NEWSLETTER

19TH NOVEMBER 2026

WHAT'S COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

TUE 24TH, Kindergarten Orientation
THU 26TH, Orientation

27TH NCVISSA SUMMER CARNIVAL

WHAT'S COMING UP IN DECEMBER

TUE 1ST Kindergarten Orientation
THU 3RD Orientation

YEAR 6 GRADUATION & END OF YEAR CONCERT
THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER
9AM START

17TH END OF TERM 4

Office Hours 2027

27TH JAN 8–4PM
28TH JAN 8–4PM
29TH JAN 8–4PM

NEW SCHOOL Year

STUDENTS START 1ST FEB 27

As the school year marches on, we look forward to several events to finish this school year and plan for next year. The highlight of which being our End of Year Presentation on Thursday 10 November at 9am. I look forward to seeing so many members of our school community.

Recent events have been; grandparents afternoon tea with approximately 60 in attendance, Walkaway Primary Cup, and whole school History excursion to Chapman Valley museum. All successful events that add value to our wonderful little school.

In planning for next year we are looking at maintaining our multi-age classroom structures with Ms Rowe K/P, Mrs Griechen Y1/2, Ms Heywood Y3/4 and Mr Buckner Y5/6, supplement by our wonderful specialist in Ms Hogue, Ms Smith, Mrs Milnes, Mrs Chapman & Mr Clune.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2027

There will be 7 school development days in 2027. There are 3 mandated dates, at the start and end of the year.

- Thursday 28 January 2027, Friday 29 January 2027 & Friday 17 December 2027

There are 4 flexible days that have been scheduled in consultation with staff and school board.

- Beginning of Term 2 - Tuesday 27 April (Monday Public Holiday for ANZAC Day)
- Mid Term 2—Friday 4 Jun (Prior to WA Day Public Holiday on 7 June)
- Beginning of Term 3—Monday 19 July
- Beginning of Term 4 – Monday 11 October

School development days are staff work days but pupil free days.



Compass Education AU is our primary source to share pertinent timely information to parents and families, in particular, we share our school calendar, event information and permission, and general communications through the news feed. Parents can also use Compass to monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness.

When we send out notices we select the setting Notification or otherwise email. If you have the Compass app then a notification should come through the app (please check you notification settings within your phone). If Compass recognises no app then and email will be sent.

We are mindful of not trying to inundate you with posts or notices but trying to find a balance of information to you.

Search: A guide for parents & families | Compass Education AU, for more information.

Contact the school for support too!



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WALKAWAY PLAYGROUP



Playgroup runs every Wednesday from 9:00–11:00am in the Kindy area at the school. It's a relaxed and friendly space for children to play, explore and connect, while parents and carers can enjoy a chat. New families are always welcome. Come along and join us!

We look forward to another great term of play, laughter and connection.

WANT TO KNOW MORE? CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK GROUP - WALKAWAY PLAYGROUP





PROUD MEMBER OF Playgroup WA







BUSHFIRE RESPONSE PLANNING

Pre-emptive (Planned) Closure

Walkaway Primary School has been placed on the Department of Education bushfire zone register as it is located in a designated bushfire risk area. If a fire behaviour index of 75 (extreme fire danger) or greater is forecast for the Midwest region, a school may be required to invoke a pre-emptive (planned) closure.

Parents and carers will receive a text message to inform them of a possible pre-emptive closure of the school.

The final decision to pre-emptively close the school will be confirmed with the principal no later than 4:30 pm on the day before the pre-emptive closure. Parents and carers will receive a text message to either confirm or cancel pre-emptive closure of the school. If the forecast changes after the 4:30 pm deadline, the school remains closed.

Parents and carers will receive a text message to advise if the school will reopen the day after the pre-emptive closure, or whether it will remain closed.



BUSHFIRE RESPONSE – In the event of a bushfire

The school has a Bushfire plan and a designated 'safer building' building, being the Staff Room (Room 3). The 'safer building' has ember screens on large windows, access to toilets, water and supplies.

Emergency services communications regarding bushfire warning stages – Advice, Watch and Act, Emergency – will triggers school responses to an incident. Throughout which, SMS communication direct to parent phones will occur.



ADVICE – A fire is active but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes. Be aware and keep up to date. This is still business as usually in terms of teaching and learning however, the site will be monitored for bushfire activity (such as ember attack). If situation appears likely to escalate this may trigger a request to collect your child.

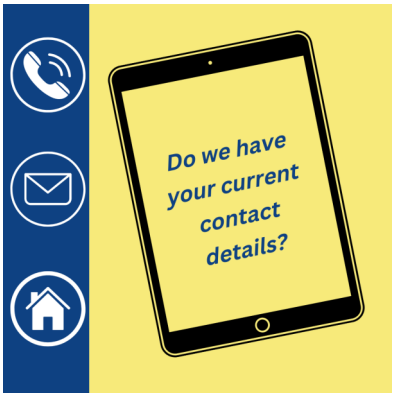


WATCH & ACT – Threat is a possible threat to lives and homes. Take action now to protect yourself and others. Students, staff and visitors will be moved to school's 'safer building location'. Preparations to evacuate will be undertaken, however evacuation orders are issued by the incident controller or Emergency Services. The school has two designated offsite relocation points being the Rec Centre and Public Hall. SMS for pick up evacuation or school relocation will be communicated.



EMERGENCY – There is a threat to lives and homes. You are in danger and need to take immediate action. We will be advised whether staff, students and visitors can leave or if we must shelter in place as the fire burns through the area. Factors such as the location of active fire zones and risk to parents travelling through fire zones are an important consideration and may prohibit students from being collected.

Please see DFES site for your own bushfire and emergency plans for your family.



UPDATED DETAILS

Please ensure that the school has current and updated personal details, for in this case mobile numbers for SMS but also for our school communication through Compass.
In accordance with Section 17 of the School Education Act, parents are also required to update residential details with the school when the has been a change.

Term 4 2026 Planner

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
6	Nov 16	17	18	19)	20	21	22
7	23	24 	25	26 	27  NCVISSA Summer Carnival	28	29
8	30	Dec 1 	2	3 	4	5	6
9	7	8	9	10  End Of Year Concert & Graduation 9am	11	12	13
10	14	15	16	17  **END OF TERM 4**	18 **School Development Day**	19	20

Term 1 2027 Planner

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
0	Jan 25	26 **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**	27 Office Open	28	29	30	31
1	Feb 1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	22 	23 Swimming Lessons 9:30am 2 lessons PP—Yr 6	24	25	26	27	28
5	Mar 1 **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**	2	3	4	5	6	7

Walkaway Christmas Long Table

SAT. 12 DEC.

AT 5:00 PM

WALKAWAY PUBLIC HALL

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Guess what's making a comeback? Our annual Walkaway Community Dinner! The Walkaway Community Group, Tennis, P&C and CWA are rolling out the red carpet for a festive bash, celebrating friendship and holiday cheer with both familiar faces and new pals!

Join us at 6 PM for a feast featuring the legendary 1/4 chicken for $10 alongside your famous shared salads and desserts.

Friendly reminder: Leave your drinks at home, as there'll be an on-site bar ready to quench your thirst, and yes, they take EFTPOS!

In conjunction with the traditional Christmas tree event, there will be an opportunity for children to meet Santa at 5_30 PM. We kindly request that participants bring a gift for the children attending.

Please RSVP by December 8th 2026, using the order form to walkawaycommunitygroup@outlook.com or the Walkaway Store or phone 0427261502

Payment can be made to : Walkaway Community Group

Banking Details : BSB 633 000 Account 221 0442 948

Please Use Name as Ref

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF 1/4 CHICKENS _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE.

I CAN BRING A SALAD OR A SWEET TREAT TO SHARE.