Principal’s Piece

Welcome to our first newsletter for term 3. We have a couple of staff going on leave this term. Mrs Sneyd will be heading off from week four onwards and will be replaced by Mrs Wilson and Mrs Ashbolt. Miss Aitken will be away from week five onwards and will be replaced by Mrs Alderson. We wish them a safe and happy break.

We have had our first event for the term which was “Walliston’s Big Sleep Out” to raise awareness and money for the cause of homelessness. Over $600 has been raised and this will be presented to HD Streetwise at an assembly later this term.

Our first assembly for this term will be held on Friday 8th and will be hosted by Room 8. We will also be having a visit by Mr Phil Mutter the chairman of the Forrestfield and High Wycombe Community Bank. Mr Mutter will be presenting the school with a cheque for $20,000 which is to enable us to engage in a Tech Smart School initiative. This will give us funding for the purchase of computing equipment as well as providing some staff training.

We are coming into some warmer weather and this is the time where students can suffer sun damage. Please ensure that your child has a hat that will provide adequate protection from the sun.

Our School Council meeting was held last week. A number of issues were discussed including a reduction of sports factions from four down to three in 2015. This will be necessary as we will have reduced numbers of students with about 60 - 70 students in each faction from Pre-primary to Year Six. We will retire the present four faction names and commence 2015 with three new names and colours.

We will be surveying the school community to request your input on names based on the following categories. Local Flora (plant life), local fauna (animal life) and local categories such as people, places of interest etc. I will advise you when this survey will be available.

Thanks to our P&C members who came to the meeting last Wednesday night. There was lots of discussion about a range of issues. The P&C members will be particularly busy this term with two big events, the Father’s Day stall and the Book Fair. The Book Fair will be operating on Wednesday 3rd of September which is the same day as our school Open Night.

You may have heard that a one line budget for schools will be introduced for 2015 and that most primary schools will be better off financially. At this stage I am not aware exactly how this will affect us. I am expecting to have more information once I have attended the training this week with our Registrar Mrs Radziejewski.

Finally don’t forget that week five is book week. We will be having a visiting author and other activities to promote book week and the importance of reading to children.

Bernie O’Hara
Principal

‘Walliston’s Big Sleep Out’

Parking

I wanted to take the opportunity to remind parents about parking outside the school during pick up and drop off times before and after school. We enjoy good relations with our “neighbours” whose properties are across the road from the school and we wish this relationship to continue. To assist us to maintain these positive relationships please ensure that your parking and driving during your visits here allow free movement of our neighbour’s vehicles in and out of their property.
FATHERS DAY STALL
Any donations of gifts or gift bags, for the Fathers Day Stall would be greatly appreciated. There is a box for donations in the office. The Fathers Day Stall is being held early this year, on Wednesday 27th August.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
There are only 3 entertainment books left, so if you have been thinking about buying one, don't miss out! There is a display book in the office, along with order forms. Books are $65 each, of which $13 is donated to school.

NUTRIMETRIC SHOWER GELS
Due to the popularity of the Nutrimetics shower gels, the offer has been extended to the end of August. There is a sample box in the office should you like to have a look, as well as order forms. One box of five 250ml shower gels is only $30, of which $10 is kindly donated to the school. Thank you to Jacqueline Ruiters for providing us with this very generous promotion.

BAKERS DELIGHT
Bakers Delight Dough Raiser cards have been sent home this week. If you shop at Bakers Delight Kalamunda, show your card and 5% of your sale will be donated to School. Extra cards are available in the office if you require more.

SCHOOL BANKING
A reminder that school banking is held in the old library every Tuesday morning at 8.30am. Students earn a token for every deposit, no matter how small, and can redeem a reward when they have 10 tokens. Rewards this term include a whale shark pencil case, plush penguin or shark keyring, money box, and swimming bag. Students also earn interest and there are no bank fees. If you would like to open an account for your child, simply pop into the Commonwealth Bank. A very big thank you to Elaine Thiesen and Delouise Nel for getting to school extra early every Tuesday morning, and volunteering their time to run the school banking program.
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1 | Rayan Hajli
2 | Katherine Low
4 | James Lawton
4 | Max McDonald
12 | Nicholas Regan
6 | Chloë Stump
8 | Shayne Cassidy
8 | Rylee Drage
8 | Lily de Saran
8 | Eliza de Velde
12 | Ji Harding

Student Free Day
Monday 25th August

Change of Faction Names
Due to the reduced numbers of students at the school, we realise that four factions are no longer viable for next year. The school council would like families to put forward their ideas for new faction names. These should reflect the natural or local history of our area. Please email your ideas to either Wes Bancroft at wesbancroft@gmail.com or the school at www.wallistonprimaryschool.wa.edu.au Alternatively drop your ideas into the school office by 15th August 2014 Wes Bancroft.
School Council

Where will your child be in 2015
Walliston Primary is already planning for the 2015 school year. The Department of Education has already asked us to submit our predicted numbers for 2015. If you know your child will not be attending Walliston in 2015, please let the office staff know. Obviously children leaving the school as graduating Year 6/7’s do not need to advise us of their departure.

Uniform Shop
Faction Shirts reduced to $5.00 each due to Faction Changes next year.

Congratulations to Rebecca Moore and Nathan Kenyon for being prize winners at the Children’s Book Week Art Competition. Well done!

SIM CLASSICAL GUITAR WORKSHOPS
Hundreds of Year 5 & 6 guitar students attended these motivational workshops in the last week of term two students at various metropolitan venues throughout the week.
Under the direction of School of Instrumental Music Services classical guitar teachers, the students had the chance to learn ensemble rehearsal techniques which included being conducted. Playing new as well as pre-learned pieces with dozens of guitarists allowed everyone to feel supported in playing their parts and to experience the joy of working together to create musical performances.
Parents were treated to an informal concert following the ninety minute sessions and from comments I received were impressed with their child’s participation and pleasantly surprised by the quality of presentation achieved on the day. Students enjoyed learning and performing the ‘Super Hero’ themed music.
Congratulations to all participants who will hopefully be invited to perform some of these pieces for their peers, parents and teachers at school assemblies later in the year.
Steve East
SIM Guitar Teacher
Upcoming Events

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Community Notices

Kalamunda Rangers

Kalamunda Kick Boxing & Martial Arts
Kalamunda Kickboxing & Martial Arts teaches Kidz Karate classes every Monday - Thurs 3.45pm - 4.30pm, Friday 4.00pm - 4.45pm & Saturday 11.45am – 12.30pm. For further information please call 6293 1633

Helen O’Grady Drama Academy
Our program aims to give children ongoing confidence, self-esteem and skill in verbal communication. For more information please call 9378 4332.

Ray Owen Girls Basketball
Years 4/5 & 6 play Monday nights 4pm - 5.15pm. Ring Lizzy on 9293 8100 or Chris on 0439 936 536 chrissaligari@hotmail.com

‘Orange’ School Bus Services
Is your child starting or changing schools in 2015 and are you seeking Transport Assistance on an ‘Orange’ school bus?
In 2015 all Year 7 students, will be attending high school as secondary students. This will have a substantial impact on the ‘Orange’ school bus network and will require significant planning. It is very important that the Public Transport Authority establishes the number of eligible students requiring Transport Assistance. The Public Transport Authority is requesting parents that have children starting or changing schools in 2015 and requiring bus travel to complete an online application for Transport Assistance at www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au by no later than 31 August 2014 for travel in 2015.
Please be aware; Transport Assistance is offered to eligible families in two forms, either by ‘Orange’ school bus or a Conveyance Allowance paid to parents to drive their children to and from school. The type of Transport Assistance provided to a family depends on many factors including, location and bus availability.
If your child is currently travelling on an ‘Orange’ school bus and they are not changing schools next year, there is no need to reapply or contact us as your transport arrangements as a rule will remain the same.
If you have any further questions please phone 9326 2625 or email schoolbus@pta.wa.gov.au

Merit Awards
Congratulations to these students

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For safety reason we ask that students do not walk through the staff car park. The path at the front of the school should be used to gain access to and from the school premises.

Disabled Parking in Staff Car Park
Please do not park in the disabled car park area unless you have an ACROD Parking Permit. Thank you.