



Walkaway Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter #17
13th November 2020

NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

19th SciTech Incursion

19th Basketball Clinic

20th NCVISSA Summer
Carnival

23rd School Board
Meeting

24th Kindy Orientation
Day 2 8.45 –11

DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

1st Basketball Clinic

3rd P&C Meeting 7pm

Icy poles 4 sale
Wednesdays
50c each



Dear Parents

Thank you to all families who voted on our proposed siren times for 2021 and beyond. Just in case you have missed this opportunity so far, I have extended the survey to Monday so please click on the link below and have your say:

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/QPbuu7Xe>

Results will be taken back to the staff and board. I will inform you of the outcome following these discussions.

NCVISSA

Next Friday, 20th November is our NCVISSA Summer Carnival in Northampton. Our Year 3-6 students are looking forward to the day. As always, we have a huge parent support group coming with us. I look forward to a positive day for all.

FAREWELL TO MRS COBLEY

To celebrate Mrs Cobley's 41 years of service to our school we will be having a picnic lunch with the students. Parents and community members are also welcome. Please bring/send a plate of food to share for the picnic and save the date—**Friday 4th December at 12:30.**

COLOUR RUN AND TALENT SHOW



On Wednesday **16th December** we will celebrate the end of 2020 with our talent show and colour run so get your white shirts ready. Please note, this year we will be adding water so the colour may not come out as easy as last year. Many thanks to the P&C for sponsoring our colour run.



KINDY TRANSITION

I loved meeting our new kindy students this week and am looking forward to our second day on Tuesday 24th.

Kind regards

Megan Barrett, Principal

School Board News

DRESS CODE POLICY

One of the roles of the School Board is to develop the school's dress code policy. This year, the board have been working hard to develop the draft school dress code policy which is attached to this newsletter.

Please remember this is in draft form. To help the board progress with this project we would like you to provide us with feedback. Please read the draft policy carefully and email any feedback to megan.barrett@education.wa.edu.au. All feedback will be taken to the next board meeting to be discussed.

Please have all feedback returned by Friday 20th November.

Thank you in advance.



Please also remember, you are welcome to join us at this and any of our Board meetings. We will have new positions available in 2021 so come along to this meeting if you would like to get to know our board and be a part of it.

We held our first orientation session for next year's Kindies on Tuesday. It was lovely to get to know them and we had fun doing a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. The Copy Cats were very helpful showing the Kindies the ropes. Thank you to Wil, Angus and Mia for being great big buddy helpers.

This week is NAIDOC week and we have engaged in a variety of activities to learn about the past and a different culture. We had a visit from Miss Tash and Mrs Haynes from Beachlands School who taught us some Aboriginal language. The Pre Primaries thoroughly enjoyed the session.

We also celebrated Remembrance Day on Wednesday. This is a hard concept for little people to grasp. We read books about the meaning of the day and made a poppy to take home.

Last week we made chocolate mousse because the Kindies were learning 'm' and this week for 'h' we made honey on toast. Yum!

We have been busy practicing our item for the concert. In the near future I will be sending home a note with all the end of year information on it. This includes what to wear for the concert, our class party, clean up and last dates for PP home reading and Library borrowing.

Next Thursday we have an incursion from Scitech which is always enjoyable.

We are half way through the term so Christmas activities will begin from now on! We will take everything down in our room and decorate it for Christmas. Lots of things will be coming home as we take them down.

Mrs C

Cute quotes – Kindies having individual turns to say the names of the days of the week “Monday, Tuesday, tomorrow!”

“Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, July!”



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"To remember the soldiers that have died" Nate



"Because they fought for us." Felicity



"Because they helped the land Australia." Chase



Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, we took some time to remember the people who served in the wars. We read a story called 'We Remember' and we created a flip book to learn about the significance of the 11th hour, the 11th day and the 11th month. We also found out why people wear a red poppy. Mrs Roberts

"Because it's the flower that grew in the fields in the war." Ry



"They gave up their lives to bring peace-so that we are safe" Mikayla



ORDER OPTIONS

1. ONLINE at <https://booklist.officebrands.com.au/paperplus> – online orders close 16.12.2020
 2. IN STORE Complete your stationery list and return with payment to Office National Geraldton, 70 Chapman Road until 22.12.2020. In-store shopping available until school starts. Note stock can only be guaranteed for in-store orders placed prior to 8th Dec 2020.
 3. Picking up your order – You have the option to pick your order in store once ready or select to pick from your school on the 27 January. Please advise us of your preferred option
- * Note that the school will not accept orders. Parents are requested to place orders directly with Office National.

All booklists are available on the website via the following link, click on information

<https://www.walkawayps.wa.edu.au/>

Book Lists for Next Year



Two weeks fly by so quickly and we are in Week 5 already. Everyone is working very hard in class. We have some students reaching excellent records of home reading. Well done to those who continue to read regularly at home.

In Maths we have been working on space and location. There is a lot of math vocabulary needed to describe position, give directions and find a location. Student have been drawing maps, interpreting scales and using grid coordinates and legends.

In Science we are exploring Geology. We are observing the properties of soil. Thank you to all students who brought in a soil sample. We have put them in a jar of water and shaken them. We have produced an annotated diagram describing the layers in the jar and we are discovering an increased vocabulary for the colour brown. We will let them settle and record what happens over time.



We desperately need some screw top jars for an upcoming experiment. If you have any empty jars at home, we need 3 jars per group (18 in total). So please eat up the vegemite and scrape out the honey jar and send them in.

Students really enjoyed our visit from Miss Tash and Sherylee last Friday. They taught us some Wajarri words and we practised speaking traditional greetings. This Week is NAIDOC week and we have been reading Aboriginal stories, and looking at inventions and navigation.

For Remembrance Day, we have researched the meaning and traditions connected to commemorating Remembrance Day.

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Regards Ms Heywood

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Week Five already! We are certainly on the downhill run now. In the short time we have many obligations and tasks to get through. It is a pressured time for all of us and we are aiming to get to the end in a positive and cooperative manner.

We have been covering our class novel "Mother and Daughter" by Sally Morgan. This ties in our school's celebration of NAIDOC Week. Last Friday we had an informative and interesting visit from Miss Tash and Mrs Haynes. We learnt the names of various animals and *Jambinu*. Miss Tash read us a story about Geraldton, and the surrounding placers and what people can do in Jambinu. Thank you Mrs Barrett for organising this visit for our school.

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The Weather Watch has been proving successful with the students and hopefully you have been catching them in GWN7 every Monday evening. We will be using this knowledge in the last few weeks to start a STEM activity of the "Role Weather plays in our lives at Walkaway." Hoping the students come home with some interesting and informative statements.

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During Maths we will be honing our skills on the Singapore Bar Method. We have mastered Understanding what it is we want to find out. Now we need to work on the Planning, Answering and Checking. This will present itself in the many facets of maths we are revising and covering in the last few weeks of term.

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In Science we are covering the topic of MATTER. This week we looked at some interesting substances and made a decision on to what type of matter they belong to. We will further investigate this topic throughout the term.

A reminder that for the Christmas Concert students are to wear a PLAIN white, red or green shirt. Year 6 graduating students are to wear their Leavers Shirts for their GRADUATION. I will be sending home a set of questions that the students can answer in the speeches this year, similar to last year.

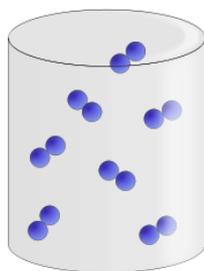
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Our class party is on MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER. It will be held at 12:15 pm. All students are asked to bring a plate of food to share. We encourage healthy options for this day.

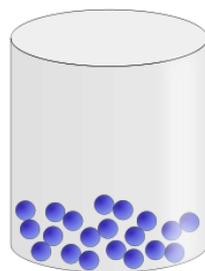
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Urda

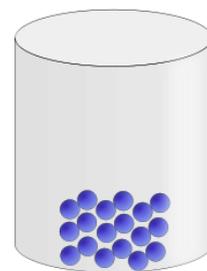
Mr Clune



Gas



Liquid



Solid

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair.
The total raised was \$1039, which allows us to purchase \$360 worth of books from the fair to be added to our library.

Congratulations to the lucky winners/runner ups of the colouring in competition & the Guessing Jar:

Room 6: Callum & Ali

Room 1: Blaise & Harper

Room 2: Bryony & Macy

Room 4: Jasmine & Charlie

Guessing Jar: Tie between Reese & Kolt

**THANK
YOU!**



TERM 4 Swim Lessons

**ENROL
NOW**

Timetable and
enrolment forms at

[www.cgg.wa.gov.au/
aquarena](http://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/aquarena)

COMMENCE

Monday
16 November 2020



A: Pass St, Geraldton
P: 9956 6906
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WALKAWAY PRIMARY P&C

Are proud to invite you to

THE WALKAWAY CHRISTMAS TREE 2020

When: December 12th

Where: Walkaway Polocrosse
Shed

Time: 4:30pm start

Bar and sausage sizzle

Available please

No BYO



Please supply gift for Santa to give

Please RSVP by 4th December

Yes we will be attending and number of
people _____

Please return to Walkaway Primary
or Box at Walkaway store

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	Oct 12 School Development Day	13 Students Commence	14	15	16	17	18
2	19	20 World of Maths Incursion	21	22 P&C Meeting 7pm	23	24	25
3	26 School Board Meeting Book Week	27	28	29	30 WORLD Teacher's Day Incursion-pm Visiting Author Kelly Canby	31	Nov 1
4	2 Book Fair Starts Open at Lunch time	3 Walkaway Cup	4	5	6 Helping Minds Transition to High School (Year 6 students)	7	8
5	9 NAIDOC Week	10 Kindy Orientation Day 1 9.00-11.30	11 Remembrance Day	12	13 Basketball Clinic	14	15
6	16	17 P/P Museum Excursion	18	19 SciTech Incursion Basketball Clinic	20 NCVISSA Summer Carnival	21	22
7	23 School Board Meeting	24 Kindy Orientation Day 2 8.45-11.00	25	26	27	28	29
8	30	Dec 1 Basketball Clinic	2	3 P&C Meeting 7pm	4 Farewell Mrs Cobley	5	6
9	7	8	9	10 9.00-11.00 Graduation Concert	11	12	13
10	14	15 Skip-a-thon	16 Talent Show and Colour Run	17 Term 4 Ends			