

Walla Walla Public School

Weekly Newsletter



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Week 1 Term 3 Tuesday July 20th 2010

Dear Parents and Friends,

How quickly the holidays pass by. We hope that everyone had a relaxing break and is ready for another busy term.

School Development Day

Yesterday the teaching staff set up the Spellodrome Spelling Program to be implemented this term. Each child in K-6 will have at least one session per week using the program. This is an internet based program providing a fun way for the children to learn about spelling. Each child will have an individual login name and password. If you have access to the internet at home your family will be able to use the program there as well. The school's normal spelling program will continue. Spellodrome will support what is already happening in the classroom.

The staff also discussed this term's Connected Outcome Groups Unit of Work and the Numeracy program.

Miss Widdison and Mrs Bahr collected suitable books to be used for home reading.

Meeting of the P&C

A meeting of the P&C will be held in the school library on Monday July 26th at 7pm. All parents are most welcome to attend.

Toys at School

Last term a number of students brought toys to school. As a result some toys were lost and disputes about ownership occurred. Please do not allow your children to bring toys to school. There is plenty of equipment at the school for the children to use.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

The staff would really like to meet with you to discuss your child/ren's progress. One of the most important aspects of successful education is a positive partnership between home and school. Open communication between parents and teachers is a vital part of this partnership. We hope that you are all able to visit the school during Week 3.

Please find attached a list of times available for Parent/Teacher Interviews. Please indicate your first, second and third preference times on the sheet and return it to school by Friday of this week. A timetable will be set up and forwarded home to you early next week.

Year 5/6 Day at Wirraminna

On **Monday July 26th Years 5 and 6 students** will travel to Burrumbuttock for a special day. Police Officer Francine Lee will talk to the children about Bullying and Cyber Bullying. The rest of the day will include a series of activities lead by Mr Owen Dunlop. Travel arrangements are still being made. Please complete the attached permission note and return it to school before Friday. There will be no cost. Children are required to wear school uniform and take all food and drink requirements for the day.

Students will depart school at 9.30 am and return by 3.25 pm.

Mrs Bahr's Long Service Leave

I will be taking Long Service Leave from August 30th until the end of term. Mr Des Knight from Jindera will be relieving Principal and Year 3-6 teacher during that time.

School Uniform

We encourage all students to wear appropriate school uniform to school each day. It is important that all items of uniform have the child's name written on or attached to it. We are experiencing a very cold winter so a warm jacket would also be a good idea.

Community Notices

Old School House AGM

7.30 pm, Wednesday 28th July at the Doctor's (Lion's) House opposite Landmark.

All welcome.

Further information contact Karen Wenke, Secretary
60292316

Successful Parenting Program

Centacare is willing to conduct its successful parenting Program - 123 Magic - in Walla Walla. This program addresses the difficult task of child discipline with humour, insight and proven experience. It also provides easy-to-follow steps for disciplining children aged 2 to 12 years of age without yelling, arguing or hitting.

The course will be held locally and goes for 2 hours once per week for three weeks.

If there is sufficient interest, this will be held in Walla beginning during the week of 30th August 2010 on either a Monday or Tuesday during the day or in the evening.

The cost is \$50 per family.

Please contact Lee-Anne Kupke on 60292322 or contact the school if you are interested, so that definite days and times can be arranged to suit everyone.

Diary Dates

Monday July 26th-P&C Meeting 7pm

Week 3-Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday August 4th-CSU Speech Pathology
Students begin.

Monday August 16th-School Council Meeting 5pm
- CSU Intern Melissa Gush

commences in 3-6 class

Week 6-Combined Education Week and Book Week

Tuesday August 24th-Open Afternoon-1pm-3.30pm

Tuesday August 31st-Rand Maths Muster

Friday September 3rd-Riverina Athletics Carnival at
Alexandra Park

September 8th,9th and 10th-Bendigo/Ballarat

Excursion. Miss Widdison to attend

Friday September 24th-Quizworks Puppets

Last day of Term 3

Canteen Roster

July 26: Selina Kohlhagen, Lorna Quinlivan

Aug 2: Julie Lieschke, Lyneen Merkel