We continue to be one child short of forming 22 classes. If you are aware of any new families moving into the area we ask you to have them contact the school immediately.

A warm welcome back to Mrs Duss who returns from maternity leave. Mrs Duss will be working on Monday and Tuesday as part of our support staff. Mr Dyer and Mrs Harris return Friday of Week 9 and we thank Miss O’Brien and Miss Williams for their time on 5/6D and 1H. I also wish to thank Mrs Grant and Miss Grennard for doing a brilliant job relieving in both Assistant Principal positions.

Walters Road will also be losing a a very long serving and admired teacher. Mrs Gawith has announced that she will be retiring at the end of the term. I know our staff were quite shocked when the announcement was made and we wish her all the very best for the next chapter of her life. Mrs Gawith will commence her retirement from the beginning of Term 2 and a new permanent teacher will be appointed to 2G in the next few weeks.

I have been made aware of a few parents approaching children trying to deal with a variety of “situations”. We ask you not to do this and discuss any concerns with your child’s teacher. The school playground must always be a safe environment for every child.

A reminder also, that if students are taking extended leave for holidays, etc, that an application must be made to the school for exemption. We recommend you contact the school to verify if you qualify for exemption. Also a huge improvement has been noted with children arriving to school by 9:20am. If your child arrives after this time an adult must sign the child in and explain the reason for the lateness. The Home School Liaison Officer is monitoring all absences at this school.

Don’t forget our Easter Hat Parade is fast approaching and also our Mini-fete and Cross Country.

From The Principal

Dear Parents,
The school year continues to progress at a fast pace. Our children are quite settled and great work is happening in all our classrooms. Our makeovers will be completed by the end of this week and it is hoped that 4/5K and 4L will be able to move back into their rooms then. The transformation of these rooms has been brilliant and they very much resemble 21st century rooms. We hope to have some new furniture by the end of the year as well.

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From The Deputy

Thank you to all our Walters Rd PS families who have ensured that their children attend school regularly and are at school on time. Our school provides quality educational opportunities and our students that arrive at school before lessons begin can make the most of this prime time for socialising and learning. Students late to school need to report to the office for a ‘late note’ and should be accompanied by an adult. In this way we can ensure that our students are safe and ready for the school day. Parents can contact the school if they know their children will be absent for a significant amount of time and procedures can be put in place. At Walters Rd PS the learning and wellbeing of students and their families is our highest priority.

Is my child getting enough sleep? This is a question that is often posed by parents and educators alike. An article in a newspaper suggested that Australian children are among the sleepiest in the world. The article stated “Research conducted alongside international Maths tests showed Australian children in Year 4 were the most sleep-deprived in the world, of 50 countries studied.” This is an interesting topic to discuss with family and friends – hopefully families can come up with some tried and true solutions to share.

Meanwhile, at school our students are having great experiences that are hopefully sleep inducing! Swim school is seeing children increase their confidence and safety skills, groups at school have students dancing, singing, training for sport and many students are playing lots of energetic games in the playground.

It is wonderful to see students being safe, respectful, responsible and good learners. Our teachers are seeing lots of positive behaviour and the weekly PBL draw has seen boxes full of tokens – well done everyone!

Mrs D.Walker
Deputy Principal

Stage Reports

Early Stage 1 News
Our Student behaviour has been very positive. It is wonderful to see students trying so hard to achieve our PBL expectations of being Safe, Responsible, Respectful and a Learner.

The Home Reading Program has been running in Kindergarten for a few weeks. There is no cost to participate, however a permission note and a bag is needed. I highly recommend this program, as it’s a wonderful opportunity for children to borrow books from their class libraries. If a book is lost or damaged, you will be responsible for the replacement cost of $5.00 per book. Permission notes for this program can be found in the school office. If you haven’t joined please do so as soon as possible.

The Easter Parade will be held on the 10th of April. A reminder to Parents/Guardians to start planning the design and make the hat with their child/children. The Kindergarten teachers can’t wait to see all the imaginative hat creations. With weather permitting, parents are invited to have a picnic lunch with their child/children during lunchtime. This is at 11:30am on Evans Grass, any 3-6 siblings are also invited to the picnic in this area.

Events coming up for Kindergarten:

• School Photos will be on the 9th of April. Students need to be in their full school uniform.
• Easter Parade will be on the 10th of April. Students need an Easter hat for the event. All K-2 families will be receiving invitations next week.
• Anzac Day will be acknowledged on the 11th of April. Students need to be in full school uniform.
• Our Bronze Assembly will be on Thursday 1st of May, this is in the first week back at school in Term 2.
• Our Gymnastics Program is starting in Term 2. Monday from the 5th of May to the 23rd of June. Students need to wear their sports uniform.

Ensure that your child is coming to school every day with wet weather gear, either an umbrella or raincoat. The weather can be very unpredictable. It is also important to label school hats, jackets, jumpers, umbrellas, home reader and library bags belonging to your child/children.

KM students enjoying their first visit to the updated K-2 Computer Room

Mrs Y.Theodorou
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1
Stage 1 News
Can you believe we are in Week 8 already? Easter will be here before we know it. To help us prepare for the upcoming Easter Hat Parade, we would like to thank the parents in advance for assisting the students with creating their simple but unique hats that can be worn to the parade on April 10th.

Mathletics
Students are now able to access the online Mathletics program. Teachers have been issuing students with their ID cards. These cards provide details about the students’ user name and password to access the program. This program can be accessed at home and there are many games and activities that compliment the work that is taking place at School in relation to Mathematics. If possible, please take the time to sit with your child and assist them with accessing this wonderful program.

Science & Technology
This term, in Science and Technology, Stage One are investigating how materials change. The students have had their senses awakened as they have learnt about how objects and food can change once they have been altered. Observable changes could include shape, size, colour and temperature. We have certainly had some fun popping popcorn and melting foods such as chocolate and observing the changes. We have also investigated reactions that occur when you put together different items such as oil, vinegar and salt etc.

Behaviour
At Walters Road Public School we continue to promote positive behaviour and the students receive a Wonder Award each week for demonstrating acceptable behaviour. We will be acknowledging the first Bronze Award recipients later in the term and I would like to take this opportunity to remind students that they need to earn eight (8) Walters Road Wonder Awards to be eligible to receive their Bronze Award. Students earn one (1) Wonder Award for each week that they do not receive any ‘white slip’ notifications. This is again the same process for receiving Silver, Gold and Principal Awards.

Mrs G.Grant
Relieving Assistant Principal – Stage 1

Stage 2 News
First term is coming to an end rapidly and still there is so much to do! Students in Stage 2 are very busy with academic and extra curricula activities.

Once again, Stage 2 will be participating in an overnight camp in Term 4. Notes have already gone home. Please read the note carefully, especially payment details for the camp. Any questions you may have about this camp, please contact Mrs Lihou.

Teachers would appreciate if you can remind your child/children to bring to school all the required equipment to do their work. Your support with this is appreciated.

Mrs S.Maack
Assistant Principal – Stage 2

Stage 3 News
It is hard to believe it’s already Week 8! Term 1 is certainly disappearing quickly. Students in Stage 3 have continued to work hard in class and on Wednesday this week were able to visit Evans High to celebrate Harmony Day. Evans High organised a fantastic morning for us, with great performances and delicious food.

Our Year 6 Student Leaders have also been busy. Last week, they had the wonderful opportunity to attend Camp Wombaroo for a day. They participated in a range of activities that highlighted the need for co-operation, trust and encouragement. As you can see from the photos, everyone had a great time!

Year 6 Shirts
Year 6 shirts have now been ordered and should be arriving early in Term 2.

High School Expression of Interest forms
Just a reminder that High School forms are now due back. Please make sure all forms are returned to your child’s teacher.

Miss J.Grennard
Relieving Assistant Principal – Stage 3

Zane & Andre at Camp Wombaroo

Looking for some fun?
Cub Scouts have a lot of fun doing a lot of interesting things! There are games to play, codes and skills to learn, places to see and new friends to meet.

Cub Scouts all help each other, and try to help other people too.

Each week you’ll get together with other boys and girls your age (8-11yrs old) and be led into adventure!

So come and join our troop for all the fun and adventure you can handle.
For more information call Dave Stoppes on 0439 159 976 or check out our web-site blacktownscouts.com.au or on face book
Year 6 Student Leaders at Camp Wombaroo
Team Building at Camp Wombaroo

Other Items

Positive Behaviour Learning (P.B.L)

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Refugee Program

This year is the third year that Walters Road has operated a program specifically targeted at improving the lives of refugee students. The program focuses on Literacy as well as on the life skills required in order to maintain good health and hygiene as well as happiness now and for the long term. Mrs Lebens has been the stable driving force behind this program and with the help of Mrs Solomon in 2012 and Mrs Mansell last year and this year, the program continues to be a great success in assisting refugee students to achieve the desired outcomes.

Although the program provides countless learning opportunities for the refugee students, the students look forward to their session every week and likely, are not even aware that they are learning valuable knowledge and skills most of the time. Anyone entering the room during the refugee student Literacy lesson on Friday Week 6 would have been greeted by a bunch of grinning spotty faced students and two teaching staff with equally big grins. The joy in the room was infectious as it always is during these refugee sessions.

Music

Keyboard Lessons

At Walters Road Public School

New Enrolments now taken!

Thursday 8:00-8:30am and & 8:30 -9:00am

In K-2 Music Room

Instruments used in class are free!

Cost $13.50 for 30 minutes

Contact us within 7 days

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Enrol online: www.jekeyboardmusic.com.au
Fax: 9651 4892

No refund for missed lessons, 2 weeks notice to stop lessons
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**At WRPS**

**Let's all.........Eat it to Beat it!**

Cancer Council's Eat It To Beat It program helps families understand how eating the right amount of fruit and vegetables helps fight against many types of cancer.

Did you know that 90% of adults in NSW don’t eat enough vegetables? and 50% of children don’t eat enough fruit?

Cancer Council recommends eating 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegies a day.

“5 to 12% of all cancers could be prevented by eating the right amount of fruit and vegetables”

This can seem daunting – but the Eat It To Beat program gives parents easy ideas and recipes to make it part of their every day routine. Why not come along for some great free advice about healthy meals?

**Date:** Wednesday 2nd April  
**Time:** 10.45am – 12.15pm  
*(immediately after the P&C Monthly Meeting 9.30am-10.30am)*

**Where:** WRPS School Hall  
**RSVP:** 31st March @ the WRPS Office

We hope to see you there.

Mrs G. Grant  
Program Co-ordinator

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**Mini-Fete**

**English Committee**  
**Wednesday 2nd April 2014**  
**11:20am-1:30pm**

Prices start from 20 cents  
- sausage sizzle  
- cake stall  
- ice creams  
- drinks  
- lollies  
- jumping castle  
- fitness circuit  
- guessing competition  
- photos  
- colouring competition  
- raffle  
- nail polish  
- hair spray and extensions  
- white elephant  
- computer room  
- hit the spot  
- Easter card making

Donations for the cake stall would be greatly appreciated. **Nut free** products such as Cupcakes, muffins, donuts, toffees, biscuits etc can be brought in on the morning of the mini-fete (Wednesday) and placed in Mrs Grant’s room (1H) in the Kindergarten block.

Any unwanted toys, books, videos, DVDs (G rated only) etc for the white elephant stall can be taken to Mrs Grant’s room at any time.
Walter Road Public School

Term 1 – Week 8

Wanted:

VS Oceania Pty Ltd

Families to host a Japanese student 20th-27th August 2014

Students are aged 16-17 years & speak some English.

What you need to provide:
- A comfy bed (sharing a room is fine)
- 3 meals a day
- Daily transport to/from Toongabbie Christian School
- Families are paid $50 per night for hosting.

Students attend school on week days & enjoy family life with you on the weekend.

For further information or any questions - Tel: 9889 4366 http://www.vsoceania.com
Takashi: ushinohama@vsoceania.com mob: 0408 468 538

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

ACT NOW! DEADLINE JUNE 2014

Takashi: ushinohama@vsoceania.com

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way
...to create a healthier lunch box

Choose these simple, tasty options for your child’s lunchbox to give them the energy to get through the day.

When you next pack their lunches, have a think about healthier options.

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For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Single with Children

A non-profit social group operated by the Single Parent Family Association

ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?

Every week Single with Children provides fun and exciting activities especially for single parents and their children (many activities are subsidised or even free)

It’s a great way to meet and get to know people in your area

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