School Dates to Remember!

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From The Principal

Dear Parents,

Firstly, can I thank all the parents who attended our “Parent Information Evenings” last week. Numbers were higher than last year and we appreciate your support. When home and school are working together, the winners will always be your children. Again, my thanks for your attendance.

Our new routines in regards to the gates have been a huge success. The high school children seem to be staying out, mind you Mr Blissett caught 2 kids climbing the fence to get into our school earlier in the week! Last Monday was a delight to be in the playground and we received many compliments for showing this stance and initiative. I realise that not everyone will be happy but please remember this is a school and the children’s safety whilst on school grounds is imperative. I am sure you understand this and the reasons why we made these decisions. Of course common sense prevails and if parents are contacted by the school to collect sick children they are more than welcome to drive in.

Best Start reports for Kindergarten will go home this week. Parents are asked to remember this is a snapshot of pre-Kinder experiences.

A big congratulations to Mrs Lewis on her recent wedding. I know the staff and many parents sent their best wishes to you and Tim.

Our makeover on Year 1 is almost complete. IH will be the last classroom and then we move onto our “landscaping” outside the Admin building. A big thank you to Mr Blissett for planting the taller trees and the smaller shrubs along the path near the Admin building. We ask you to look after them so they can establish.

Our Facebook page has certainly taken off and the feedback continues to be extremely positive. Don’t forget to “like” us.

School Photos are on Wednesday 13th March. Please ensure children are in full school uniform on the day. All envelopes need to be returned by photo day. After this date, parents must directly pay the photographer and often there is an added charge. Photos are not compulsory but they are a wonderful keepsake for the years ahead.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Mrs Lewis (again) on her secondment as a Literacy and Numeracy Leader in Western Sydney. She will be based at Walters Road and working with schools in the Minchinbury area. At this stage, I cannot confirm the new teacher. Mr Kitchens will be teaching 6L on Friday as Mrs Lewis commences then. I know Mrs Lewis is very excited and extremely grateful to staff at Walters for their support and for the knowledge they have imparted over the years in the areas of literacy and numeracy. We have a very talented and professional staff.

Warmest Regards,

Ph Harris
Principal

Positive Behaviour Learning (P.B.L)
Hi Everyone

Many thanks to parents for sending their children to school not only ready for classwork, but ready for crunch and sip, library, sport, home reading, lunch time training, PSSA and lunchtime clubs and that is just mentioning a few!

The wet, wet weather we have been having has also not caught parents unawares and children have been coming with raincoats, rain hats, umbrellas and even spare socks I heard! The playgrounds at school may not be able to be used on some occasions due to the heavily soaked grounds. If this is the case please remind your children that as soon as it’s safe and dry the playground will be used.

It’s wonderful to see students accessing good quality literature at school. I was lucky enough to be in a Year 2 classroom when one student shared with me an information text about animals that live in, under and around trees. It was very informative. Our students are learning a lot every day and they love sharing what they have learned.

Our school is a proud PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) school and I attended some PBL training recently. The initiatives and data based research our school has undertaken is very impressive. Our 4 expectations of PBL are Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be a Learner. It’s good to see these expectations are lived up to every day by students at our school. Maybe your children can share with you some ways they put these expectations into practice. One student told me they were being respectful when they were being kind to others, what a great response!

Dawn Walker
Deputy Principal

This week, homework was sent home to Kindergarten. They are to be encouraged to read each night, practise their sight words and complete other work as set, ready to be handed in to their class teachers each Friday. Home Readers are to be brought in and swapped every day. If you have any queries, please discuss with your child’s teacher.

Another exciting event that has been scheduled for later this term is the Easter Hat Parade and family lunch. This event is for students in K-2 and if possible, we would like the students to start thinking about making a hat or bonnet at home that can be worn for the parade. The ‘bargain’ type shops often are a good place to start to find things that may be suitable to put onto a hat, however, bear in mind that this is not meant to be an expensive or extravagant affair. Invitations will go home shortly, but please try to save the date of Thursday 28th March from 10.30am onwards.

A reminder again to ensure that your child comes to school every day with wet weather gear, either an umbrella or raincoat. This weather is terribly unpredictable and it is difficult to move students from locations within the school such as the hall back to their classrooms without their wet weather gear.

Mrs G Grant
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

Stage 1 News
It was fabulous to see so many of you at our Parent Information Night last Tuesday. I hope you found it both informative and interesting. My thanks for taking the time out of your busy lives to show your interest and support. Thanks also to the staff who attended on the night; I know it involved rearranging personal commitments and putting in a very long day at work.

Assembly went well last week, with a very entertaining item by 2G! As our afternoon sessions are now a shorter time period, there will naturally be a few wrinkles to iron out in order to fit everything in during assembly time. The rain last week did not help either! I was very proud of how sensibly the students dealt with the extra complication of their raincoats and umbrellas. However, it was difficult to exit the hall with so many parents waiting under the shelter. In some cases students were not able to follow their class due to the number of adults walking in lines or calling out to students. In future, we would appreciate it if parents could wait at their normal meeting point. Trust me, it will make it quicker and safer for everyone.

Mrs T Harris
Assistant Principal - Stage 1
Stage 2 News
Stage 2 teachers would like to thank all parents and caregivers who came to the Parent-Teacher Night. It was wonderful to see so many new faces and it gave us the opportunity to explain how our stage functions.

We are still waiting for the Expression Of Interest notes on overnight camps to be returned. Once they are collated, Stage 2 teachers can make a determination as to its viability.

The Maths Groups are up and running and as you will see, this week’s homework also includes a Maths sheet to help children consolidate their learning. Please ensure your child completes his/her homework on time for marking the following Monday.

Mrs S Maack
Assistant Principal - Stage 2

Stage 3 News
Meet the Teacher
I’d like to thank all the Stage 3 parents who attended our Meet the Teacher evening last Thursday. The night was a great success. Notes went home detailing what occurs in each classroom for those parents who were unable to make the meeting. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have not yet received your copy.

High School Applications
Application forms for Year 6 students entering Year 7 in 2014 will be going out by the end of this week. Forms must be returned to school by 22nd March 2013. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

Selective High School Test
I would like to wish those students sitting the selective high school test on 14th March all the best next week.

Year 6 Shirts
Notes have gone home this week for the Year 6 shirts. Please bring your money back by Tuesday 19th March 2013.

Harmony Day
Notes will be going home soon for Stage 3 students to attend the Harmony Day celebrations at Evans High School on Wednesday 20th March 2013. Further details regarding this excursion will be in the permission note.

High School Dates
Evans High School Open Night
Evans High School is having an Open Night on Wednesday 13th March 2013 from 6pm – 8pm. The night will begin in the library, where information will be presented about what Evans High School offers students at their school. Parents will have the opportunity to visit classrooms and speak to specialist teachers from all subject areas. Senior students will be escorting parents around the school, as well as providing a first-hand insight into school life at Evans High School.

Mr M Dyer
Assistant Principal - Stage 3

Office News
First School Contribution Draw
Congratulations must go to Joanna Dunn, our lucky winner of the $100 Lowes voucher! There will be another draw at the end of this term, Term 2 and Term 3. All students who have paid the school contribution of $35 will be in each draw.

Photo Money
Just a reminder school photographs will be taken next Wednesday 13th March.

Photo envelopes can be left at the office up until Tuesday 12th March. These will be handed to the photographer on the day. If students bring their envelope in on ‘photo day’ they will need to give their envelope directly to the photographer when their photo is being taken.

Pupil Information Forms
What a wonderful response we have had with the pupil information sheets being returned so promptly! This information is extremely important so if your child has mislaid their form please collect another from the office.

All payments should be made by 9.30am. Spare notes are available in the foyer.

Thank you,

Mrs K Wright
School Administrative Manager

Canteen News
The canteen will be holding Pancake Day on Tuesday 12th of March during 2nd lunch. If you would like to order pancakes, please return your order form, with your name and class written on the front, to the canteen by Friday 8th March (tomorrow). Spare order forms are available at the office.

[PanCake Day Poster]

Papercup Day
Form A must be returned to canteen by Friday 8th March.

Select your option below and tick the box:

+ x Pancake $1.50 choice: jam or butter
+ x Pancake $1.50 choice: jam or butter
+ x Pancake + Chocolate Milk $4.00 choice: jam or butter
+ x Pancake + Strawberry Milk $4.00 choice: jam or butter

Total $ Enclosed $
Representative Sports Trials

Over the last few weeks, Blacktown PSSA has been holding the Representative Sports Trials at Harvey Park.

Congratulations to the following students who recently attended the Blacktown PSSA Zone Representative trials.

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The Walters Road community is extremely proud of the efforts of these fine young talented sports representatives. There were many students from across the Blacktown Zone that attended the trial days, therefore, selection at these trials was very competitive.

Whilst not all students were successful in their selection into teams, they certainly are all to be commended on their commitment and effort to the process.

We wish the students who have been selected all the very best for their upcoming carnivals and would like to thank the parents who assisted with transport to and from the trials.

Mrs G Grant and Mrs C Lebns
Representative Sports Co-ordinators

Dance2bfit Is Coming To Our School

Term 2

Dance2bfit is an energetic, innovative and fun way to get fit and funky with the latest dance styles to the hottest music tracks. This is a great program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a great time. Dance2bfit has been developed specifically for NSW Primary Schools under the PDHPE syllabus where students have fun learning a new dance each class.

Permission notes will be sent home in Week 9. The program will be held over 9 weeks commencing on Thursday, Week 1 Term 2.

The total cost of the 9 week program is $25.00 per student with the 3rd and subsequent child/children being ‘free of charge’.

Mrs G Grant
Co-ordinator

P & C News

A huge thank you to the previous P & C committee for all their hard work.

The new P & C committee for 2013 was voted in on Wednesday. The new members are:
President: Sharon Carrick
Vice President: Annetta Hollis
Secretary: Dee Singh
Treasurer: Jennie Ross

The P & C will be having an Easter Mufti day on Tuesday 12th March.

The Kool for Schools program has begun again this year. For every $25 you spend at The Good Guys at Prospect and mention the school’s name we get $1 back in vouchers. Please don’t forget to mention Walters Road Public School.
I’m going to join Keyboard lessons!

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Verdant's Road, Kings Langley

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Junior Girls: 5 & 6 yrs 4.30 - 5.00 pm
7 & 8 yrs 5.05 - 6.00 pm
9,10,11 & 12 yrs 6.00 - 7.00 pm

All classes: 7.30 - 8.10 pm

THURSDAYS: Marryng Public School

Dundas Road, Maryville

Preschoolers: 3 & 4 yrs 4.15 - 4.40 pm
Junior Girls: 5 & 6 yrs 5.30 - 6.15 pm
9,10,11 & 12 yrs 6.10 - 7.00 pm

Enquiries please contact:

Dundas: 0414 893 189
Maryville: 0419 623 104
Maryville: 9838 3088

Website: www.club2000physieanddance.com

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MEET THE STARS OF THE BLOCK

MEET MARK & DUNCAN IN STORE @ BLACKTOWN MITRE 10
Saturday 16th March 2013 10am – 12pm
Activities from 9.30am - 1.30pm
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Term 1 – Week 6

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