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# WALKAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

- 23rd Author Visit-Sally Murphy
- 26th Faction Carnival
- 29th Fotoworks
- 29th-31st Fathers Day Stall

### SEPTEMBER

- 1st-2nd Fathers Day Stall
- 2nd Beaut Blokes Big Breakfast
- 14th NCVISSA Athletics
- 22nd Rm 2 Assembly & Open Day
- 23rd End of Term 3

### OCTOBER

- 10th School Development Day
- 11th First day Term 4

## Term 3 half way mark!

Dear Walkaway Families,

### Term 3 half way mark!

Week 5 heralds the halfway mark for Term 3. The beginning of this term has been impacted by a constant wave of Covid and health related illness across many school communities in the Midwest and Walkaway has not been an exception. For the first four weeks of this term we have only managed to have 65% of our students achieve REGULAR attendance, this, combined with some staff absences has proven a challenging time. Thanks to the wonderful staff for supporting the students and each other to ensure that we are able to provide continuity of classroom programs where possible.

With covid a lingering feature of our daily lives it is still very important that we do whatever we can to stay healthy, choosing to wear a mask when physical distancing is not an option, maintaining a high standard of personal hygiene and taking other precautions to stay healthy all helps to lessen the impact of the virus on our lives. Families are reminded that the FREE RATs are again being distributed by schools and currently available from the school office.



We are keen to COOPERATE

## STAFF LEAVE/CHANGES

Ms Suzie Heywood will be on leave from August 24 for the remainder of the term in order to have her long awaited knee surgery. Ms Heywood will be replaced by Ms Tanya Jeeves (Monday, Thursday & Friday) Mr Lachlan Anderson (Tuesday & Wednesday). With the current shortage of casual and relief staff we are pleased to be able to replace Mrs Heywood with the teachers that the students already know.

Ms Mikayla Hewitt who has been teaching the Pre-primary class on a Friday has been successful in winning a fulltime position and her role will be taken up by myself for the rest of this term.

We said a sad farewell last week to Mrs Lyn-Lee Austin as she had her last day as an Education Assistant in our Kindergarten/Pre-primary classroom. Mrs Austin is relocating with her family to Perth and we wish her all the very best. A recruitment process will take place later in the term and in the meantime this position will be filled by casual relief staff.

Mrs Barrett remains on leave and I will be in the Fixed Term Principal role for the remainder of the school year.

## NCVISSA CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Congratulations to the students who travelled to Binu to represent Walkaway at the recent NCVISSA Cross Country. All students finished the race with three students taking out 4th place in their age group event and one student achieving champion girl in her division. Well done to Mrs. Nelson-Milnes for the thought and time she put into preparing the students leading up to the event.

## FACTION ATHLETICS - ONE DAY EVENT

This year the Faction Athletics Carnival will be held as a ONE DAY EVENT (August 26th) which is a change from previous years. The carnival will commence at 8:50am (sharp) with the long distance running first in the program, followed by a rotation through the field events (jumps & throws), short course running events, team games and culminate with the relays and presentation of trophies. An event program is being confirmed and students are participating in skills practices for the team games and learning techniques in PE lessons. With larger than normal numbers of students away every effort will be made to ensure that all students have had an opportunity to learn the games, skills and techniques required as much as possible.

*Change  
of date*

Please note that the NCVISSA Athletics carnival is planned for **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14th** at Northampton.

## BEAUT BLOKES BREKKIE

Save the date, Friday September 2nd. Students are encouraged to bring their Beaut Bloke into school to celebrate all the beaut blokes in our lives (dads, pops, uncles, step dads, etc) Grab your bloke a brekkie wrap (supplied by the school) and buy him his favourite coffee from the TARTS N CO Coffee van which will be parked in the school car park from 8:30am - 9:30am. (All community members are welcome to come and get themselves a coffee too! So mums please don't deny yourself ☺)

## ANTI-BULLYING

Bullying in schools is something that remains one of the many challenges of providing a safe environment for all children to thrive in. As a society we are much more aware of the impact of bullying, however it does still continue to be an issue in all schools. For some students it is something that has lifelong impact. Research indicates that schools can't deal with bullying without the support from parents and families. Identifying what bullying actually is and giving families and students some strategies to use is important. This term the school board were presented with information about bullying that they would like to share with the school community. The key messages from this information are:

- Bullying is repeated and unjustified behaviour that hurts, embarrasses, isolates and threatens
- Bullying can be verbal, physical, emotional, social & online
- Bullying is done by a more 'powerful' person/group to someone less 'powerful'
- Bullying can occur publically & privately
- Not all incidents that cause harm to others are bullying
- Adults should model appropriate behaviours
- Encourage children to report bullying that is happening to them or others - it's hard to address bullying if we don't know it's happening
- In many cases bullying behaviour is difficult to change, but that doesn't mean the school isn't trying to do anything about it
- Above all make sure your child knows they are loved, supported and valued - good self-esteem is the best protection from bullying



We learn to **ACHIEVE** our best



**The next 5 weeks...**

With the recent wave of health related absences from school we have tried to make sure that our term planner supports teaching and learning as much as possible. Ensuring that we make the most of uninterrupted face-to-face teaching and learning is the highest priority for us at the moment. Minimising the impact of sustained absences and maintaining progress will be our focus for the next five weeks. Faction and NCVISSA Athletics, Numero Challenge, Beaut Blokes Brekkie, Assembly and staff changes will feature in planning as we round out the second half of Term 3.

Kind regards,

*Norah Flanders*



Principal

**FACTION CARNIVAL  
MORNING TEA**

The P&C would be delighted if you could supply a plate of morning tea to share.

Morning Tea can be delivered to Room 3 at the start of the day.

Thank you

**Walkaway Primary School  
Faction Carnival  
Pre Order Form**

Walkaway P&C will be holding a BBQ lunch as part of the sports carnival on Friday August 26th. Please complete the order below and return to the office with payment by Thursday August 25th. One form per family.

Family Name : \_\_\_\_\_

**Hamburger** Qty : \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(with or without Slaw)

**Sausage** Qty : \_\_\_\_\_ x \$2.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Juice Box** Qty : \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS**

**Monday 29 August 2022**



- Remember to look your best in correct school uniform
- Please pick up from the office your Sibling Order Envelopes
- Please bring your completed Photo Order Envelope

**fotoworks**  
School Photography

**Bring your Smile & your Envelope!**



We always show **RESPECT**



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