



# Walkaway Primary School Newsletter

**Newsletter #19**  
**4th December 2019**

## DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

4th P&C Meeting 1pm

5th School Board Meeting  
1.30—3.30pm

12th Graduation Concert  
6pm

16th 2020 Booklists due

19th End of Term Four

18th "LAST"  
School Banking for 2019

## JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

28th Office Open

30th Teachers/EAs begin

## FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Term 1 Students start

### Welcome to week 8

I can't believe how quickly the end of year is approaching. I am currently busy reading school report drafts and discussing end of year assessments with staff. It is very pleasing to see that most children have made progress throughout the year, which is the product of the combined effort between your child, you and your child's teacher. I am looking forward to reading all student reports over the next couple of weeks and getting them out to you. It is really important that you spend some time talking to your child about their report – after all it is all about them. Read the report with them and discuss what the comments mean, where the ticks are and ask them questions about subject areas and things mentioned in the reports. Your interest and time will help your child realise just how much you value you place in their education and there is nothing more motivational than a parent's time and interest.



### Be kind. Be honest.

This term I have been talking to students about the little things that we can do to change the world around us. For the past two weeks we have focused on being kind to each other – using kind words, doing kind things, thinking about how other people feel. Whilst most of the students at Walkaway show kindness always there are always times when we forget and do things without thinking and people get hurt. That's where the second focus comes in – be honest. This week we are talking about being honest, owning up to our mistakes, not blaming others and being truthful about our actions and words.



## NCVISSA Summer Carnival

A huge thanks to the staff, parents, grandparents & students who came along to NCVISSA Summer Carnival in North Hampton last week. I was super proud of the way all Walkaway students played and behaved on the day. Our cricketers & basketballers came second overall and despite having limited success our Tee Ball team improved every game to eventually win one for the day. I was very pleased to receive some feedback from Sarah from the WACA who was at the cricket oval. Sarah said the Walkaway students were notably well behaved, good sports and really polite. Well done everyone.



WELL DONE!

## School Board and P&C

I am looking forward to meeting with School Board and P&C this week and reflecting with them on the busy year that the school community has had and the plans for 2020. I intend to discuss 2019 NAPLAN results and provide an explanation to the School Board about how the school uses data to plan, measure and assess our progress towards the school's strategic plan targets. I am looking forward to presenting and discussing the school review findings, after which they will be made available to the public.



## Surviving the end of term madness

With only three weeks remaining and the weather warming up I hope that we can all remain happy and healthy and not let things get out of control. Students will be really busy at school with concert practice, cricket clinics, visiting bands, assemblies, talent contests, class parties and more so please let them have some down time at home and weekends to help them get through.



*Thank you Norah Flanders*

Well the year is rapidly drawing to a close. Hopefully everyone is managing to have some down time along the way. In Room 4 we are finishing off some final assessments, so busy as usual, just like so many people and society.

We are also starting to put together our item for the Christmas Concert – which will be upon us this time next week. RED, GREEN or WHITE SHIRTS.

A reminder the Year 6 students are answering 5 questions which have been posed to them as their reflections on their time at Walkaway Primary School. LEAVERS SHIRT.

1. ***One important “thing” you will take from learning at Walkaway Primary School as you move onto High School.***
2. ***Your “Greatest Achievement” whilst at Walkaway Primary School.***
3. ***What are you looking forward to in high school?***
4. ***What career would you like to embark on after you finish school?***
5. ***What Quote would you like to take with you through life?***
6. ***One country you would like to explore as an adult and why?***
7. ***What is your favourite memory from being at Walkaway Primary School?***

Students are to select 5 of the above questions for their reflection at Graduation.

There will be two seats allocated in the front row for parents of Year 6 students. The row behind will be reserved for other family members.

Well done to Miss Smith and her work on Prancer. Prancer is looking very nice indeed. Thanks to Mrs Brennan and Weston for scoring for our team at cricket too. This is the first time I have had to thank them publically.

**CLASS PARTY : Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 12:15/12:30.** Bring and share plate.

**CLEAN UP DAY : Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.** Wear cleaning up clothes.

Workbooks will be going home during the last week of school. I will be storing recorders, calculators and some workbooks belonging to the Year 5 students for 2020.

Thank you for your support in 2019 and I wish the best of the Festive Season. Stay safe.

Mr Clune



Week eight and excitement is building here in Room One!

R

Our final spelling list for 2019 goes home this week.

O

Home Reading will end Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December so we can collect all the books up and chase up any non- returns.

D

Room One and Room Two will be having a combined class party on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. I will be sending a note home with the details.

M

Our end of year concert practice is going well, Santa and the kangaroos are bouncing and Mum and Dad and the kids are looking good!

E

The Tooth Fairy has had an easy year as the total on our tooth chart for 2019 is only 34 and no post Easter spike. Easter Bunny must have delivered carrots instead of chocolate this year.

Ms Harman



Another fortnight has flown by and the end of the Year is coming up so quickly.

Our Christmas Concert and Graduation Night is coming up soon on Thursday 12 December 2019. We are "waking up on Christmas morning" so could we

please have students wearing their pyjamas and a Santa hat? A student has offered to lend a Santa hat as they have 5 at their house.

R

We will hold our class party on Tuesday 17 December 2019 on the Library

O

Veranda with Room 1. Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch. We aim to start at 11.30. Students will need to bring recess for that day.

D

We will have our class cleaning on Monday 16 December. Desks, trays and chairs all need to be cleaned.

M

We got some very interesting and beautiful art prints from our Collograph that we made using textured and found materials last week. They turned out rather Christmassy as we had red or green printing medium.

E

Last year we had a lot of double ups with headphones. When you are thinking about your booklist for next year, please remember to check if your child already owns items such as a calculator, scissors, headphones, USB. There is no need to buy them again if they already have them.

Have a great fortnight everyone. See you at the concert.

Regards Ms Heywood



Christmas is well and truly on the agenda in Room 6!

Most of our learning activities have a Christmas theme. We have written to Santa and are eagerly awaiting our replies.

All of us in Room 6 would like to say a very big thank you to the P&C for our new shade. It is amazing and we can't wait to use it. We are just waiting for the soil to settle.

Last Monday, we thought Rudolf was walking down the path, but it was Annabelle's new calf coming to visit us. Lots of fun was had taking turns to feed him.

A couple of special reminders

- There will be no more Library borrowing after this week. All books are due back next Wednesday please.
- This is the last week for Pre Primary home reading.
- I have had one offer of help to clean chairs on the last Monday (party day). If you can spare some time to help it would be much appreciated.
- **Concert:** Please dress your child in the shorts and top that will come home wrapped as their Christmas gift and meet me at the hall no later than 5:45. Girls will need two high piggy tails in their hair and we will put the ribbons in on arrival. The children may like to wear their clothes again on party day.
- Please refer to your orange note for all end of year details.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the concert. Mrs C



Cute quotes: "The big kids have been teaching us 'joonastics' but I'm already good because I go to PSY!"

In a conversation with Mrs Austin, someone talked about her having a heart attack. When she told them that wouldn't be nice, another child chimed in with "Well you can have a soft attack!"

Walkaway CWA in conjunction with Farmer's Across Borders - January 2020 WA Hay Run



## Time for a cuppa?



Help lift the spirits of those in drought areas of the Murchison, Gascoyne and Pilbara region, by baking or donating a batch of biscuits that can be enjoyed with a cuppa.

Your biscuits will accompany the WA Hay Run in January 2020, organized by Farmers Across Borders, and will be distributed to pastoral stations along the way.



Biscuits are needed by the 8th January 2020, packed into either an ice-cream container or biscuit tin and pop in a small note saying Hi.

Walkaway Store has kindly offered to be a receiver point for drop-offs.

For more information and recipe ideas contact Margaret on 0429430558 or Miranda on 0427541995, or find us on Facebook.

## BOOK FAIR THANK YOU

“Dino-Mite Book Fair – Stomp, Chomp and Read!”

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Book Fair which was held in the Walkaway School Library from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.

We have had another successful Book Fair. The amount of sales was \$1054.00 which is a wonderful effort.

This means that the school library will benefit by being able to choose books from the book fair to the value of \$369.00 plus we chose an extra \$50.00 of books just for having the Book Fair making the grand total of \$419.00 of new books.

Many many thanks to Mrs Holliday for helping to decorate the library and display the books. I couldn't have done it without you. Also many thanks for advertising the fair on Facebook for everyone to see.

Special thanks to all the girls for all your help and assistance in the busy times. You were fantastic.

Many thanks to Kacie for helping to pack up the Book Fair.

Thank you to all staff, parents and students for your support, especially the teachers Ms Smith and Mr Anderson whose class time in the Library was interrupted for the week. Thank you!

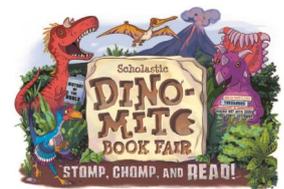
Thank you to the students who entered in the colouring in competitions.

Competition prizes are chosen from the Book Fair. Congratulations to all winners and well done to all entrants.

Thank you to the judges who had another hard task judging the competitions. There were many deserving winners but unfortunately they were only able to choose one winner and a runner up in each group.

Congratulations to all Winners!

Kindy/Pre-primary -	Book Prize:	Toby Dewar	Poster:	Deanna Bate
Years 1/2 -	Book Prize:	Caitlyn Naisbitt	Poster:	Rebecca Reed
Years 3/4 -	Book Prize:	Bryony Ward	Poster:	Jocelyn Cole
Years 5/6 -	Book Prize:	Jasmine Reed	Poster:	Angus Weston



Guessing Game – How Many Dinosaurs in the Jar?

The Winning Number was 58 which was guessed by Lilly Moses.

Thankyou everyone for another great Book Fair

Sincerely Mrs Cobley - Library

## UNIFORM ORDERS FOR 2020

If anyone would like to order uniforms for the start of the next school year, please fill out a uniform order form and hand in to the school, or email it to me, by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**.

I will endeavour to get uniform orders processed before the end of the school year, otherwise, uniforms will be available for collection from the school during the last week of the holidays in January 2020 (dates and times to be confirmed).

Please remember that I cannot hand out uniforms until full payment has been received.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Katherine Ward (uniform coordinator)

0427 276 022



**Carols by Candlelight**  
**MAITLAND PARK**

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**Sunday 15 December**

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 Carols \* 7.00pm

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**Term 4 School Banking Dates**  
**8.30am till 9am in Room 3**

**18th December**



WALKAWAY TENNIS CLUB PRESENTS

**WALKAWAY CHRISTMAS TREE**

**DECEMBER 21 FROM 5PM**  
**@ WALKAWAY REC CENTRE**

**SANTA ARRIVING APPROX 6PM**  
 Parents please bring a gift for your children for Santa with their name on it, a lolly bag is supplied for children

Followed by a Community Dinner  
 1/4 Piece of Chicken and Desert \$8/piece  
 Please bring a salad to share

**For Catering please RSVP & make Payment by 16/12/2019**  
 Walkaway Tennis Club 633000 153 020 946  
 please use your name as reference

RSVP to Kristy Levett 0427 910 553 or walkawaytennisclub@gmail.com  
 or drop into Walkaway Store or Elders Geraldton

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**AQUARENA**

**FAMILY FUN DAY!**  
**SUNDAY**

**8 December 2019, 12-4pm**  
**Geraldton Aquarena**

Featuring a live spirit radio broadcast, face painting, Petting Zoo, Plus all the giant pool inflatables, Tarzan rope, Aero bungee, and Mega water slide, Giveaways and many more fun activities. Plus Meet Santa Claus and Cray-Z.

ENTRY \$2 PP!

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### Term 4 2019 Term Planner

6	18	19	20  School Banking	21	22  NCVISSA Summer Carnival	23	24
	Book Fair						
7	25 Champion Bay Senior High School Orientation (3 days)	26	27 Geraldton Senior High School Orientation Day	28	29	30	Dec 1
8	2	3	4 P&C Meeting 1pm  School Banking	5 School Board Meeting 1.30-3.30pm	6	7	8
9	9	10	11	12  Graduation Concert	13	14	15
10	16  Rm 6 Class Party Rm 4 Class Party	17	18  School Banking	19  Term 4 Ends	20	21	22

### Term 1 2020 Term Planner

Wk	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	January 27 Australia Day Holiday	28 School Office Open	29	30	31	Feb 1	2
1	3 Students Commence	4	5 Swimming PP-6	6 Swimming PP-6	7	8	9
2	10 Swimming PP-6	11 Swimming PP-6	12 Swimming PP-6	13	14	15	16
3	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
4	24	25	26	27	28	29	Mar 1