

Believe it, Achieve it, Advance the walkaway way

WALKAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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4th May 2022



UPCOMING EVENTS MAY

2nd-6th Mother's Day Stall

9th Monday for Mums

9th-13th Bookfair

16th Board Meeting 1:40

JUNE

2nd Room 1 Assembly

20th Board Meeting 1:40

23rd P&C Meeting and
student disco 6:30pm

Welcome to Term 2

I always look forward to welcoming our students and have enjoyed seeing them happy to be back with their friends. Welcome back also to all of our families. I know some of you were affected by COVID over the holidays and it has been wonderful to see all who are back healthy and safe. We have another family or two we hope will be back with us next week.

This term we welcome a new family to Walkaway. We look forward to having Quade (Year 3) and Jasper (Year 1), along with their parents Sara and Alan, join us.



We always show **RESPECT**



COVID MANAGEMENT

There have been significant changes regarding COVID management. The main changes for us include:

- masks no longer mandatory at school except for in specific settings and circumstances. Masks are encouraged for staff and students (Year 7 and above) where physical distancing is not possible.
- density and capacity limits no longer apply - all school activities can resume
- asymptomatic close contacts no longer required to isolate and can attend school or continue to work (see requirements below)
- additional RATs are being provided for students and staff
- vaccination requirements remain unchanged.

If you would prefer for your child to remain wearing a mask at school, that is fine. For us, the exciting part is the events we can now hold, starting with our Monday for Mums next Monday morning (please see the ad in this newsletter).



P&C

Our P&C is seeking a new secretary. This is a hardworking team who are incredibly supportive, both of each other and the school. You would be well supported while learning the role. At our meeting last week, the P&C approved our new playground...very exciting!!! This is one of the many ways the P&C's both past and present have supported our school. Others have included, just to mention a few:

- money for ipads/laptops
- playground seating
- sponsoring Musica Viva annually
- Sponsoring the colour run

Please consider joining this committed team.

NAPLAN

Next week is our NAPLAN week. Information came home last term for those families of students in Year 3 and 5. Tests will be held over the week, with catch up sessions available if necessary.

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We are RESPONSIBLE

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS PROGRAM

Under the Department's Child Protection Policies and Procedures schools must implement protective behaviours education that aligns with the Western Australian Curriculum across all phases of schooling.

Our students' safety and wellbeing is our priority. This semester, as a part of the Health program, our class teachers will be teaching a comprehensive Protective Behaviours Program which is a personal safety program designed to equip children with the knowledge and skills to act in ways that reduce the likelihood of abuse occurring and to help them to seek help if abuse occurs. This program plays an important role in supporting the development of student skills, knowledge and understandings to build their resilience and wellbeing and to provide and promote safe environments in which they can learn and grow.



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The program includes the themes below:



Your child may have, earlier this year, or will bring home, a "helping hand" on which they will have identified as people they can talk to and who can help them. They may also discuss feelings and early warning signs eg jelly belly, wobbly knees. As a part of this program, students will discuss body parts, in relation to identifying safe and unsafe touch.



We learn to **ACHIEVE** our best

We are very excited to have Kate Foster returning to our school for Mindfulness sessions and to help our students build understanding and strategies for emotional resilience and regulation. The children learn about different parts of their brain – The Pre-frontal Cortex (PFC): the higher order thinking part, that helps with focus, attention, thinking, and keeping all of the brain working well together. Also the Amygdala, which is the 'guard/watch dog' of the brain, which can light up and become overprotective in times of stress, worry and big emotions. When this happens the Pre-frontal cortex can go 'off-line' or 'flip' and doesn't work very well. To keep the PFC working well, the children learn about Deep Belly Breathing, which calms down the Amygdala, and keeps the Pre-frontal 'on-line' and working well.

Kind regards,

Megan Barrett, Principal

AMBASSADOR'S LUNCH ORDERS

Each Friday of term 2 and 3 students will be able to order a pie, pastie or sausage roll for lunch. Orders will be due **Thursday morning**. This will allow our ambassadors time to collate orders in the afternoon ready for Friday. Please note: we don't do refunds if your child is away but will roll the money to future weeks or into term 3.

Pie	\$4.00
Pastie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00

All funds raised will go towards the Ambassadors gift to the school presented at the End of Year Concert and their camp.

Paying online for **multiple weeks only**

1. Make payment to school Account Name: Walkaway Primary School
BSB: 016 650
Acc Number: 3409 43005
Reference: [Surname] Lunch
2. Write name and order on envelope
3. Place order in the box outside school office

Payments by cash for **multiple weeks**

1. Make payment for required weeks
2. Write name and order on envelope
3. Place order with payment in the box outside school office

Payments by cash for **individual weeks**

1. Write name and order on envelope
2. Child to place order in box outside office
3. Place order with payment in the box outside school office

MONDAY FOR *Mums*

Monday 9th May

9:30-11:00

in the Undercover Area

Mums and Grandmas come along for some pampering and be involved in creating with your child/ren



P&C NEWS

Thank you!

Thank you for supporting our hot cross bun fundraiser!! We raised \$256

Walkaway Mother's Day Morning Tea 2022

The Walkaway Primary School P & C regretfully inform that the annual Mother's Day Morning Tea will be postponed until further notice.

This decision was made to protect the wider community, however we can't wait to hold again in the future

Mother's Day STALL

Monday to Friday next week (2nd - 6th May)
at
recess time (10:50-11:10)

Great gift options - all gifts between \$2 and \$5



WE NEED YOU!!!

We are in need of a secretary and would love for you to join our team. You will have the support of our current secretary, Ina, President, Sarah, and the whole committee as you learn your role.

Aspects of the role include:

- Typing and sending out the agenda and minutes
- Checking correspondence in and out
- Occasional correspondence (limited)
- Supporting the committee with the organisation of events

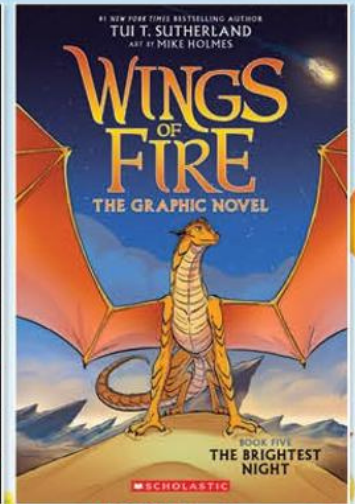
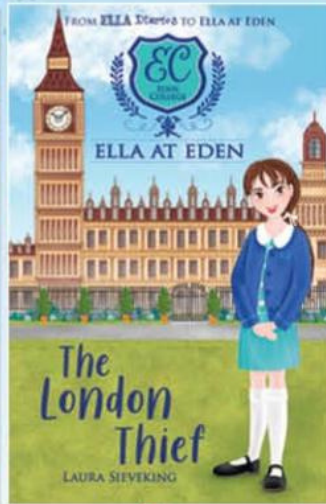
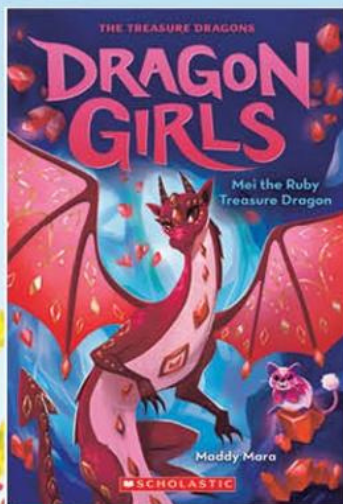
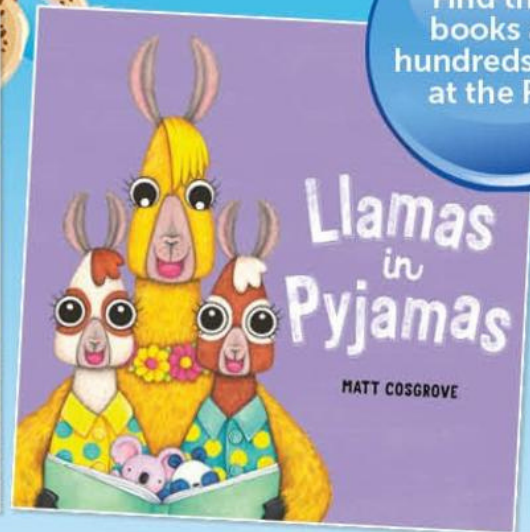
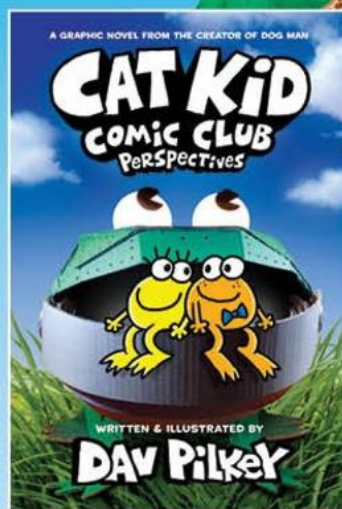
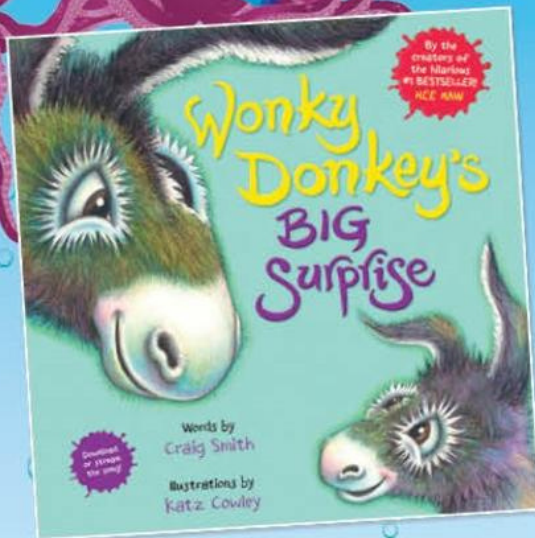


We are keen to COOPERATE

You're invited to our Scholastic BOOK FAIR

DIVE INTO READING

Find these
books and
hundreds more
at the Fair!



Date **9th - 13th May**

Time **Monday for Mums**

Place **Library**

Lunchtime & After School

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

TERM 2 2022

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	April 25 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26 School Development Day	27 Students Begin	28	29	30	May 1
2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3	9 MONDAY FOR MUMS 	10	11	12	13	14	15
4	16 Kids Hub for Students	17	18	19	20	21	22
5	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
6	30 Kids Hub for Students	31	June 1	2	3	4	5
7	6 WA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	7	8	9	10	11	12
8	13 Kids Hub for Students	14	15	16	17	18	19
9	20	21	22	23 Musica Viva P&C Meeting and student disco 6:30-8:00	24 NCVISSA Winter Carnival	25	26
10	27	28	29	30	July 1 End of Term		