



# Walkaway Primary School Newsletter

**Newsletter #15**  
**25th September 2019**

## SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

25th Room 2 Assembly &  
Open Day 9am

26th Book Character Day

27th Colour Run  
Remember white clothes & a hat  
**END OF TERM THREE**



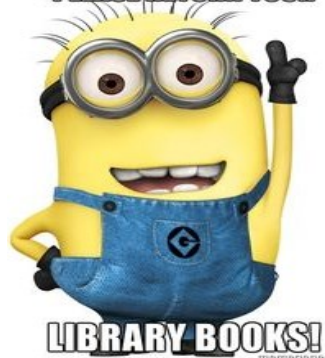
## OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

15th First day back for  
students of Term 4

16th Young Writers  
Program @ CBSHS

17th School Board  
Meeting 2.30pm  
P&C Meeting 7pm

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR**



Dear Parents and families,

We have come to the end of a very busy term, with our students enjoying a variety of rich experiences and opportunities. This week is still busy with our Book Character Day tomorrow and Colour Run this Friday afternoon.



I am seeking some help for 2 projects:

- ⇒ Gardening and plant knowledge is certainly not a strength of mine. A team of our ambassadors have been consulting with the students and gathering ideas to plan a fantasy garden to go in front of the DMA shed. I would really love it if someone would be available to work with this team of ambassadors to finish this project.
- ⇒ Summer Carnival is going to be on top of us before we know if (Week 6 Term 4). The sport options are t-ball, basketball and cricket. Are there any parents who would be available to coach and/or umpire. We can train on Thursday and/or Friday afternoons, 2-3pm.

Please let me know if you are able to help with either of these projects.

## ABSENCES

Thank you for your consistent communication of your child's absences. With parents calling, emailing or messaging via Message You we have very few unexplained absences on our system. Next term, we will have a new procedure in place to help as a final reminder.



Thank you for joining us today at our last big assembly and open day for 2019. I know you will have enjoyed looking at your child's work and evidence of their ongoing learning. As staff we have been looking at our school data collection and are very pleased to be able to let you know the programs we put in place in 2018 are showing rewards. While it takes some time for successes to show large gains, we can show that:

- Our Sounds Write data is showing strong growth in Year 3 NAPLAN – this is due to a strong foundation in the PP and the program being run in Year 1 and 2 for the past 3 years. This improvement will be reflected further in future data in other years as the program's implementation continues to be consolidated and extended.
- All students have progressed at least 2 levels this year in PM Benchmarks, apart from those who are at level 29 or 30 but just had a focus on comprehension, which reflects the success of Springboards into Comprehension. We have value added by backtracking to ensure all strategies are embedded and are now able to extend these students
- Students have shown good progress from their initial to their follow up narrative writing piece. I look forward to celebrating their ongoing development in their Term 4 assessment which we will share with you so you can see the improvement from the Brightpath report sent home in Term 1.

This data is the evidenced based data we use to track our students' progress. It provides a strong base for judgements on a students' achievement and progress over time. NAPLAN has its value for us in assisting to identify areas for future growth but all schools use NAPLAN data in combination with their school data. For a school our size, with small cohorts, this data is easily skewed by both cohorts and individual student achievement.

This is why we assess ourselves against like schools. Like schools are those that have similar contexts to our own. We have maintained or gained a percentage higher than like schools with students in the top 4 bands in Year 3 Reading, Writing, Spelling, Numeracy and Grammar and Punctuation, Year 5 Reading, Grammar and Punctuation and Spelling. We are just below in Numeracy (3%) and are working on our Writing focus.

We will always aim to achieve or be better than the national average but the reality is we need to target things in small chunks and over time. For us over the past two years, we have been focussed on our reading and spelling with writing added as a focus in 2019. Next year we will move into a focus on numeracy as is in our School Plan.

When looking at a child's progress in any test situation, a child's progress is the sum of ALL of the previous years of teaching. We are a team at Walkaway, always reflecting together to celebrate our successes and focusing on areas of improvement together.

Thanks again for joining us today .

As always, I encourage you to come and see me should you have any concerns. I hope you have a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back in Term 4.

Kind regards,

Megan Barrett

Principal

The last two weeks of term are full of fun.

R

Last Monday we had Spaghetti Day with lots of activities involving spaghetti. Seems like everyone loves spaghetti, as a fair bit was eaten!

O

Today was assembly and Open Day. We hope you enjoyed looking at what we have been doing in our room.

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Tomorrow is book character day. Don't forget to dress up and bring the book to school that your character is in.

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On Friday we are having a colour run. Children need to wear old white clothes and bring an old hat and towel. What a lovely way to end the term. Thank you to our wonderful P&C for buying the colour powder.

P

As the Pre Primaries finish the sets of books we have been reading, they will have a break so we can start on new books next term.

As usual, no more borrowing from the Library this term. We have Library bags at school. Hats will come home for the holidays to be washed and mended please.

I hope you all have a fun, relaxing holiday.

Mrs C.



R



Happy, Happy, Joy, Joy! Term Three is almost at an end.

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Our athletes are tired but triumphant and our non-athletes are happy and relieved. Room One's journalists are having a well-earned break so there will be no special news reports this week, only essential items of business.

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- All library books need to be returned as soon as possible.

- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September was the final day for home reading.

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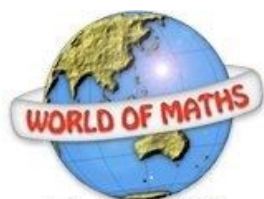
- Room One will be doing the 'show and tell' part of Wednesday's assembly.

- Looking forward to seeing the book week parade.

P

- Not looking forward to the Colour Run but I am sure many of the students will be thrilled. Please remember white clothes and a hat.

Ms Harman



**Hands on Maths**

**On 25th October, the PP—Year 6 students will be attending an World of Maths incursion.**

**This incursion will be \$5.00 per child.**

**More information in Week 1 of Term 4.**

Wow this Term is at an end. It has gone so quickly. All the students are a little tired as it's been a very busy term with lots of Sport and Sport Training.

We have spent a lots of time preparing props, practising singing, practising speaking clearly, memorising what we have to say and acting out our skits for our Assembly Item. We have some great actors in our group and it has been fun learning about our topic.

Everyone had lots of fun at NCVISSA on Friday. It was a bit cold and windy but our students showed their bottomless reserves of energy and competed in Jumps, Throws, Athletics events and team games.

The Science Incursion on Friday 13 September was a blast. There were some volunteer Scientists who had to use their beaks to eat a variety of foods to show why some species adapted to different Islands. There were some explosions in a test tube using alfoil and some secret ingredients (don't try this at home). Some volunteers raced their rockets along a fishing line and tested their predictions in Physics.

Colour Run is this Friday, please remember white clothes and a hat.

Have a great holiday everyone.

Regards Ms Heywood



Those ten weeks have flown by. It has been a very busy term for all of us in the Walkaway Community. I wish all the students and their families in Room Four a restful and safe holiday.

Next term will be gone within a wink of an eye!

- We have investigated at discounts in maths.
- Made a wish list of 10 things we would want if we were 21 now and researched the price.
- Figurative Language in Reading – see how many times you spot/ hear JARGON over the break!
- Learnt about salt and its effects on plant growth.
- Made a plan for an irrigation system.
- Enjoyed listening to Roald Dahl verses and novels.
- Used Mathletics to reinforce concepts covered – remember this program is available for use at home over the break too. Students have their login details and I will set some work to practise.
- Don't forget your light clothes and a hat for the **Colour Run** this Friday.

Have a lovely break.  
Mr Clune





# Term 4 Swim Lessons

**Commence  
Mon 14 Oct  
2019**

**ENROL NOW**

**10 Week Program**

**Timetable and enrolment  
forms available at**

**[www.cgg.wa.gov.au/  
aquarena](http://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/aquarena)**



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## CHILDREN'S FIRST AID HOLIDAY PROGRAM

This one day first aid training course is designed specifically for kids aged between 8-14. It includes fun, interactive activities to teach children the skills that will equip them to assist in an emergency situation anywhere, anytime.

This course will cover areas of emergency response, calling an ambulance, CPR, bandaging for bleeds, and the use and make-up of a first aid kit.



### COURSE INFORMATION :

Time: 8:30am to 5pm (students can arrive from 8.15am)

Course duration: 8.5 hours

Delivery Mode: Face to face

Pre-requisites: Nil

What to bring: Lunch, water bottle and snacks (water and biscuits will be provided), hat as games and lunch are outside.

Note: If you are part of Scouts or Girl Guides, please bring your book and our trainer can sign off.

For course dates, enrolments and more information, visit our website

**[www.skillsup.com.au](http://www.skillsup.com.au)**



Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service

## Child Development Services

Are you concerned about your child's...

**Eating  
Understanding  
Play skills  
Talking**

**Movement  
Social skills  
Hand skills  
Hearing**



If so make a **FREE** appointment:

call us on **9956 2204**

email: [AlliedHealthReception.WACHS-Midwest@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:AlliedHealthReception.WACHS-Midwest@health.wa.gov.au)

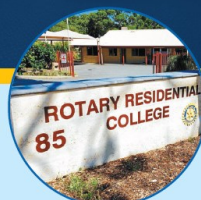
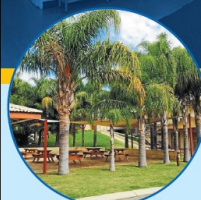
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drop in to the Geraldton Hospital on Shenton St

Referral forms are also available at your local childcare, playgroup, school or health centre.

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Hawes Heritage Events

## ART EXHIBITION

All students are invited to create a piece of art that reflects the life and work of Monsignor Hawes in any medium or style.

All artwork to be submitted by Friday 27 September to the Catholic Education Western Australia Office, 15 Bayly St, Geraldton WA 6530



EXHIBITION OPENING ON FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER  
AT MONSIGNOR HAWES HERITAGE CENTRE

For more info contact Simon Place at  
simon.place@cewa.edu.au

Visit [monsignorhawes.com.au](http://monsignorhawes.com.au) its a great source of  
research information

## School holiday workshop

Geraldton



## Friend Fest

2-day workshop packed with games and fun activities to learn about friendships and healthy relationships. Plus an excursion to the movies.

7-11  
Years

Monday 7 and Tuesday 8  
October 9.30am - 2.30pm

12-15  
Years

Wednesday 9 - Thursday 10  
October 9.30am - 2.30pm

Where 180 Durlacher St, Geraldton WA

Who Children aged 7-15 yrs who have emotional difficulties or are at risk of developing a mental health challenge

Cost Free | Snacks and lunch provided

Register online [helpingminds.org.au/school-holidays](http://helpingminds.org.au/school-holidays)

For more information contact us on (08) 9427 7100 or [info@helpingminds.org.au](mailto:info@helpingminds.org.au)



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## St John's/ Walkaway Hockey 2019

What a great effort from the St John's/Walkaway hockey team on the weekend! The team played in the Grand Final against the undefeated SFX team, who hadn't conceded a goal all season. At half time the score was 0 - 0 with the St John's/Walkaway team playing with great determination. Unfortunately, SFX ended up winning the game 3 - 0 but our boys kept working hard right up to the final whistle.

A great big thanks to Mark Weston for coaching the team throughout the season and showing such enthusiasm and patience with the players. Thanks also to the parents who assisted Mark and supported the team.

The winter sport presentations will take place on the first Friday of Term 4 (18th October) at 9am in the St. John's School hall.



*Looking for something different for your kids to get into this year?*

**SCOUTS- WOORREE Group – MORRIS STREET BLUFF POINT.**

*Scouting is for both Boys and Girls. Come along for three weeks trial to check it out before joining up.*

Joeys 6-7yrs. Wednesdays 4.00pm-5.15pm.

Cubs 8-10yrs. Tuesdays 4.30pm-5.50pm

Scouts 11-14yrs. Tuesdays 5.30pm-7.30pm.

Venturers 15-18yrs. Mondays 6.00pm – 8.00pm



Contact Group Leader /Lorraine Bowen 0438909446 or email: [gl.woorree@scoutswa.com.au](mailto:gl.woorree@scoutswa.com.au)





**ENROLMENTS ARE STILL BEING TAKEN**



**2019/20 Season Online Registrations Now Open**

**Or Registration Day Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 9-11**

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

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**Season Fees:**

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Chloe, 5  
Kidney Cancer

## SunCity Tennis Academy Tennis Holiday Programs For Kids

### Tarcoola Park Tennis Club

Monday October 7th - Friday October 11th 2019

**Clinic Options:**

**Tiny Tackers RED Ball 3-5yrs**  
8:15-9:00am  
\$10 per day or \$45 up front

**Clinic FULL Day 6+yrs**  
9:00am-3:00pm  
\$45 per day or \$200 up front

**Clinic SLEEP OVER 6+yrs**  
9am Monday - 3pm Friday  
\*\$250 up front\*

\*Programs are subject to enrolment numbers.  
\*Classes may be combined or cancelled.  
\*Enrolments are on 1st in best booked basis.  
\*Rackets are available to borrow

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When registering please Include Childs Name, Day/s, Guardians Name & Contact number





St Mary's Parents and Friends presents

2019

# Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Tuesday | 10:30 | Northampton  
-5<sup>th</sup> November- | till 3:00 | Community Centre

Head to:



St Mary's  
School  
Northampton

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\$40

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HAWES HERITAGE EVENTS

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## 'ARTS ON THE PIAZZA'

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER  
6:30PM

MONSIGNOR HAWES HERITAGE CENTRE  
Cathedral Avenue, Geraldton

EXHIBITION OF HAWES-INSPIRED  
ARTWORK FROM STUDENTS ACROSS  
THE MIDWEST REGION

DANCE CHORAL & INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCES  
'PAINT STORM' WITH PHIL DONCON  
ART STALLS

PIZZA & DRINK DEAL AVAILABLE AT HARRY'S  
RESTAURANT



# SWIM SCHOOL

FIVE DAY  
HOLIDAY PROGRAM

OCTOBER MONDAY 7TH – FRIDAY 11TH 2019

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[www.cgg.wa.gov/aquarena](http://www.cgg.wa.gov/aquarena)



## Under 11's Comp

PLAYERS NEEDED

Att: Yr 3 / 4 / 5 Parents

This season there has been a change to Junior Cricket to include a U11's modified comp (rubber ball, 7 aside) before going into U13's. As the first year this has meant the majority of previous players have been allowed to go up into the U13's leaving the U11's short, for this reason we are allowing School Year 3 + age players who are confident and keen to join in. Please contact us (or the Club you follow) for more info.

### Info:

- Fees \$100
- Training Thurs 3.30-4.30pm @ GBSC
- Games Sat morning 8-11am approx

### Contact:

Nat Partington 0427 0289 014  
Sandra Gillingham 0409 211 199

