

2024 TERM 1 - ISSUE 1

NEWSLETTER

WALLISTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Dianella Road, Walliston, WA 6076

From the Principal

Dates to Remember

Friday 9 February

- Assembly @ 9am
- Parent Information Sessions
- P&C Community Picnic from 4:30pm

Monday 12 February

- Interm Swimming Lessons commence (duration 2 weeks)

Tuesday 20 February

- P&C AGM 7pm WPS Library

Friday 23 February

- Last Day of Interm Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 28 February

- Newsletter

Thursday 29 February

- Ride to School Day

Friday 1 March

- Rm 10 Assembly @ 9am

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

A SIZZLING START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

Kaya Wanjoo Wanjoo – hello and welcome to our first newsletter for 2024. As temperatures soared, so did the anticipation and excitement from students and staff as we welcome our school community back to a brand-new school year, especially as friends reunite and new relationships establish. As we open our classroom doors to fresh possibilities and opportunities, there is a feeling of enthusiasm for the journey ahead.

As a staff we understand and value the importance of creating safe and supportive learning environments to ensure the students feel comfortable in their classrooms. As the novelty of a new room and a new school year can often lose its shine after the first couple of weeks, some students may start to feel anxious and uncertain. Therefore, a focus within our classrooms is to build connections with students and positive relationships between peers. All of which are a key school priority around Emotional Intelligence, and a focus during Week 5 of Term 1, as part of our Emotional Intelligence Week. This is important, because without trust and connection it is difficult to learn, take risks and be at your best.

I have visited all of the classrooms in the past couple of weeks and I was very impressed with how the staff and students have settled into the school year with all students engaged in their learning. It was a pleasure to see every student in school uniform and settling into their morning routines with little parent support. Mr Gilders and I have had the pleasure of seeing many smiles on student faces as they are excited in sharing their good work in the front office. I want to thank all staff and parents for establishing this very high standard of working hard in class and having your children ready for the start of school day.

A WALLISTON WELCOME

As we say at Walliston Primary School; "Our school enrolls families, and not just students". I would like to take this opportunity to give a special welcome to our new 2024 families, which include; Ackers, Courtenay, Courtley, Doig, Ferrari-Field, Hulcup, Harris, La Fata, Logan, Moreton, Morfitt, Muijs, Ridgway, Robertson, Smith, Terrell, Tolomei, Tropiano, and our 2024 Kindy families. I am sure you will enjoy your time as part of the Walliston Community.

Walliston Primary School was fortunate enough to have a full staffing list to start our school year, and I would like to welcome the following teachers to the Walliston community, Mrs Kirsti Harris (Year 4/5 – Rm 8), Ms Emma Pedrotti (Year 5/6 – Room 9) and a warm welcome to Ms Martina Verdinelli (Italian Language Assistant) to Walliston Primary School.

COMPASS APP FOR SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

In our continuous effort to enhance communication and foster a strong partnership between home and school, we are excited to continue to use the COMPASS tool that will streamline information sharing and keep our school community connected with our school. If you are still yet to download our official communication app, COMPASS please contact the school front office on 9291 2000. Department of Education has endorsed COMPASS as their preferred tool for communication, attendance, and parental consent. As a school we look forward to increasing our knowledge on how we can use COMPASS to its full potential where we aim to create a more collaborative and supportive learning environment, where communication flows effortlessly and parents are well informed.



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As we transfer to 'Compass Education', we will continue to utilise class SeeSaw accounts, written notes from the school or classroom, and utilise our school website to publish our Term Planner and other key documents, such as our 2024 Parent Information Booklet. As a school community, we are very fortunate to have class P&C Reps who support the school's communication process through their classroom online chats, such as Facebook Messenger. The P&C class Reps was introduced in 2022, and they were very successful in supporting families and classroom teachers, and I would like to thank those parents who volunteered as a P&C Class Reps for 2024. Utilising a variety of forms of communication helps the school to send out clear communication, and I thank the P&C for their support. I look forward to catching up with parents and the P&C at the P&C AGM on Tuesday 20th February.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING AND P&C WELCOME BACK COMMUNITY PICNIC

As we embrace the start of a new school year, we are thrilled to extend a warm invitation to our upcoming Parent Information Sessions and P&C Welcome Community Picnic. These events mark the beginning of a collaborative journey, fostering a strong partnership between our school and our valued Walliston families. The Parent Information sessions, which are scheduled on Friday 9th February between 3:20pm and 5:15pm, offer a valuable opportunity for you to gain insights into the classroom and school expectations to ensure that you feel well-prepared and informed for the academic school year ahead. Following the Information Sessions, we invite all families to join our school community for the Welcome Picnic on the school oval. This casual and enjoyable gathering provides an excellent opportunity to forge new friendships within the Walliston PS community.

INTERM SWIMMING LESSONS

Interm swimming is a school-based swimming program for children from Pre-Primary to Year 6. It provides quality swimming lessons across the state to ensure children develop vital swimming and water safety skills. In 2024, Walliston Primary School has been scheduled interm lessons at Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre from Monday 12th February to Friday 23rd February. The timetable has already communicated through COMPASS and parents are required to provide consent and inform the school what swimming level their child is at with a hard copy of the Interm Swimming Enrolment Form. This is a great opportunity for not only students learning water safety skills, but also preparing for our school faction swimming carnival on Friday 15th March for Years 3 to 6. Further information regarding our school swimming carnival will be shared at a later date.

STAFF CAR PARK – STUDENT SAFETY FOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP

We are very fortunate to have beautiful school grounds where families can park and catch up after school. As our school continues to grow it is important that families follow the City of Kalamunda's and Walliston PS parking restrictions around school grounds. Our staff car park plays a vital role in ensuring the smooth operation of our daily activities and it is crucial that it remains available for our dedicated teachers, support staff and contractors. We kindly request that parents do not utilise the staff carpark for drop off or pick up at the start and end of each school day. Your understanding and compliance with this request are greatly appreciated. By respecting the designated parking areas, we can contribute to the efficient functioning of our school, look after the safety and wellbeing of our students, and create a welcoming atmosphere for all.

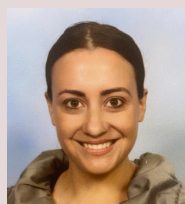
Craig Mainard
Principal

New Staff Members



Mrs Kirsti Harris
Room 8 - Years 4/5

My name is Kirsti Harris, I am married and have two children. I have previously taught at Woodlupine Primary School and Wooroloo Primary School. On the weekends I like to go camping with my family where we can relax at the beach or around a warm campfire.



Mrs Emma Pedrotti
Room 9 - Years 5/6

I am very excited to be a part of such a beautiful community here at Walliston Primary School. I am a Mum of two girls, Charlee (7) and Shylah (4). I have been teaching for almost 14 years and most of my time has been spent in the upper years of primary. I am sport obsessed, AFL and cricket being my favourites.

Chaplain Chat

Welcome back to Walliston Primary School for 2024, it is great to see the school year start smoothly, despite a bit of summer weather....

As a parent with school aged students, I have to apply the advice that I suggest. I have found 7 helpful tips for the first few weeks of school.

Tips for getting kids ready for back-to-school whatever their age. Many kids are apprehensive about starting school or going back to school. The good news is there's a lot you can do to ease their minds and help them get ready for a new school year.

1. Early to bed

It won't happen overnight! Get your child into the habit of going to bed earlier. Gentle winding-down activities such as bath time and reading before bed can help your child relax.

2. Re-establish a routine

Establishing a consistent routine is important for kids. Write out the steps in the routine and rehearse them with your child. In the evening, this could include doing homework, playtime, brushing their teeth, having a bath, and reading before bed.

3. Encourage independence

Children who play an active role in preparing for back to school – such as choosing and organizing school supplies and new clothes – are more likely to get excited about going back to school, which in turn eases their jitters. Is your child old enough for chores like emptying the dishwasher or making lunches? Daily, age-appropriate tasks will help your child gain independence and confidence.

4. Talk about safety

Review outdoor safety rules – things like looking both ways before crossing the street, taking the same route every day if they are walking, familiarizing themselves with crosswalk rules, and being cautious in talking to strangers.

5. Establish healthy habits

Involve your children in choosing and preparing healthy lunches and snacks. Help them find physical activities they enjoy. Try to stick to regular meal times.

6. Limit screen time

Back to school is the perfect opportunity to re-establish screen time limits. Why not have the whole family “unplug” in the evenings before bedtime? Choose a spot where everybody can charge their devices overnight.

7. Talk about first-week jitters

Reassure your child that being nervous is natural – even for teachers. You can help your child cope with these feelings when you:

- Let them express their fears. Perhaps you can offer stories of your own first-day jitters when you were a child.
- Teach them to breathe deeply and slowly to calm their nerves.
- Discuss the scenarios that worry them. For example, if they're worried about who to sit with or talk to on the first day, help them plan a strategy and rehearse it so they'll know what to do.

Adrian Wilson
Chaplain

Term 1 Planner



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Term Planner - Term 1 2024

PARENTS

School Website: www.wallistonprimaryschool.wa.edu.au

School Times:

8.45am Start
10.35am - 10.55am Recess
12.35pm - 1.20pm Lunch
3.00pm M, W, Th, F Finish 2.25pm Tuesday

Term Dates 2024

31st Jan 28th Mar
15th April 20th June
15th July 12th Dec

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | Jan 29 <i>SDD</i> | 30 <i>SDD</i> | 31 | Feb 1 | 2 |
| 2 | 5 | 6 | 7 <i>Newsletter</i> | 8 <i>Bushfire Drill</i> | 9 <i>Assembly (Admin)</i> <i>Parent Information Sessions</i> <i>P&C Community Picnic from 4:30pm</i> |
| 3 | 12 <i>PP On Entry Assessments Start</i> | 13 | 14 <i>Interm Swimming Lessons</i> | 15 | 16 |
| 4 | 19 <i>Interm Swimming Lessons</i> | 20 <i>P&C AGM</i> | 21 <i>Interm Swimming Lessons</i> | 22 | 23 |
| 5 | 26 <i>Emotional Intelligence Week</i> | 27 | 28 <i>Newsletter</i> | 29 <i>Ride to School Day</i> | Mar 1 <i>Assembly Rm 10</i> |
| 6 | 4 <i>Labour Day Holiday</i> | 5 | 6 <i>School Board Mtg</i> | 7 | 8 <i>Crazy Hair Day</i> |
| 7 | 11 <i>Yr 6 Stirk Cricket</i> <i>Cricket</i> | 12 <i>P&C Meeting</i> | 13 <i>NAPLAN</i> | 14 | 15 <i>Faction Swimming Carnival</i> |
| 8 | 18 <i>NAPLAN</i> | 19 | 20 <i>Newsletter</i> | 21 <i>Stirk Interschool Swimming Carnival</i> | 22 <i>Assembly Rm 7</i> |
| 9 | 25 <i>Yr 6 Leadership Breakfast & Camp</i> | 26 | 27 <i>School Photos</i> | 28 <i>Easter Hat Parade</i> <i>WAMO Reward Day</i> | 29 <i>Good Friday Holiday</i> |
| SCHOOL HOLIDAYS | | | | | |

Parent Information Sessions

Friday 9th February 2024

Walliston Primary School will be holding a parent information session from each classroom teacher to assist with communication and provide clear guidelines for 2024. Outlined below is a scheduled timetable for parents to attend the relevant class information session.

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| Rm 1 Yr PP/1 | 4.00pm – 4.30pm |
| Rm 2 Yr 1 | 4.00pm – 4.30pm |
| Rm 3 Yr 2 | 3.20pm – 3.50pm |
| Rm 4 Yr 2/3 | 3.20pm – 3.50pm |
| Rm 5 Yr 3 | 3.20pm – 3.50pm |
| Rm 6 Yr 3 | 3.20pm – 3.50pm |
| Rm 7 Yr 4 | 4.45pm – 5.15pm |
| Rm 8 Yr 4/5 | 4.45pm – 5.15pm |
| Rm 9 Yr 5/6 | Yr 6 4.30-4.45pm – 15 mins then 4.45pm – 5.15pm |
| Rm 10 Yr 5/6 | Yr 6 4.30-4.45pm – 15 mins then 4.45pm – 5.15pm |
| Rm 11 Yr PP | 4.00pm – 4.30pm |

Updated Swimming Timetable

Please return Swimming Enrolment and Medical Forms by Thursday 8/2/2024

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Session 1 - 74 students

Depart School - 8:45am. Start Lesson - 9:20am. Finish Lesson - 10:00am. Arrive School - 10:35am

Room 3 - Y2

Room 6 - Y3

Room 9 - Y5/6

Session 2 - 75 students

Depart School - 9:30am. Start Lesson - 10:05am. Finish Lesson - 10:45am. Arrive School - 11:20am

Room 2 - Y1

Room 4 - Y2/3

Room 8 - Y4/5

Session 3 - 73 students

Depart School - 10:15am. Start Lesson - 10:50am. Finish Lesson - 11:30am. Arrive School - 12:05pm

Room 1 - P/1

Room 5 - Y3

Room 10 - Y5/6

Session 4 - 54 students

Depart School - 11:25am. Start Lesson - 12:00pm. Finish Lesson - 12:40am. Arrive School - 1:15pm

Room 11 - PP

Room 7 - Yr 4



Walliston PS Uniform Dress Code



STUDENT DRESS CODE

Wearing our uniform with pride

Our school uniform supports our school ethos and culture.

Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform every day. We have a year-round uniform with no seasonal requirements, or gender specific guidelines.



TOPS & DRESSES

- Polo shirt with school logo.
 - Includes maroon, faction and year 6 leavers polo.
 - Faction polo shirts may be worn on any day, except when notified otherwise such as school photos, ANZAC Day, excursions and interschool events.
- Maroon tartan dress with school logo.
- Jacket with school logo (fleece or bomber style).

BOTTOMS

- Plain black or school shorts (mid-thigh length, no logos).
- Plain black skirt or skorts (mid-thigh length, no logos).
- Plain black or school tracksuit pants (no logos, no jeans).
- Black undergarments (bike pants, leggings, stockings) can be worn underneath skirts and dresses.



Bike shorts, football shorts, leggings and tights are not to be worn by themselves as pants.



HATS & SHOES

- School hat (reversible bucket or broad brimmed).
 - Hats are required for all outdoor activities.
- Closed-in shoes (no sandals).
 - Sports shoes are recommended.



HAIR & ACCESSORIES

- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.
- Only sleeper and plain stud earrings.
- No make-up, nail-polish or other jewellery.

PLEASE LABEL ALL UNIFORM ITEMS

Lost property baskets are located in the Junior (Weston) and Senior (Annetts) blocks.

ORDERING UNIFORMS

Uniforms are available to order through the P&C Uniform Shop. Please visit www.wallistonuniformshop.ecwid.com or the School Office for an order form.

Endorsed by Walliston Primary School Board: 17/05/2023. Review date: May 2024

Congratulations!

Merit Award Winners

| Rm | Name |
|-------|----------------------------------|
| Rm 1 | Willow B Charlotte H George T |
| Rm 2 | Kalahni M Zoe L |
| Rm 3 | Nate H Jake S |
| Rm 4 | Xavier K Daisy W |
| Rm 5 | Madden T Charlotte S |
| Rm 6 | Austin M Evie V |
| Rm 7 | Jack N Indie V |
| Rm 8 | Holly C Sinead A |
| Rm 9 | Elouise R Evan H |
| Rm 10 | Kyp C Austin W |
| Rm 11 | Mattia B Jasmine B |

P&C News

WALLISTON PRIMARY PARENT COMMUNITY



We need you!



2024 AGM
Walliston PS Library
Tuesday 20th February
7pm

Government funding only stretches so far!

We need you on our team to ensure the events can run and the School receives the support needed.

We ask for 6-8 hours per family for events over the year, that's just 2 hours per term!

Please come to our AGM, be involved and have a voice at the table. 50c joining fee.

WALLISTON PRIMARY PARENT COMMUNITY



Our fabulous Parent Community starts with you

Each class will be in charge of an event, put your name down!



Mother's Day & Father's Day Gifts

Discos

Sausage sizzles

Cake stalls

Parents' only events

Wally Dads' Group

Colour Fun Run

Wally Boys Car Show

Uniform Shop

Book Club & Book stalls



Good Times!

Be Involved



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Community News



- 1. Fun-Filled Fitness:** Dive into a world of fitness, agility, and teamwork! Lesmurdie Warriors Netball Club is not just a team; it's a community that makes fitness a blast.
- 2. Friendships that Last a Lifetime:** Join a squad that becomes family! At Lesmurdie Warriors, you'll forge friendships on and off the court, creating memories that will last a lifetime.
- 3. Skill Development:** Whether you're a beginner or a budding pro, our experienced coaches are here to help you grow. From shooting hoops to strategic plays, we're all about nurturing your skills.
- 4. Inclusive and Supportive:** We celebrate diversity and believe in the power of inclusivity. Every child is welcome, valued, and supported to shine bright on the netball court.
- 5. Team Spirit:** Learn the importance of teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship. Lesmurdie Warriors instills a sense of unity, fostering skills that extend beyond the court into everyday life.

READY TO TAKE THE LEAP?

Visit www.lesmurdiewarriors.com or check us on Instagram & Facebook for more information.

YOUR NETBALL JOURNEY STARTS HERE!

[lesmurdiewarriors](https://www.facebook.com/lesmurdiewarriors) [lesmurdiewarriorsnetballclub](https://www.instagram.com/lesmurdiewarriorsnetballclub)

Useful Information

NET program (Pre-Primary & Year 1)

The NET Program, which is aimed towards young players aged 5 - 6 years old, incorporates activities to enhance player's netball skills and an understanding of the game in a fun and safe environment.

SET & GO! (SET Year 2 & 3 / GO Year 4 & 5)

SET focuses on refining fundamental motor skills and introducing modified netball matches. GO focuses on developing netball specific skills through modified netball matches, with game sense driven activities and drills.

JUNIOR NETBALL (Age 11 to 17)

Tailored for players aspiring to deepen their involvement in the sport, junior netball offers a comprehensive season where players can enhance their skills, boost fitness levels, and forge lasting connections with teammates all while learning from experienced coaches.

SENIOR OPEN NETBALL (Age 18+)

Mastered the school courts? Or perhaps you're 18 and seeking a new challenge? Senior Comp netball is the perfect avenue to stay fit and forge new friendships.

PREMIER LEAGUE So you think you have what it takes?

Premier League brings together top-tier teams and athletes to showcasing a dazzling display of talent, strategy, and sportsmanship. Experience a heightened level of competition that pushes the boundaries of your abilities.

IMPORTANT DATES 2024

Registration Night: Tuesday 6th February

KDNA Net Spirit clinic for coaches: 19th to 21st April

Season Commences: Jr & Sr's Saturday 27th April

NET - 10 weeks, Commence Friday 3rd of May

SET - Commence Friday 26th April

GO - Commence Saturday 27th April

www.lesmurdiewarriors.com



Venue: Jack Healey Centre
21 Mead St, Kalamunda (next door to Dome Café)

*Creative Art Activities
for Kids 6 to 14 years*

2024 Term 1

Enrollments Thursday 8th Feb, 4pm to 5pm

Starts on Thursday 8th Feb 4pm to 6pm

Hooked on Hessian

The fun textile art of rug hooking...create wall hangings, rugs or cushions with a variety of colours and textures that will bring your designs to life.

Painting & Drawing

Develop skills moving creative ideas to paper with a variety of techniques; oil, pen, crayon, pastels and water color..

All materials provided

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