From The Principal

Dear Parents,

The term is progressing very quickly and teachers are in full report writing mode.

A big congratulations to Mrs Grant on her organisation of our “Biggest Morning Tea”. We raised over $1400 and this money will be sent to the Cancer Council. On behalf of our staff we thank you for your support with this.

Our second charity of choice is for Cystic Fibrosis. We will be having a “Crazy Hair and PJ” day next Tuesday and children are asked to bring along a gold coin to support medical research to help find a cure for CF. Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is an inherited, genetic condition that alters the way salt is transferred in and out of cells. Too much salt in the cells causes mucus to be very thick and sticky and to build up in the organs. It mainly affects the lungs, digestive system and the sweat glands. It is the most common life-shortening, recessive genetic condition in Australia.

A big congratulations to Mr Wood who has been appointed as a permanent classroom teacher at our school via merit selection. This was a rigorous process and we wish him all the best for the future. As a result of this, and to maintain consistency, Mrs McCann and Mrs Cox will continue on 2G for the remainder of the year. This avoids any unnecessary change for the remainder of the school year.

A reminder for parents to make time available for parent interviews in the last week of school. Please ensure that you have reserved a time with your child’s classroom teacher.

A message to let all parents know that Google Translate is available on our website. If you know of any parents who would benefit from this translation service, please assist them to access this. The school’s website address is: www.waltersrd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Regards,

Phil Harris
Principal
From The Deputy

Hi Everyone

These last few weeks have been busy indeed. Gymnastics lessons are well underway, some of our students have been to another school for a debate (we won with the difficult topic of School uniform should not be compulsory), students experienced fund raising for a great cause (Cancer Council of Australia) and, as always, great teaching and learning occurred in classrooms. I was fortunate to be in a senior classroom when some poetry was being discussed. The poem was called ‘The Eagle’ by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. The dramatic language and poetic devices used provided rich discussion for students. I wonder if you know the last word of the first and last lines – I know some of our Year 6 students do!

The Eagle
By Alfred, Lord Tennyson

He clasps the crag with crooked _____;
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ring’d with the azure world he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls;
He watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he _______.

Upcoming events at school include our student reports and parent interviews in Week 9, recorder students attending the Opera House and another great cause for fundraising – our Crazy Hair and PJ Day for Cystic Fibrosis.

Thanks to everyone for making sure that warm clothing is labelled with student names – lost jackets and jumpers can be easily reclaimed.

A reminder too for some of our parents - please be aware that school finishes at 3.20pm and children need to be picked up promptly. Our teaching staff that are here after the bell are very busy with school tasks and cannot mind children. I understand that emergencies can happen, however, children have been left on more than one or two occasions.

Enjoy talking to your children about school events.

Mrs. D. Walker
Deputy Principal

Stage Reports

Early Stage 1 News
The Kindergarten excursion is on Friday 13th of June. Mr Harris, Mrs Walker, Mrs Theodorou, Mrs McHardy, Mr McNamara, Ms Laundry, Ms Clarke, Mrs Mercieca, Mrs Burke and student teachers will be attending. There will be a 1:5 ratio of adult to student supervision on the day.

A reminder that students need to:
• Come to school by 8:45am – the bus will be leaving at 9:00am.
• Wear their full school uniform.
• Wear comfortable walking shoes - sports shoes recommended.
• Wear a school hat.
• Bring their recess, lunch and drinks in a plastic bag – we will be providing them with an orange WRPS bag to use on the day.

Students will be leaving the zoo at 1:45pm and be back at school by 3:20pm. The closing date for payments for this excursion is on Friday 6th of June.

On Thursday the 12th of June, Kindergarten students who have paid for the gymnastics program will be going to Seven Hills to do their session with the Sydney Academy of Gymnastics. Students not attending will be doing gymnastics at school with Mrs Theodorou. All students need to wear their sports uniform on this day.

Come and see the Kindergarten garden bed at the back of the office block. KL is maintaining and watering our garden this term. They are growing mint, parsley, sage and rosemary. Also watch out for George the gnome who oversees the garden during the day.

Mrs Y. Theodorou
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

Stage 1 News
This Friday, 6th June is the last day to pay for our excursion to Vaucluse House. As explained in the permission note, the trip is directly linked to our Science unit next term and will provide valuable background knowledge for students.

Parent/teacher interviews will take place for Stage 1 and K/1C on Wednesday 25th June. Time slots are filling up quickly, so please ensure you return the blue note to your class teacher as soon as possible. We would like to see all parents coming up to discuss the progress of their child.

Congratulations 2S on a wonderful assembly last Thursday and a very entertaining dance item. Next week’s assembly will be hosted by 1J and we can’t wait to see how they are going to entertain us.

Mrs T. Harris
Assistant Principal – Stage 1
Stage 2 News
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Lastly, please remind your child to bring all the necessary equipment to school so that their learning will run smoothly.

Mrs S. Maack
Assistant Principal – Stage 2

Stage 3 News

Year 6 Parent Meeting
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Stage 3 Camp
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Year 6 Fundraising
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Other Items

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Office News

Second Hand Uniforms for sale at Mini Fete:
Kind parents have donated perfectly good uniforms that no longer fit their children. We are very grateful for these donations and use some for children who fall in the mud, etc. We have more than we can use at the moment. The excess stock will be on sale at the Mini Fete next Wednesday 11th June. All items will be $5.

Envelope Payment System:
Please ensure you complete your child’s payment envelope with ALL the details prior to coming to the office counter. Permission notes need to be cut off and placed in the envelope. Please keep the top section of the note at home so you have all the details on hand. Plain envelopes can be used from home or there is a supply in the office foyer. This will save parents and children having to wait while this information is being filled out at the counter. Just a reminder: If you are not able to enclose the correct money, change will be sent home with your child. School banking is done every day and change is not able to be kept on the premises.

Thanking you.

Mrs K. Wright
School Administrative Manager

Mini-Fete
Science Committee
Wednesday 11th June 2014
11:20am-1:30pm
Prices start from 20 cents
* sausage sizzle * cake stall * ice creams * drinks * lollies
* photos * jumping castle * fitness circuit * white elephant
* guessing competition * hit the spot * nail polish
* hair spray and extensions * computer room

* Donations for the cake stall would be greatly appreciated. Nut-free products such as cup cakes, muffins, donuts, toffees, biscuits etc can be brought in on the morning of the mini-fete (Wednesday) and placed in Mrs Jain’s classroom (1J).

* Also any unwanted toys, books, videos, DVDs (G rated) etc for the white elephant stall can be taken to Mrs Theodorou’s (KT) room at any time.

Second hand uniforms will be on sale at the Mini-Fete for $5 per item. Parents are welcome to come and purchase also.
Positive Behaviour Learning (P.B.L)

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A word from some of our K-2 PBL award winners:
I received my Learner token for learning tricky words – Monique KL
I received my Respectful token because I listened to what my teacher said – Connor 2S
I received my Responsible token for bringing in my Home Reader – Bianca 2S
I received my Safe token for walking safely to class – Lawrence 1J

Zone Cross Country
On Wednesday 23rd May 2014, we had 19 students represent our school at the Blacktown PSSA Zone Cross Country. Every student that participated ran well and should be congratulated for his or her efforts. A few of our student did exceptionally well on the day, Joel Kuku 1st place, Bashir Goda and Marwa Darfour came in 3rd place and Nicholas Elder 6th place. These four students will now go on to further represent our school at the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival.

Mrs N. Cassar
Walters Road Public School

Term 2 – Week 6

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