30am

21st Footy Colours Free Dress Day

21st END OF TERM

OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

8th School Development Day

9th First day back for students of Term 4

19th P&C Meeting 1.30pm

20th First Aid Course

Cancelled



Dear Parents and families,



Congratulations to our school community for achieving Independent Public School status. This is a true celebration of our school and community and will be an exciting journey for us to take together in 2019 and beyond.

CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROCESS

As promised, the school council discussed and developed a draft change management process. This will provide our school community with a clear and transparent process for strategic development which requires consultation. These processes will be followed for the motto and vision selection to enable us to capture strong consensus and commitment. Please find the draft process on the following page. If you have any feedback or ideas, please forward them to me to be tabled at the next council meeting.

As the motto and vision discussions have been happening this term in staff meetings and parent forums, we would like to continue this journey trialling the draft change management process. Please put your creative thinking to work this holidays...below you will see the current motto suggestions which have come from staff, parent meetings (3), family survey feedback and students. The motto is a maximum of 3 words that captures our 'why'. For us at Walkaway PS, it is our aim to respect and celebrate the strong foundations of our school, and to build on it further. For this reason, each of the motto options includes the word ADVANCE.

Advancing Together We Advance Together Advance to Success

Striving to Advance Advance to Succeed Advance with Pride

Advance * Achieve * Believe Cooperate and Advance Learn and Advance

United Advancing Together Advance * Achieve * Together

Advancing Ourselves Together Advance in Harmony

LOOSE PARTS

Don't forget to collect and bring in your loose parts for playground play...especially the logs for the sand play area.

APPA CONFERENCE

As a part of my commitment to ongoing professional learning, I will be

attending the APPA (Australian Primary Principal Conference for the remainder of this week. As always, should you have any concerns or celebrations, please email me on Megan.Barrett@education.wa.edu.au or call on 0427 737 774.

HOLIDAYS

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing you all back for Term 4. The students' first day is on Tuesday 9th October.

Regards,

Megan Barrett, Principal

St John's/ Walkaway Hockey 2018

Full Field lost to Geraldton Primary 2 - 1.

With the GHA running a finals campaign for the first time this season in Sub-juniors, St John's/ Walkaway can come out very proud of the year's achievement.

To have finished a clear second during the regular season, then making a Preliminary Final, is something to be remembered and not forgotten.

Hockey is a hard game, and no matter the outcome, fun has to be the priority, and that goes for any sport.

I hope that you all have learnt a little bit more about the game of hockey, and that you continue to play and enjoy this great game.

Well done to all players on a great season. Thank you to the parents for your support. The biggest thank you must go to Michael Reay and Mark Weston for coaching the team this season.

St John's Winter Sports Presentation Assembly

Date: Thursday 20th September Venue: St John's School Hall Time: 2.30pm – 3.00pm

All players will receive certificates in recognition of their efforts during the season. Trophies will also be presented. Parents and other family members are encouraged to attend. Walkaway players and family are welcome to attend.

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School Council

Strategic Development Change Process

Consultation Process

Min 2 weeks; Max 1 month

(could include surveys, nominations, calling for suggestions or ideas)

- Students (Year 3-6)
- Families
- Staff
- Wider community

Selection Process

To prioritise ideas and suggestions - selecting the top items to go out for voting process

- P&C and/or open parent forum
- Students (Year 3-6)
- Staff



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Voting Process

Council feels it is important for the students to have a say so they will be given 20% of the final vote.

- Students (Year 3-6) 20% of final vote
- Families of enrolled students 1 vote per family
- Staff
- Council Members

Caveat: Votes can only be made once per person, regardless of how many roles they hold in the school community.

It was great to see so many family members at Open Day last week. As you could see, we have had a busy term.

Last week our WAGOLL went missing. She left us a message on the whiteboard to say she had gone on an adventure. We have now heard from her and she is on a big plane! We look forward to finding out where she's going once she lands. Watch this space for more updates.

Kindies learnt 'f' last week and had fun making fairy bread. They made some for the Pre Primaries and wrote them a letter inviting them to a tea party. Kind Kindies!

Pre Primaries are learning about ordinal numbers in Maths. They are also working hard on writing as much information as they can in their stories. This means two or more sentences. It has been great fun reading the Gruffalo story with Miss Smith and doing lots of exciting activities about him.

Please remind your child to bring their library book tomorrow as we don't borrow over the holidays. Hats and cushion covers will come home for a wash over the holidays please. They need a good freshen up after all the illness this term.

Thank you to everyone who has done parent help this term. We appreciate you coming in.

I hope everyone has a fun, restful holiday and gets rid of any lingering coughs and

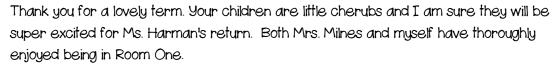
colds. Mrs C

Cute quote: (Collage activity at the drawing table) Mrs Clement, are there any more havalahs? (love hearts!)









Thank you Room two for your fantastic assembly it has taken all week to get the song out of my head. Also, to all the parents and families who came to look over work afterwards. Well done to the Year six's, your morning tea was a hit.

Congratulations to the NCVISSA athletes on another year. It is a long day in the bay especially if you're only in a couple of events. You all showed great sportsmanship especially with that icy cold wind.

Mrs. Griechen











I hope our NCVISSA team did our school proud in Northampton. I am sure that they did!

I am positive Room 4 will have been working to the best of their ability for Mrs Flanders and I know Mrs Flanders had some wonderful activities planned for the class while I was away.

A reminder to the Year 6 Ambassadors.

We will be having another graduation photograph taken on **Wednesday 10th October**. Make sure you are wearing your Leaver's shirt on that day.

I hope everybody has a restful holiday. If you are travelling be safe. Thank you once again for your support and communication with your child's learning.

• Mr Clune

I was really proud of how well Room 2 students' performed at our Assembly this week. They all spoke, acted and sang extremely well. They said they really enjoyed themselves and we hope you did too. Room 2 have learned their history through drama this term. It's quite a gruesome period in our history but also quite amazing to think of the difficulties Explorers faced in those days. Thank you so much parents and families for your efforts in providing costumes. Everyone looked their part which certainly helped them get into character. Thank you to Anneli, Shakaia and Jed for your leadership with the sound equipment and thank you Mrs Holliday, Mrs Austin, Mr Clune and Mrs Barrett for production assistance.



It was great to see so many family members participating in our open day and coming in to Room 2 to have a look at what we have been doing. I hope you enjoyed sharing your child's learning with them. The morning tea was also another opportunity to get together and share some yummy food and contributed to a fun community atmosphere.



Thank you to everyone involved in making this happen.



In Room 2 we are lucky to have some amazing people to support us during the week. These people are expert organisers, coaches, barrackers, relationship builders, encouragers and teachers who help us in so many ways. A special thank you to Mrs Holliday, Mrs Austin, Mrs Garratt and Miss P, we really appreciate all that you do for our students.



In Maths we are currently exploring number patterns. We are investigating repeating patterns and growing patterns and writing a rule that can be followed to produce different patterns. We have used materials to model the same pattern in various ways and used addition, skip counting and multiplication and division to describe and create patterns.



In Science we explored cross sections of fruits and produced annotated drawings that compare and contrast the way fruits form. No tomatoes were harmed during this experiment! (Actually that's not true, some were eaten!) We tried to come up with a Scientific definition of what a fruit is (they are not always edible as 2 fruits and 5 veg).

This Term has been a very busy one with lots of Sport and Training for Sport. We have been working hard to prepare for NCVISSA. I hope all competitors enjoyed the day and got some great results.

Wishing you all a refreshing, adventurous, restful, school holiday break. Thank you for all you have done to support your child's learning this term.

I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Regards Ms Heywood

Merit Certificates

Term 3 Week 8

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Room 6 - Nate Carrick, Nash Wilson

Room 1 - Macy Hicks, Bryony Ward

Room 2 - Chace Brennan, Angus Weston, Jude Foale

Room 4 - Anna Rogers, Shakaia Cocker

Clean Classroom Award - Room 4

Zip Award - Room 6

Faction Prizes

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Room 6 - Nate Carrick

Room 1 - William Harcourt

Room 2 - Lilly Moses

Room 4 - Anneli Hooper

Faction Points

Red - 124/2192

Purple - 122/2231



Term 3 Week 9

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Room 6 - Chase Womersley, Tatumn Guy, Beau Hopgood

Room 1 - Ben Weston, Amber O'Dwyer, Angeline Bouwer

Room 2 - Brock Ethell, Finn Preston, Bridie Plowright, Jude Foale,

Jhi Birnie, Bree-Anna Brooks

Room 4 - Ethan Reed, Asher Milnes, Ethan Gellatly

Clean Classroom Award - Room 2

Zip Award - Room 4

Faction Points

Red - 106/2298

Purple - 56/2287

Faction Prizes

Room 6 - Cooper Tilka

Room 1 - Angeline Bouwer

Room 2 - Jasmine Reed

Room 4 - Anna Rogers

Geraldton Surf Lifesaving Club 2018/19 Season Online Registrations Now Open

Come down to Geraldton Back Beach and join in the fun each Sunday morning.

Open to all ages 5 - 80 years.

Register ONLINE today http://portal.sls.com.au

Season Fees: \$150 Individual or \$300 per family membership

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