



Walkaway Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter #13
11th September 2020

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

14th Numero

14th School Board
Meeting

18th NCVISSA Carnival

18th Lunch Order Day

25th End of Term

25th Lunch Order Day

OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

12th School
Development Day TBC

13th Term 4
Students start

BYO
WATER BOTTLE



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS A
WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL.
THE BUBBLERS ARE CURRENTLY CLOSED.

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who came to our Father's Day STEM and Open Day and helped make it a success for its second year. We look forward to continuing to build our Father's Day STEM and welcome your feedback and ideas for 2021 and beyond. Next year, we look forward to welcoming you to our Open Days in both Term 1 and Term 3.

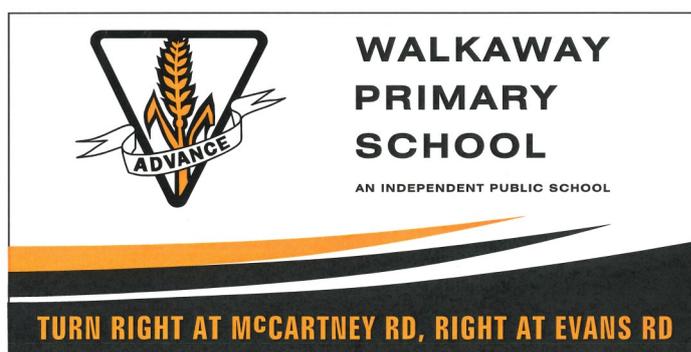


SIGNS

With many thanks to Dave Clement, Haines Signs, we have started getting some new signs around the school, with more to come.



Over the coming weeks we have a sign going in Jason and Dee Roach's front paddock so everyone travelling on the Brand Highway knows our amazing school is here. A huge thank you to Jason and Dee for this opportunity to advertise our school and also to Dave Clement for his amazing persistence, patience and organisation to bring this project to fruition. Thanks in advance also to Jason for helping with putting the sign up. The picture to the right is one side of the sign.



2020 NCVISSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our athletics team for 2020. We wish everyone all the best for next Friday, 18th September at Chapman Valley.

Year 1 : Maurie, Finn, Paige, Eva, Grace

Year 2 : Mikayla, Tippa, Jai, Blaise, Ry, Chase

Year 3: Ethan L, Claire, Kalahni, Patrick, Caitlyn, Ben

Year 4: Kolt, Jocelyn, Shya, Allen, Macy, Jayden, Bryony

Year 5: Charlie, Jude, Richard, Riley, Allira

Year 6: Reese, Chace, Wil, Mia, Aurora, Angus

Our Sporting Schools grant this term allowed us to have Hayley Tubb, IAA Kids Athletics Coach come and work with the kids and further build their skills. Hayley loved working with our kids and hopes to return in 2021.



CYBERSAFETY

With the increase of time online, and with many more opportunities being made available online during COVID, it is more important than every to keep our children safe online. Some tips for parents to help limit your child's exposure to harmful content online include:

- Engage in your child's online activities – ask what apps, sites and games they're using and make sure they're age-appropriate
- Use parental controls on devices to help limit what your child is exposed to
- Help them report and block upsetting content they see on social media sites or apps
- Let them know they can come to you about anything upsetting they see online
- Head to www.esafety.gov.au to find out the latest advice on apps, social media and online safety issues

Should you encounter any inappropriate content online, the safety commissioner encourages you to immediately report it to the social media platform you have seen it on, or to eSafety at www.esafety.gov.au/report/illegal-harmful-content.

SNAKES

Snakes are waking up at the moment. We will be talking at school about safety around snakes and ask you to help us by reinforcing the messages at home:

- ⇒ Remember: "The snake will not be looking for you, so be alert and on the lookout for snakes."
- ⇒ Pick up things in the playground that might provide a hiding place for snakes eg standing up the pipes in the cubby area.
- ⇒ If you or someone else sees a snake stay well away.
- ⇒ Alert a staff member.

Take care everyone.

Kind regards

Megan Barrett, Principal



Change to School Banking



In October 2018, ASIC (Australia Securities and Investments Commission) announced a review of school banking programs offered by Australian deposit-taking institutions in Australia Primary Schools.

After careful consideration, Bendigo & Adelaide Bank has decided to withdraw from offering school banking programs nationally. This includes the school banking program we conduct at Walkaway Primary School.

Whilst we won't be offering a formal school banking program anymore (effective from 30th September 2020), we encourage your child/ren to continue to bank with us at The Geraldton Branch.

We are located at 79 Forrest Street, Geraldton and are open Monday – Friday 9.30am – 5.00pm and Saturday mornings 9am – 12.00noon.

We look forward to seeing you in our branch in the near future :))

ROOM 6

It was great to see so many dads and family members at our STEM Challenge Day and Open Day. I hope you enjoyed looking at your child's work and our classroom. As you would have noticed the children are busy and get through a lot of learning activities.

The Kindies are learning their sounds. We take two weeks to cover a sound and complete a variety of related activities. This week we made popcorn for 'p' which generated a lot of laughter as it popped! Kindies are moving along with shapes and numbers. We are talking about hexagons at the moment. It's time to get serious about cutting and name writing! This week we practised scissor grip by cutting cooked spaghetti and next week we will cut playdough before moving on to paper.

Pre Primaries are doing very well with Sounds Write skills and learning their Magic Words. It's lovely to see the progress they are making with their writing as they require less help to sound out words. In Maths we are counting forwards and backwards on a number line to add and subtract.

Our tomato plants are big and have some nice tomatoes on them. We have been picking and eating the beans. Our Canola crop isn't even flowering yet!

Socially, we are trying to play inclusively and be kind.

It's nearly the end of a very busy term and the weather is changing. Please make sure your child has a water bottle every day.

Mrs C

Cute quotes: "Mosquitoes love my blood but not Dad's because he's too whiskery!"

When sharing a book we talk about the title, author and "zilerater!"

"I know why there's no power. They are fixing the sour lines!"



ROOM 2

The weeks are flying by already its week 8.

We have packed so much in to the last few weeks. We had a fantastic Sports Day on Friday 28th August 2020. Room 2 say that it's their favourite day of the Year (except Christmas). Thank you so much for coming along and supporting our day as parent helpers, judges, starters, recorders and barrackers. Thanks also to our P&C for the sausage sizzle and morning teas. Delicious!

It was so much fun at the Father's Day STEM challenge and Open Day last week. There are lots of creative thinkers out there and it was fantastic to see so many different creations. It was especially great seeing families working together and enjoying themselves



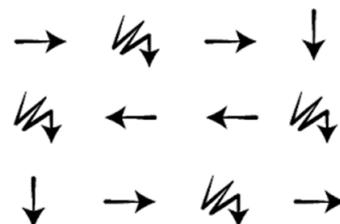
Our Science topic in Physics is Heating Up. Over the last few weeks we've investigated whether heat energy can be seen by predicting what will happen when drops of food colouring are added to hot water and cold water, we have looked at ways heat can be produced (friction, electricity or burning) and conducted an experiment on transferring heat from different sources to a metal spoon.



In Measurement we are covering mass and students are working on improving their estimation of the weight of familiar objects by using balance scales and digital scales to test their estimates. If you have any empty packaging of familiar food items we would love to have some sent in to create a display.



In Digital Technology we have learned to debug programs to solve simple puzzles and participated in Relay Graph Paper Programming. Students have to use commands up, down, left, right and colour in to produce a grid design such as this one. The trick with the relay is that each student must check all the previous commands are correct before adding their own, next command. Then run to tag their next team member.



Have a great couple of weeks everyone.

Ms Heywood

ROOM 4

It was wonderful to have so many parents visit Room 4 last Thursday. Hopefully you were able to see the work we had been doing throughout the year. If any parents missed the opportunity or were unable to attend please contact me via email to arrange a time to see your child's work.

In maths we are continuing work on Fractions. Decimals and Percentages. We have been working on "daily warm ups" each maths session. This will help recalling times tables. Practising these out of school is still advisable.

In Science we continue to look at Light Shows – investigating the role of light. This week we looked at Transparency, Translucency and Opaqueness of materials.

The students are busy with athletics training for Interschool Carnival. Working on Sportsmanship and Resilience are very important skills that we can use in all aspects of our daily lives. It is part of being a team. Better to have "A Champion Team rather than a Team of Champions". This leads us on to the Comprehension Skill we will be covering in Reading in our final weeks of the term – Figurative Language.

Thank you once again for your support in your child's education and support of the programs in Room 4.

Mr Clune



ROOM 1

Week nine is almost here and we have been frantically busy in Room One.

We are now practising for NCVISSA. Since our last newsletter we have had the school Faction Carnival and the Father's Day STEM challenge. Below are some excerpts from our brilliant class reports that will give you some idea of these two exciting events.

On Friday the 28th August it was the Sports Carnival. Purple won. Everyone was excited. Some people were angry. In flags Purple got first place in the year 1 and 2 races and second place in the relays. In tunnel ball Purple got 1st place. We had a sausage sizzle. **Nash**

On Friday the 28th of August it was the Faction Carnival. I got really nervous. I also had like a thousand butterflies. When we were called out we all lined up for running and
Purple won, Red was sad but lucky for the Reds some of them went to the pub and I did too. I love the Faction Carnival, it is so fun but it is not about winning, it's all about having fun. See you next time. **Mikayla**



There I was at the Father's Day STEM Challenge. Jai was there too. It was extreme!!!! There was a lot of people there with their Dads. I had so much fun. We made a big marble run. **Ry**

On the Father's Day STEM Challenge, me and my Uncle, Charlie and Jai, and I can't forget my sister. We made a marble run at the end of. It was so exciting, I thought we would come last but we didn't. My cousins and my sister were elated. My Uncle was so happy. **Cooper**

GERALDTON ATHLETICS CENTRE

Family Fun & Fitness Encouraging Athletes to **BE THEIR BEST!**

SEASON INTRO SATURDAY 19 SEPT 10AM - 1PM 2020

Bring closed in shoes, water bottle, hat, suncream and proof of age (birth cert)
Members must be between 6 and 16 years old before 31 December 2020

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CHILD-SAFETY WORKSHOP

For mums, dads, grandparents, carers
and community members

Delivered by Desert Blue Connect

Find out what your kids are learning and how you can help keep them safe



Child-Focused Abuse Prevention

Education (Protective Behaviours) is delivered in all schools throughout Australia, and provides children with the tools to understand their ownership of their body, who they can talk to when something doesn't feel right or they feel unsafe, the differences between surprises and secrets and knowing whether they feel safe or unsafe. This parent/carer information session aims to teach you what your kids are learning in school so that you can help keep them safe.

Content covered:-

- Themes, concepts and strategies of the protective behaviours program
- Unwritten rules
- Abuse indicators
- Mandatory reporting
- Protective Behaviours in schools and how you can help at home.
- Information about Child Counselling Play Therapy Service

Workshop Details

Date: Thursday September 24th, 2020

Venue: Walkaway Primary School
10 Evans Road, Walkaway.

Time: 6.00pm—9.00pm

A light supper will be provided

This is a **FREE** event but bookings are preferred. Please register your attendance to Walkaway Primary School on walkaway.ps@education.wa.edu.au or call 99261008



COME AND SEE THE GUC

THURSDAY OCT 15
3.30PM - 6.30PM



Ever been to the GUC?

- Come and have a look at our great facilities
- Find out the range of courses we can offer you
- Have all of your uni questions answered
- Activities, entertainment, refreshments and more!

Term 4 2020 Term Planner

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	Oct 12 School Development Day TBC	13 Students Com-	14	15	16	17	18
2	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
3	26	27	28	29	30 World Teachers Day Visiting Author	31	Nov 1
4	2 School Board Meeting Book Fair Starts	3	4	5 Walkaway Cup	6	7	8
5	9 NAIDOC Week	10	11	12	13	14	15
6	16	17	18	19	20 NCVISSA Summer Carni-	21	22
7	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8	30 School Board Meeting	Dec 1	2	3	4	5	6
9	7	8	9	10 Graduation Concert	11	12	13
10	14	15	16	17			