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A Strong Beginning for a Great Future

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ANZAC Day

Thank you to everyone who turned up on the day for the amazing ceremony and wreath laying. I have had so many positive comments about the student on the day. We should all be very proud of them.

Cross Country

Our Cross Country will be held at the Walwa Golf Course on Friday the 17th of May with Sacred Heart. Please bring your child there at 9.45am for a 10 o'clock 'walk the course' before events begin. Please come in your team colours and bring running shoes, water bottles, hats and jumpers. Order forms for lunch have been sent home and need to be returned by next Friday, May 10th, so that food can be ordered. I would really appreciate some help with timing the older events. There won't be buses running on this day. Hoping for a nice sunny day. See you then, thank you, Meredith.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN Testing for Grade 3s and 5s is coming up in May from the 14th – 24th but we will aim to finish the tests by May 15th. We have had some trial tests and whilst the test is quite hard to get onto the children are handling it quite well. Please ensure the children are here for these days of school.

Function for Mrs Haugen

We will be holding a small function for Meredith on Thursday May 30th to commemorate the end of her permanent work at the school. It would be great if past and present staff, families and colleagues could come. Please let the school know if you intend to do so.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

We have been invited to do Woolworths Earn and Learn again this year. It would be a great opportunity for us to purchase some plastic hockey sticks, big books or sandpit equipment – all things we need at the moment. We will have a sticker box in the office at school. Thanks to Hayley Jeffs who placed our box in Wodonga Woolworths and thanks to them for having it.

Cluster Activities – NAIDOC Week – July 2019

We have been included in a range of cluster activities including various days such as World Environment Day and NAIDOC Day. These will be great socialisation opportunities for our kids. We are hosting the Term 3 NAIDOC Week activity at Walwa. We will need some help from parents with cooking breakfast and dinner at that time. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sight Words

The children in the junior school are learning their sight words. These should be learnt by quick sight recall as a whole unit and not really sounded out slowly. The idea of learning sight words is to speed up reading fluency to then aide comprehension.

School Website

Erin and Tyrone have been working hard to update our school website. We have added our policies and information about ChildSafe. For further information about any policies or the school, please refer to our website which has more information. Our website address is:

www.walwaps.vic.gov.au

We also have a Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/Walwaps/

School Maintenance Grant

We are very lucky to have received a \$5 000 grant towards the maintenance of the school.

Puberty Education

The students from grades 4-6 will be receiving puberty education very soon. Thank you so much to Sandi at the BNC for organising this.

O H and S

Theo will be coming to help us achieve our final OHS compliance in June this term.

Child Safe

I want to remind everyone that Walwa Primary School is a Child Safe school. This means that we care about your children and want them to be safe at all times and in all situations and we will comply with strict government guidelines about ensuring our school is an extremely safe place for children, after the family home. We are working hard to maintain these standards.

School Council will now be receiving some training in this area to meet compliance with strict State standards.

However, our overall mission is to ensure that parents understand we are working to create a culture of safety in regards to student welfare in our school so the students' safety is of the utmost importance before anything else in the school.

Just a reminder that if you work with children in the school at any time that you need to have a Working With Children's Check.

Please visit PROTECT website for further information about ChildSafe requirements:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/protect/Pages/default.aspx>

Grade 4-6 Canberra Camp 2019

This year we are going in late May to Canberra with the other small schools in the cluster. The dates are:

Wednesday May 22nd, Thursday May 23rd and return Friday May 24th. Departure will be at 7.40am sharp at the submarine in Holbrook.

Please ensure your notes are sent back to the school as soon as possible.

Mrs Haugen will be accompanying the students on the 2 night, three day camp. Thanks Mrs Haugen.

Homework

I would like to see our students have an excellent commitment to their homework from the beginning of the year. Homework requirements are as follows:

Grade F/1 – home readers each night, sound and sight-word practise each night

Grades 3-6 – spelling practise, times tables, reading each night

Thanks to Community Shop

Thank you to Walwa Community Shop who has donated \$400 for the school to use to buy levelled readers. We really appreciate your support and look forward to updating the readers.

Geology Club

This term we will be holding a Geology Club each possible Thursday afternoon. The club will involve the study of rocks, how they form, fossils, volcanoes, landforms and so on. This will commence in Week 3, Thursday May 9th from 3.15 to 4.15pm. I am really looking forward to it. All of the primary students will be attending!

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has now opened. We will be participating this year. Anne, Erin and I will work out more of the fine details very soon. Stay tuned!

CBCA Book of the Year Awards

The titles for this year's awards look fantastic and very relevant to our country students here in Walwa. Please find a link below for more information. We will look at purchasing many of these in the coming weeks:

<http://www.cbca.org.au/>

Child Health and Wellbeing Project

At our Principal Forum in Wangaratta earlier this term school principals were informed of a World Health organisation program run through Deakin University involving communities in improving health and wellbeing outcomes for students. Please see information attached to our newsletter for more details. All data needs collecting by Week 8 Term 2.

If you wish to opt out from this experience please ring the school or send back the opt-out form that will be coming home soon. Please read the attached form for further details. It will affect Grade 4 and 6 students only.

Professional Development

I am attending the last session of the Literacy Leaders course this week. From then on there will be some regular meetings and courses but nothing too full on which is a relief. I look forward to more time in the classroom with the students.

As a part of some of our PDs we are working with the senior students to improve their paragraphing so they are using paragraphs more in their writing and the paragraphs are meaningful ie each one represents a new idea or stage of the story.

Long Service Leave

I will be taking long service leave for a week in the last week of Term 2 for a brief break from the cool Walwa weather.

Family Counselling

Free family counselling is available to us through info@gatewayhealth.org.au Please contact them on that email address for further information or to make an appointment or ring 0260228888. I am not sure if appointments are in Albury/Wodonga or Corryong so please call them to find out. If anyone in your family needs counselling please contact them for this free service.

Curriculum

In Maths we are currently studying subtraction.

We will also be working on Respectful Relationships again this term and below is a link for the Level 3 and 4 curriculum I am basing it on. The kids are enjoying it a lot:

<http://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/Resource/LandingPage?ObjectId=7327c6bf-696a-41c4-8fc3-3c45dccc8bd>

In Writing we are finishing up persuasive texts.

The children elected to study a unit on 'Light' in Science. Space and Seasons will be next term.

In PE we are focussing on hitting and kicking skills in relation to balls and using our Sporting Schools Australia money to hopefully run some lessons around tennis for the students.

Maths-a-thon

We are aiming to hold a Maths-A-Thon in Term 2. This will encourage the students to learn some really useful number facts and help raise some money for the school. If you could assist me with the Maths-A-Thon please let me know! Thank you.

Cluster Writing Moderation and Planning

Four goals for writing for all of our cluster F-2 students this term are:

- write with spaces between words
- spell high frequency words correctly
- use boundary punctuation for sentences and
- write letters correctly.

It was great to get some focus for our writing goals. We are also doing a junior unit next term called "Where Do I Live" which looks at Walwa and the Murray River and a Senior Unit around "Living Things"

Senior students will be working on using paragraph to create structure and meaning within texts.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Please keep sending stickers in. A big thank you to Maz, our cleaner, Hayley Jeffs and Kristie Taprell who have sent in heaps of stickers over the past week.

Science Unit – Weather from Term 1

These are some weather poems the students wrote to finish off the weather unit we worked on last term:

Weather can get strong
Every day can be windy
Air can get windy
Thunder can shake a house
Heatwaves can make fires
Electricity can turn off your TV
Rain gauge measures rainfall
By Lawson Jeffs

Wind is transformed by the sun's surface
Electricity is formed by storm crashing together
Anemometer speed direction
Temperature comes from weather
Heat comes from the sun's energy
Energy is made from really strong storms
Rainbows are made by rain and sun
By Charley Demosani

Weather can blow trees over
Everyday can have different weather
Air can move when the sun heats up
Thermometers measure temperature
Hot weather makes you sweat
Electricity is in lightning
Rain gauge collects water
By Luke Taprell

Wind is created by the sun

Everyday weather is different

Anemometer measures wind speed and direction

Temperature is in Celsius to Fahrenheit

Hail is frozen rain

Energy is made by lightning and wind

Rain is evaporated water

By Lillian Jeffs

Wind is made by the sun

Everyday weather changes

Anemometer measures wind speed and direction

Temperature is measured in Fahrenheit and Celsius

Heat waves come off roads

Electricity comes from storms

Rain makes up a cloud

By Mac Drummond

Wind is made from the sun

Electricity can be made by water

Anemometer measures wind speed

Temperature changes our life

Humidity is hot and you get sticky

Energy is made from the sun

Rain gauge measures rain fall

By Lincoln Jeffs

Thanks Mr Citroen re: Gardening Bed

Thanks to Victor Citroen who is donating another gardening bed complete with soil and plants from Foodshare. We appreciate your generosity and support of our children and school.

Dates to Remember

- Thursday May 9th – Geology Club – 3.15pm – 4.15pm
- NAPLAN Online Assessment – Tuesday 14th May to Friday 24th May
- Thursday 16th May – Sounds of the Mountain visit to record a ‘Happy Birthday’ song
- Friday May 17th at 9.45am - Cross Country Carnival – Walwa Golf Course
- Grade 5/6 Cluster Canberra Camp – Wed May 22nd, 23rd and 24th
- May 30th – World Health Organisation Measurement Visit
- May 30th – Function for Meredith – 2pm at school
- Wednesday June 5th – World Environment Day – Cluster Day at Bethanga Primary School – bus will be hired for this day – Mrs Haugen attending – parents welcome to join in.
- June 10th – Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend
- June 25th – Woolworths Earn and Learn ends
- Wednesday June 18th – Reports sent home (at this stage).
- Friday June 28th – Last Day Term 2
- Monday July 15th – First Day Term 3

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Please find below a hyperlink to some nice photos taken by David Hanna from the Walwa ANZAC Ceremony this year:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/apueca6xsasy3ds/AAAvNbEp6uZE7gzZ4-j3EgCya?dl=0>

Reading activity

a good reminder



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