From The Principal

Dear Parents,

Our Stage 3 children are having a wonderful time at camp and despite the weather, having a wonderful time. These life experiences that our school provides are all about laying strong foundations for the future. My sincere thanks to our wonderful Stage 3 staff for being a part of this and for the additional staff that attended. My thanks also to the remainder of the staff, for assisting with duties, flexibility and looking after our children who sadly didn’t attend.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Emilia Andrews as a permanent staff member, commencing at the beginning of next year. Miss Andrews was appointed via merit selection and she will continue to be an asset to the staff at Walters Road.

Also Mrs Maack has decided to retire at the end of term and we wish her well in the new chapter of her life. A new Assistant Principal will be appointed to commence at the beginning of 2015.

I will be commencing leave in Week 8 and Mrs Walker will be Relieving Principal. Mrs Theodorou will be Relieving Deputy Principal and Mr McNamara will be Relieving Assistant Principal on Early Stage 1.

The term is going quickly and prior to commencing leave I would like to remind you of a few important things:

- 174 letters needed to be sent out for absences in Week 4. Parents, we ask that you please provide a note on the return of students from leave. It’s a good habit to get into and it will save the Home School Liaison Officer contacting you and asking you to explain why you haven’t contacted the school. We print these off as a courtesy but it is a requirement that you provide a reason.

- A reminder that school start time in the morning is 8.50am. There is no supervision provided before this time and parents are asked not to send children prior to that time. However, children need to be here prior to 9.20am. If your child is late, parents are to provide a reason and attend the office at the time of children attending.

- We still have a large number of parents not reading our newsletter. It contains a great deal of information and many parents are not meeting deadlines for excursions and payments. We ask you to check our website every Thursday on even weeks or join our Facebook page and receive notifications this way.

My best wishes to everyone for our Performance Night, I am sure it will be a huge success. There are many excited students and the hard work of the teachers will be evident on the night.

Phil Harris
Principal

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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. By enrolling your child now you are able to ensure that they are included in our Kindergarten Orientation sessions. Our sessions this year are on:

- Wednesday 15th of October
- Wednesday 29th of October
- Wednesday 12th of November

These sessions are incredibly important to both you and your child because they provide an opportunity to:

- Help your child settle into our school as smoothly as possible.
- Make you aware of our school organisation.
- Help you support your child in his/her education.

Kindergarten Orientation sessions also provide our Kindergarten teachers with the opportunity to get to know the new students, as well as to observe your child in the school setting, in order to assist us in planning the best possible Kindergarten experiences for your child.

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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**Grandparents Day**

**When:** Friday 19th of September

**Time/Where:** 1:40pm to 2:20pm- An afternoon tea/picnic on Douglas and Evans Grass. On this day, if students are accompanied by an adult, they are able to move between playgrounds.

2:20pm to 3:20pm- Class visits

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**Stage Reports**

**Early Stage 1 News**

At the K-2 assembly, KL did a wonderful performance of the Rainbow Song. The next Kindergarten assembly will be hosted by KV in Week 9, on the 11th of September.

This week we are having a K-2 Responsible Pet Education Program. Students will be learning how to be safe around dogs. There will be lots of listening, role plays, singing and some dancing.

**Events coming up:**

- Father’s Day Stall on the 2nd and 3rd of September - Bring some money to buy Dad a gift.
- Mini-Fete on 4th of September- Bring some money to buy things at the various stalls. Proceeds will go to the Mathematics committee to buy resources.
- Grandparents Day on the 19th of September

KM students are learning to become good readers. They were asked what makes someone a ‘good reader’. Here are some of their responses:

- “You read and don’t stop until the full sentence is over.” - **Hansika**
- “You follow the words.” - **Tyla**
- “If you make a mistake you go back and try it again.” - **Ajla**
- “Don’t stop reading. Read all of the books, so you can learn forever.” - **Demir**
- “You can sound-out things you want to say.” – **Cody**
- “They write and they learn because they read.” - **Baxter**

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

**Performance Night Wednesday September 17th**

Performance night is fast approaching and all the teachers and students involved are eagerly practising their items. Permission notes were sent home last week. These notes were due back on Monday 18th August. If you have not yet sent the note back, please do so immediately. It is essential the school receives this note; without it students will not be able to perform. Teachers are busy finalising costumes and positions, so we don’t want children to miss out! Information about tickets will be sent home soon. The price this year will be $5 per person.
**Stage 1 News**

Our excursion to Riverside Theatre was a wonderful success! As always Walters Road students were well behaved, responsible and respectful at all times. The performance was a collection of short plays based on several Pamela Allen texts, most of which we had read in class as a part of our English unit on the concept of narratives. A special thank you to Mrs Grant for bringing the opportunity of viewing a live performance to our attention. Below, you will find a few recounts or reviews from some students in Stage 1.

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**Mr McGee and the Biting Flea**

The show was based on some books written by Pamela Allen. I think it was pretty funny how the actors spoke in different ways to the one before. They were deep to high. I loved it so very much.

My favourite part was Belinda. I was really impressed with Belinda and how she acted. I thought it would be hard for two people to walk at the same time. *[Belinda is a cow]*.

*by Connor 2S*

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**Riverside Theatre**

My favourite part of the performance was from the book Belinda. I like the part when Belinda kicked the bucket.

*by Dipti 1J*

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**Our trip to the theatre**

**Mr McGee**

Mr McGee was a puppet. His head was made of a balloon. When they peeled the apple they pretended he was eating it then he started to fly.

**Alexander’s Outing**

Alexander was a duck. They used a toy duck. The man dropped him in a long glass tube. My favourite part was when the man came and filled the tube with water.

**Belinda**

My favourite part was when Belinda kicked the man. She also kicked the bucket. The man dresses up as his wife.

**Brown Bread and Honey**

The story is about a king who loves eating. They used dough to make the characters. My favourite part was when the king got fat.

**Inside Mary Elizabeth’s House**

The girl was Mary. When she saw the two boys she said, “There is a monster inside my house.” The boys said, I don’t believe you.” My favourite part was when the audience was the monster.

**Mr McGee and the Biting Flea**

My favourite part is when the man took his shirt off. When he took the shirt off, there were red spots. They used suitcases to cover him.

*by Pavarna 2G*

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**Stage 2 News**

A reminder to students to please bring all the right equipment to school every day. Thank you to parents who have sent in much needed tissues.

The medical notes for Stage 2 camp have gone out. Please ensure all questions are filled in correctly to avoid delays in processing them. If in doubt, see your child’s class teacher for clarification.

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**Stage 3 News**

Stage 3 are currently away at Camp and we eagerly await their return to hear about the fantastic experiences they have had.

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**P&C News**

The P&C Father’s Day stall is coming up on Tuesday 2nd September and Wednesday 3rd September. Remember to bring in your money on the day and purchase a present, there will be a variety of items available.

The Father’s Day raffle tickets have gone home this week. Please return all money & tickets by 10am Wednesday 3rd September.
Our PBL Winners for Week 4, Term 3 were:

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YMCA Walters Road OSHC

Before and After School Care & Vacation Care

Our Centre is your children’s Home away from Home and is equipped with Air-conditioning and Heating. We encourage Child based learning focusing on each children’s interests through a variety of programs, such as; Art and Craft, Gardening, Cooking, Sport and Science just to name a few. Homework help is also Provided and every child has the opportunity to participate in the Active Afterschool Community Sports Program.

We invite you and your children to come in and have a look around YMCA as it’s a great place to be. Call 0408 596 799.