



Walkaway Primary School

Newsletter

Newsletter #10 24th July 2018

JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

25th School Banking

27th P&C Meeting

AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd QPT Excursion K/PP

3rd NCVISSA Cross Country

8th Room 6 Assembly

8th School Banking

14th Faction Jumps & Throws

17th Faction Carnival

20th Fotoworks

22nd Jeans for Genes

29th P&C Meeting

Dear Parents and families,

This is a very exciting time for Walkaway Primary School. The feedback from the Culture Survey is providing a positive springboard for considering and discussing the future of our school. It has been great to have the input of parents and community members in our two meetings so far, one following the assembly last term and one last night. We have discussed:

- * Independent Public Schools—this year we are in the fortunate position of being able to apply for Independent Public School (IPS) status. While it doesn't have some of the advantages previously given to IPS schools which are now available in all schools (one-line budget allowing for flexible decision making), for us, there are no negatives
 - ⇒ it has provided us with the opportunity to investigate our school culture,
 - ⇒ it aligns with the timing for us in developing a new strategic plan
 - ⇒ It will allow us to celebrate and recognise our amazing school.

Mrs Mutter and I discussed this as a positive opportunity for us this year and I have continued this discussion with our various school groups.

- * Maintaining our enrolment numbers has an overarching strategic goal from this survey. This involves discussions around:
 - ⇒ Re-visioning our school—developing a clear vision our whole school community owns and strives for
 - ⇒ Investigating the opportunity to have playgroup on site and possibly after school care
 - ⇒ While we have been fortunate previously in our staffing, Independent Public School status will allow us to select staff into the future who maintain our current high level of commitment and expertise, ensuring ongoing positive outcomes for students
 - ⇒ Rebranding/Promoting the school—new website, PR tools including advertising techniques, using Facebook more consistently, logo design

With all identified strategies it is my goal to respect the past and the wonderful history of this great school. We are in the beginning stages of looking at logos, which maintain the essence of the current logo, being the wheat head, adding in the windfarms which are a unique part of our landscape, and looking at the possibility of taking the word 'Advance' out of the logo so we can build on it further into a motto we all know and are committed to. Just as happened previously in the history of the school, when the transition was made from a capital W as the logo to our current logo, my goal is to modernise while remaining committed to the historical aspect. I would love your feedback in these initial stages. I have put some options below for you to indicate your preference by circling your choice and returning it to the office. I encourage each family to have their vote:

Family name : _____



I support the logo change and like one of these options

I support the logo change but would like to investigate some further options



I don't want the logo to change



Motto ideas (usually up to 3 words) could look something

like :

Advancing Together We Advance Together Advancing to Succeed

I want ADVANCE to stay as part of the logo

I support using ADVANCE to make a motto for our school

We would love your ideas!!

I recognise this will eventually involve new uniform logos. Reflecting on this, as we currently have a number of versions of the current uniform, I feel this could actually be an advantageous time to bring this in—as we are transitioning on the new uniform style, the new logo would be able to come in at the same time.

SPORT CARNIVALS

A discussion has been raised with me regarding Interschool team selection, based on the Faction Carnival results. My beliefs around carnivals is that the Faction Carnival is an event for everyone to participate in, with students who place in this event being selected for the Interschool team. The only challenge we face is when students are unable to participate in the Faction Carnival. My decision on this would be based around the reason for the absence from the Faction Carnival. If there is a reasonable reason (eg illness, injury) for the student to have been absent, I will support them having a run-off, jump-off etc to see if they earn their place in the Interschool team. If the absence from the Faction Carnival is NOT a reasonable absence (eg holiday during school term), unfortunately that student would not have the opportunity to compete in the Interschool Carnival.

We have this situation currently with the Cross Country Selection. You will see 4 students are listed in Year 4 boys at the moment. One student currently has an injury that prevents him from time trials. We will give him an opportunity to run on Monday and the final decision will be made at that time.

I thank Mrs Griechen for taking on the training and organisation of the Cross Country this term. We proudly announce this team and wish them all the best for next Friday.

Year 3 Girls	Allira			
Year 3 Boys	Jude	Richard		
Year 4 Girls	Finn	Chace	Reese	
Year 4 Boys	Aurora	Bridie	Angus	David
Year 5 Girls	Anna	Lisa		
Year 5 Boys	Beau	Bruce	Ben	
Year 6 Girls	Freya	Shakaia		
Year 6 Boys	Asher	Jannes	Jaden (Year 5 running as Year 6)	

PLEASE NOTE: THE CROSS COUNTRY IS NO LONGER ON THE BEACH, IT IS AT EDEN CLARKE SO WE WILL NO LONGER BE GOING FOR BEACH TRAININGS.

ICT USE POLICY

Unfortunately we have had some students not being responsible with technology. This will be discussed in class today with a new policy, with the School Council's support, for you to sign when it comes home supporting your child's appropriate use of technology in our school.

Welcome back! Our term has begun with PPs participating in their first athletics practice sessions. They are catching on really well and enjoying themselves. Kindies have survived their first week of three days without anyone falling asleep! Our theme this term is weather. If things stay the same as last week, we will have lots of different types of weather to observe. The new parent help roster will be up this week. Our colour this week is brown. Please encourage your child to do their "homework" and find something brown to bring to school. I bought a unicorn cookie cutter while I was away so we are making unicorn cookies tomorrow. It is our turn to run the assembly on Wednesday 8th August (week 4) at 9:00 am. We are having a star theme. The children are asked to wear play clothes to school that day instead of blue shirts. If any of the girls have a fairy skirt could they please wear it. (I know there are a few out there as we see them often!) We are all looking forward to our visit to QPT next week.

Everyone should have a note by now explaining everything and reminding Kindies not to come on Thursday that week. Please send your money and permission notes in by Monday 30th July. Thank you very much to Miss Smith, Mrs Griechen and Mrs Austin for taking such good care of Room 6 while I was on leave.

As you can see, it's going to be a busy term and will probably

going to be a fly by!

busy term

Mrs C



Cute quotes:

Welcome back to term 3. I trust you have all enjoyed your holidays and the rain. Room one has settled back in quickly and we have already had a jam packed week.

We have enjoyed the book George's Marvellous Medicine, created character drawings and visited the QPT where we were thoroughly entertained by the book re-enactment. For Maths we have started mental math problems and made play dough to help us with our fractions.

This term, Room One will be investigating persuasive and informative writing.

Yesterday the class made Marvellous medicines and will now have opportunities to do writing tasks around this activity.

Please continue to read with your child each day.

Mrs Griechen.



I hope everyone had a great holiday and a restful break. There is no doubt that students (and teachers) get very tired towards the end of term and they are definitely ready for a break in routine.

As part of our Science topic; Natural and Processed Materials, just before the holidays we buried a range of materials in the garden to predict and test which ones are biodegradable. On Monday we dug them up by carefully excavating below each marker. There were some surprises as there was no sign of the piece of polyester, the paper towel, the banana peel or orange. We did find the piece of cotton fabric (dirty but not decomposed) and the wool yarn which had begun to decompose and become quite weak and broken. While we were able to make some scientific assumptions what we learned is that sometimes Science is inconclusive.

On Thursday 19 July 2018 we were lucky to have the opportunity to see George's Marvellous Medicine a performance of Roald Dahl's novel by the Shake and Stir Theatre Company at Queens Park Theatre. It was an amazingly polished and innovative performance. The stage sets were on wheels and the actors moving and swiveling them into position was incorporated into the show.

Their sets and props were amazing well timed and realistic sound effects tricked the audience into thinking things were actually happening when they really weren't. There were a few oohs and ahhs when the explosives were lit and some very amazed and confused students were wondering just exactly how Grandma had grown so enormous and was nearly reaching the roof while her slippers were still standing on the ground. There was so much laughter in the theatre. It's so great for the soul to see students laughing so spontaneously and enjoying themselves so much. They really captured the essence of the Novel and I'm sure Roald Dahl would have been suitably impressed.

We are entering the Numero Regional Competition which will be held in Geraldton on Tuesday 4 September 2018. We have begun training sessions for those students who registered their interest and I will be selecting two teams of 4 and some reserves from the initial group of students over the coming weeks. Priority will be given to students who work well as a team, show commitment and enthusiasm, have good calculation skills and can work under time pressure. As there is a range of year levels in the group Year 6s will also get priority as younger students have following years to be included.

Ms. Speed



Welcome back to Term 3. Hopefully everybody had a lovely break... from what my students have told me, many had an exciting time over the break and did some different things.

We have started athletics training and the students are enthusiastic about the training. Remembering that this term's focus is CO-OPERATION. So working together as a team during this time is important, participation is the key to success in our carnival. We, as a staff, encourage this all year, but in particular this term.

We have continued looking at *FACT and OPINION* as our reading comprehension skill this week and will start to move on to **CAUSE and EFFECT** over the following fortnight. The new reading program implemented through Springboards focuses the students learning and hones in on important skills for comprehension.

A homework contract has gone home this week and will be due on **FRIDAY 3rd AUGUST**. The standard of the research carried out in this is of a high standard. I remind the students that they have to recognise the origin of their resource. The best way to do this is to list in a bibliography. This skill will be vital as the students continue on their education.

Welcome back Mrs Johnson. Mrs Griechen will be taking over Ms Smith's role in Room 4 on a Friday – doing Maths Measurement & GEOMETRY. This last week we have been investigating and discussing Indices. Some wonderful inquisitive questions have been a part of this discussion. Over the next couple of weeks we will be looking at Algebra concepts. A reminder that I set work on Mathletics, which students may access at home, to consolidate work covered in class.

Last term we made cards for BTN's 50th Birthday Celebrations. The crew at BTN appreciated these and sent a photograph to us with the reporters and our cards!



Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.
Mr Clune

Merit Certificates

Term 2 Assembly



HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Room 6 - Tippa Griechen, Ry Thurkle, Nate Carrick

Room 1 - Bryony Ward, Jocelyn Cole, Clare Marshall, Rebecca Reed

Room 2 - Karla Roach, Reese Bailey, Lilly Moses, Aurora Milnes,
Wil Hamersley, Angus Weston

Room 4 - Ben Naisbitt, Shakaia Cocker, Beau Brennan

Term 3 Week 1

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Room 6 - Mikayla Cole, Felicity Bate, Tatumn Guy

Room 1 - Ben Weston, Amber O'Dwyer

Room 2 - Mai Hicks, Samuel Hopper, Karla Roach

Room 4 - Ethan Gellatly, Freya Ward, Ben Naisbitt

Clean Classroom Award - Room 1

Zip Award - Room 6

Faction Prizes

Room 6 - Jai Hope

Room 1 - Ethan Bate

Room 2 - Reese Bailey

Room 4 - Bruce Weston

Faction Points

Red - 201/1624

Purple - 217/1727

KINDY - 2019

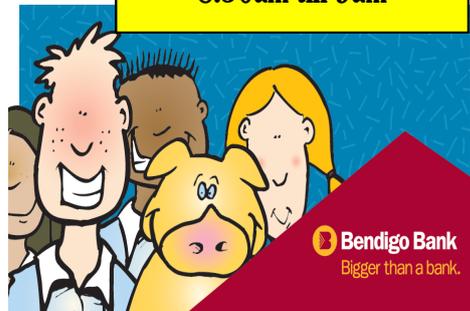
It is now time to enrol children who will be commencing Kindy in 2019. This applies to all children born between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015. If you are already a family belonging to Walkaway Primary School, enrolment forms will be sent home prior to the end of term. If you know of families whose oldest child will be coming to Walkaway in 2019, please encourage them to call at school to collect an enrolment form, phone and request that we mail one to them, or find the form on our website.



Banking TOMORROW

25th July in Room 3

8.30am till 9am



St John's/ Walkaway Hockey 2018

Full Field lost to SFX 4 – 1.

A tough gig on the weekend, against a team that is unbeaten, and with 10 players we came out of it alright. With only 4 games left we need to play smart and controlled hockey, so that we can fair well into the finals.

Matthew, Cooper and Andrew come out as the better players this week.

Fixtures for Saturday, 28th July

Full Field vs Geraldton Grammar Std 1 9.30am

Half Field Hockey

Half Field 1 defeated Tarcoola 6 – 1.

Half Field 2 defeated St Lawrences 5 – 0. Best player was Brendon McColl

Fixtures for Saturday, 28th July

Half Field 1vs Geraldton Primary 11.30am Goals 2

Half Field 2vs Geraldton Grammar 11.30am Goals 3



School Uniform Orders

Staff have ordered a number of different schools shirts recently. They look so amazing I have been asked by parents if they could also order one to wear to sports days, excursions and other school activities. If you would like to order an adult school shirt please contact me. They are \$28 and will be ordered once payment is received as they are a special order.

Faction Shirts

Please order faction shirts by **Thursday 26th July** to ensure they are here for the Faction Carnival on Friday 17th August.

Account details are as follows:

Account Name: Walkaway P&C Ass

BSB: 633 000 Acc: 162544142



Co-ordinator: Narelle Bate

0417 839 651

narelle.bate@gmail.com

Huge congratulations to Freya for being a winner in the Therapy Focus Art Competition.

Over 5000 entries with only 20 students' art pieces being selected.



Beau, Chace and Kolt took part in the Geraldton Harriers RunFest on the 30th June.

They ran in the 7 to 11 yrs age group which had a total of 77 runners and was 3.2kms long.

Chace placed 12th overall and 7th out of the boys.

Beau placed 13th overall and 8th out of the boys.

Kolt placed 27th overall and 18th out of the boys.

Congratulations!



P&C NEWS

Dear families and staff,

Firstly, as always, I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the P&C to thank everyone who has been involved in helping our P&C and the school last term.

It was a very busy term.

Right, to start with we had our Mother's Day Morning Tea. This is our biggest fundraiser and involves a lot of work beforehand and on the day. I would like to thank everyone who has been helping to make it all possible: organising, setting up, baking/cooking, cleaning up, donating, and so much more. The biggest thanks goes to Shiree and Tamala who were the main coordinators – they did an amazing job. I also would like to thank all those businesses and organisations which supported our Mother's Day Morning Tea.

We made around \$3,300 this year. What a great achievement!

As you all know we are also running our Footy Tipping Competition. Thank you, Julz, for organizing this again this year, and thanks to all participants for supporting this fundraiser. This year we made \$1,200. With this money we purchased new shirts for our netball teams competing in the NCVISSA sports Carnival. Robyn and Narrelle did a great job in getting them ordered in time for the children to wear them at this year's carnival. They look really smart.

We also bought shin pads for our NCVISSA soccer team with the money remaining of last year's donation by Infigen.

In fact, all our NCVISSA teams looked fantastic this year in their uniforms.

You may remember that we are very lucky to have this year's Community Cropping Program again. Shiree told me that the crop is in – it's wheat this year – and already growing nicely. So hopefully we will have a good year again. Thanks very much to Shiree and Daryl for overseeing/executing this project.

Further, the P&C applied for the Bendigo Community Grant AND we have been successful!!!! We received \$3,000 for our school's Fun Friday activities.

With this money we have bought a big stove, fridge, freezer and range hood. The P&C paid the extra \$600 which was needed to buy these items. Everything will be set up soon so the school will have a big cook up to inaugurate the kitchen. THANK YOU, BENDIGO! And thank you, Julz, and Peter! They picked up all the items from Mitchell and Brown last term and brought them here to our school, saving \$100 delivery.

So all in all we had a great term two. Thanks again to everyone who helped in one way or another.

This term's main fundraiser will be the running of the canteen at the Greenough Polocrosse Catering on the 8th and 9th September. We hope that we will have lots of helpers so we can run the canteen smoothly.

Carina Rogers

P&C president

PROPOSED P & C MEETING DATES FOR 2018

Our meeting dates are:

Friday, 27th of July – 1.30-3PM

Wednesday, 29th of August, - 7-8.30PM

Friday, 19th of October, - 1.30-3PM* (date might change)

Wednesday, 28th of November – 7-8.30PM (please note change)



Your School Photo Day Is



Remember to **look your best in correct school uniform.**



Bring your completed personalised **Photo Order Envelope.**



Please pick up your **Sibling Photo Order Envelopes at the Office.**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

You should receive your school Photo Order Envelopes approximately two weeks prior to photo day.

Please review the photo packages available and complete order form on reverse of envelope.

If paying by cash, please ensure that exact amount is enclosed as **no change can be given.**

Each student will need to bring their completed personalised Photo Order Envelope on photo day, even if no photos are being purchased.

If you are interested in Sibling Photos, please collect Sibling Order Envelopes from the school office.

Sibling Photo Order Envelopes MUST BE RETURNED to the school office prior to photo day.



Please contact Fotoworks directly with any queries: schoolcare@fotoworks.com.au or 9244 8211

ALL students will be included in the class photo and will be photographed individually for school archives and administration records. If for custodial or religious reasons your child cannot appear in class photos, please complete this slip and return to the school office.

I _____ **do not** want my child _____
(Parent/Guardian name) (Student Name)

to appear in any school photos.

Reason:

(School Name)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

TERM 3 2018

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	July 16 Term 3 Staff & Students Commence	17	18	19 School Council 2pm QPT Excursion Yrs 1 - 4	20	21	22
2	23	24	25 School Banking 8.30-9am	26	27 P&C Meeting 1.30-3.00	28	29
3	30	31	August 1	2	3 NCVISSA Cross Country QPT Excursion K/PP	4	5
4	6	7	8 Rm 6 Assembly School Banking 8.30-9am	9	10	11	12
5	13	14 Faction Jumps, Throws & Distance Races	15	16	17 Faction Carnival	18	19
6	20 Fotoworks	21	22 Jeans for Genes School Banking 8.30-9am	23	24	25	26
7	27	28	29 P&C Meeting 7.00-8.30 pm	30	31	Sep 1	2
8	3	4	5 School Banking 8.30-9am	6	7	8	9
9	10	11	12 Rm 2 Assembly & Open Day	13 School Council 2pm	14 NCVISSA Athletics	15	16
10	17	18	19 School Banking 8.30-9am	20	21 End of Term 3	22	23