



PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET 2026

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ETHOS

We strive to develop a natural learning - teaching environment that is functional, healthy and safe enabling students to strive to reach their potential and to become responsible citizens in our society.

The cooperative learning environment, using Multi-Age Groupings, encourages self discipline and excellence, recognises individual worth, promotes respect and trust and provides regular feedback and reinforcement.

Our school fosters participation by involving parents, teachers and students in decision making and activities ensuring the best student outcomes are achieved.

We invite all families to be part of our learning community and wish students a happy and successful education by taking full advantage of the wide range of learning, social and sporting programmes our school provides.

SCHOOL HISTORY

In 1865 a Government school was built in Greenough and by 1869 there were six more schools including Walkaway. The first teacher was Miss McCartney whose home was across the river from the school.

The present school was built in 1966.


SCHOOL PROFILE

Walkaway Primary School is located 28 km south of Geraldton (approximately 400 km north of Perth). The school student population comprises of approximately 70 students from kindergarten to year six.

The school is surrounded by farming communities and is part of a small town site which includes a general store, tavern and approximately 40 houses. The school consists of two linear classrooms, one demountable, a purpose built Pre Primary, a purpose built library, a utility room, a purpose built Administration block and a large Art and Technologies shed. All rooms are air conditioned.

The school surrounds are delightful with a huge oval and lovely grassed areas, cricket pitch, undercover basketball/netball court, nature playground, covered lunch area, shady trees and feature front garden area.

Community facilities including basketball, gymnasium, kitchen, tennis courts and polo/polocrosse grounds exist beside the school. And are utilised as required by the school.



SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

At Walkaway Primary School, staff provide a positive learning environment that includes:

- Specialist writing extension program
- Interactive technology in each classroom to enhance teaching and learning
- Excursions/Incursions
- Specialist physical education;
 - Inter-school Sports Carnivals – Athletics, Swimming, Summer & Winter
 - Faction Carnival – Athletics
 - Sporting Schools Grants – Badminton, Baseball (T-Ball), Hockey, Football
- Whole School Singing & music program
- Specialist Visual Art program.
- Assemblies and Presentations
- Sustainability projects including Waste sorted school participation
- Active Local Community Involvement
- Musica Viva
- Open door policy where parent concerns and input are valued
- Dedicated staff
- Highly skilled education assistants
- Support services including: School Nurse, School Psychologist, Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist and Dental services
- Voluntary classroom helpers – families and the wider community
- Active and committed P&C
- School Board

CONTACT US

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School Colours	Gold & Black
School Motto	Believe it, Achieve it, Advance the Walkaway Way
Faction Colours	Red & Purple

SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

An Annual Report is produced each year. It gives descriptions of our academic performance and explains the main school priorities. The Annual Report is available from the office and on the website.

NEWSLETTERS AND NOTES HOME

Please read carefully all communications that are provided from the school. We try and provide all necessary information in a timely manner. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the office or your class teacher.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL TERMS 2026

Students attend

Term 1	Monday 2 nd February – Thursday 2 nd April
Term 2	Tuesday 21 st April – Friday 3 rd July
Term 3	Tuesday 21 st July – Friday 25 th September
Term 4	Tuesday 13 th October – Thursday 17 th December

SCHOOL HOURS

8.50 am – 10.50 am	Class time
10.50 am – 11.10 pm	Recess
11.10 am – 1.10 pm	Class time
1.10 pm – 1.40 pm	Lunchtime
1.40 pm - 2.50 pm	Class time
2.50 pm	School Finishes

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

In 2026, all school terms are allocated Teacher Professional Development Days. Students do not attend schools on these days.

These dates are:

Term 1	- Thursday 29 th January & Friday 30 th January
Term 2	- Monday 20 th April
Term 3	- Monday 20 th July
Term 4	- Monday 12 th October
	Friday 18 th December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Labour Day	Monday 2 nd March
WA Day	Monday 1 st June
ANZAC Day (in Lieu)	Monday 27 th April

STAFF

TEACHING STAFF

Principal	Mr Phillip Epps
Kindergarten/PrePrimary	Ms Donna Rowe
Year 1 / 2	Mrs Robyn Griechen
Year 3 / 4	Mr Jack Reynolds
Year 5 / 6	Mr Jeremy Buckner
HASS	Miss Lisa Smith
LOTE (Indonesian)	Ms Erlin Indrayani
Art	Ms Kristen Hogue
PE / Music	Ms Cherith Nelson-Milnes
Writing	Ms Lorraine Chapman

SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF

Manager Corporate Services:

Mrs Shannon Garratt

Corporate Service Officer / Librarian:

Mrs Sharon Holliday

Education Assistants Mrs Jen Oliveri
Mrs Shauna Bavoillot
Mrs Sharon Holliday
Mrs Kelli Miles
Ms Julz Gallagher

Cleaners Ms Julz Gallagher,
Mrs Elizabeth Myers

Gardeners TBC

School Information

A - Z

ABSENCES

In line with the Education Act of W.A., whenever a student is absent for any reason, an explanation is required from a parent.

An attendance note from a parent in the Compass Education platform is the simplest and easiest way to achieve this and can be completed either pre or post absence.

You are requested to notify the school as soon as it is known that a child's absence may exceed one week. A long term planned absence (eg. Holiday) should be referred to the Principal and class teacher at the earliest opportunity.

ALLERGY AWARE

As an 'allergy aware' school our aim is to inform staff, parents and students about the risks of allergies, with a focus on food allergies and also to provide a supportive environment in which children at risk of anaphylaxis can feel safe. The key to prevention of anaphylaxis is to identify allergens and prevent exposure to them. Because of this, we ask that students ***do not bring food containing nuts to school***, as we do have identified students with nut allergies.

ARRIVAL TIME

Please ensure that your child is at school **AT LEAST 10 minutes before lessons** commence. Late arrivals really do affect the continuity of the day, not only your child but others in the class. Please sign in late arrivals through reception.

Students are NOT to arrive before 8.30 am.

In the event of an early arrival, students are required to wait at the office until 8.30 am.

From 8.30 onwards. Students first task is to go to their classrooms and get organised for the school day.

ATTENDANCE

As it is compulsory for children in Kindergarten (on enrolled) to Years 6 to attend school, it is necessary to forward an explanatory note to your child's teacher when your child is absent. Please you're the Attendance Note features in the Walkaway PS Compass Education platform.

BEHAVIOUR

There is a whole school focus on positive behaviour and encouraging students to do the right thing. There are 4 whole school expectations, with a specific focus on each term.

The school expectations are:

We are RESPONSIBLE	Term 4
Always show RESPECT	Term 1
Learn, to ACHIEVE our best	Term 2
Keen to COOPERATE	Term 3

All members of the Walkaway Primary School community have the right to:

- (a) be treated fairly and justly with respect and courtesy;
- (b) learn and teach without disruption from others;
- (c) work in a safe, supportive environment. Any form of harassment (physical, bullying, racist, teasing, name-calling and verbal abuse) is not acceptable and will not be tolerated;
- (d) feel proud of themselves and achieve the best in all they do.

At Walkaway Primary School



We are RESPONSIBLE In the Toilets...

- We enter the toilets quietly and sensibly.
- Go into the cubicle alone.
- Close the door.
- Use toilet paper appropriately.
- Flush when finished.
- Wash our hands with soap.
- Dry our hands and discard paper towel in the bin.



TOILETS

- Walk out quietly.

Remember to be **RESPONSIBLE** in the Toilets and return to class quickly.

At Walkaway Primary School we



Always show RESPECT



In the Library...

- We line up at the door with our library bags and wait for our teacher.
- Enter the Library quietly and sensibly.
- Place our books on the Returns desk.
- Sit on the mat and wait for instructions.



- Use a shelf marker to quietly select an appropriate book.
- Treat books with care.
- Choose a comfortable spot to silently read.
- Line up to borrow selected book.
- Return unwanted books to shelf or remove shelf marker.



Remember to show **RESPECT** in the Library by always walking and speaking quietly.

At Walkaway Primary School we



Learn, to ACHIEVE our best At the start of the day...

- We set up our chair.
- Sharpen our pencils.
- Get our Home Reading ready to exchange.
- Set up our desks.
- Check we have all of our belongings including glasses.
- Do our weekly classroom job.
- Go and play if there is time before the first siren.
- Get a drink.
- Go to the toilet
- When the siren goes, we make our way to class quickly.
- Enter the classroom quietly.
- Sit on the mat and wait for the second siren.



Remember in order to **ACHIEVE** our best we must start the day ready to Learn.



At Walkaway Primary School we are



Keen to COOPERATE In the Playground...

"Hide and Sneak"

- We meet in the middle of the basketball court.
- The last person to arrive at Home Base is "It".
- 60 second countdown while players hide away from the basketball court.
- Hide away from buildings and pathways.
- "It" person must vacate the basketball court and search other hiding areas after 30 seconds.
- When players are found go directly to Home Base.
- "It" person must call out correct name for a player to be "Out".
- First person "Out" becomes "It" in the next game.



Remember we **COOPERATE** in the Playground by not giving away hiding places or peeking and ensuring that we include others.

Whole School Positive Incentive

- **Honour Certificates:** Awarded to students for academic achievement and/or positive behaviour. Certificates are announced at each 'end of term' assembly.
- **Visit to Principal or front office:** Staff, are encouraged to send students to the Principal with work the student is proud of or to recognise excellent behaviour.
- **Admin visit to Classes:** Staff are encouraged to invite the Principal to the class should they wish to recognise the efforts of a whole class or large group of students.
- **Regular classroom rewards and incentives:** These will be decided on by staff each term.

BIKES

Students are welcome to ride their bikes to school. A bike rack is provided on the school grounds.

BOOK CLUB

Books can be purchased from Scholastic through the school. Order forms are issued at regular intervals throughout the year, usually 2 orders per term. These should be returned to school by the due date with the correct cash or credit card slip, or cheque. Cheques are to be made payable to '**Scholastic Australia**'. Order can also be done direct on the Scholastic site via the LOOP system. The school benefits from these orders by the earning of 'points' from which we purchase books and resources for the school.

BOOKLISTS / PERSONAL ITEMS

We currently use Campion to provide personal stationery items for students. Orders can be done online and parents will be advised via the school newsletter when the next year's forms are available. If you require a hard copy of the order form, please contact the office. A copy of each classes requirements is also on the website. The lists may include items which indicate a brand name. These items have been selected for their durability and for their suitability for the learning program. You are, however, under no obligation to purchase these brand names.

BUSES

There are two buses currently servicing Walkaway Primary School. The Walkaway East Bus, and the Walkaway / Greenough / Minnenooka run. New parents must apply to have their child/children included on the bus service. This can be done online at www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au. Requests for other children to travel on the bus must be directed to the driver first and then the office should be informed. For safety reasons we need to know who is on the bus.

It is the responsibility of the parent to advise your bus driver if your children won't be on the bus, and to make sure children are aware of changes to their normal routines. As the office is not attended for all 5 days, please try and minimise late changes to bus routines.

Bus Students - should always

- Walk to the bus stop on the footpath
- Remain well back from the kerb
- Students must be wearing shoes
- Follow the bus code: get on and off the bus in a quiet and orderly fashion

Contact Details for Buses:

Walkaway East – contact Mrs Carol Hammerquist – 0488 430 597

Walkaway/Greenough/Minnenooka - contact Anne Pekaar – 0402 503 411

The 'end of school' bell will be rung at 2.50 pm to ensure children are released to catch buses.

CARNIVALS

Our faction carnival is held in Term 3. We have two factions; Red Faction and Purple Faction.

NCVISSA

There are four main Interschool carnivals conducted each year by the Northampton, Chapman Valley Inter-School Sports Association (NCVISSA). Parents are required to organise transportation for carnivals. Parental participation is vitally important for these to work. Details of the events will be given through the school newsletter. Please ask at the office if you are unsure about the locations of these venues or wish clarification of details.

Swimming (Yrs 3-6)	Geraldton Aquarena	Term 1
Winter (Yrs 3-6)	Northampton	Term 2
Soccer / Netball / Football		
Cross Country (Y3-6)	Organising school	Term 3
Athletics (Yr 1-6)	Northampton	Term 3
Summer (Yr3-6)	Northampton	Term 4
Basketball / Cricket / T-Ball		

COMMUNICATION SCHOOL /HOME

Teachers are responsible for the more formal aspects of children's learning. Successful teaching builds on the home experiences of the child. This is most effective where there is an active partnership with parents.

Two-way communication is a critical factor in the partnership between parents and the school. Where a partnership exists, it is easier for parents to feel confident about the teaching and learning taking place in the classroom and to solve problems. At Walkaway Primary School we support this through: regular information about the school through newsletters; parent-teacher interviews; notes; surveys; displays of children's work - open days / newsletters; assemblies; special events and celebrations; Specialised learning programmes and ; Parent information booklets. We also use Compass and See-Saw to communicate with parents/carers.

Assembly - Each term, classes will be designated to conduct an assembly. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend. An open day will follow an assembly in Terms 1 and 3. Parents and community members are invited to come into the classrooms to view the children's work.

Class Expectations – Notes from teachers will be distributed which provide details of class expectations.

Emergency Contact Details – Our information is only as current as the information you supply. Please keep us informed of any changes to mobile numbers, addresses, etc.

Facebook - The school has a public Facebook page as well as a private Families of Walkaway Page. We use this to celebrate school events. Urgent notices will come via Compass.

Newsletter - The school newsletter is distributed twice per term. The newsletter has important dates and information. Please read and note what concerns you or your child/ren.

P&C items and community articles are welcome. Please email articles to walkaway.ps@education.wa.edu.au. Newsletters will be emailed unless a request for a paper copy is received.

Parent Meetings with Class Teacher / or Principal – please contact classroom teacher via Compass or Seesaw to discuss issues or to arrange a more formal meeting. More formal meeting can also be arranged via the office.

Website - www.walkawayps.wa.edu.au - The Website has lots of useful information, previous editions of newsletters, class expectations, booklists and much more. Please make use of this resource.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

The voluntary contributions are \$60 per child per year for students from Kindy to Year 6. Please make every effort to pay these to the school office during Term 1. From time to time other charges may be asked for – these would include swimming lessons, excursions etc. Extra Cost Charges are optional – if you choose for your child not to participate an alternative program will be provided.

Contributions and Charges may be paid via EFT. Our details are:

Account Name: Walkaway Primary School

Bank: ANZ Geraldton

BSB: 016-650

Account No: 340943005

Please use your family name and initial in the reference area so we have a record of your payment. If the option is available on your bank site, an email reference would be of help for our record keeping.

DENTAL

Children attend the Dental Therapy Clinic attached to Allendale Primary School, Wittenoom St Geraldton. Parents are required to complete a consent form to obtain this service for their child/children. The Dental Therapy Clinic will issue the consent forms through the school. Appointment cards are issued to the children at school. This is a free service and parents are responsible for transport. Allendale Dental Centre, phone - 9921 4218.

EMERGENCY PLAN

As Walkaway is subject to flooding and fire risks, families will be contacted via text in an emergency.

PLEASE ADVISE THE SCHOOL IF YOUR PHONE DETAILS HAVE CHANGED, as incorrect information will influence the effectiveness of the whole plan.

The school is on the Bushfire Risk Register and may be subject to Pre-emptive School Closure should the Bushfire behaviour index be above 75. Families will be notified the afternoon prior to any closure, pursuant to the 4pm BOM updates.

ENROLMENT FORMS

Upon enrolment at Walkaway Primary School an Enrolment Form needs to be completed with the following information - name, address, telephone numbers (home and mobile), doctor and an emergency contact. This information must be kept up to date. **Should relevant particulars change, please notify the school immediately.** Medical conditions and allergies should be noted and in serious cases a medical plan needs to be developed. Birth Extract and Immunisation Records must be sighted by administration staff, and a copy is kept on file. A permission note for publication of photographs and local excursions is also completed at enrolment time, as well as an internet permission form.

EXCURSION / INCURSION PERMISSION FORMS

Parents will be notified of these events in the newsletter and via Compass Event Manager. If you don't wish your child to attend these event's, please advise the teacher or Principal. The signed form signifies your approval and permission for your child to attend. If the note is not returned, your child will not be able to attend the excursion/incursion.

Local Area Excursion to the Walkaway Townsite area (museum / hall / public open space) is signed off by parents as part of the annual information updates.

HEALTH

Accidents or Sickness

Minor injuries or illnesses which occur during the day are normally attended to at school. In more serious situations every endeavour is made to contact a parent/caregiver or the emergency contact to arrange for the child to be collected from school. Should such contact be unable to be made, the school will act according to the best interests of the child, but no responsibility will be accepted for medical costs, ie: ambulance. In extreme emergencies the student may be taken to the hospital while the parents are notified.

Parents are encouraged to have ambulance cover in case of emergency.

In accordance with the Control of Communicable Disease Manual. The following ailments require a period of exclusion from school

Infectious Diseases

Illness	Re-Admission
Chicken Pox	Exclude until blisters have dried and formed crusts, which is usually 5 days after rash appears.
Conjunctivitis	Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased.
Head Lice	There is no requirement to keep children home from school as long as effective treatment begins before the next day of school or childcare.
Viral Hepatitis A	Exclude for at least one week after onset of jaundice or 2 weeks after onset of symptoms (if not jaundiced).
Impetigo (School Sores)	Exclude for 24 hours after antibiotic treatment commenced. Lesions on exposed skin surfaces should be covered with a waterproof dressing
Influenza	Exclude until acute symptoms (e.g. fever, sore throat, runny nose) have resolved.
Measles	Exclude for 4 days after the onset of the rash, in consultation with public health unit staff
MRSA infection	Exclude for 24 hours after antibiotic treatment commenced. Any lesions on exposed skin should be covered with a waterproof dressing..
Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	Exclude until acute symptoms (e.g. fever, sore throat, runny nose) have resolved.
Ringworm	Exclude until the day after commencing antifungal treatment.
Whooping Cough	Exclude for: • 5 days after an appropriate antibiotic treatment, or • 21 days from the onset of any cough, or • 14 days after onset of paroxysmal cough

Administration of Medication

The Department of Education has established guidelines about the administration of medication to students. All schools are required to comply with these guidelines. The following conditions apply:

- Wherever possible, parents are to come to the school to administer medications themselves or have the child self-administer the medication if the child is capable of doing so.
- If a student is required to carry and self-administer prescribed medication on a long term basis the parent/caregiver is asked to meet with the Principals, complete the appropriate form and details will be kept on file at school.
- All parents of students with ADHD medication are required to complete medical forms prior to medication being given.
- Parents of students with a medical condition requiring a medical plan, eg. Bee sting, Allergy, Asthma, need to complete the appropriate form. Documentation is required from your GP.
- If parents require medication to be administered to their child at school, they must provide that medication to the school in original packaging which indicates the student's name and required dosage and complete and sign an Administration of Medication form.

School staff must not administer analgesics such as paracetamol to students without written instructions from the student's parent/caregiver.

Head Lice

If not properly treated, head lice can become a serious nuisance in the community as they are passed from one person to another. Any place where people live or play close together is a good place for catching head lice. They like to live on human scalps where they feed, breed and lay their eggs. They feed on human blood and can cause the owner to scratch his/her head.

Treatment: The Department of Health recommends families use one of the following effective treatments:

- the 10 day hair conditioner treatment; or
- insecticide treatments.

Smoking / Vaping

Smoking / Vaping is prohibited on Department of Education property. Parents and visitors to the school are asked to abide by this regulation. Teachers and other employees of the school are also prohibited from smoking / vaping on school premises. Students found smoking / vaping on the school site risk immediate suspension from school.

HOME WORK - HOME READING

Younger children (PP to Year 4) are provided with a Home Reader which are exchanged regularly. The children will require a bag to ensure that the book is kept clean and undamaged. Older children may select a book from school or home and are expected to read every night without being reminded. From time to time other home work will be set. Teachers will give details of homework expectations at the classroom meeting at the beginning of the school year. Please contact your class teacher for more details or to clarify homework issues. It is best to sort out any issues at the beginning of the year so the school and home can support one another. Years 5-6 will receive home reading if it supports an educational learning programme. Students in Years 5-6 are strongly encouraged to read for 20 minutes each day.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Honour Certificates are presented at the major parent assemblies. Not all children are expected to receive one of these awards. They may acknowledge academic achievements, meeting social goals and “extra” special work. Teachers may use “in class” rewards for normal day to day activities.

INTERNET USE

Our school provides access to the online services provided by the Dept. of Education. Access to online services increased the range of teaching tools available to staff and will enhance the opportunities available to students. Parents and students will be asked to sign a permission form and acceptable use agreement upon enrolment.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten (4 year olds) attend 2 full days per week 1st semester and 3 full days in 2nd semester.

Semester One	Monday and Tuesday
Semester Two	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Kindergarten students do not participate in Interschool carnivals such as swimming and athletics as well as school athletics which is usually on a non-kindy day.

LEAVING SCHOOL PREMISES

Children are not allowed to leave the school grounds unless picked up by a parent or nominated adult (written permission). Student must be signed out through the front office.

LIBRARY BOOKS

The school library is available for all children to use. Children have a weekly library exchange session. To help care for the books, parents are asked to provide a library bag (water proof preferred) and to ensure that books are not damaged or misplaced at home. If a book is damaged or lost, parents may be asked to pay for a replacement.

LOST PROPERTY

Clothing and other items should be labelled clearly to keep lost property to a minimum. Items such as hats, jackets, homework folders etc. are easily mixed up, taken off and left at school.

LUNCHES

Children break for lunch at 1.10pm and remain seated, eating lunch until a teacher allows them to leave. They are free to play then until 1.40pm when school resumes.

Children are NOT permitted to go to the shop and buy lunches. **Cool drinks, chocolates or lollies** are permitted at school, we also request that no products containing nuts are sent to school. Please support our Healthy Choices programme by supplying healthy foods, ie. fruit and vegetables. Water IS the best refreshment, far better than fruit juice boxes.

OFFICE HOURS

The school office is open Monday to Friday 8.00am – 4.00pm. It is occasionally unavoidable that the office not staffed, please leave a message or contact the school via email or through the class teacher in these cases.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

P & C Meetings

The Walkaway P&C Association meet regularly in the school, usually twice per term. New parents are always welcome. Families are encouraged to pay \$1.00 per family and become financial members of the P&C. This gives you voting rights. The P & C meet regularly during the year for fund raising activities and will call upon families to participate. Notification of meeting times can be found in the newsletter.

Please contact the office if you need assistance in contacting the current executive members.

School Board

The role of the School Board will:

- liaise with the community to ascertain their beliefs/needs
- assist in formulating and will ratify the School Business Plan
- reviewing of the schools assessment program and results
- review the school finances

In all school decisions, the Principal has the final end of line responsibility. Regardless of the direction given by both the P&C and the School Council, it is the Principal's responsibility to ensure that all Department of Education guidelines are adhered to.

Volunteers

Volunteers may help in many ways throughout our school.

These include:

- Parent with reading and tables
- K/P roster
- Library
- Sports Carnivals

If you are interested in volunteering at our school, please liaise with the principal and teachers to clarify need and role. Volunteers will need to fill out a Confidentiality Declaration as provided through the front office.

PARKING

The parking area at the Walkaway Rec Centre is the allocated area for picking up and dropping off students. Access can then be across the school oval, or around the footpath to the front gate. Please do not drop off in the staff / visitor car park or across the road on the opposite verge.

The designated school bus parking at the front of the school can be utilized for ad-hoc pick up and drop off during the school day, outside of the designated bus times.

PRE PRIMARY

Pre Primary students will attend five days a week.

Pre Primary is a compulsory year for students, and absences should be kept to a minimum. As with other years, all absences must be covered with an advice from a parent, preferably through Compass – Attendance Note.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Walkaway Primary School will report regular and relevant information to parents/caregivers on student progress and achievement as an integral part of the teaching and learning process.

Procedures and Guidelines:

Term 2 - Formal Report – Semester 1 Report

Term 3 – Parent meetings as requested and follow up from formal report

Term 4 - Formal Report – Semester 2 Report

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS (SEN)

It is the responsibility of the school to:

- 1) Establish and implement procedures for the identification of students with special education needs
- 2) Develop and implement appropriate educational programs for individuals and groups of students with special education needs
- 3) Be accountable for the educational progress of individuals and groups of students with special education needs
- 4) To arrange regular contact meetings with parents/guardians to develop and implement Individual Education or Behaviour Plans.

Responsibility of the parents/guardians:

- 1) To contact the principal or class teacher if they are concerned about the progress of their child
- 2) To work with the school to ensure their child is following the strategies discussed in the Individual Education Plan
- 3) Meet with the teacher regularly to review student progress.

SWIMMING

School In-Term Swimming classes take place in Term 1 for Years PP-Year 6. The children are taken by bus into the Geraldton Aquarena. A fee to cover entrance to the pool and bus travel is charged, as outlined in the school's fees and charges schedule. This is considered an essential part of the Physical Education Program. Payment, or payment plan, is required before the swimming program begins, or children may not be able to participate.

TECHNOLOGY

Technology is part of the curriculum that is changing at a fast pace. Typing is taught in Years 2 – 6. At all schools, STEM is a resourced area of focus where Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics are integrated into developing new ideas and ways to do things. Too much screen time is not encouraged, so we ask parents to monitor screen time and be aware of educational and non-educational (recreational) use.

TERM PLANNER

A term planner will be sent home at the beginning of each term, and will be kept updated through the newsletter 'Coming Events'. Copies of newsletter / term planner are available on the school website and or on Compass Calendar.

UNIFORMS

Hats - The rule of "NO HAT NO PLAY" is enforced all year. Students without hats stay on the school verandahs. The school encourages that the yellow wide brimmed school uniform hat is worn. P&C provide a hat upon enrolment, with additional hats available from the P&C uniform shop.

Footwear - Suitable footwear MUST be worn. Sneakers or sand shoes are the most suitable expected footwear, due to the nature of school and a combination of physical play and safety. Thongs, slip-on shoes high top boots or bare feet are unacceptable.

Clothing - School windcheaters, jackets, polo shirts, shorts, skirts and hats need to be ordered on the P&C uniform order forms. Limited stock will be held for new students.

The P&C run the uniform shop you can obtain an order form in the school office or on email: walkawayuniforms@gmail.com

Orders may also be placed via the school website; www.walkawayps.wa.edu.au

Kindergarten and Pre-Primary children have a blue polo shirt. On Friday all students are able to wear their faction sports shirts (red or purple).

Walkaway School shirts (Yellow – Y1-6 or Blue -K/PP) are to be worn to excursions.

Please do NOT send your child in beachwear or party wear – ie. coloured t-shirts, jeans, clogs etc. No denim is to be worn.

All articles of clothing should be clearly labelled. Lost property will find its way to the 'pre-loved' box, where it may be purchased for a gold coin.

WEBSITE

We have a website for Walkaway Primary School. The address is walkawayps.wa.edu.au
Please familiarise yourself with it and the contents, as you will find useful information, archived newsletters, term planners etc.



WALKAWAY SCHOOL SONG

Walkaway the school for you and me
Sharing and caring as we work in harmony
Walkaway to learn and work is fun
Our school is built together so keep our school as one

Teachers, kids and parents make our school the best
That is why Walkaway is better than the rest
Our logo is a wheat head, uniforms black and gold
With bush life in our history we'll advance towards our goal

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