



# Walkaway Primary School Newsletter

**Newsletter #6 8th May 2019**

## **MAY UPCOMING EVENTS**

10th Mother's Day  
Morning Tea

13th & 14th  
Creator Kids - Rm 4

13th Creator Kids Parent  
Info Night 7—9pm

13th — 17th Book Fair

22nd Room 1 Assembly  
9am

22nd P&C Meeting 1pm

23rd School Council  
Meeting 2.30pm

## **JUNE UPCOMING EVENTS**

3rd WA Day

19th Possum Magic K/P  
Excursion 11.30am

20th School Council  
Meeting 2.30pm

26th Room 6 Assembly  
9am

28th NCVISSA Winter  
Carnival

Dear Parents and families,

Term 2 is well underway with some exciting opportunities for students and families which include Creator Kids Incursions and a parent night (see below), author incursion, Skillz Workshops (Rooms 2 and 4), Sounds Write parent information session (will be either June or early July) and our lucky K/P's are off to the QPT to see Possum Magic (other classes are going to Revolting Rhymes in Term 3). We also have a NCVISSA Winter Carnival which we have already started preparing for.

### PLAYGROUND

A huge thank you to Poppy Curtin, Julz and Richard Hamersley for the work they completed on the holidays for our playground. The kids have loved it as you can see from the photos. Poppy Curtin and Julz have continued their hard work into the term, with many new developments as we go. The tracks that Aaron and Keira painted last term have also been completed and make an excellent car area in the Room 6 playground.



## NAPLAN

Next week is the beginning of the NAPLAN assessments.

‘Every child needs numeracy and literacy skills to get a well-rounded education. Literacy and numeracy are the universal building blocks that provide the foundation skills children will need as they progress through school and beyond. NAPLAN is an important tool for you and your child’s teachers to see how your child is going in meeting important literacy and numeracy standards.

NAPLAN doesn’t test everything that happens in classrooms and it isn’t intended to. It does look at the critically important skills of literacy and numeracy - the skills our children will need for any career path they eventually choose to take.

After your child has taken NAPLAN, you will receive information on how he or she is progressing in literacy and numeracy, and how this compares with other students at your child’s school and across Australia.

NAPLAN doesn’t replace regular in-class assessments, but it is the only national assessment Australian children undertake. It allows for achievement to be celebrated, and – equally importantly – helps identify areas where more support may be needed to help individual students reach their full potential.

No extra preparation is required for NAPLAN. What children learn in the classroom through the teaching of the Australian Curriculum is what NAPLAN assesses.

As with any test in life, some students may feel anxious about NAPLAN. In these cases, it’s up to the adults in students’ lives to help explain what NAPLAN is all about and keep it in perspective. Remind your child that it’s not a big deal, that it’s a short assessment taken only four times during their schooling. ‘

(Taken from parent letter written by, **Robert Randall Chief Executive Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority** )

Our schedule of assessment is below, which allows for catch up days in between:

	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 3		Writing		Reading	
Year 5			Writing	Reading	

	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 3	Conventions of Language		Numeracy		
Year 5	Conventions of Language		Numeracy		

## HELPING MINDS SKILLZ WORKSHOPS

As a part of their health program, **Rooms 2 and 4** students have the opportunity to be a part of a 6 week program, starting Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May run by Helping Minds which will help them build:

1. An awareness of self and family
2. The ability to understand and express feelings, plus apply healthy coping strategies
3. Recognise own strengths, building self-worth and can build others up
4. Increase knowledge around own physical and emotional well-being

**Please return the consent form which will be handed out today.**



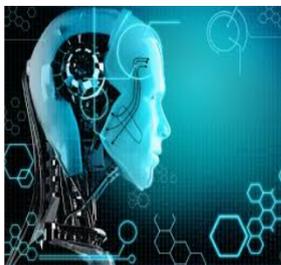
## CREATOR KIDS INCURSION

This incursion is for Room 4 on Monday and Tuesday next week. The Creator Kids Incursion allows for the students to *'demonstrate and practice problem solving, creativity, computational, design, system and critical thinking in a collaborative, hands-on, motivating and supportive environment to develop the vital skills for the future.'* This is an exciting opportunity for the students and I look forward to seeing the outcome of them solving a 'real world' problem. The parent night is open for **all** parents and I encourage you to come along to take part and learn about preparing our students for their future. Please let me know by this Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May if you are able to attend by calling the office 99261008 or emailing me on [Megan.Barret@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Megan.Barret@education.wa.edu.au).



## A Parent Night to Remember

- \*\* Up to 50% of today's jobs will not exist within 10 years!**
  - \*\* 40% of jobs within 10 years will require high level digital technology skills!**
  - \*\* 3 out of every 10 cars on Australian roads within 10 years will be autonomous!**
- Find out how to best prepare yourself and your kids for this rapidly changing future...*
- This is also a great chance to find out more about the Creator Kids program kids in the school are participating in and why the focus on entrepreneurship, problem solving and critical thinking in education is vital to your child's future.*



Parents are invited to this two hour workshop delivered by Brad Howard – Manager of Practical PD. Brad Howard is a passionate educator who has witnessed other education systems internationally, managed state and national companies, owned and operated his own businesses, created flexible rapid growth businesses and was once an Assistant Principal in the WA education system. Brad strives to make his presentations interactive, thought provoking and an expression of his passion for great education.

*This night allows parents an opportunity to look closely at the future and the impacts of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Robots, job replacement and globalisation. Brad's talk promises to be thought provoking, mindset changing, collaborative, interactive and motivating. Don't miss this opportunity to get a glimpse of the future and how to prepare you and your children for the reality of change!*

**Where: Walkaway Primary School**

**When: Monday 13th May 2019**

**Time: 7pm – 9pm**



Kind regards, Megan Barrett, Principal

Welcome back to Term 2. Sounds like everyone enjoyed their holiday!

Our theme this term is Growing/Needs and Wants. We hope to get our garden bed planted as soon as the soil goes in.

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The new parent help roster is up for those who would like to put their name down.

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There are some minor changes to my time table this term. News day for all Pre Primary children will now be on THURSDAY not Friday.

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Friendly Kindy reminder ~ if you haven't returned the school health nurse form sent home last term, could I please have it by the end of this week?

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Thank you Miss Smith and Miss Johnson for looking after Room 6 on Friday and to Mr Clune for preparing us to sing at the morning tea this week.

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I hope all our Mums have a wonderful day on Sunday. Happy Mothers Day!  
Mrs C

Cute Quotes: "My shoe is falling apart. It's gone rusty!"

Why is your Mum so special? "Because she makes my heart beep!"



Welcome back to Term 2. Already this term is filling up with activities for our class. All of the members of the classroom have made a positive start to the new term, working very hard on consolidating skills and building new ones.

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- Creative Kids work shop next Monday and Tuesday.

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- Parent information night Monday

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- Leavers' shirts ordered \$53.50 per shirt

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- Homework Contract to go out **next** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

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- Persuasive Writing – revising format

- Fractions

- "Check In" discussions each morning as to how we are feeling.

Discussions on getting into the Green Zone. If there have been any changes at home please inform me as I can monitor student's approach to learning.

- NAPALN testing starting next week

- Reading Comprehension skill – Compare and Contrast

Mr Clune



Off to a great start for term two, we're all busy, busy, busy in room one.

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- We have been practicing singing with Mr Clune in preparation for the event of the year, The Mother's Day Morning Tea. We have also produced some stunning pieces of art to help decorate the hall.

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- This week we will be working on our Mother's Day gifts and cards. Be prepared to be surprised!

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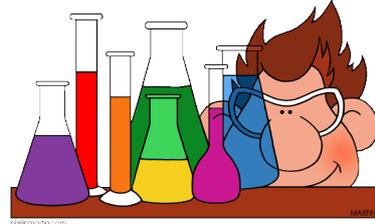
- In between all our Mother's Day activities we have been doing lots of spelling, reading, writing and Mathematics.

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- We are really looking forward to Science this term because it is Chemistry which is always exciting and always messy.

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Ms Harman



I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday. We are hearing stories of some great camping adventures, circuses and other exciting activities over the break.

We have been focusing on Mother's Day Morning Tea activities a lot this week. We have had a couple of practices for our singing which is sounding great. It is always lots of fun with Mr Clune's amazing musical skills and his great sense of humour.

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- Thank you very much all those shy Mums who sent in their photos via email. We are working really hard to get our masterpieces finished for hanging up in the hall.

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- We are also working on Naplan Preparation for our Year 3s. We are discussing how we feel about sitting tests, what they are for, what we can do if we are feeling anxious. We have had a look at the types of questions that might be asked and practiced doing a few tests so that students know what to expect and

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- how to manage their time. We have talked about making sure you read all the answers in multiple choice before choosing one, how to find the answers you know are wrong, how to check between the correct and nearly correct answer. We also tried marking and coming back to a question that we are stuck on and using ones we do know to boost our confidence. Most importantly we have discussed that they will be loved and valued no matter what results they achieve.

M

- In maths we are working on money and how to calculate change to the nearest 5c. We worked as a team to estimate and then count a large collection of coins similar to what might be collected from a P & C sausage sizzle.

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- Regards Suzie Heywood



## School Banking Dates for Term 2

8th May      22nd May

5th June     19th June

3rd July

Room 3 8.30am till 9am



## Saturday Netball

### Round 1

Walkaway vs Waggrakine 3 - 0  
Best Players: Reese & Adele

NSG Walkaway vs Mount Tarcoola 13-2  
Best Players: Caity & Mackenzie



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

It's on again!



Collection boxes are in  
the office and the  
Walkaway Store.

## IMPORTANT

Please send your child/ren in  
their yellow and blue t-shirts  
this FRIDAY

We will be performing at the  
Mothers Day Morning Tea



Note book Bags for sale

\$10 each

If interested , please call into the  
office as limited numbers are  
available

## St John's/ Walkaway Hockey 2019

St John's/Walkaway defeated Leaning Tree 2 - 0.

Fixtures for Saturday, 11th May

Full Field St John's/Walkaway	vs	SFX Gold	10.30am	Turf
Half Field St John's/Walkaway	vs	Tarcoola	11.30am	Grass 3

The Half Field team will train on the grass from 10.45am



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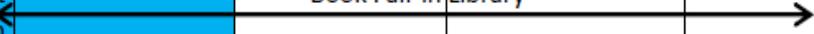
**Date** 14th—17th May      **Time** Before & After School

**Place** Library      Recess & Lunchtime

**EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL**

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## Term 2 2019 Term Planner – Updated 7/5/19

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	April 29 School Development Day	30  First day for students	May 1	2	3	4	5
2	6	7	8	9	10 Mother's Day Morning Tea	11	12
3	13 Creator Kids - Room 4 Creator Kids Parent Info Night 7-9pm	14 Creator Kids – Room 4	15	16	17	18	19
Book Fair in Library 							
4	20	21	22 Room 1 Assembly 9am P&C Meeting 1pm	23 School Board Mtg 2.30-3.30	24	25	26
5	27	28	29	30	31	June 1	2
6	3 Western Australia Day	4	5	6	7	8	9
7	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8	17	18	19 Possum Magic K/P 11:30	20 School Board Mtg 2.30-3.30	21	22	23
9	24	25	26 Room 6 Assembly 9am P&C Meeting 7pm	27	28 NCVISSA Winter Carnival	29	30
10	July 1	2	3	4	5	6	7