



Walkaway Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter #4 27th March 2019

MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

25th-29th Pre-Primary
Swimming Lessons

27th School Banking
P&C Meeting 7pm

29th Ambassador's
Assembly

APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Room 4 Assembly &
Open Day

5th NCVISSA Swimming
Carnival

12th Anzac Ceremony 9am

12th End Of Term One

30th Students first day of
Term 2



You are invited to join us
Friday 12th April
At 9am
For our ANZAC Service.
Students please wear your school uniform
(not faction shirts)

Dear Parents and families,

Thank you for all making Norah feel so welcome in her time here as Principal while I was on long service leave. I had an enjoyable and restful break and am happy to be back.

BUS NOTIFICATIONS

One of the benefits of having another Principal step into your role is that they look at things with a new and fresh perspective and bring with them ideas and experiences from their previous school settings. We will be adding a bus checklist to our afternoon processes as an important safety precaution. **If your child is on the bus run and either has definite days they are not on the bus or are just not going to be on it for one day, please notify the school AND your relevant bus driver, Anne or Diane.**

Ongoing absences from the bus runs, can be covered in one notification eg Tennis day Monday Term 1.

Clear communication is vital to ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing.

AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATIONS

In the previous newsletter, I said we would have our Ambassador presentations at the assembly next Wednesday, 3rd April. Unfortunately, we are unable to do this on the assembly day as some students have PEAC. We will hold our Ambassador's Assembly this Friday, 29th March at 9am and you are most welcome to attend. Parents of our Ambassadors are invited to stay for a morning tea and a meeting regarding planning of the activities this year.

NAPLAN ONLINE

We are in the process of preparing for NAPLAN Online. For parents of students in Year 3 and 5, there is a brochure coming with this newsletter to explain further. Testing begins 14th May in Term 2.

Kind regards
Megan Barrett, Principal



This will be a tiring week for our Copy Cats. Swimming is in full swing and not much else fits into our day. Thank you very much parents for having everything organised. It makes life much easier for the children. They have behaved beautifully at the pool.

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The Kitty Cats have been having fun with Mrs Austin while we are at swimming and have been very good dealing with the change.

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There will be NO reading this week. Next week will see the start of soapboxes coming home to brush up on sounds and words.

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Lots of people are forgetting their Library books. Just a reminder Library day is WEDNESDAY.

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Thank you to the bus drivers and parent helpers at the pool. We appreciate your help very much.

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Looking forward to seeing you all at assembly and Open Day next Wednesday when the Kindies will receive their welcome certificates.

Mrs C

Cute quotes: "My Grandad has crunches because he broke his leg!"
"I have real, live nail polish on. It's not pretend!"



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- Week eight and Easter and the holidays are almost here.

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- The tooth graph shows a sudden spike in the number of teeth that have been lost this month. The Tooth Fairy must be very concerned by this trend as the busy post Easter season may send her broke.

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- Good news is 'On Entry' testing has finally finished!
- We will be practicing our soccer skills in fitness until the end of term as it is proving to be very popular with many Room One students. We are working on the contact between the foot and the ball rather than the body contact with other players. Hopefully we will discover some budding Samantha Kerrs and Tim Cahills.

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- We have been doing a lot of work in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy.

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- While making digital books in Science on the subject of water we have also learned a great deal about digital technologies.



In guided reading we are covering sequencing as a comprehension strategy.

This means thinking about the order that things happen. We need to look for signal words such as first, next, then, before, finally and after in order to figure it out.

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In our shared text there was a really tricky part around before. There were actually three things happening before and we really had to think about it.

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In Maths we are measuring area and perimeter at the moment. The students made a square metre out of newspaper and we found we could easily fit the whole class in a square metre.

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Last week in Science we conducted an experiment to see if the size of the pieces affected the time it took to melt some chocolate in the sun. We found recording observations every minute a very hectic activity. The shape of the chocolate did not change much when melted so some of our chocolate frogs had melted when students thought they were still solid. We made some adjustments and repeated the experiment. Everyone enjoyed the clean-up.

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We are in still need of a few materials for our Rubber Band Powered Car. If you have any of these they would be very useful:

- Pairs of soft drink bottle lids
- Plastic water bottles
- Old CDs
- Small wood offcuts
- Polystyrene pieces



Regards Ms Heywood

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This term is flying by! I can't believe that there's only 3 weeks to go. A reminder of the upcoming events:

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- Our class assembly and Open Day – students to wear school uniform.
- Year 6 Leavers shirt in in process of being organised. I will require sizing for your child.
- There will be a Homework Contract handed out next week. Due 12th April.
- Thank you to those students who have completed the current contract.
- Mrs Foale will be in our classroom on Fridays assisting us.
- Science – Electrifying.
- Maths Rotational symmetry and “types of numbers”. Work on multiplication.
- Thanks Miss Smith for our wonderful excursion to the Greenough Museum and the beach walk. A very informative and educational learning experience for us all.

Thank you for your support with your child's education.
Mr Clune



Hi Everyone,

It's that time of year again, 22 days till bounce down and less than 200 days till the Eagles bag their first ever back to back flag.

It's a \$30 entry fee again with half going to the end of year prizes and the other half to the P&C. The last two years have seen us get new Footy and Netball uniforms for the school so it'll be great to add to that.

Please share the link with family and friends as the more members, the bigger the prize pool.

https://www.footytips.com.au/compswalkaway_primary_school1



P&C Meeting

TONIGHT @ 7pm in Room 3

Crèche available if required

Contact Shiree, P&C President ASAP on 0427 261 502

Hope to see you there!



UNIFORMS

If anyone wants to order a black school jumper, in time for the cooler weather next term, please let me know, as I will be putting in an order soon!

There will be a uniform stall during the Open-Day next Wednesday 3rd April, with 2nd hand uniforms available for a gold coin donation, and also some shorts and skorts at a reduced price.

Come and grab yourself a bargain before you miss out!

Katherine Ward 0427 276 022



The Walkaway Primary School P&C is looking for empty jars for the decorations for our Mother's Day Morning Tea.

The size of the jars should be between jam size jar and coffee size jar (~300 mL to 600 mL).

It would be great if you could drop the jars either at the Walkaway Post Office or at the office of the Walkaway Primary School.

THANK YOU!



8-12
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Free school holiday workshop

3-day workshop where kids will have lots of fun learning about friendships.

- Top tips for making friends
- Easter activities and team building games
- Excursion to the movies

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| Dates | Tuesday 16 to Thursday 18 April |
| Time | 9.30am - 2.30pm Lunch and snacks provided |
| Location | HelpingMinds Office 180 Durlacher St, Geraldton |

Register online helpingminds.org.au/school-holidays

For more information contact us on 9427 7100 or info@helpingminds.org.au

Program for children who have emotional difficulties or are at risk of developing a mental health challenge



helpingminds.org.au



Voluntary Contributions 2019

\$50 per child

A reminder that school fees are now due.

Thank you to those families who have already paid.

Please make every effort to pay these as soon as possible.

Payment may be made by EFT, see below for details.

Please use your family name and reason as reference.

BSB 016 650

Acct No. 340943005

Acct Name: Walkaway Primary School

Bank: ANZ Geraldton

Thank you.



Looking for something different for your kids to get into this year?

SCOUTS- WOORREE Group – MORRIS STREET BLUFF POINT.

Scouting is for both Boys and Girls. Come along for three weeks trial to check it out before joining up.

Joeys 6-7yrs. Wednesdays 4.00pm-5.15pm.

Cubs 8-10yrs. Tuesdays 4.30pm-5.50pm

Scouts 11-14yrs. Tuesdays 5.30pm-7.30pm.

Venturers 15-18yrs. Mondays 6.00pm – 8.00pm



Contact Group Leader /Lorraine Bowen 0438909446 or email: gl.woorree@scoutswa.com.au

St John's/ Walkaway Hockey 2019

The following information is for those playing hockey this season.

Full field team

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| James Robinson | Oscar Weston | Cooper Pitman |
| Bruce Weston | Louis Pacheco | Spencer Lenane |
| Ruan Van Niekerk | Brendan Mccoll | Isaac Fairall |
| Angus Weston | Kai Weston | Ben Weston |

We are still looking for any Year 4, 5 or 6 students who are interested in playing in this team. Please see Mr Matthews ASAP if you are keen to play.

The team will be coached by Mark Weston with assistance from Debbie Robinson and Liz Fairall.

Training will take place on the turf each Tuesday between 4.15pm and 5.00pm recommencing on the 2nd April.

Fees are \$100 for the season and these need to be paid by the end of May.

Half Field Hockey

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| Lacey Egan | Lilah Beaver | Jaxson Monaghan |
| Chaney Jones | Amber O'Dwyer | Ella O'Brien |
| Indi Lenane | Ben Weston | Nate O'Brien |

The team will be coached by Hayley McGlynn

Training will take place on Saturday mornings at 10.45am prior to the games at 11.30am.

Players will be notified when training is due to start.

Fees are \$70 for the season and these need to be paid by the end of May.

As the coaches are giving up their time to coach the teams, it is important that all players are reliable. This means that all players need to be at training and all players need to be at games, so that they are not letting their team mates down.





BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN...

Walkaway P & C
Mothers Day
Morning Tea

Friday 10th May 2019

Walkaway Rec Centre

Doors Open 9.30am

Entry: \$10

Enjoy browsing the Stalls & Raffles
While enjoying the Entertainment &
A complimentary selection of morning tea.

For group bookings of 6 or more please call

Narrelle 0417839651

Term 1 2019 Term Planner Updated 27/3/19

| WK | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
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| 1 | Feb 4 First day for Students | 5 | 6 Swimming 1-6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 2 | 11 | 12 School Board Mtg 2.30-3.30 | 13 School Banking Swimming 1-6 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 3 | 18 Swimming 1-6 | 19 Class Meetings | 20 Swimming 1-6 | 21 | 22 P&C AGM 9am P&C General Meeting 10am Welcome BBQ 6-8pm | 23 | 24 |
| 4 | 25 Swimming 1-6 | 26 | 27 School Banking | 28 | March 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 5 | 4 Labour Day Holiday | 5 | 6 Swim Off | 7 Leadership Camp | 8 Leadership Camp | 9 | 10 |
| 6 | 11 | 12 Food Sensations Incursion | 13 Swimming Training School Banking | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 7 | 18 | 19 | 20 Swimming Training | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 8 | 25 PP Swimming | 26 PP Swimming | 27 P&C Meeting 7pm Swimming Training School Banking PP Swimming | 28 School Board Mtg 2.30-3.30 PP Swimming | 29 Ambassador's Assembly 9am PP Swimming | 30 | 31 |
| 9 | April 1 | 2 | 3 Room 4 Assembly & Open Day | 4 | 5 NCVISSA Swimming Carnival | 6 | 7 |
| 10 | 8 | 9 | 10 School Banking | 11 | 12 Anzac Service 9am | 13 | 14 |

EASTER: Good Friday – 19th April, Easter Monday – 22nd April,
 ANZAC: Thursday – 25th April