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From The Principal

Dear Parents,

Next week is our “Meet The Teacher” week and we hope all parents can attend these valuable nights. They have been historically known as Meet The Teacher, but in fact these sessions are information sessions about the year ahead. I cannot emphasize how important it is to be a part of this. You will find out so much information about 2013 and be fully aware of class routines, school expectations and possible excursions affecting your child.

The sessions start promptly at 6.00pm. A reminder that only Walters Road and Vella Cres gates will be open.

Monday 25th February – Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)
Tuesday 26th February – Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)
Wednesday 27th February – Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)
Thursday 28th February – Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Please check your diaries and try to attend. I know the staff are giving up valuable family time to provide this valued opportunity to you.

Unfortunately we have a number of parents walking through our carpark at present. The design of our school in terms of pathways etc is not the best, but taking shortcuts and walking through gardens is going to cause an accident. The unfortunate thing is that children know these rules and are questioning parents about doing this. The other unfortunate issue is that some staff have not been spoken to politely when they have asked guests not to walk through the carpark. Please follow our rules and remember you are guests whilst on school grounds. My thanks to the many families who do the right thing. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We still have a number of children arriving at school early and despite pleas not to do so, we have some new faces now arriving early. No children should be at school prior to 8.50am. This morning we had children on the school grounds at 8am. As there is no supervision and staff are not on school grounds, this practice is classified as neglect and we will have to notify Docs. I ask you to not put the school in this situation and contact our OOSH to ensure your children are in a safe environment till 8.50am.

Congratulations to all primary staff for a wonderfully organised swimming carnival. As usual it went to perfection despite the weather and a reduction in competitors.
Our Year 1 rooms are being painted over the next few weeks and they will look beautiful for our 50th year. We are hoping to start some extensive tree plantings and landscape the front of the admin block. We trust they will be well looked after and reach maturity.

The cement pathway near the admin block is going to be replaced and we are awaiting contractors.

Warmest Regards,

Principal

From The Deputy

Hello everyone,

How wonderful to see all our students settling into school life so well. I’ve enjoyed visiting classes and seeing quality teaching and learning in action in our classrooms. Parents will of course be able to check out our impressive class happenings during our upcoming Meet the Teacher night.

Do we have permission to take photos of your child at school? On many occasions, photos of school life will be taken so the school journey can be recorded. If you are unsure if you have granted permission please contact the school and we can check for you.

Recently I was fortunate enough to read a story to some of our Kindergarten children – the book was called “The Good Mood Hunt” by Hiawyn Oram and Joanne Partis. The main character was a little girl named Hannah. Maybe your little ones will remember Hannah and what made Hannah feel happy and be in a good mood – they were certainly very good at showing me their “happy” and “sad” faces! It was also impressive to see how many of our kindergarten children knew already what an author and illustrator do and what a title page usually has on it – great learning and lots of fun!

Mrs Dawn Walker
Deputy Principal

Other Items

Early Stage 1 News

The Kindergarten students have settled in beautifully and have enjoyed receiving their new book packs to begin working in. Many thanks to the parents who have promptly made payments and returned permission notes.

A reminder that our School has a Home Reading Program which is a wonderful opportunity for the children to borrow books on a nightly basis from their class collections. Whilst there is no cost to participate in this program, permission to participate is required. If a book is lost or damaged, you will be responsible for the replacement cost of $5.00 per book.

We are busy planning for a wonderful Easter event which will include an Easter Hat Parade and singing. This has been planned for Thursday 28th March. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

At Walters Road, we educate the students on road safety, therefore, could you please take some time to discuss and reinforce with your child aspects of being safe as a pedestrian, in the car and when riding bikes, scooters or skateboards.

Art Club is offered to students as a lunch time activity on a Tuesday with Mrs Duss. At Art Club students will make something simple that is ‘crafty’ or ‘creative’ to take home. To participate, please send your child with 50 cents on a Tuesday. You do not need to commit to this every week as students can come on a casual basis.

Finally, the Early Stage 1 team really look forward to meeting with you next Monday, 25th February for the Meet the Teacher night.

Mrs G.Grant
Assistant Principal Early Stage 1

Stage 1 News

It’s hard to believe we are in Week 4 already! Students have started homework and home reading, and work in all books is well underway. A reminder that, although payment for the home reading booklet was included in the book pack, we still need a signed permission note before students can begin to bring books home. The note is red in colour and was attached to the grey book pack note that was sent home at the end of last year. Spare notes are available from the Office.

I look forward to seeing many of you next Tuesday for our Meet The Teacher Night. Year 2 will meet in their classrooms. Year 1 will meet in 1H to start and then move to classrooms to finish.

Mrs T.Harris
Assistant Principal - Stage 1

Positive Behavour Learning (P.B.L)
**Stage 2 News**

It is hard to believe that we are into Week 4 already!! Students in Stage 2 have settled into their classes and are getting into their routine.

It’s that time of the year again for ‘Meet The Teacher Night’. Stage 2 teachers strongly encourage parents and caregivers to attend as it’s an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of the curriculum that will be covered for the year. The meeting is set for 6pm in the school hall, followed by a visit to the classroom to discuss the work your child/children will be involved in.

Thank you to parents and caregivers for covering books and ensuring that the right equipment is brought to school. The Uniform draw is underway at morning assembly. We would appreciate your assistance in ensuring your child/children are in their correct school uniform.

**Mrs S.Maack**

Assistant Principal - Stage 2

**Stage 3 News**

**Taster Lessons**

This week our Year 6 students visited Evans High School to experience what it is like to be in high school. The students were able to participate in a few high school lessons and meet some of the Evans staff. The students then enjoyed a muffin break courtesy of Evans High. As always, our students represented WRPS with distinction and thoroughly enjoyed their high school experience.

**Meet the Teacher**

The Stage 3 Meet the Teacher night takes place on Thursday 28th February beginning at 6pm. Year 5 will meet in 5/6D and Year 6 will meet in 6H to discuss areas specific to each grade. After this parents will then visit their child’s classroom, where their child’s teacher will discuss issues specific to their class. We look forward to your attendance and encourage all parents to attend this informative evening.

**High School Applications**

Application forms for Year 6 students entering Year 7 in 2014 will be going out in the next few weeks. Further details about completing this form will be discussed at the Meet the Teacher evening. Forms must be returned to school by 22nd March 2013.

**Rugby League Visits**

Stage 3 students will be participating in some free rugby league sessions run by representatives of the Penrith Panthers over the next 3 weeks. The lessons will be skills-based and will not involve tackling. These lessons will form part of the Stage 3 Physical Education program this term. Members of the Penrith Panthers will also be coming to the school on Monday 25th February for an anti-bullying assembly to help supplement our PDHPE unit this term.

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**High School Dates**

**Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School Auditions**

Auditions for talented students in Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts will be held on Monday 18th & Wednesday 20th March 2013. An information sheet for parents and students is available for collection from the WRPS Office. Closing date for applications and forms need to be returned by Wednesday 13th March 2013. Should you have any further questions about the auditions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Hockings on 9630 4116 or Mrs June Stepic – june.stepic@det.nsw.edu.au.

**Open Day**

The Open Day for prospective Year 7 students in 2014 will be held on Tuesday 19 March 2013. The format will include a day visit for students commencing at 9.15am and finishing at 1.00pm and also an evening session commencing at 7.00pm for parents and students. The program will include information about Northmead CAPA High School and its educational programs. The information sessions, school tours, items and displays will provide a valuable insight into high school life. A flyer is available for collection from the WRPS Office.

**Mr M.Dyer**

Assistant Principal - Stage 3

**P & C News**

Thank you to our new parents that attended our meeting. It was great to see some new faces and we hope that more parents will come along and get involved.

We were lucky last year in spending almost $9,000.00 on our school. This included all the awards and certificates that the children get throughout the year. This includes all the birthday certificates, bronze, silver, gold, principal awards, sports awards and more. We were happy to purchase more laptops for our mobile lab and purchase the interactive whiteboard in the library.

There is some important news regarding the AGM. We wish to take this opportunity to remind everyone of a P&C Federation Policy. It is important to remember that to be able to vote at the AGM members must have been financial members that have attended least one meeting before the AGM. This means that to be able to vote at the AGM in March, members would have had to attend the February meeting.

Elena Connor

P & C President

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The Kool for Schools program has begun again this year. For every $25 you spend at The Good Guys at Prospect and mention the schools name we get $1 back in vouchers. Please don’t forget to mention Walters Road Public School.
Office News
Through this newsletter and the notes sent home, we aim to keep you informed about upcoming events and expectations (e.g. money collection, medication requirements, safety rules, information updates, etc.)

Pupil Information Sheets – due back to school by tomorrow, Friday 22nd February.
Thank you to the many parents for the prompt return of your child’s information sheet!
Unfortunately there are still some outstanding. The information requested is to ensure that our details are right up-to-date in case we need to contact you in an emergency or for any reason e.g. your child is sick, has forgotten their lunch etc. Could you please complete the form and return to your child’s teacher as soon as you can; not folded if possible. Please ensure you sign both sides of the form.

Money:
Students are to bring any payment in an envelope and put into the deposit box marked ‘Payment Envelopes’ in the office foyer.
Please ensure you have your child’s full name and class on the envelope. Envelopes with money or credit card details are to be left each morning before school goes in at 9.20am. For parents wishing to pay by EFTPOS or credit card, the office is open from 8.50am-10.00am each morning. Spare envelopes are available near the payment office.

Learn to Swim: There are still a few places available for the School Swimming Scheme if you wish to have your child learn to swim. Spare notes are available at the office.

Medication:
Department of Education and Communities guidelines require parents to contact the school prior to sending any medication for their children

Our Office Staff are only too happy to help you if you have any further enquiries.

School Contribution $35
A Lowes voucher for $100 will be the prize for a lucky student who has paid for their school fees during the first five weeks of Term 1. There is still time for you to be in the draw. The $35 payment or part payment of $15 can be paid up until 9.30am on Friday 1st March to be in all the draws. There will be another 3 draws for a $50 Lowes voucher. These will be drawn at the end of Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3.

Thank you,
K. Wright
Administrative Manager

Crunch & Sip
At Walters Road, we promote healthy choices for our students. Our school has been participating in the Crunch&Sip program now for 3 years and we now have all classes participating on a daily basis. In 2012, our School was certified as a Crunch&Sip School.

What is Crunch and Sip?
Crunch&Sip is a set break for students to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Walters Road Public School has introduced Crunch&Sip to support students to establish healthy eating habits while at school.

Goal
All students and teachers at Walters Road Public School should enjoy a Crunch&Sip break to eat fruit and vegetables and drink water in the classroom everyday.

Objectives
The objectives of Crunch&Sip are to:
1. Increase awareness of the importance of eating fruit and vegetables and drinking water everyday
2. Enable students, teachers and staff to eat fruit or vegetables during an allocated Crunch&Sip break in the classroom
3. Encourage students, teachers and staff to drink water regularly throughout the day, including during sports, excursions and camps
4. Encourage parents to provide students with fruit and vegetables everyday
5. Develop strategies to help students who don’t have regular access to fruit and vegetables
6. Reinforce the healthy eating messages taught during Crunch&Sip break with nutrition education taught during PDHPE lessons

Encouragement and Incentives.
- All classes submit their class participation percentages on a fortnightly basis
- All classes who achieve above 75% participation in the fortnight will be acknowledged during the K-2 or 3-6 assembly
- The class with the highest overall percentage for the fortnight in both K-2 and 3-6 will be presented with a class award

This is a great program that will help to promote long-term health choices, so please ensure you support your child by providing them with suitable food and water every day so that they can participate with their class in Crunch&Sip.
Woolworths Earn and Learn

Big News! All those stickers that you the Walters Road school community helped us to collect have been ‘cashed in’ and our order has arrived from Modern Teaching Aids. I would normally do a show and tell to show everyone what your support has achieved but there are so many items this year that this is not possible. Instead, I have included a list of the items and how the school plans to make use of them.

Literacy Resources
15 Big Books with Science themes
4 Phonics Flip Charts (1 per stage)
4 Phonics Bumper Box (1 per stage) full of lots of activities
1 Write Tools interactive kit for the interactive whiteboard
6 small magnetic whiteboards per class & 6 markers
4 small magnetic whiteboards for ESL and LaST programs

Numeracy Resources
2 Teacher Resource Books on Patterns in Maths
1 Maths Basic Facts - CD-rom
3 Maths CDs with interactive software (K-2/St 2/ St 3)
15 stopwatches
3 2D shape class sets (K-2/St 2/St 3)
32 Hundreds Wipe-off Chart (K-6/ESL/LaST)
15 Place value boards each for Stage 2 & 3 with Unifix cubes
1 Teacher Resource Book on using Unifix in the classroom

Kindergarten Resources
1 Farm floor puzzle which compliments HSIE work
3 x 30 locker symbols to assist students locate their bags

Art Club
1 set of blank bookmarks

Creative Arts
Everybody Dance CD
African Playground CD

APs
1 silver pen for the Assistant Principals to sign all those silver awards!

I was determined to make the most of every single sticker you collected and am pleased to report we spent them all, down to the very last one. Thank you once again for your ongoing support of our school and its students.

Mrs T. Harris
Assistant Principal

Our Staff for 2013:
Mr Phil Harris - Principal
Mrs Dawn Walker - Deputy Principal
Early Stage One
KA Miss Andrews
K/1B Mrs Baines
KC Mrs Clinch
KM Mr McNamara
Stage 1
K/1B Mrs Baines
1H Mrs Harris – AP (Stage 1)
1S Mrs Smith
1W Mr Wood
2G Mrs Gawith/Mrs Andrews
2N Mrs Nowland
2S Mrs Solomon
Stage 2
3G Miss Grennard
3M Mrs McHardy
3/4C Mrs Cassar
4M Mrs Maack – AP (Stage 2)
4L Mrs Lihou
Stage 3
5/6D Mr Dyer – AP (Stage 3)
5K Mrs Knox
5M Mrs Mason
6L Mrs Lewis
6H Mrs Howells
ESL
Mrs Lembers (Tues – Fri)
Miss Clarke
Mrs Duss
LaST
Mrs Southwell
Mrs Lynch
Reading Recovery
Mrs Grant – AP (Early Stage 1)
RFF - HSIE
Miss Laundry
Mrs Cox
Mrs Grant
Library
Mrs Higgins
Office
Mrs Wright – Administrative Manager
Mrs Wassell
Miss Clancy
Mrs Steptoe Smith
School Learning Support Officers
Mrs Mansell
Mrs Mercieca
Mrs Wallace
Mrs Hutton
Counsellor
Mrs Pratt
General Assistant
Mr Blissett
Jargon buster
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.
Find out more:

Avoiding injuries
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain? Find out more:

Primary school
Maths questions
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

Helping your child with homework
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.
Find out more:

Friendships to boost your child’s learning
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.
Find out more:

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school
A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.
Find out more:

Speech problems
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?
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