



Walkaway Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter #18 27th November 2018

NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

27th Talent Show 9am

27th Thank you Morning Tea
10am

28th P & C Meeting 7pm

30th JWC Band @ 11.10 in
the Hall

DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

6th End of Year Concert
& Graduation 9.00 am

6th School Council 11.15am

13th Last Day of Term Four



The Ambassadors will be
selling icy poles at lunchtime

When: Every Wednesday

Where: Lunch area

Cost: 50c each

Dear Parents and families,

I can't believe we are already at the time of the year where we reflect on the year that has gone and look forward to the celebration event, our end of year concert and graduation. Please read the notes from your teachers either in this newsletter or as separate notes with all the information regarding end of year procedures and celebrations. I look forward to seeing you at our concert.

SCHOOL SURVEY

So far we have had 15 respondents to our survey. Please, please, please take the time to click on the link below to provide your feedback. It provides us with an invaluable source of information for both our reflections and planning.

[School Opinion Survey](#)

Closing date for the survey is **Tuesday 4th December.**

I do apologise for not having the open ended feedback questions on the survey. I have included them in this newsletter at the top of page 3. If you would like to provide further feedback you can either write on the form on the following page and have your child place it in the box on the blue trolley outside the office (anonymous) or you can email your feedback to me at Megan.Barrett@education.wa.edu.au

Once again, I encourage you to provide us with your feedback and reflections.

NCVISSA CARNIVAL

More feedback required:

Last week we participated in the NCVISSA Summer Carnival as a trial for 2018. Once again, our students did us proud and we had amazing support from our families. I appreciate you all taking the time out from such a busy time of the year to come along and show your support. If you would like us to be a part of the summer carnival again in 2019, please email or message me or leave your feedback at the office.

Brightpath Narrative Teacher's Ruler



REPORTS

Our staff have been very busy working on their reports, celebrating your child's progress and achievements for 2018. I just wanted to take this opportunity to explain some of the terms or programs we have introduced this year that you may see reflected in your child's report.

BRIGHTPATH

The ruler you see on the left is the Brightpath Narrative ruler. This year we have started placing our Year 1-6 students on the ruler in Narrative and Persuasive writing. This allows us to identify individual students teaching points to help them progress and to monitor their developments over the year.

PM BENCHMARKS

To complement the Springboards into Comprehension program we implemented this year, we purchased PM Benchmarks which allows us to identify each students reading level and comprehension understandings and to track their development over the year. You may have some comments in your child's report regarding their current level of achievement and specific comments about the different levels of comprehension this assessment identifies; literal, inferential and applied knowledge. We have a number of students in our top two rooms who read at Level 30 (highest level). These students are focusing on ensuring they are successful with all levels of comprehension across the varying text types.

PAT MATHS—COMING IN 2019

Next year, we will also be able to provide you further information on your child's maths achievement and individual focus areas for development.

Please make an appointment with your child/ren's teacher if you would like to discuss anything further.

THANK YOU MRS COBLEY

I just want to recognise the amazing contribution to our school by Mrs Elizabeth Cobley. Mrs Cobley has been a part of the staff for 40 years. Thank you everyone for keeping our secret so we could surprise Mrs Cobley with her presentation of a small gift recognising this achievement at this morning's Talent Show Assembly.

Kind regards

Megan Barrett

Principal

www.brightpath.com.au



SURVEY FEEDBACK

Please complete and return to the office, to the box outside the office or email me:

Things I like about this school:

Things I would like to improve

Christmas activities are in full swing now, alongside our usual learning tasks. I hope all the end of year information notes made it home. If you didn't get one, please let me know.

R

Concert practice heats up this week. Tomorrow will be the last day for library borrowing and then all books need to be returned by next Wednesday and library bags will be sent home. Reading ends for Pre Primaries at the end of this week. Black folders and soap boxes will come home.

O

On party day, children can wear free dress. They don't have to wear blue shirts. Things will start coming home gradually from now on.

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We have had a big change around in the room. We are trialing the layout for next year. The children are loving it!

M

It's good to see most children have recovered from all the nasty bugs that were going around and are well enough to come back to school.

G

Parent help ended yesterday. THANK YOU for your help this year. You all help in many different ways and it is greatly appreciated by us all in Room 6.

Not long to go now, so we are looking forward to a very happy end to the year.

Mrs C.



Cute quote: "I saw a gemormous snake!"

The end of the school year is fast approaching and in room one we are putting a major effort into finishing off all our 'serious' work. We posted our letters to Santa down at the Walkaway shop. The class Christmas tree goes up on Friday and we will be doing lots of Christmas related work after that. The Tooth Fairy hasn't had to outlay as much money this year compared to previous years despite the spike that followed Easter, however there are a couple of students who really do need their two front teeth for Christmas.

Room One End of Year Information

Christmas Concert

R

This year we are singing 'What a Wonderful World' and the students from room one can come to our morning concert dressed in something Christmassy that will make them feel wonderful! The song's lyrics include references to all the colours of the rainbow, red roses, blue skies and green trees. Students might like to bring their uniforms to change into after the concert so their good clothes don't get dirty or spoilt when they are out in the playground.

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Party

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The end of the year class party will be on Wednesday 12th December, the second last day of the school year. Food and drink will be provided but you are welcome to send in some party food if you would like. Students do not need to bring in any lunch but they will still need to bring their 'crunch and munch' and recess. Party or casual clothes will be the order of the day and they won't need homework bags or diaries.

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Practical Stuff

Home Reading will end on Friday 7th December and all library books should be returned by the same date.

Spelling lists will not be coming home after week eight.

Could parents and guardians please send in a shopping bag before the final week of school so the student's files and work can be packed into them.

Bigger and stronger family members are encouraged to drop in and collect the bags sometime in the final week to save students having to lug them home on the bus.

Ms Harman



Well here we are!! On the down hill run. Only three more weeks left at Walkaway Primary for our Year Six students. It didn't seem long ago I was saying to them that there were forty weeks of primary school left for them! They have all completed their orientation process, and by all accounts are looking forward to 2019, as high school students.

A reminder that the Concert and Graduation commences at **9:00am** next **Thursday 6th December**. There will be some reserved seating at the front for the parents of our Year Six students. Unfortunately we do not have the room for the whole family.

I am looking for a couple of Christmas Trees that we could borrow for the concert next week, for staging. The type I would like are the ones that grow on the sides of the road.

I only need to borrow two.



• **The ones pictured in this picture.**

- Room Four students are asked to wear a **plain** red, white or green shirt/top, casual bottoms and shoes for the Christmas Concert. PLEASE no motifs/ wording/ images on the shirts. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

• **Class Party** – MONDAY 10th December. 12:15pm. Healthy options – like we had last year.

- **Clean up day** – TUESDAY 11th December. Please wear old work clothes / bathers. Bring a change of clothes in case and a towel.

- THURSDAY 13TH December – Year Six students may bring a **school shirt to be signed** by staff and students.

I will start to send workbooks home at the end of week 9. We are still doing school work though.

Thank you once again for your support and consideration this year. If I don't speak to you before the end of the year I wish you all a safe and happy Festive Season.

Mr Clune



This year is speeding on by. We are getting ready for the Christmas concert and it will be time to break out the glitter soon. We are planning to have our class party on Tuesday 11 December. I will send out a note about what to wear for the concert and the party this week.

R

In Science this week we used models of landscapes to see the effects of wind, water and ice (glaciers) and how these elements contribute to weathering and erosion.

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In Maths we are learning to solve problems with time by calculating duration and interpreting timetables. We will also be working with geometry using tangrams and the language of transformation (slides, flips and turns).

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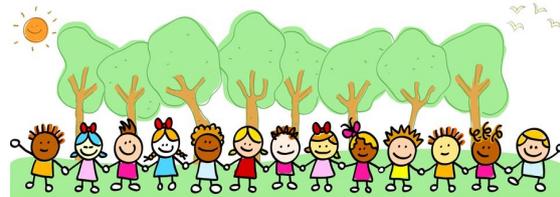
In reading we are looking at comprehension strategies of finding Bias and Prejudice and Identifying Detail. We have a book about Graffiti to recognise different points of view.

M

Many students are enjoying playing in the loose parts play area at the moment. Each time I observe students they have worked together to create some really interesting, cooperative games. Different ideas are emerging all the time. We have had horse yards, shops, campfires, cooking, chemistry and rope swings. The rope swings were designed for different age levels and heights to include the little kids. It's fantastic to see students being creative and cooperative.

Z

Regards Suzanne Heywood



Banking TOMORROW
28th November in Room 3
8.30am till 9am

Bendigo Bank
 Bigger than a bank

Enjoy the holidays without their requirements list hanging over your head. **Orders due: 16th December**

Shop now before free delivery ends and you could miss your child's requirements list back!

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WALKAWAY TENNIS CLUB ARE PROUD TO BE HOSTING THE

WALKAWAY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

WHEN : 15th DECEMBER 2018

WHERE: WALKAWAY REC CENTRE

SANTA AT APPROX 6PM

Parent please bring a gift for your child/children for Santa to give out with their name

FOLLOWED BY

OUR COMMUNITY DINNER

EVERYONE INVITED

\$8/HEAD

(INCLUDES ¼ OF CHICKEN, ROLL AND A BAG OF LOLLIES FOR THE KIDS FROM SANTA AND SHARED SALAD)

PLEASE BRING 1 SALAD PER FAMILY TO SHARE

WE HAVE A CLUB LICENCE SO SORRY, NO BYO

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN ORDER FORMS BY 11th DECEMBER FOR CATERING PURPOSE OR PH SHIREE 0427261502

Sponsored by

WALKAWAY STORE **Arthur Road Kennels**
Walkaway Tavern **MGB**

Merit Certificates

Term 4 Week 6 - No Merit Certificates due to NCVISSA Summer Carnival

Term 4 Week 7

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Room 6 - Chase Womersley, Felicity Bate

Room 1 - Caitlyn Naisbitt, Patrick Moses

Room 2 - Jasmine Reed, Mia Hicks, Izzy Cowcher

Room 4 - Jaden Roach, Anna Rogers, Anneli Hooper

Clean Classroom Award - Room 4

Zip Award - Room 2

Ambassadors Award - Shya-Lee Geary

Faction Prizes

Room 6 - Cooper Tilka, Mikayla Cole

Room 1 - Jocelyn Cole, Angeline Bouwer

Room 2 - Finn Preston, Allira Roach

Room 4 - Anna Rogers, Jannes Beisser



Faction Points

Red - 159/3090

Purple - 186/3223

Graduation & End Of Year Concert

Thursday 6th December @ 9am

~ School Undercover area ~

Reserved seating is provided for parents of Year 6 graduates and Award presenters.

Please BYO chairs and two plates of morning tea to share.



Tea and Coffee will be provided

Look forward to seeing you there.

UNIFORM ORDERS FOR 2019

Uniform orders are due back at school or to me by Monday 10th December. This will ensure you have them by the start of next year. I am filling orders with stock on hand so if you pay now you can collect as soon as I have your order ready.



Head Lice have been found in the hair of students.

Could **ALL** parents please check **ALL** their children's hair and treat if lice are found.

Eggs must all be physically removed from the hair in addition to the treatment.

The whole family needs to be treated if anyone in your household has head lice.

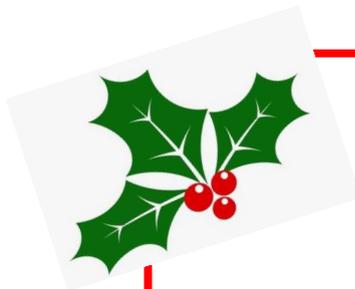
Please also check thoroughly and re-treat the hair at 7-10 day intervals for a further

2-3 weeks.

You can find useful tips and information on the following website

www.public.health.wa.gov.au

Search: Head Lice




**KEEP
CALM
BECAUSE
THE END
IS NEAR**