

# — WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

As we previously advised we do not have any internet service at school. This is an ongoing problem and we have IT staff from the Education Department assisting us. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, however it is out of our control at the moment.

Please use student diaries or phone the office for any communication needs, especially absences.

We will advise everyone when the service is restored.



# Walkaway Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter #1 14th February 2019

## FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

18th Swimming Lessons  
Yrs. 1-6

19th Class Meetings

20th Swimming Lessons  
Yrs. 1-6

22nd P&C AGM 9am  
P&C General Meeting 10am  
Welcome BBQ

25th Swimming Lessons  
Yrs. 1-6

## MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

4th Public Holiday

7th Leadership Camp  
Yrs.5-6

8th Leadership Camp  
Yrs.5-6

Food Sensations Incursion  
PP-2 9.30-10.30  
3-6 10.50-12.30

25th-29th Pre-Primary  
Swimming Lessons

Dear Parents and families,

Although we are already halfway through February, welcome to the 2019 school year. I look forward to another positive year with many exciting opportunities for our students.

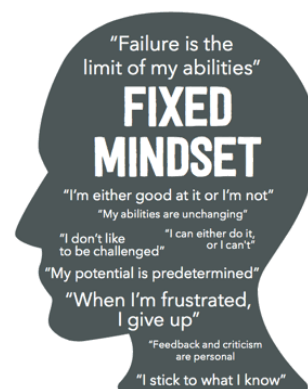
Thank you to all parents who provided their paperwork for swimming lessons at the end of last year and updated us this year of new levels. This allowed the Supervising Teacher to collect the information prior to the students starting ensuring they were prepared and levelled correctly for the first day.

### GROWTH MINDSET

Reflecting on our surveys from 2018, there was a considerable percentage of our students who feel unsafe when learning something new or are worried about answering questions, concerned they are making a mistake. As a staff we reflected on this and researched an approach to help—becoming a growth mindset school.

Growth Mindset is about accepting that mistakes are a part of learning, build resilience and holds the belief that we can develop our intelligence, talents and abilities.

We are focussing on praising effort, persistence, rising to a challenge, learning from a mistake and the strategies we have used. Our students are already responding positively to this approach.



## CLASS MEETINGS

Our class meetings this year are on

Tuesday 19th February.

Rm 4 9:00 - 9:30

Rm 2 9:30 - 10:00

Rm 1 10:00 - 10:30

Rm 6 10:50 - 11:30

We hope to see you there. I encourage all parents to open their lines of communication with their child/ren's classroom teacher by dropping in to say hello, making an appointment to discuss concerns as they arise, and emailing as necessary. For classes with diaries, this provides another option to communicate with the teachers.

## SUNSCREEN

I am sure you all saw the new research around applying sunscreen every day. We now have sunscreen in each classroom. I encourage you to apply sunscreen on your child/ren prior to them coming to school. You can even put some in their school bag for recess/lunchtime if you like.

## SWIMMING TRAINING

This year, we were successful in getting a grant to do 4 swimming training sessions. These will start Wednesday 27th February and occur weekly until Wednesday 20th March. The first day will be "swim off day" where the students are placed in the race. For safety, students need to have at least attained Swim Level 6 to be eligible for the swim team.

## FOOD SENSATIONS

On Tuesday 12th March, we will be joined by Temika Allen, a dietitian from WA Country Health Services who, along with her team, will be running a Food Sensations program with the students. This program uses interactive activities to teach basic nutrition principals including the 5 food groups, comparing takeaway food to homemade, demonstrating the amount of sugar in common drinks etc. There will also be a cooking workshop.

There is an opportunity to have a parent session in the afternoon of the same day. **Please let me know if you would like to come along and join us for the FOOD SENSATIONS afternoon.**

## 7 A SIDE SOCCER COMPETITION

7 a side soccer is a competition which runs for 5 weeks which is played on Friday after school at GBSC. There are division for all primary school ages:

Division 1—Pre-Primary

Division 2—Grade 1 and 2

Division 3—Grade 3 and 4

Division 4—Grade 5 and 6.

The cost per player is \$40. This is an after school sport. If you are interested for your child to take part, please contact the office .

Kind regards

Megan Barrett

Principal

R

Welcome back! It was lovely to see everyone on Monday for the first day. Our new Kitty Cats have settled in very quickly and are enjoying a range of fun activities with confidence. The Copy Cats have all grown a lot and have been looking after the Kitties nicely.

O

Thank you parents for the great job you did of having book list items ready and things nicely covered. Our class meetings will be held next week and I will give you new information then. It would be greatly appreciated if you could attend so everyone can get off to a good start. The meeting is for Pre Primary parents only as Kindy parents had their meeting last term. However, please don't hesitate to call in with any questions or concerns at any time. The door is always open!

O

M

Thank you Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Garratt and Mrs. Holliday for your valuable help last week. Thank you Mr. Clement for setting up our mud kitchen and thank you Poppy Curtin for helping me paint over the holidays. We are so lucky to have such a great team in Room 6!

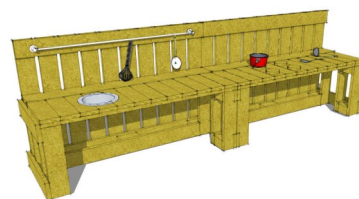
S

Congratulations to Kenzi and the Crothers family on the birth of their beautiful baby girl last week.

Looking forward to seeing you at the class meeting and the welcome BBQ. Mrs C.

Cute Quote: HASS lesson with Miss Smith. Talking about celebrations and Chinese New Year. Miss Smith was telling children what animal year they were born in.

"No I wasn't. I was born at the doctor's!



R

Things got off to a smooth start in Room One. All the Year one students were well prepared for their move to the big class. Thanks Mrs Clement and Mrs Austin for doing such a great job last year! Thank you to all our wonderful parents of both the Year Ones and Twos for sending their children to school with all the things they needed and labelling everything. All the students looked fantastic in their yellow shirts. One last big thank you has to go to the Year Twos who patiently helped the year ones adjust to the ways things work in the big school.

O

O

I was very excited to have so many Lego lovers in my class and students who love to read! We are all looking forward to an exciting year. Everyone seems to be enjoying the swimming, they had a great time learning tennis with Mrs Barrett, Indonesian with Ibu Erlin, Music with Mr Clune and working in the library with Mrs Smith.

M

I am looking forward to talking with parents at the class meeting next week. If you can't make it let me know and I can send some information home or you can make an appointment after school.

1

Ms Harman



I hope you all had a fantastic festive season and school holidays.

It was great to meet new families of our Year 3s last week and catch up with Year 4 families. Thank you for preparing your child for school and for providing the booklist items they need for learning. It is very much appreciated. We have been spending some time working together establishing class expectations and routines and will be completing some assessment tasks over the next few weeks. Room 2 have had a fantastic start to the year, already working hard and showing great manners.

As you know swimming began on Wednesday Week 1 and continues until week 4. In Week 3 it's on Monday and Wednesday and Week 4 is Monday. Please make sure you pack plenty of snacks as swimming uses a lot of energy.

Common swimming disasters are forgetting your towel or underwear, bathers or a plastic bag. Getting your child to check off items before leaving home should keep everyone on track.

R

I am a supporter of crunch and sip which encourages students to sip water and crunch on fresh fruit and vegetables during lesson time. We often crunch and sip while working so please save juicy or sticky fruits for recess and lunch.

H

Home reading is the most important and beneficial homework your child will ever do. Many students have started already which is great to see. Please support your child to read for at least 15-20 minutes 5 times per week. They can borrow books from school, read their library book or read a book from home. Write up their reading in their Home Reading Journal and send in to be recorded in class. Encouragement incentives will be given to students who show that they complete their home reading regularly.

H

M

Please contact me if you are able to help with reading in the mornings.

Library day is Wednesday this year and we did borrow last Wednesday. Library bags are essential, please ask your child to make sure they have one for this Wednesday.

2

In Year 3 and 4, it's time for your child to become more independent and take responsibility for the things they need for school. It is important that we don't inadvertently do for them what they can do for themselves.

Our class meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 February 2019 at 9.30 to 10.00 in Room 2.

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact me.

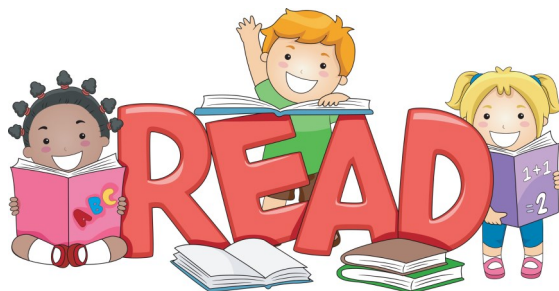
It's easier for me to speak to you in the afternoons as mornings can be busy.

You can email me anytime at [suzanne.speed@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:suzanne.speed@education.wa.edu.au)

Funny Quote: "My Grandma lives far away, in New York I think or Brisbane."

Regards

Ms. Suzie Heywood



Welcome back to 2019. Already two weeks have flown past! The students have even noticed it. That is saying something.

I look forward to a productive and rewarding year, for all students in Room Four. We have worked on our class rules and established these. The Year Six Students have taken their role in the school community very seriously and have started as great role models for all. I am very proud of the way they have "hit the ground running".

Class meetings are next week and I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. If you cannot make the time please contact me at the school to arrange a time to meet with you. Communication and working as a team is very important to me.

Hopefully I will get to catch up with many of you at the Welcome Barbecue on Friday night. The date will be in the important dates section of the Newsletter.

The students have been working on "Sizzling Starters" and there are some wonderful pieces which have been written so far. Hopefully your child will share these with you at some stage. This is part of the Writing PL I attended on the Friday prior to the commencement of start of the school year.

The Year Six Students have had discussions on their Leavers Shirts. I hope to start this process in the next fortnight.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Clune

YEAR 6 LEAVERS  
SHIRTS



### Expression of Interest

If your child (girls or boys) is interested in playing Netball this upcoming season.

Please contact Robyn on 0437 663 303 by 8th March





**School Banking Dates for Term One**  
Held in Room 3 @ 8.30–9.00am

13th February  
27th February  
13th March  
27th March  
10th April



Swimming Lessons - Yrs. 1-6

Day 1 - Wednesday 6th Feb  
Day 2 - Wednesday 13th Feb  
Day 3 - Monday 18th Feb  
Day 4 - Wednesday 20th Feb  
Day 5 - Monday 25th Feb



## Term 1 2019 Term Planner

| WK | MON                                    | TUE  | WED                                     | THU                                    | FRI  | SAT | SUN |
|----|--|--|---|--|--|-----|-----|
|    | January 28<br>Australia Day<br>Holiday | 29<br>Principal, MCS<br>Begin                        | 30                                      | 31<br>Teachers Begin<br>EA's Begin     | February 1                                       | 2   | 3   |
| 1  | Feb 4<br><br>First day for<br>Students | 5  | 6<br><br>Swimming<br>1-6                | 7                                      | 8  | 9   | 10  |
| 2  | 11                                     | 12<br>School Council Mtg<br>2.30-3.30                | 13<br>School Banking<br>Swimming<br>1-6 | 14                                     | 15   | 16  | 17  |
| 3  | 18<br><br>Swimming<br>1-6              | 19   | 20<br><br>Swimming<br>1-6               | 21                                     | 22<br>P&C AGM 9am<br>P&C General<br>Meeting 10am | 23  | 24  |
| 4  | 25<br><br>Swimming<br>1-6              | 26   | 27<br><br>School Banking                | 28                                     | March 1  | 2   | 3   |
| 5  | 4<br>Labour Day<br>Holiday             | 5  | 6                                       | 7<br><br>Senior Class Camp             | 8<br><br>Senior Class Camp                       | 9   | 10  |
| 6  | 11                                     | 12<br><br>Food Sensations<br>Incursion               | 13<br><br>School Banking                | 14                                     | 15   | 16  | 17  |
| 7  | 18                                     | 19   | 20                                      | 21                                     | 22   | 23  | 24  |
| 8  | 25<br><br>PP Swimming                  | 26<br>School Council Mtg<br>2.30-3.30<br>PP Swimming | 27<br>School Banking<br>PP Swimming     | 28<br><br>PP Swimming                  | 29<br><br>PP Swimming                            | 30  | 31  |
| 9  | April 1                                | 2  | 3                                       | 4<br><br>Room 4 Assembly<br>& Open Day | 5  | 6   | 7   |
| 10 | 8                                      | 9  | 10<br><br>School Banking                | 11                                     | 12   | 13  | 14  |

EASTER: Good Friday – 19<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Monday – 22<sup>nd</sup> April,

ANZAC: Thursday – 25<sup>th</sup> April