**School dates to remember!**

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We have just completed the merit selection process for an Assistant Principal and I will be able to announce the name in the next newsletter, after the appeal period has closed. We will also be interviewing for another classroom position at the end of term. The successful candidate will commence in 2015.

My congratulations to all who assisted with the Year 6 mini-fete. A great day was had with about $2100 raised. I know Mr Dyer was extremely pleased with this amount.

Our Year 6 Farewell is also fast approaching and we remind children about the strict dress code (Smart) for this occasion. We trust all Year 6 parents are aware of this, with correspondence going home throughout the year.

**From The Principal**

Dear Parents,

It’s almost that time of the year when the man in red comes and we celebrate another fine year of learning at Walters Road.

At present, reports are at the final stages of completion and I know our staff are gearing up for Presentation Day and our Sports Assembly next week. This is always a difficult time for staff as so many of the children could quite easily receive an award.

Today, we celebrate the final Principal’s Awards and a big congratulations to all the children who received one. This is an award to treasure and acknowledge for all your hard work.

It appears we have more parents reading our newsletter compared to the previous weeks, but we still aren’t up to 50%. From the amount of phone calls and office enquiries that are being made, our office staff are begging that parents read all correspondence from our school. With Party Day fast approaching we would hate for any child to miss out.

**From The Deputy**

Hello Everyone,

Some hot days are now behind us but more may be following. Please ensure your children are prepared for our very hot days as they have been in the past. On days that are very hot, students will be asked to stay in classrooms during their lunch and recess breaks. This has happened recently and also on days when the weather is still warm but not too extreme, students have displayed great common-sense, playing in shaded areas and choosing games that were not too active. When I asked students what they should do if they were feeling a bit warm they had very sensible replies such as “Sit in the shade”, “Go and have a drink” or “Play quiet games.” Well done to all our students.

School-life is now very busy with end of year events now in sight, as well as the continuation of our quality teaching and learning programs in the classroom. Teaching and learning now is firmly focussed on preparing for future learning, and revisiting past learning where skills and knowledge have been assessed and re-teaching may be needed.
Attendance continues to be critical for all our students and notes explaining absences are required. Less late arrivals in the morning will ensure our students are maximising their learning opportunities for 2015.

If you would like to help your child at home you may be interested in the articles below.

**Different types of writing**
Your child may be asked to present an assignment in a particular type of text. This means writing according to a purpose or an audience. For example, factual texts inform and literary texts entertain. This fact sheet gives several examples and the purpose of different types of writing.

**Choosing a book for your child**
What makes a good book for young kids? Usually anything that they want to read. Resist the desire to choose only books that you read as a child. Good books teach kids things subtly while still telling a great story.

**Does cartoon violence make kids more aggressive?**
Lots of parents question the violence in many of today's cartoons and video games, but many of us grew up watching cartoons where violence was also a key ingredient. What does the research indicate about exposure of our kids to violence?

May the rest of the school year be happy and productive for everyone at Walters Road – so much to look forward to with special assemblies, Presentation Day, the Year 6 Farewell and Party Days!

**Mrs D. Walker**  
Deputy Principal

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If any Kindergarten parent or community member who would like some herbs from our garden, come and see me on Tuesday the 2nd of December, in the morning straight after the bell. I will be at the office.

**Events coming up:**
- Second Principal’s Award on Thursday 27th of November, 9.45am in the hall.
- Presentation Day on Thursday 4th of December.
- Reports home on Friday 12th of December.
- K-2 Party Day on Monday 15th of December at school. Students to wear their sports uniform.

**Mrs Y. Theodorou**  
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

**Stage 1 News**
Congratulations to those children who received their Principal’s Award this week. It is wonderful to see so many students achieving this award for being safe, respectful, responsible learners.

Next Thursday is our very last assembly for the year – our Presentation Day. Invitations have already gone home for those students receiving awards and we look forward to seeing families there to celebrate their child’s achievements and enjoy our student performances. Please note that the assembly starts at 11.30am. Due to this change of times, students will be eating recess before the assembly and having lunch after the assembly. The canteen will be open and lunch orders can still be placed.

As this is our last comprehensive newsletter for the year, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and parents who have worked with Stage 1 classes, for their time and support of our students. Congratulations boys and girls in Year 1 and Year2. We are all proud of your effort and achievements.

I hope everyone has a joyous, holiday period and a safe, happy start to 2015. Enjoy a great break with family and friends.

**Mrs T. Harris**  
Assistant Principal – Stage 1

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**Stage Reports**

**Early Stage 1 News**
This is my last newsletter entry for 2014 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Kindergarten teachers for all their dedication and hard work this year. I have really enjoyed watching the students grow and blossom academically and socially. We have had a very supportive parent group and would like to wish everyone an enjoyable holiday break.

**Mrs Y. Theodorou**  
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

**Stage Reports**

**Home Reading**

Last Friday, 21st November, was the last day for students to borrow Home Readers.

We ask that all books be returned to school as soon as possible as the school needs to commence its annual stocktake of resources.
Stage 2 News
It is hard to believe that this will be our final newsletter report for 2014. I would just like to remind all families about a few upcoming payments and events.

AMF Ten-Pin Bowling
Years 3-5 End of Year Excursion to AMF Ten-pin Bowling at Rooty Hill is on Monday 15th December. This is sure to be a wonderful event where students can have some fun with their friends before the holidays and I encourage all students to participate and attend. The total cost is $20 and payments are due by Thursday 11th December. No late payments will be accepted.

CARES
Students from Year 4 will be attending the CARES facility as follows:-
4L Tuesday 9th December, 2014
4C and 4K Wednesday 10th December, 2014

We still require parents to assist us with transport on the day. If you are able to assist with driving students to and from the venue at Prospect could you please send in the note to your child’s teacher so that we can finalise arrangements. A reminder that there is no cost to attend this program and it certainly is of great importance that students attend to improve their road safety knowledge and skills. Permission notes are due back to the class teachers by next Monday, 1st December 2014.

Awards and Assemblies
Our last Principal’s Awards assembly was held today and I would like to congratulate all students in Stage 2 who have received either a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Principal’s Award this year.

Invitations have been sent home to parents for our upcoming end of year Presentation Days. We would love to see as many parents as possible attend these two very important days. The 3-6 Awards assembly will be on Thursday 4th December, commencing at 9.45am and the Sports Presentation assembly will be on Friday 5th December, commencing at 10.00am.

Holidays
The holidays are approaching rapidly. If you intend to take your child on holidays before the end of the school term or will be late returning in 2015, please see the office ladies and fill in the necessary forms.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Stage Two for a fantastic year. Everyone has worked extremely hard and we have had so many successes. All Stage Two teachers have excelled in teaching their students both socially and academically. These teachers are committed to their students and work tirelessly to provide exceptional learning experiences.

Thanks also to the wonderful Stage Two students, each of you contribute to make our school such a great place. You are all very special and have different skills and talents that we value.

Thank you to the parents and community who have also had a vital role in forming strong partnerships with the school to enable the best possible learning outcomes for the students.

May you all have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to another terrific year ahead in 2015.

Mrs G. Grant
Relieving Assistant Principal - Stage 2

Stage 3 News
Year 6 Parent Meeting
Thanks to the parents who attended our last Year 6 Farewell meeting on Monday. The support and dedication that these parents have shown so far has been invaluable. I know that because of the hard work of these parents the Year 6 Farewell will be a great evening.

Year 6 Farewell
Permission notes and invitations were sent home this week for the Year 6 Farewell which takes place on Thursday 11th December 2014 in the school hall. Students will need to RSVP by no later than Friday 5th December 2014.

Year 6 Mini-Fete
Thank you for all the members of our school community for supporting the mini-fete run by Year 6 last week. It was a great success and we managed to raise just under $2100. These funds will be used to purchase the Year 6 gift for the school.

On behalf of Year 6 students and teachers we would like to thank Primo Smallgoods & Jeff Hutchen for their very generous donation of over 400 beef sausages. Thank you also to Mrs Rogers for delivering them.

Thank you also to Tegbir (Kindergarten) and his family for donating a carton of drinks. A number of families also brought in a selection of cakes for the mini-fete and we would like to thank them for this donation.

Party Day
Notes have gone home for both the Year 5 and Year 6 Party Days. I would like to remind all families that Thursday 11th December, 2014 is the last day for payment. No payments after this date will be accepted. Please note that no payments can be made from Thursday 20th November to Wednesday 3rd December, as the payment office is closed. Students can pay before or after those dates.
Presentation Day
Presentation Day takes place next week on Thursday 4\textsuperscript{th} December, starting at 9.45. I am looking forward to seeing many parents and visitors to celebrate the achievements of our students.

Both students and teachers had a fun time at the Year 6 mini-fete, the water activity was by far the most popular.

Mr M. Dyer
Assistant Principal - Stage 3

4J Report
Students from 4J used coloured rods (Cuisenaire) to create faces that were added to combine the total value of 200 points. This lesson was part of our lessons on mathematical exploration using concrete materials. The students absolutely loved the lesson and created some great faces full of personality and expression.

Library News
Borrowing has now ceased for the year. All outstanding books need to be returned as soon as possible, in order to complete the annual stocktake. I am seeking the assistance of all parents and caregivers in helping that process, because the sooner it is completed, the sooner borrowing can recommence in 2015. Thanks to all!

Mrs L. Higgins
Teacher-Librarian
Mrs N. Jones
Teacher 4J

P&C News
The P&C are holding a Christmas Raffle and Mufti Day next Tuesday 2nd December. The theme for the Mufti Day is Christmas/Green & Red. Please bring a gold coin donation on the day.

Tickets for the Christmas raffle will be sent home next week. The Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 10th December 2014. Tickets are 50c each or 3 for $1. Please return money and tickets by 10am on 10th of December 2014.

A reminder to all parents that our Annual General Meeting will be held in February 2015. New members are welcome, as there are positions available. We hope to see you next year.

2014 P&C Association

Office News
Party Day Payments
Payments can resume on Wednesday 3rd December.

LAST day to pay for the following End of Year Party days are;
K-2 - $15 – Monday 8th December
Years 3-5 - $20 – Thursday 11th December
Year 6 – $10 - Thursday 11th December

For Sale – Second Hand Girls Uniforms
The Office has some size 6, 8 & 10 girls uniforms for sale for $10.

Lost Property
Parents, if your child has lost any school clothing items, please check the lost property box located in the Year 1 block under the K-2 shelter. Items still there at the end of term are given to Stewart House. Please check at the office if you are unsure where the lost property is kept.

Thanking you.

Mrs K. Wright
Administrative Manager

Positive Behaviour Learning (P.B.L)

Our PBL Winners for Week 6, Term 4 were:

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**Will You Be Returning to School Late in 2015?**

Please fill in this form and return it to the office if your child will be returning to school after the beginning of the new school year (28th January, 2015).

**Name of student/s:**
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

**Date of return:**
________________________________________________________________________

**Reason for returning late:**
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

**Parent/Caregiver Signature:**
________________________________________________________________________

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**Are You Leaving Walters Road Public School?**

Please fill in this form and return it to the office if your child will be going to a different primary school in 2015.

**Name of student/s:**
________________________________________________________________________
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**New School:**
________________________________________________________________________

**New Home Address:**
________________________________________________________________________

**Parent/Caregiver Signature:**
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**Kindergarten 2015**

**Will your child be starting Kindergarten in 2015?**

**Do you know any other families with children starting Kindergarten in 2015?**

It is important that you enrol any children who will be starting Kindergarten in 2015 as soon as possible. Orientation sessions have now finished.

Your child can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five on or before 31st July in that year. By law, all children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday.

If your child will be starting school in 2015 please visit the front office as soon as possible to complete the necessary forms for enrolment. If you know of families in the area who have children who will be starting school next year please pass on this information.

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