



# Walkaway Primary School Newsletter

**Newsletter #16**  
**30th October 2020**

## NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd Book Fair Starts  
Open at Lunchtime

3rd Melbourne Cup

9th NAIDOC Week

10th Kindy Orientation  
Day 1 9—11.30

11th Remembrance Day

12th P&C Meeting 9am

20th NCVISSA Summer  
Carnival

24th Kindy Orientation  
Day 2 8.45 –11

30th SciTech Incursion

Icy poles 4 sale  
Wednesdays 50c



Dear Parents

Friday, 30th October, is World Teacher's Day. Join me in showing your appreciation of our dedicated staff by using the templates at the back of this newsletter to send a message from yourself, your children or, of course, both of you. You can also email and/or send in a message.



*Thank You*

### LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021

Our staff are very busy at the moment, with their focus not only on this year but looking forward to planning for 2021 as well. As you saw in the last newsletter, a part of this review has included our siren times. We are committed to providing high quality teaching. As the majority of other schools have, we are also looking to extend the optimal morning teaching time. In 2021 and are keen to trial new siren times. The staff and board have discussed some options:

Proposal 1	Proposal 2
8:45 -10:40	8:55-10:50
10:40-11:00 Recess	10:50- 11:10 Recess
11:00-1:00	11:10-1:10
1:00-1:30 Lunch	1:10-1:45 Lunch
1:30-2:45	1:45-2:55

To indicate your preference, all you need to do is scan the qr code and let us know or go to [PollEv.com/meganbarrett050](https://www.poll-ev.com/meganbarrett050)



In 2021 we also look forward to welcoming Mrs Donna Rowe to Room 6 and Mrs Robyn Griechen to Room 1. Both Donna and Robyn have shown their commitment to the success of our students by beginning their work with our school this year to ensure a smooth transition into the new year. Donna is also very excited to be coming out for the second Kindy transition day on 24th November to meet our new kindy parents.

Kind regards

**Megan Barrett**, Principal

## School Board News

### DRESS CODE POLICY

One of the roles of the School Board is to develop the school's dress code policy. This year, the board have been working hard to develop the draft school dress code policy which is attached to this newsletter.

Please remember this is in draft form. To help the board progress with this project we would like you to provide us with feedback. Please read the draft policy carefully and email any feedback to [megan.barrett@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:megan.barrett@education.wa.edu.au). All feedback will be taken to the next board meeting to be discussed.

Please have all feedback returned by Friday 20th November.

Thank you in advance.



Please also remember, you are welcome to join us at this and any of our Board meetings. We will have new positions available in 2021 so come along to this meeting if you would like to get to know our board and be a part of it.



## WALKAWAY PRIMARY P&C

Are proud to invite you to

### THE WALKAWAY CHRISTMAS TREE 2020

When : December 12th

Where: Walkaway Polocrosse Shed

Time: 4:30pm start  
Bar and sausage sizzle  
Available please  
No BYO



Please supply gift for Santa to give

Please RSVP by 4th December

Yes we will be attending and number of people \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Walkaway Primary  
or Box at Walkaway store

A Halloween-themed poster with a decorative border of pumpkins and leaves. The word "HALLOWEEN" is written in large, yellow, jagged letters at the top. Below it, event details are listed in various colors.

**Date:** Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
**Place:** Walkaway Rec Grounds  
**Time:** 5:00pm  
**Cost:** \$10 per person \$30 for family 2 adults + 3 children  
**Games and Prizes**  
**Fright Room**  
**Fire Truck Rides**  
**Best costume competition**  
Roast Beef & Gravy Rolls, Roast Pork Rolls, Sausage Sizzle, Salads, & Drinks for sale.  
RSVP by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.  
Any questions to Tina - 0428046075 or Dee - 0419193871

Due to COVID regulations there will be no trick or treat this year. However we have plenty planned to keep the sugar levels at the expected level

This is a COVID Safe event, please maintain social distancing. Sanitiser will be available

**Alcohol Free Event**

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It's good to be back! Thank you to Mrs Brockwell for taking care of Room 6 while I was away. Thank you also to Mrs Austin, Miss Clarke and Mrs Miles for holding the ship together.

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This term will be over before we know it. We will be doing lots of assessment tasks in the next 2 weeks as I am writing reports.

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We still have lots of learning to do so things will be as normal in our daily routine. We will start Christmas craft in week 6.

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I will send home an end of year note in next couple of weeks with information about the concert, our class party, clean up and last dates for library borrowing and home reading.

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A friendly reminder that children need a water bottle every day please. With the weather warming up, bottles can be refilled throughout the day. Please also send Crunch and Munch fruit/vegies already cut up.

The first Kindy orientation session is in week 5 on Tuesday, so the Copy Cats get to be helpers for the morning which is always fun.

Looking forward to a busy, happy last term. Mrs C

Cute Quote – Fairies ARE real. They put “blicker” all over me!



R

Room 1 have had a great start to the term. They welcomed me on my first day with a beautiful poster and lots of smiles. We are quickly getting to know each other. I have taught them a new game called “Bunny, Bunny” and they have taught me how to play “Beep, Beep”.

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We were very lucky, in week one, to be visited by Cam from 'The World of Maths' for an incursion. It was a fun morning of mathematical challenges and activities. Here are some things that the students had to say about it.

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“Crack the code was awesome! You had to match the keys to their shapes to unlock the safe.” Cooper

“My favourite game was the one where you had to build with the pipes.” Harper

“I liked the marble activity. You had to tip the wood to make the marbles fall through and get a score.” Tippa

M

“I really liked the puzzle game where you had to match the pictures.” Chase

“I liked the one where you had to put the boats in a line to find the shortest route over the water.”  
Jai

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“I liked having to make the big square using the other shapes. It was tricky.” Eva

“I liked the one where you had to put the blocks into the coloured columns. Our yellow column overflowed!” Paige

Looking forward to the weeks ahead.

Mrs Roberts



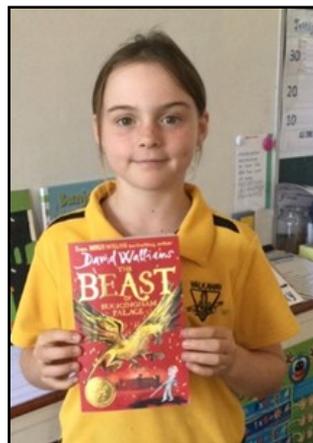
# R O O M 2

Welcome back to the last term of 2020.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday break.

So far this term we have been working on Angles and Money in Maths. The class has really enjoyed searching for angles in their environment and classifying them as acute, right angle, obtuse, reflex, straight or a perigon. They have also been keen to learn how to use a protractor to measure and draw angles. We have reintroduced our class money system which requires students to earn wages and pay expenses and record their transactions in a 'bank book'. We are practicing the Singapore Bar Method to solve maths problems and have been applying it to money and change problems.

For Book week we are exploring Curious Creatures and Wild Minds and are looking forward to meeting Author Kelly Canby on Friday. Students are encouraged to share their favourite book or Author with the class. We will also be reading many fun, creative picture books this week.



In Science we investigated the conduction properties of plastic, metal and wood. Students conducted an experiment which tested which 2 materials would melt butter fastest from the end of a spoon placed in hot water. It was easy to predict which one would melt the butter the fastest, but the second fastest was a bit harder to predict.

We have been working hard on our online Digital Licence which covers topics such as digital devices and how to care for them, protecting privacy, searching and researching, creating and sharing, social networking and gaming, communicating safely online, friends and strangers, credits coins and tokens. The following website contains some really helpful information about the safety and risks associated with various games and apps that your child might be asking for.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Regards Ms Heywood

Well we are on the downward run now. Not long until the finish line! If Year 6 students have orientation at a high school other than one of the local government high schools, could you please inform the office or myself. I know some parents have already informed me.

We are on the GWN weather watch on Mondays. Thank you Dee Ward for organising this for us. We have been sent a poster with clouds on and have discussed the various formations.

We have been looking at ITC safety through the **Alannah and Madeline Foundation** over the last week and will finish this off by the end of this week. This allows your child a better insight into the safer practise of using devices and the internet.

We are focussing on Persuasive Writing these last couple of weeks and really honing our skills on the format and the type of language we use to write an informative piece. We have been investigating a wide range of topics to persuade our reader/ audience.

We continue consolidating our tables through “warm ups” each maths session. We will look at Percentages, decimals and fractions over the next week or so and move on to data collection and presentation in the various forms. Using UPAC as a strategy to understand problems is proving to be of value to the students. In class we have been looking at the Understanding of what the problem is asking us.

We will be holding our WALKAWAY PRIMARY CUP next Tuesday too. This is held at recess. The track is looking in sensational form. On Monday in maths we will be revising Chance and Probability of the outcome of this event.

Our Class party will be held on **MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 12:15.**

Students are asked to wear a **PLAIN RED, GREEN OR WHITE SHIRT** for our concert item. Comfortable clothes for the bottom and closed in shoes.

YEAR 6 students are to wear their LEAVERS SHIRT for Graduation.

Have a great couple of weeks and thank you for your support.

Mr Clune



Alannah & Madeline  
Foundation

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Smart. Safe. Responsible.

# OUR BOOK FAIR OPENS ON MONDAY!

**Date:** Monday 2nd to Friday  
6th November

**Time:** Lunchtime & After  
School (by appointment only)

**Place:** Library

 SCHOLASTIC



## 2021 UNIFORMS

Anyone wanting to order uniforms for the beginning of the 2021 school year, please have your order forms in by next Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> Nov).

Order forms can be found at the office, and on the school website.

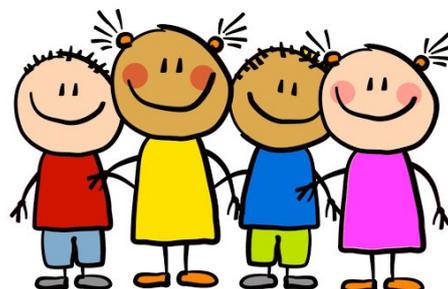
Please send the completed forms back to the school office with payment.

**\*\* Do not order, or pay for, any HATS!!! A new hat will be provided for each student, at the start of the next school term, as we are having a change of style \*\***

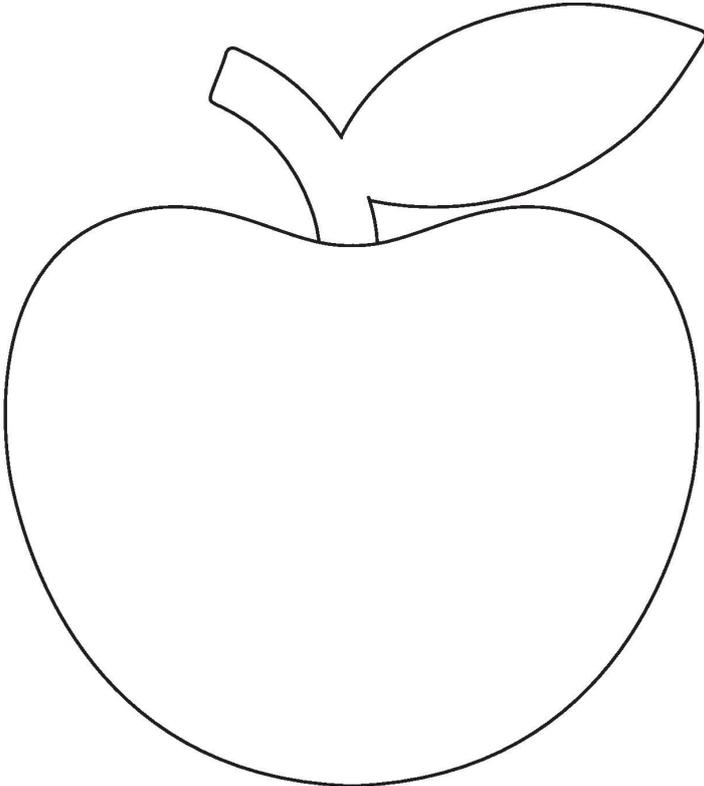
Due to Covid 19, uniform orders are taking longer to arrive. This is happening to everyone and is out of our control. If the uniforms do not arrive before the end of Term 4, I will make myself available in the week before Term 1 starts, and uniforms will be ready to collect before the kids return to school in Feb 2021.

Thank you all for your cooperation.

Katherine Ward  
Uniform Coordinator



# Happy World Teachers' Day



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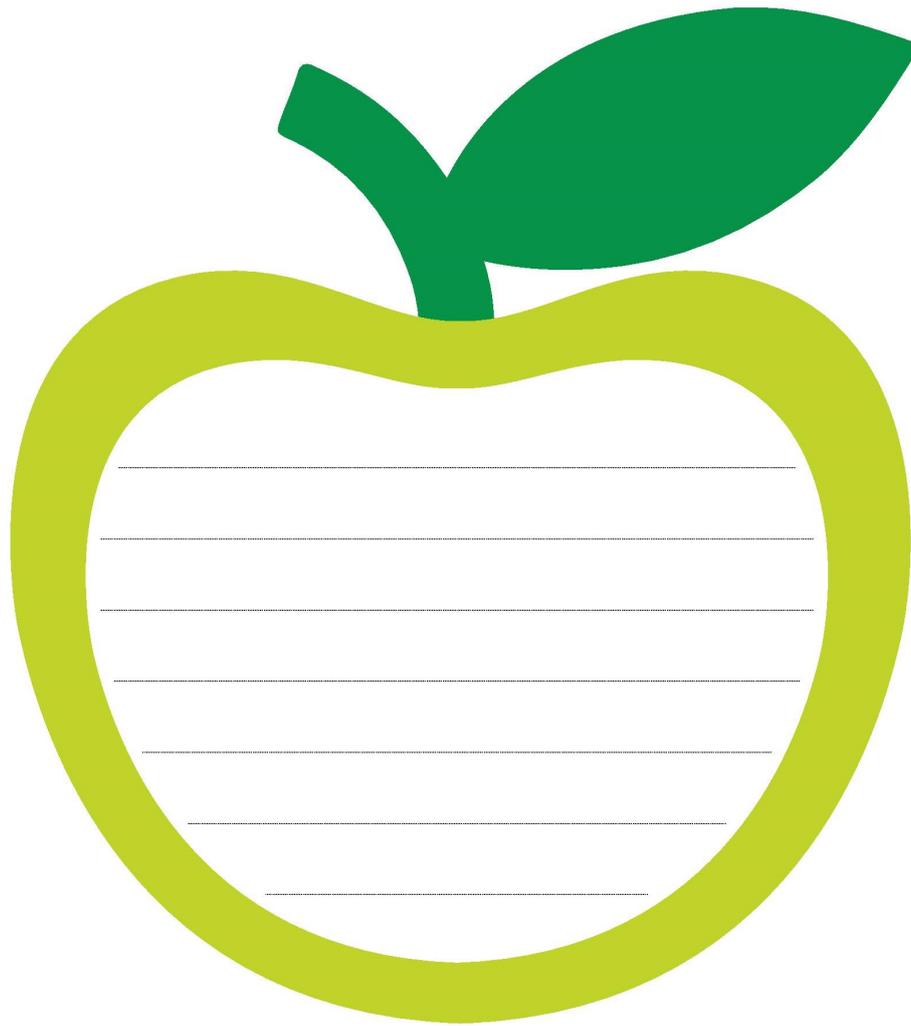
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