



Walkaway Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter #2 27th February 2019

FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

27th School Banking

MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

4th Public Holiday

7th Leadership Camp
Yrs.5-6

8th Leadership Camp
Yrs.5-6

Food Sensations Incurion
PP-2 9.30-10.30
3-6 10.50-12.30

13th School Banking

25th-29th Pre-Primary
Swimming Lessons

27th School Banking
P&C Meeting 7pm

APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Room 4 Assembly &
Open Day

5th NCVISSA Swimming
Carnival

Dear Parents and families,

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our parent meetings last week. I would like to recognised the high professional standard exhibited by our staff both in preparing for and presenting their class and whole school information. The sessions were very informative regarding class procedures, school programs, behaviour management and growth mindset. Handouts from the day have be added to the website for you to access.

GROWTH MINDSET

This week the focus is on questions you can ask to support a growth mindset when your child comes home from school. These questions come from Growth Mindset printables at <https://biglifejournal.com>

- What did you do today that made you think hard?
- What challenge or problem have you worked on today?
- Can you think of something new you tried today? What was it?
- Was there anything that made you feel stuck today?...What other ways might there be to solve this?
- What did you learn today outside of school?
- Can you think of a mistake you made today? How can you use this mistake to do better next time?
- Is there anything you are struggling with? What new strategies can you try next?
- Can you think of something you could have done better today? Who can you seek feedback from to make it better?
- What would you like to become better at?
- Did you do anything today that was easy for you? How can you make this more challenging for you?

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I will be taking 2 weeks long service leave from the 11th—22nd March. I will be leaving our school in the very capable hands of our very experienced staff and Mrs Norah Flanders as Principal. Some of you may remember Norah from last year while I was at the Principal's conference.

P&C

Our P&C had a very successful crop this year and have significant funds (approx. \$70 000) to spend on making our great school even better. Our P&C would love your ideas. To add your suggestions, scan the code below or head to the following link, click on the plus symbol (bottom right) and type your ideas

https://padlet.com/megan_barrett2/t8uy69fh5zbg

You can also email your suggestions in or write them down and drop them into the office.



Kind regards

Megan Barrett, Principal

Everyone has settled nicely in Room 6 and lots of learning is going on.

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We have covered the sounds s a t p i and n. We are up to 4 with our numbers and the Copy Cats have learnt the words I see a in. Our theme is water. Lots of water play is going on in the mud kitchen and at the water trolley.

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Thank you to those parents who attended our class meeting. Home reading starts this week and also Library on Wednesday. Library books stay home until next Wednesday. All Kindies tell news on Monday and PP on Friday.

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If you are keen to do parent help this year it will be on Monday and Wednesday morning until 12:30. This will enable us to do table rotations with both groups together. Please come and put your name on the roster which is up in the front room on the door.

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It was nice to catch up on a social basis on Friday night at the BBQ.

Please don't hesitate to call in for a chat if you have any questions or concerns.

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Mrs C.

Cute quote: The first time water came out of the tap at the mud kitchen "Look, we've got real, live water!"



Wow the weeks are flying by already. Monday 25th was the last day of swimming and everyone represented our school with enthusiasm and pride.

We have been working on some 'Sizzling Starts' in writing over the last 2 weeks. Students have shared ideas and given feedback on each other's work. Already the first few seconds to grab the reader's attention are becoming more powerful and interesting. We have had some fantastic examples coming out of Room 2.

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Mrs Barrett lent us some laminated Place Value Strips that are so amazingly simple in explaining how place value works. It has really helped students to read, write and say large numbers.

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In Science we are learning to conduct a fair test by using the mnemonic; Cows Moo Softly to focus on what they will change, measure and keep the same. Students predicted then conducted an experiment investigating which methods would melt an ice cube the fastest. There were some interesting ideas in addition to the ones suggested in the experiment outline.

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The Welcome BBQ was a fun, social evening and it was good to chat to students, parents and families over a delicious meal.

Have a great week everyone.

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Regards Ms Heywood



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- Thank you to all the parents who were able to come to our class meeting last Tuesday and everyone who volunteered to help in the classroom.

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- I hope the class meeting notes were helpful for those parents who couldn't make it on the day. Please don't hesitate to drop in for a talk if you have any questions or concerns.

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- Swimming is over!
- On Entry testing has begun.

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- Our theme is 'Magic' and I am looking forward to some Magical learning experiences and some hard maths!

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Ms Harman



Another fortnight disappears!! Thank you to those parents who were able to make the meeting last Tuesday. I have notes from the meeting for any parent who was unable to attend. Please contact me in order to arrange a time to collect these.

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- Working on Growth Mindset – Positive encouragement. Have not achieved skill YET. What was most challenging? How did you solve the problem? What other ways could you do this?

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- Welcome to Ted and his family. We look forward to you being part of Room Four.
- The Year Six students continue to set a positive example for all.
- The Year Five students are applying themselves well to the Senior Room.
- Working on Place Value in Maths

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- Writing Narratives. Looking at types of NOUNS.
- A Homework Contract will go out in Week Six, **11th March**. It will be due the end of Week Seven.

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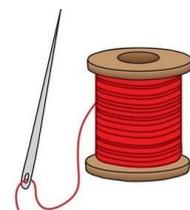
- Leadership Camp note went home last Friday. Camp on 7th/8th March.
- Was great to have a chat to parents at the welcome BBQ – Walkaway is truly unique.

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- I am looking for someone to make a cover for the keyboard in Room Three. Anyone who can sew could you please contact me.

Thank you for your support and positive communication toward your child's education, we work better as a team.

Mr Clune



NETBALL

If you have children (girls or boys) that are interested in playing Netball this year.

Please contact Robyn Griechen on 0437 663 303



Banking this Wednesday
27th February in Room 3
8.30am till 9am



COMMUNITY NEWS

Isolated Children's Parents' Association of WA (Inc.)



Your Voice for ICPA WA Regional Education

ICPA WA supports families to access education at all levels from Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary through to Tertiary

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Who we represent:

- Regional primary and secondary schools
- Distance Education / School of the Air
- Small rural and remote schools
- Government and Non-Government
- TAFE and Apprenticeships
- Agricultural Colleges
- University

We assist with:

- Information and Communications Technology
- Tertiary Access & Accommodation
- State and Federal allowances
- Early Childhood Education
- Special Needs Education
- Boarding Facilities
- Teacher Training
- Student Travel



Help us to help you by adding your voice to our Membership
To join
www.wa.icpa.com.au



The work we are doing is for the COUNTRY KIDS of OUR COUNTRY

What is ICPA?

Established in 1971, the Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) is a national organisation representing rural schools and their families at all stages of education and has a large network of branches throughout Australia.

ICPA WA works within your local community. We provide support and assistance to rural and regional families across the state. We advocate and lobby to assist families in accessing appropriate education.

If you require better access to education for your family, the team at ICPA WA can help.



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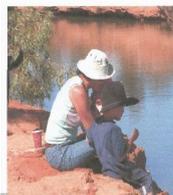
How we have helped

- The Smith family from the Central Wheatbelt have 3 children. ICPA WA has assisted them by lobbying for:
- a convenience allowance from their home to the bus stop,
 - seatbelts installed to the school bus,
 - a graduate teacher program that reflects regional WA,
 - quality residential colleges in regional towns,
 - achievement of the AIC (Assistance for Isolated Children) and BANA (Boarding Away from Home) allowances,
 - suitable university and tertiary accommodation in regional and metropolitan centres.

"Thank you ICPA"

Anna and Mark Jones and their three children live on a Pilbara cattle station. Through the efforts of ICPA, the In Home Childcare scheme enables them to employ Janice to look after 3 year old Chloe while Anna teaches Dylan, 10, via School of the Air. They receive a Distance Education allowance to help with costs in the schoolroom.

Their eldest, Cameron, went away to boarding school in Perth at 13 and Anna says they were only able to afford this with the assistance of the AIC Boarding Allowance, the State Boarding Away from Home Allowance, and the 4 year return flights that they can access through the State Student Subsidised Travel Scheme.



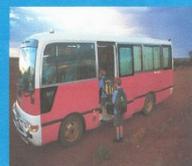
ICPA Branches in WA

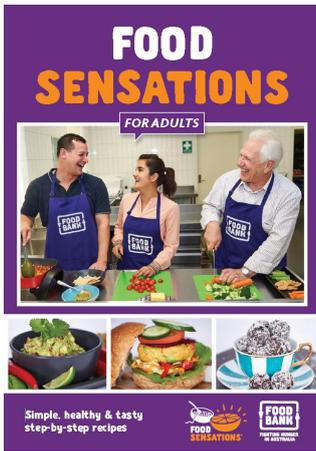


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Regional Education

Working together to ensure access to appropriate education for all regional Western Australians.





FOOD SENSATIONS

On Tuesday 12th March, Temika Allen will be running a Food Sensation program with the students.

There is an opportunity to have a parent session on the same day in the afternoon from 1.30 till 3pm .

If you are interested, please let the office know by this Friday.



P&C NEWS

Hi Everyone,

It's that time of year again, 22 days till bounce down and 213 days until the Eagles bag there 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/comps/walkaway_primary_school1

Thanks so much again for supporting our school and happy tipping.

Julz



P&C WELCOME LETTER 2019

Hello Everybody,

I hope everybody has settled into the new year at school.

I would like to introduce myself as some of you will know me and some may not. My name is Shiree Hamersley and I have been elected to be President of the P&C this year with an awesome group of ladies in the following roles

Vice President Tamala Bailey

Secretary Ina Carrick

Treasurer Kristy Levett

Bus Representatives

Anne's Bus Alana Birnie

Dianne's Bus Tamala Bailey

Uniform Co-ordinator Katherine Ward

Executive Committee Cherith Milnes, Narrelle Bate, Katherine Ward,
Carina Rogers

I would like to THANK to following committee members who have done an outstanding job last year.

Carina Rogers for being the President over the last few years. She has done an awesome job with her leadership and getting things done, leaving me with big shoes to fill. Also to Cherith Milnes who has been by her side as Vice President.

Emma Chambers for being Secretary - one of the biggest job of the P&C and she took it in her stride and did amazing job!! We will miss her.

Julz Gallagher-Moses - one very busy lady who always found time to sort out the bills and make sure everything was running smoothly.

Narrelle Bate - this lady always made sure our children had the right clothing for school involving a lot of behind the scene organizing from her.

THANK YOU LADIES

A little about myself I have lived in Walkaway for over 17 years now it is very much my home town. I have four wonderful children 2 girls and 2 boys with my husband Daryl and we are local farmers. All of our children have attended Walkaway Primary but we only have one left there now Wil Hamersley in year 5.

I have been part of the Walkaway P&C on and off for over 12 years.

I invite everyone to come to the P&C meetings...you don't have to take a role, you can just listen or maybe you have some great ideas! We love input!

It is also a place where you can meet other parents and be involved with what is happening around the school. All of the money we raise is going back into the children to make their learning the best it can be.

We will rotate between day and night meetings to give all parents to opportunity to attend.

Our next meeting is

27th MARCH @ 7PM

Our next fundraiser will be the Mother's Day Morning Tea this is one of our biggest fundraisers and many hands make light work!

Walkaway have been running this for MANY years and has ladies come far and wide to enjoy this day. So please save the date and more information will be out soon.

Please bear with me as I find my feet in this role. You may not see me public speaking {SORRY} but I will be doing the President role the best I can. And please feel free to contact myself with any questions, concerns or ideas for our P&C

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I look forward to meeting new faces and seeing the familiar ones again at our meetings and around the school.

Thankyou

Shiree Hamersley

WPS P&C President

Term 1 2019 Term Planner Updated 25/2/19

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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 Swimming Training School Banking PP Swimming	28 School Board Mtg 2.30-3.30 PP Swimming	29 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	11	12	13	14

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