Welcome back to term 3. We have some increased enrolments at Walliston Primary School which is good news for all of us. Thank you to those who have spread the word about good things that are happening here. Term three is traditionally a very busy time of year for us with a number of events coming up.

Our students have commenced practice for athletics so that we are getting ourselves ready for our Faction Carnival which takes place in week nine. Mr Dunn, who has taken over from Mr Levy, has also been doing some work on the jump pit to bring it up to standard so that students can commence long jump practice.

We are having Science Week in week three of this term. Mrs Sneyd has organised a number of activities for classes to share scientific knowledge. We also have a very interesting incursion called “A Case of Emergency”. In this activity students help track a missing person using evidence and taking on the role of various professionals who work in forensics.

Other events coming up include Book Week in Week Six, Go Cart Competition at Falls Road Primary School in Week Five and the Father’s Day Stall in Week Seven.

Our Open Night is to be held on Wednesday 7th September in conjunction with the P&C and Library’s Book Fairs. You will be given plenty of advance warning about these and the other events for this term.

Some Interesting Research on Reading to Young People.

Reading to Young Children: A Head-Start in Life. The research sets out to explore the connections between parents reading to their young children and their child’s later reading and other cognitive skills. This research is a result of a partnership arrangement between the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.

Key Findings:

- The frequency of reading to children at a young age has a direct causal effect on their schooling outcomes regardless of their family background and home environment.
- Reading to children at age 4-5 every day has a significant positive effect on their reading skills and cognitive skills (i.e., language and literacy, numeracy and cognition) later in life.
- Reading to children 3-5 days per week (compared to 2 or less) has the same effect on the child’s reading skills at age 4-5 as being six months older.
- Reading to them 6-7 days per week has the same effect as being almost 12 months older.
- Children read more frequently at age 4-5 achieve higher scores on the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for both Reading and Numeracy in Year 3 (age 8 to 9).
- These differences in reading and cognitive skills are not related to the child’s family background or home environment but are the direct result of how frequently they have been read to prior to starting school.

Bernie O’Hara. Principal

Play Equipment Shade Cover

In 2015 we were successful in obtaining an Education Department Grant for $10,000 to go towards the construction of playground shade equipment. We approached Programmed Facilities Management to obtain quotes for us for this structure. Quotes and permits have come in at around $22,000. Money was put aside in our budget and the P&C has offered to put some funding towards this structure. The Structure was completed over 3 days during our July school holidays.

Students are enjoying playing on the equipment in winter and have said that it is great to be able to play on dry equipment because they don’t slip off. No doubt they will be just as happy playing in shade when the warmer weather returns.

### Dates to Remember

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CHAPLAIN CHAT

With the start of a new term and new semester I think these ‘parenting ideas’ are suitable for all of us.

‘Helping students stay motivated’
Success is a great motivator. We usually feel good about ourselves when we achieve a goal or perform well and we usually try hard to repeat those feelings of success. It is important then for young people to experience success at school and at home. Young people generally want to succeed or do well in all that they do but if they meet with failure they will sometimes appear disinterested or even lazy.

Parental expectations of success can influence their children’s ability to succeed. If your expectations are too high your child may give up if they can’t achieve accordingly. Alternatively, if your expectations are too low they may have nothing to strive for. Expectations of success need to be reasonable and realistic in terms of your children’s abilities.

BRIGHT IDEAS:
Help young people experience success by breaking complex tasks into achievable chunks. For instance, a child learning to play a guitar may practice individual chords before learning to play a song.
Help your children to establish achievable goals. Encourage them to write or list their goals in a diary and to check them regularly
Celebrate when goals are achieved. Reaching a short term goal is a great motivator, demonstrating to students that with work and a positive attitude they can achieve.
Display confidence in the ability to succeed. Confidence shows through our language and the way we treat young people. Remember, confidence is catching……
For more information go to www.Parentingideas.com.au
Thank you

Adrian Wilson
School Chaplain

Staff Car Park
We are still having some parents driving into the school car park at drop off and pick up times. Please note that the car park is for staff cars only and that no cars should be entering at any time. To ensure safety, parents are also reminded to walk their children along the path on Dianella Road and not through the staff car park. Thank you.

3 Year Old Kindy
To celebrate the end of semester one, the 3 Year Old Kindy class enjoyed a Teddy Bear’s Picnic. The students had lots of fun making honey sandwiches, teddy bear ears and painting their own faces. The class played a game of ‘hide and seek’ with their very own bears as well as sang songs and read the story ‘We’re going on a Bear Hunt.’

Mrs S Fields
3 Year Old Kindy

Road to Rio—Melissa Hoskins
Watch out for ex Walliston student Melissa Hoskins who will be competing at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro next month. Melissa was a member of the Australian track cycling team pursuit team that finished in fourth place at the 2012 Summer Olympics. Read more about Melissa on the front page of the current edition of the Echo Newspaper.
ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL

A very big thank you for all the delicious looking cakes etc donated to the Cake Stall. They all looked fantastic and were very popular! Thank you to Bakers Delight Kalamunda who also donated to our cake stall once again. The Cake Stall was a great success thanks to the many lovely donations received. Thank you to Sarah Greenway, Michel Hosking, Julie Parker, Michelle Turner, Leigh King, Bec Calvert, Jess Newman, Gemma Dalby, & Shireen Pivac for your help on the day, it was very much appreciated! Apologies if I have missed any names, many of our volunteers swapped or worked on both stalls on the day and I may have lost track! We raised $462.70 on the Cake Stall, so thank you very much everyone! And thank you to everyone who supported our Cake Stall too, so many generous customers paid extra or wanted us to keep their change for the school.

COFFEE VAN
Thank you to Mr Bean’s Daily Grind Coffee Van for joining us on the day and donating part proceeds. Coffees and $50 donation very much appreciated.

SANDY FIELDS
Great job by our lovely Sandy Fields, setting up a little area to keep the kids entertained. It came in handy while parents were busy either volunteering or voting. Some great displays of our fantastic playgroup and 3 year old kindy.

DONATIONS RECEIVED
Many thanks to the local businesses who helped keep our costs down, we are very grateful for their generosity:
- Woolworths Kalamunda – donation of 5 kilos of short cut bacon, and 5 kilos of onions.
- Kalamunda Toyota – donation of 150 sausages & bread rolls, and the use of their Community BBQ trailer.
- Bakers Delight Kalamunda – donated 160 round rolls, a great price on the rest, and kindly donated many delicious treats to the cake stall.
- Market City Meats Canningvale – a great price on remaining bacon needed.
- The Parker Family (SG Enviro) – donated and delivered ice.

A very big thank you to all our awesome volunteers who helped out in many different ways. From set up to pack up, baking cakes, sizzling sausages, chopping onions, making signs, manning stalls, shopping, planning & organising. Thank you all so much for another fun successful day. Many thanks to Sarah Greenway for organising the roster, and your help with shopping and planning. Thank you and well done to Wes Bancroft for taking on the sausage sizzle and doing such a great job, the bacon & egg burgers were delicious! With the Sausage Sizzle, Cake Stall, & Coffee Van combined, we have raised $1633.45 in total for our school. Fantastic team effort everyone, well done.

KidzaBuzz Books - Be quick only 2 left @ $10 each Filled with over 350 money saving vouchers, valid until 31 October 2016

Entertainment Books are still available from the office. Remember, the school earns $13.00 from the sale of each book sold. Books or the digital membership can be purchased via this link.


Honey for sale in the office. 1 kilo tubs for only #10 each. 

Di Moore Fundraising Coordinator.
**ELECTION DAY BBQ**

I’d like to extend a huge thank you to all that helped out on the egg and bacon burger/ sausage sizzle stall at school on Election Day (July 2nd). We made more than $1000 profit for the school which was helped greatly by donations of food and equipment from Bakers Delight Kalamunda, Kalamunda Toyota, Woolworths Kalamunda and SG Enviro. We sold out of everything by about 12:30pm (roughly 250 bacon and egg burgers, and 150 sausage sizzles) which was just about exactly to plan. I was very impressed by how well we did and how well supported Walliston Primary is by parent volunteers. The comradery, energy and fun amongst our volunteers flowed through to the whole community and I had many comments about the ‘lovely atmosphere’ of the day.

Thanks to Di Moore and Sarah Greenway (who both helped me hugely with the paperwork, planning and preparation); Bernie O’Hara, Carmel Radziejewski and Kylie Della-Franca (who were super helpful with all things administrative); Grant van der Helder (who was going to help for an hour and stayed all day), Jess Newman, Bec Calvert, Michel Hosking, Scott Parker, Maria Keilty, Carrie Johnson, Shireen Pivac (thanks for painting the signs too, Shireen), Jude Clephas, Michelle Turner, Emma Gallager, Jo Deroost, Erin Randall, Rachael Chodewa, Darren Moore and Pam Westphal (my apologies if I’ve left anyone off the list)! And thanks with extra onions and sauce to the *Barbie Brothers* Adrian Wilson, Vern Campo and Paul Gallager who put in some serious hours behind the hotplates to keep the food coming (and probably smelled like sausages for several says thereafter).

**KINDY/PREPRIMAR PLAYGROUND BUSY BEE**

In the two weeks before the mid-year holidays a wonderful crew of volunteers helped to make some significant upgrades to the grounds of the Early Childhood Centre (outside of Rooms 15 and 16). We achieved a great number of things including adding a gazebo above the stage (from which we can hang curtains etc. for cubbies, performances), building a corral-style cubby (now tentatively named ‘Woodhenge’), wood-chipping, refreshing the garden/flower bed, pruning all the gardens around the swings, revitalising the mud pit, concreting a cross-over for the bike track, adding some edge-paving, adding a letterbox and painting the cubby house.

Thank you to the following workers and/or caterers who helped on the 18th June: Grant van der Helder (and Isabelle and Grace), Bernie O’Hara, Sandy and Peter Fields (and Blake and Claudia), Jill Della-Franca (yummy cake!), Sarah and Dave Keirle (and Jack and Matilda), Pam Breen, Jess Newman, Colby Maguire (and Ella and Abby), Sue Sneyd, Cath, Darryl and Louis de Saran, Julie and Scott Parker (and Chelsea and Hayden), Dave Eastman (and Max, Abby and Isabelle) and Natalie Warburton (and Leo and Scarlett Bancroft). Special commendations go to Dave K for almost single-handedly shifting a never-ending number of trailer loads of mulch, Grant for his carpentry expertise and sourcing many of the materials, and Scott ‘The Magician’ for making a loader (and its bucketful of soil for the mudpit) seemingly appear out of thin air.

On the 22nd June and Ryan Breadsell, Dave E and Samuel Kennedy dug and shovelled soil in preparation for Simon Calvert, Scott, Darren Newman and Dave E to erect the corral-cubby on the 25th June. As they were building this, Julie (and Chelsea and Hayden) and Sandy (and Blake, Claudia and Georgia) painted the cubby house. Jill again provided much appreciated sustenance and Cath kindly unlocked the kindy buildings for us. Scott’s artistic ability with a chainsaw was a highlight of the day.

Finally, the award for sufferance and goodwill goes to John Wolfe, our school gardener, who took the news of a mistake that we made with outward calm, and also devoted considerable time to helping me correct the problem. Thank you John. Thanks go to the school’s P & C for funding the changes, and my apologies if I’ve missed anyone off the list.

I’m really pleased with what we’ve achieved so far, and the kids seemed to have happily embraced it all. There is, however, more planned - so stay tuned… Wes Bancroft
Merit Awards

Congratulations to these students

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Saturday, September 10th, 2016

100 Years - 1916 - 2016
Come and see us celebrate, Saturday 10th September
9am to 3pm
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Please see the Wyalketchem Hotel & Motel brochure or contact the school for more information.

After School Arts News

After School Arts enrolment is on Thurs 28th July 4-5pm at Jorgenson Park in Kalamunda. Vacancies exist in all classes of Pottery, Painting and Drawing and Hooked on Hessian. Classes commence Thurs 4th Aug from 4-6pm for 8 weeks. Ages from 6yrs up

Kids Disco

Friday 12 Aug
5pm - 8pm

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