Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. This will be an extremely busy term as it’s only nine weeks. Teachers have commenced the assessment and reporting cycle which will culminate in our semester reports and parent interviews. Our interviews will be held in the last week of term. Reports are given out at our interviews and we ask all parents to attend.

A big thank you to our parents who have supported the gymnastics program. It started this week with 100% capacity.

Mrs Nowland is on sick leave pending retirement. In the meantime, Miss O’Brien will be 2N’s teacher. Mrs Gawith is thoroughly enjoying retirement and at this stage Mrs McCann and Mrs Cox will be teaching 2G. We hope that our new teacher for 2G can be announced in the coming weeks.

A timely reminder that children need to be on time attending school. Colder weather is not really an excuse for coming to school late. Please also ensure that all winter jackets have names on them to avoid any loss.

NAPLAN commences in Week 3 and we wish all our Year 3 and 5 children all the very best.

School photos should be delivered back to school in the next few weeks.

Regards,

Phil Harris
Principal

From The Deputy

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to Term 2 and welcome to our new families this term.

Next week NAPLAN testing occurs for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. These national tests are designed to inform the future teaching of our students. As a snapshot of student achievement at this time, the tests can provide valuable feedback to teachers and parents. Preparation for these tests include the ongoing quality teaching that occurs at Walters Rd Public School and sessions that allow students to become familiar with test procedures. Parents can expect to receive NAPLAN reports sometime in September.

Mother’s Day is an event to look forward to and our Mother’s Day stall has again been prepared and organised by our hard-working P&C committee. It has also been my pleasure to see Mother’s Day themed classroom craft prepared in many classrooms – Mums may be in for some pleasant surprises!
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Please encourage your children to share our PBL school expectations with you.
They are: Be Safe  
Be Respectful  
Be Responsible  
Be a Learner

These expectations can provide great discussion points at home and at school – listening to your child’s explanation of each expectation will not only encourage the values embedded in public schools but will assist in the development of talking and listening skills. If your child is more visual they may be able to produce pictures that represent the PBL expectations. Working with us in this way will strengthen the links between school and home and everyone will benefit. Enjoy your PBL discussions.

Mrs D. Walker  
Deputy Principal

Stage Reports

Early Stage 1 News
Last term, all parents who have joined the Mathletics program, would have received their student’s usernames and passwords. To access this program, you go to:

1. www.mathletics.com.au  
2. Sign in  
3. Type your child’s username name  
4. Type your child’s password  
5. Choose a maths strand - do the activities  
6. You can also have the choice to do ‘Rainbow Maths’ and ‘Live Maths’ sessions with other students from different schools.

All participating students have been doing Mathletics in Kindergarten computer sessions. The program consolidates mathematics concepts which have been learnt in class lessons. If you have any enquiries, please see your child’s teacher.

The Gymnastics program started this Monday. Students need to wear their sports uniform on this day. Any enquiries, see your child’s teacher.

This term, Kindergarten students will be going to Taronga Zoo on Friday 13th of June. Permission notes for this excursion have gone out to parents. If you need another note, copies are available in the office. A reminder that the payment and permission note need to be placed in an envelope and placed in a slot found in the office. The closing date for payments for this excursion is on Thursday 6th of June.

Don’t forget that Kindergarten students can start borrowing books from the Library. All you need is a Library bag. Our Library days are as follows:

• KL- Monday  
• KM & KV- Tuesday  
• KT- Wednesday  
• K/1C- Friday

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Kerin for donating some parsley seeds towards the Kindergarten herb garden. KL will be planting them this term.

Congratulations to all the students who earned their Bronze awards.

Mrs Y. Theodorou  
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

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Take the Challenge

Our School
Easter Hat Parade
Here are some photos of the day. Thank you to the staff, students and families who made the Easter Hat Parade such a fun day.

The Easter Hat Parade Committee - Mrs Theodorou, Mr McNamara and Mrs McHardy
Stage 1 News
Welcome back to Term 2. Congratulations to all our students who received Bronze Awards at our special assembly last Thursday. This was a wonderful way to start the term.

This term is a busy and exciting one for Stage 1. We have already begun our gymnastics lessons and students were very enthusiastic about this new learning opportunity. At the end of term we will be going on an excursion to Vaucluse House to support our learning in Science on how food gets from the farm to the table. A note will be going home next week so please keep an eye out for this.

Lastly, 1H would like to share a story they wrote as a part of our English unit last term on stories from different cultures. Our task was to write a story with a moral and we chose to link it to our road safety lessons. It also has a timely message for Walk Safely to School Day in a couple of weeks.

Our Story with a Message by 1H

Emily and Jack were walking to school with their mum and dad. Emily was excited because there was a mini-fete that day but Jack was walking super slow.

Emily ran ahead to get to school fast but she forgot about the road they had to cross. As Emily was just about to run in front of a car Mum yelled “Stop! Wait for me Emily.”

Emily stopped. Mum held Emily’s hand and Jack held Dad’s hand as they crossed the road. They got to school safely but Emily was lucky. She could have been hurt because she didn’t remember the road safety rules.

You should always stop, look and listen before you cross the road. Children should always hold an adult’s hand.

Mrs T. Harris
Assistant Principal – Stage 1

Stage 2 News
Welcome back! Students have settled back into their routine for Term 2.

Students who have paid for their gymnastics are looking forward to their classes this term.

Just to let you know the $50 deposit for the Stage 2 camp has been extended to Friday 9th May (this Friday). A $40 payment is due by Friday 30th May.

Please remind your child/children that they need to bring the appropriate equipment to school everyday.

OC classes for Year 5 2015
Application for OC classes is now open. All applications, online or paper applications, need to be in by Friday 16th May. Late applications can not be accepted after this date.

Parents who are applying on paper must return application forms to school.

The test centre will advise applicants on Wednesday 9th July 2014. The Opportunity Class Placement Test is on Wednesday 23rd July 2014. Parents will be advised of the outcome in late October 2014.

Mrs S. Maack
Assistant Principal – Stage 2

Stage 3 News

High School Applications
Thank you to all Year 6 students, parents and teachers for their support with returning High School application forms. These have now all been completed and sent on to the relevant schools.

Stage 3 Camp
Reminder: The deposit for this must be submitted by Friday 9th April 2014. Please see Mr Dyer or Mrs Wright if there are any problems.

NAPLAN
Year 5 students will be sitting the 2014 NAPLAN assessments in Week 3. On behalf of the Stage 3 teachers, I would like to wish the Year 5 students the best of luck. I know that Year 5 students will demonstrate our PBL Learner expectation by trying their very best. We look forward to receiving the results later in the year to help enhance the way we teach Stage 3.

Year 6 Parent Meeting
The next Year 6 parent meeting for the Year 6 Farewell will take place on Friday 16th May in Mr Dyer’s room starting at 3.30 pm.

Bronze Assembly
Congratulations to all those students who received their Bronze Award last week. I would also like to thank the community members who attended our assembly.

Unfortunately a few parents did come and see me about some concerns, thankfully not in regard to our students. There were complaints that other parents/visitors were taking phone calls and talking loudly on their phones during the assembly. We would respectfully ask that parents avoid doing this. If there is an urgent need to be on a phone we would request the parent leave the area out of respect for the rest of the audience, as well as the school students receiving awards.
Another issue raised was the number of non-school aged children running around Evans Grass during the assembly. It is expected that these children be in the direct care of their parent/caregiver, once again as a sign of respect for the students who have worked so hard for their awards, as well as those guests who have given up their time to attend the assembly.

Mr M. Dyer
Assistant Principal – Stage 3

Other Items

Office News

Term 2 School Contribution Draw:
All students who have paid their School Contribution to date were in the Term 2 draw for a $50 Lowes voucher. **Congratulations to Shivam Patel in 4L who is the winner!!!** For those who have paid and for those who are still to pay, there are another 2 draws to come.

The voluntary school contribution of $40 helps purchase resources for your child’s classroom. Payments of $10 per term can also be made and will qualify you for the Lowes voucher draws. Further draws for $50 Lowes vouchers will be made at the end of Term 2 and Term 3.

Lost:
A sum of money was lost in the school grounds on the 9th April, our School Photo Day. Please contact the office if it may be yours. Also some car keys have been handed in to the office. They were found in front of the school on the footpath in Walters Road.

Outstanding student invoices:
Statements will be sent home with your child in the next few days advising any outstanding amounts. All students are invoiced for Camps and Excursions. If your child is showing that they owe for a camp for example and you do not intend for them to attend, please don’t be alarmed as the invoice will be cancelled after the payment closing date.

Mrs K. Wright
School Administrative Manager

Gymnastics

We kicked off our program with the first round of lessons for our K-2 students on Monday. The School Hall was transformed into a mini gymnasium with a range of apparatus and equipment to use. The feedback from the students and the teachers so far has been very positive. The program will continue for K-2 on Monday of Weeks 3 and 4. Please remind students to wear appropriate footwear on Mondays.

3-6 students will attend the program at school on Mondays in Weeks 5, 6 and 8.

A highlight for all the students in the program will no doubt be the final lesson, which will be held at the Sydney Gymnastics Academy at Seven Hills. Dates are being finalised for each of the classes and will be communicated shortly.

Thank you to all the families participating in the Gymnastics Program. We have 170 students in K-2 attending and 155 in 3-6. There are no more vacancies as we have reached our limit of 325 students.

The classroom teachers are teaching an alternative program to any students that do not attend the paid program.

Mrs G. Grant
Gymnastics Co-ordinator

Library News

Brochures for Issue 3 of Book Club have been distributed. Orders need to be given to me on or before May 12. Kindergarten students have received their first brochure, attached to which is an explanatory note for parents and caregivers. Also, just a reminder that borrowing for Kindergarten students has now commenced. They need a clean, labelled bag in order to borrow. Thanks for your assistance.

Mrs L. Higgins
Teacher-Librarian
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Positive Behaviour Learning (P.B.L)

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