Walters Road, like many schools at this time of year, are finding difficulties with obtaining casual staff. Most of our regular casuals are working at other schools on long term work.

As this is the final newsletter for the term I hope you all have a wonderful holiday and recharge ready for a busy Term 3.

Regards,

Phil Harris
Principal

From The Deputy
Hello Everyone,

Lots of our students at Walters Rd have been out and about recently on excursions. They are great learning experiences for our students, and our students shine not only as responsible learners but as well-mannered delightful young people. Parents, be proud and please keep on reinforcing our Positive Behaviour for Learning expectations of ‘Be Safe’, ‘Be Respectful’ and ‘Be a Learner’ at home so school life will be productive for all.
Which generation do you belong to? The Baby Boomers? Generation X? Generation Y? What about your children? Generation Z? Roughly 20 years reflect a generation so if you were born from the mid 1960s to the early 1980s you belong to Generation X and are working hard with growing families. Generation Y born from the early 1980s to the late 1990s are young people in our workforce and some of Generation Z can be still at school today! Each generation has experienced a different educational experience and teachers in our classrooms today are teaching students that have always had computers and can speak confidently about SMS, DVDs, MP3s and iPods and use them! Generation Z have never heard of the cold war and don’t understand what a broken record is or what you mean when you say they sound like one! Michael McQueen has written a book called ‘The New Rules of Engagement’ that looks at the different generations and the impact on education experiences they had or are having. It is a fascinating read and would make great holiday reading. Our students today live in a fast-paced world surrounded by technology that is ever-changing and Michael’s book can reassure parents and teachers that we can understand and connect with the younger generations.

Parent teacher interviews take place next week and following this the holidays – an ideal time to help students discover and learn more about their families and that fast-paced world they live in. Enjoy the holidays and the many learning experiences that can occur.

Mrs D. Walker
Deputy Principal

Stage Reports

Early Stage 1 News
It was a very busy week last week. We started with Crazy Hair/Pyjama day and the mini-fete. If that was not enough excitement, we had our fantastic gymnastic sessions at the Sydney Academy of Gymnastics in Seven Hills. Finally, we topped the week by going to Taronga Zoo. Here are some photos we would like to share with you.

Events coming up:
• Our Silver Assembly will be on Thursday 17th July; that is in the first week back at school in Term 3.

• Excursion to Riverside Theatre on Thursday 7th August to watch Mr McGee and the Biting Flea. Students need to be in their full school uniform.

Mrs Y. Theodorou
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1
Stage 1 News
What an exciting series of excursions we had to Vaucluse House this week. It provided great opportunity for students to build their background knowledge for our Science unit next term called “Farm to Table”. Students learnt about the life cycle of food plants, including planting a seed which they got to bring back to school. We followed these with a bush food walk that showed how local Aboriginal people sourced some of their food. Teachers then took students on a walk to the waterfall and played some 19th century games like quoits and skittles.

Parent/teacher interviews for Stage 1 and K/1C will take place next Wednesday, 25th June. You should already have received your confirmation note. A reminder that your child’s report and class books will be available for you to view 10 minutes prior to your interview.

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

We are almost at the end of Term 2, halfway through the school year! Have an enjoyable holiday with your family and friends.

Mrs T. Harris
Assistant Principal – Stage 1

Stage 2 News
❖ A gentle reminder to Stage 2 parents that payment for the Stage 2 Excursions to Longneck Lagoon are due by Thursday 26th June (Week 9 Thursday). It is expected that all Stage 2 students attend this valuable Science excursion.

❖ Please ensure all payments for the Stage 2 Camp to Cockatoo Island are up to date.

❖ If you are having issues with payments please contact the Office or myself.

Mrs G. Lihou
Stage 2 Excursion and Camp Organiser

Stage 3 News
Thank you for all the staff, students and school community for their kind words and support during my time off for my neck injury. Thankfully I am back working three days a week for the rest of Term 2 and I anticipate being back full time for the start of Term 3.

Stage 3 Camp
Just a friendly reminder to keep making your payments regularly. Notes will go out soon about requirements for camp, as well as medical information.

Year 6 Parent Meeting
The next Year 6 parent meeting for the Year 6 Farewell will take place on Friday 18th July in Mr Dyer’s room starting at 3.30 pm.
Walters Road Public School

Term 2 – Week 8

McDonald’s Fundraiser
A big thank you to all the staff and families who supported the fundraiser at Arndell Park McDonald’s on Monday. I have been to all of the Year 6 Farewell fundraisers at McDonald’s and it seemed to me that this was our best turnout. This just goes to show how strong the Walters Road spirit is! Thank you to Mrs Aslanidis for organising this event, as well as Arndell Park McDonald’s for their support. The next Year 6 Farewell fundraiser is our Odd Shoe Day, which will take place on Wednesday 16th July.

Mr M. Dyer
Assistant Principal – Stage 3

Library News

Just a reminder that students are encouraged to borrow some holiday reading; best saved for when they’re not helping with household chores, of course! The Library has a number of new titles, as well as a wonderful collection of tried and tested fiction and non-fiction books. With Book Week coming up next term, students might like to peruse short-listed titles from previous years. There are no class visits to the Library during the last week of term, since I am required to teach classes in order to free teachers for Parent-Teacher interviews, but please encourage your child to bring in their borrowed book to exchange, any time that week from Tuesday till Friday. Their teacher will allow them to go to the Library to change their book, on any of those days. I hope you and your children enjoy your time together during the two week break.

Regards,

Mrs L. Higgins
Teacher-Librarian

P & C News

Notes went home this week for the P&C Sausage Sizzle to be held at the 3-6 Athletics Carnival on Thursday 24th July 2014.

If you would like to order a sausage sizzle for your child or yourself, please fill in the order form (parent orders can be added to their child’s order) and return it to the P&C box in the office by Monday 21st July.

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Positive Behaviour Learning (P.B.L)

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A very BIG thank you to the following people for their ongoing support of our mini-fetes from the staff and students of Walters Road Public School:-

- Primo Smallgoods and Mr Jeff Hutchen for their kind donation of beef sausages
- Mrs Rogers for organising the delivery of the beef sausages
- Coles Blacktown
- Parents and students who donated things for the Cake and White Elephant Stalls

Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated. As a result we were able to raise just over $1 400 for new Science resources.

Mrs G. Lihou
Mini-Fete Organiser
THANK YOU WALTERS ROAD!

Our first-ever Biggest Morning Tea was a huge success thanks to the wonderful, generous support from all of our students. The recipient of our fundraising, The Cancer Council, will benefit greatly from our fundraising efforts. The teachers raised their cups and shared an afternoon tea together on the Tuesday and are to be congratulated on raising $400.00. The student’s contribution on the Wednesday was a massive $1048.40 bringing our WRPS grand total to $1448.40. This amount has far exceeded our expectations and I was certainly overwhelmed by the response. What a great whole school effort.

Thank you to all of the families who rolled up their sleeves and baked some truly amazing baked goods and to the others who supported the day by purchasing cakes, making biscuits or having a photo done in our popular dress up photo booth. Coles at Blacktown are to also be thanked for their kind donation of biscuits and jam pikelets.

Special thanks to Miss O’Brien for her organisation of the biscuit making, this was a popular activity and the students enjoyed making the beautiful biscuits. Thanks to all the WRPS staff who also gave up their lunch times to assist on the day.

Congratulations to the students who also entered the baking competitions. It was a very tough decision when it came to judging decisions.

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Teachers Afternoon Tea

Willow’s Best Cake 3-6

The K-2 entrants in the Baking Competition

Ayah’s Best Cake 3-6
Student’s gold coin donations

A huge thank you Walters Road.

Mrs G. Grant
Cancer Council Fundraising Co-ordinator

Free Seminar on the use of Neurofeedback. For parents ONLY

The use of biofeedback for ADHD & Autism. Does it work? What the research is telling us, Bill Scott, researcher and well regarded clinician from USA will be sharing his knowledge on the use of biofeedback.

Research has validated the use of biofeedback specific for ADHD & Autism. The American Academy of Paediatrics support the use of biofeedback as “best practice”.

Parents will leave this workshop with up to date knowledge of what biofeedback addresses and what it does not. We’ll summarize the most recent research in this field.

Date: 6th August 2014

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue: The Delta Clinic

Address: Corner of Cecil Avenue & 248 Old Northern Road. Entrance on Cecil Avenue.

Parking: Limited space for parking, off street parking & across the road from Castle Hill Day Surgery.

To register your interest, email us your contact numbers & email address:

Sera or Jantina,
Phone: 02 9899 1518
www.thedeltaclinic.com.au
Email: thedeltaclinic@gmail.com

NB.limited places so make sure you are able to attend, if not please inform us if your situation changes.

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