



Walkaway Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter #13 28th August 2019

AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

29th Wendy Binks
Visiting Author 9am

29th Triple P Parenting
Workshop 1.10pm

29th Fotoworks 8.30am

30th Father's Day Stem
Challenge

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

12th School Board
Meeting 2.30pm

12th Triple P Parenting
Workshop 1.10pm

13th Science Incursion
1.10pm

17th Numero

19th Jeans for Genes Day

20th NCVISSA Athletics

Dear Parents and families,

Thank you to those parents and families who came to support the students at the Athletics Carnival on Friday. We were lucky to have such nice weather for the day. I was very proud of the sportsmanship shown by the students throughout the day. Thank you to the staff for their preparation towards a successful carnival.

2020 PLANNING

I know it sounds like a long way away but we are deep into our planning for 2020. To help us with this, if you know of any families that are moving to the area and may not have enrolled yet, please encourage them to contact us. Also, if there are any plans for changes for students who are currently enrolled at Walkaway, please let us know. It is important in planning to provide the best opportunities for our students we are as accurate with our projected numbers as possible. Thank you in advance.

NUMERO

Numero try outs have been happening over this term, with the final team selection made this week. Thank you Ms Heywood for providing this opportunity for our students. We wish our team well:

Walkaway Multiplying Marshmallows

Anna Rogers
Aurora Milnes
Lilly Moses
Lisa Griechen



Walkaway Card Snappers

Benjamin Naisbitt
Angus Weston
Bruce Weston
Isabelle Cowcher



Reserve: Reese Bailey

MAGPIES

We had our first report of a magpie swooping a student yesterday. Please remind your child to be vigilant and to give their nesting trees a wide berth if possible. Wearing a helmet or having an umbrella can help prevent any injuries. It is important the students don't try to attack or hurt the magpies as this will only make their future reactions worse.

We also have a number of mynah birds at school. We are encouraging the students to not leave their lunchbox open while eating their lunch and to leave their lunch area clean to prevent them staying around the lunch areas.

FATHER'S DAY STEM CHALLENGE

A reminder that all of our Dads, Grandads, and of course our Mum's and Grandma's, or significant others are invited to join us on Friday 30th August at 11am for our FATHER'S DAY STEM CHALLENGE where Dads get to build a model car (different types for different ages) culminating in a "race off" and a sausage sizzle which will be organised by the Ambassador's Parent group. All students should have brought home a special invitation.

We recognise the challenges of having students in different classes across the school and can offer for you to work as a family group if you would like.

BELIEVE IT, ACHIEVE IT, ADVANCE THE WALKAWAY WAY

Last year we had a lengthy consultation and voting process to develop a motto/vision for our school. The 3 words chosen were ADVANCE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE. With the support of the staff, School Board and P&C this has been developed into our vision statement. The students have been involved in identifying what this means at Walkaway Primary School. This morning, the senior class worked with the feedback and ideas from the whole school and have summarised the areas of the statement with the following points.

BELIEVE IT

- Mistakes are okay
- Try your best
- Believe you can achieve your goals
- Set goals
- Believe in others
- Have a growth mindset
- "I can't do it YET"
- Encourage ourselves and others

ACHIEVE IT

- Set goals
- Try your best
- Advance to achieve your goals
- Good sportsmanship

WALKAWAY WAY

ADVANCE THE

- Work hard
- WALK values
- Don't give up
- Be polite
- Be positive
- Follow instructions
- Sharing and Caring

Please help us develop this further by sharing your ideas. You can add your ideas to this page and send it in, email us, call or send us a message on Message You. We would love your input.

SCHOOL BOARD

A reminder that nominations for our parent position on the School Board close on Friday. Please consider being a part of our team.

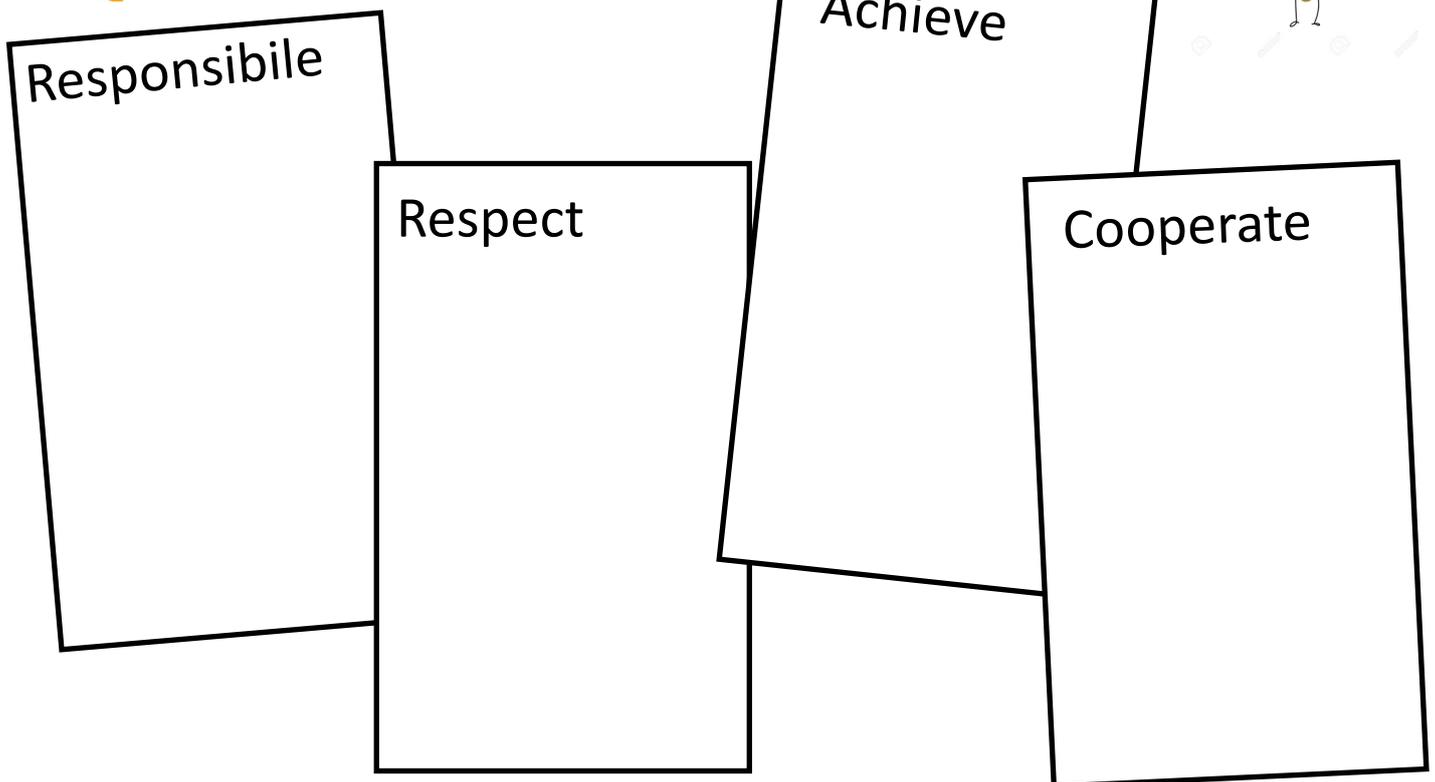


WALK CHARACTERS

A team of our ambassadors are working towards developing characters that represent our WALK values. We have investigated a number of other school's characters and, as a team with staff support, we have decided to develop the characters from a wheathead. We would love your ideas on designing a character to show our four values—RESPONSIBLE, RESPECT, ACHIEVE, COOPERATE. The students will have an opportunity to design characters in their class. All designs are due in by next **Wednesday, 4th September** ready for our next Ambassador's meeting.



Our WALK Values Character De-



Kind regards

Megan Barrett

Principal

What a fantastic day we had on Friday! Congratulations to everyone for participating happily, showing good sportsmanship. Thank you Red faction for behaving the Walkaway way in the bay. It's a big day for our Pre Primaries participating in their first athletics carnival.

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This week we have our visit from the author Wendy Binks on Thursday. We have been enjoying sharing her books and doing fun activities related to them. We have got to know Stripey the emu chick quite well. He gets up to a bit of mischief! You will be able to see the Stripeys we made on Open Day.

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We are ready in Room 6 for our Fathers Day STEM challenge on Friday. Our class is making box cars. I hope lots of family members can come along and participate. Looking forward to seeing you all on Friday.

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I am starting Kindy interviews this week. This is always an enjoyable time when I get to meet next year's Kitty Cats.

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Meanwhile, lots of learning in all areas is going on in Room 6 and it is lovely to see the progress our little people are making. Mrs C

C

Cute quote: "I'm going to the footy in Perth. There's going to be sixty hundred thousand people at the Octus Stadium!"



...a fun place to play and learn!

Well the Faction Sports Carnival has been and gone. The weather and power gods were kind to us and both participants and spectators had a great day. Some of our budding sports journos in room one have recorded their impressions of the day.

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Last Friday Walkaway had another amazing Faction Carnival. In the first and second races I came third. I was nervous, terrified and delighted. We all tried our best. In the parent leaderball they all did very good. It was shocking, again Purple won. It has been four years and Red has not won, but it is still the best day in my life. Kalahni Miller

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At the Sport's Carnival I came first in the races and I was so excited. At lunch I had a sausage roll. The sun was bright but after lunch it was raining. I was crying a little bit and I was happy at the finish line when I got a ribbon. I got a trophy too. Ethan Levett

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On Friday it was the Faction Carnival. I had butterflies in my tummy but then the butterflies flied away. I felt happy again. It was amazing but terrifying when I raced over the finish line. Purple won, Red lost. Finally we had icy-poles. Yay, yay. I can't believe I got so terrified.

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Mikayla Cole

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We are looking forward to the Father's Day STEM Challenge. If possible could students bring in two sets of Lego wheels on a block as we may not have enough for everyone who is making a balloon car. Students will then be able to take their cars complete with their own Lego wheels home with them.

Ms Harman



This fortnight we have been:

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- Defining what Capacity is and how we measure it.
- Refining and typing a recount about Musica Viva that paints a picture for the reader
- Creating an invitation to Dads to join us for a STEM challenge using publisher
- Brainstorming all we know about day, night, the sun, the moon
- Using the comprehension strategy of fact and opinion connecting this to persuasive writing

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- Exploring our shadow and comparing the angle of the sun to the length of our shadow
- Creating a sundial and measuring the angle of the shadow at various times throughout the day

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- Jumps and throws; linking our results to what we know about decimals
- Participating in a fantastic Sports Day
- Investigating water and its importance in our lives, classifying activities as essential, necessary and wanted

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Don't forget we are celebrating book week in Week 10. The theme is Reading is my Secret Power. Bring along your favourite book for a reading and SSPC (Stop Summarise Personalise Connect) anytime between now and week 10.



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We will focus on Roald Dahl and Revolting Rhymes and discuss connections between different Roald Dahl texts and the original Fairy tales he has innovated on. If you have a version of a fairy-tale we would love to read it.

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Regards Ms Heywood

Another fortnight has flown by. Well done to all the students who competed in last Friday's Athletics Carnival. We will be starting our training for NCVISSA in the coming week. It was terrific to see the sportsmanship and the enthusiasm that the students demonstrated. Thank you to those parents who were involved and assisted with the jobs on the day.

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A Homework Contract will be going out next Monday 2nd September. We continue our investigation of salinity in Science, we currently have an investigation being observed in our room looking at the ways plants "best use" water. Our next investigation involves the effect that salt has on a plants' growth.

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Don't forget this Friday dads! There will be a STEM TASK I encourage as many of you to come along to and be engaged in with your child. It would be wonderful to see as many dads as possible being involved. We need cool drink bottle tops and old CDs or discs that are not being used to make our cars.

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Congratulations to **Lily Moses** for being a finalist in this year's **Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards**. I will be attending the ceremony with

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Lily and her family on Thursday evening. Walkaway have managed to have 3 finalists in the 4 years that we have been involved in this event. Thanks must go to Mrs Corrine Johnson who started this tradition at Walkaway Primary School.



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We continue to hone our mental maths skills through Number Square, and thank you to Ms. Heywood who is preparing our Numero Team.

Year 6's please wear your gold school shirt tomorrow for photos and remember to bring your leavers and badges for the Graduation photos.

Half way through the term and it is flying. Thank you for your support.

Mr Clune

Hawes Heritage Events

ART EXHIBITION



All students are invited to create a piece of art that reflects the life and work of Monsignor Hawes in any medium or style.
All artwork to be submitted by Friday 27 September to the Catholic Education Western Australia Office, 15 Bayly St, Geraldton WA 6530



EXHIBITION OPENING ON FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER
AT MONSIGNOR HAWES HERITAGE CENTRE

For more info contact Simon Place at simon.place@cewa.edu.au

Visit monsignorhawes.com.au its a great source of research information

School holiday workshop



Geraldton

Friend Fest

2-day workshop packed with games and fun activities to learn about friendships and healthy relationships. Plus an excursion to the movies.

7-11
Years

Monday 7 and Tuesday 8
October 9.30am - 2.30pm

12-15
Years

Wednesday 9 - Thursday 10
October 9.30am - 2.30pm

Where 180 Durlacher St, Geraldton WA
Who Children aged 7-15 yrs who have emotional difficulties or are at risk of developing a mental health challenge
Cost Free | Snacks and lunch provided

Register online helpingminds.org.au/school-holidays

For more information contact us on (08) 9427 7100 or info@helpingminds.org.au



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Term 3 School Banking Dates

8.30am till 9am

11/09/19 25/09/19



2019/20 REGISTRATION & SEASON INTRO DAY

Saturday 14th September

10am to 1pm @ Geraldton Athletics Centre

Entry from Pass Street, Wonthella (behind Aquarena)

Open to Athletes 6 - 17 Years Old

Your child must turn 6 years old by 31 December 2019.
Birth certificate needs to be sighted for new registrations.

October 2019 - March 2020

\$160 per Athlete

- +\$30 Fundraising Levy Per Family
- KidSport Vouchers Accepted

Family Fun & Fitness Encouraging Athletes to BE THEIR BEST!

committee.glac@gmail.com

[geraldtonathleticscentre](http://geraldtonathleticscentre.com.au)



Looking for something different for your kids to get into this year?

SCOUTS- WOORREE Group – MORRIS STREET BLUFF POINT.

Scouting is for both Boys and Girls. Come along for three weeks trial to check it out before joining up.

Joeys 6-7yrs. Wednesdays 4.00pm-5.15pm.

Cubs 8-10yrs. Tuesdays 4.30pm-5.50pm

Scouts 11-14yrs. Tuesdays 5.30pm-7.30pm.

Venturers 15-18yrs. Mondays 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Contact Group Leader /Lorraine Bowen 0438909446 or email: gl.woorree@scoutswa.com.au



Term 3 2019 Term Planner – Updated 14/8/19

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	July 22	23 First day back for students	24	25	26	27	28
2	29	30	31 K/P Library Excursion Music Festival School banking	Aug 1 Music A Viva 1.45pm	2	3	4
3	5	6	7 QPT Excursion Revolting Rhymes Yrs. 1-6 11am	8 School Board Mtg 2.30-3.30pm	9 NCVISSA Cross Country	10	11
4	12	13 School Banking	14 Young Writers @ CBSHS ← Mingenew	15 Triple P Parenting 1.10pm Expo →	16 P&C Meeting 2pm	17	18
5	19	20 Faction Jumps, Throws, Distance Races	21	22	23 Faction Carnival	24	25
6	26	27	28 School Banking	29 Wendy Binks Visiting Author 9.00 am Triple P Parenting 1.10pm Fotoworks 8.30 am	30 Father's Day STEM CHALLENGE 	31	Sept 1
7	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8	9	10	11 School Banking	12 Triple P Parenting 1.10pm School Board Mtg 2.30-3.30	13 Science Incursion 1:10pm	14	15
9	16	17 Numero	18	19 Jeans for Genes Day + Jelly cups for sale	20 NCVISSA Athletics	21	22
10	23	24	25 Room 2 Assembly & Open Day School Banking	26 	27 	28	29

QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY: Monday – 30th September