From The Principal

Welcome to Term 4 everyone,

The holidays are over and it’s another term of quality teaching and learning at Walters Road Public School. We have special assemblies this term, Stage 2 Camp, Public Speaking competition, debating final, Presentation Days and Semester 2 reports all on the agenda.

Mrs Jodi Warner, our new principal, will now be starting her position here the first day back in 2016. We are disappointed that Mrs Warner could not join us sooner but we can look forward to several visits from her this term. Mrs Warner will be here for our first Kindy Orientation day, 22nd October, Week 3 and also on 6th November, Week 5 for an extended executive meeting when we will be looking at, and updating, our school milestones.

At Walters Road Public School we are aiming to improve our whole school attendance rate and it is, at present, sitting at 91.93%. Please help us by ensuring students attend school every day and by providing us with a written note for absences. Students will be given a ‘Responsible’ token for returning absence notes promptly on the day of their return (or via Skoolbag) and they will receive a ‘Learner’ token for improvement in school attendance.

Please be encouraged to check out our Parent Library at Walters Road Public School. We are looking to extend our Parent Library soon and any suggestions for books covering the care, education and health of children would be happily considered.

Special Announcement

At Walters Road Public School the whole staff have made the decision to change weekly K-2 and 3-6 assemblies to **FRIDAYS** not Thursdays. This will help in the overall educational operation of the school. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

K-2 assemblies will now take place on FRIDAYS every odd week. The next K-2 assembly will take place in Week 3 Friday 23rd October. 3-6 assemblies will now take place on FRIDAYS every even week. The next 3-6 assembly will take place in Week 4 Friday 30th October.
Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. Before we know it, it will be December and everyone will be getting ready to celebrate Christmas. I must admit it is good to be back at work having finally had the surgical procedure on my neck. I would like to thank Mrs Walker and the rest of the WRPS community for their support and assistance.

The start of Term 4 is particularly exciting for Stage 2, as they venture to Morisset for their overnight camp. I look forward to hearing about all the fun and exciting activities that they get to do.

I would like to wish Mrs Knox and our 3-6 grade representatives all the best for the Mt Druitt/Minchinbury Public Speaking Competition taking place at Plumpton Public School on Wednesday 14th October. I am sure all involved will do Walters Road proud.

I am looking forward to meeting our 2016 Kindergarten students and their parents on Thursday 22nd October for the first of our Kindergarten Orientation sessions. I hope it will be a great experience for all involved.

Our K-2 Computer Room is going through its first phase of refurbishment this Thursday. I should have some photos of the new furniture and layout for the next newsletter.

Once again, I would like to remind all parents to bring in absent notes for their children in a timely fashion. Please do not wait for teachers to send home reminder letters, as this costs the school valuable resources and time. Don’t forget that you can also use Skoolbag to inform the school of your child’s absence.

Last of all, don’t forget to follow us on Twitter (@WaltersRoadPS) and Facebook and download the Skoolbag app if you haven’t already done so.

Mrs M. Dyer
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

Stage Reports

Early Stage 1 News
Congratulations to all the Kindergarten students who received their bronze, silver and gold awards.

Kindergarten sports day will be moved from Friday to Thursday commencing from Week 3, due to the change in K-2 assembly times. Students need to wear their sports uniform and sport shoes on this day.

Thank you to all the K-2 families who have been bringing in small boxes, string and lids for our science lessons. Keep bringing them in, as we need a lot. These items are being stored in the KT classroom.

Events coming up:
• KS’s assembly in Week 3, Friday 23rd of October, 2:30pm at the hall.

1st Kindy Orientation Thursday 22nd of October
10:00am to 12:30pm in the hall - information at the office

Mrs Y. Theodorou
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

Stage 1 News
Hi there and welcome back to Term 4! This may be our last term for 2015 but the wonderful learning opportunities and exciting events will continue up to the very last day.

We have had quite a number of enrolments across the school, several of which are in Stage 1. I’d like to welcome our new families to Walters Road and assure you that your child will be very happy here.

What We’ll Be Learning in Term 4
Here is a snapshot of the focus areas for some of our learning areas this term.

English – We will be studying two units of work this term. Our first one looks at the concept of adaptation which involves changing a story into a different format, ie. book → movie, nursery rhyme → story, and what has to be considered to make this a success. Our second unit will be about retelling personal experiences and responding to the experiences of others. This unit will give students opportunities to improve their skills with sharing a personal experience in a logical sequence and what is expected of them when they are listening to others, eg. active listening for a purpose.

Science – Our unit for this term is on Manufactured Products and links strongly to our work last term on Earth’s Resources. We will be investigating the products we make from natural resources, the best materials to use for a particular purpose, exploring the design features of products and creating their own design for a product.

HSIE – The Term 4 unit is on Celebrations and looks at many special days and events around the world and within cultures.

Health – The beginning of the term we will be focusing on Positive Health Choices, which involves healthy eating, hygiene and sun safety. The final part of the term will focus on Asthma, its triggers and what to do in an emergency.

PE – Fitness sessions will continue to focus on the development of fundamental movement skills that are essential components of many sporting and leisure activities.
Year 1 will be learning about overarm throw and increasing their skills with static balance. Year 2 will also be focusing on these skills, as well as dodge.

Teachers are looking forward to a busy term of learning with lots of enjoyment and investigation built in. After all, learning should be fun!

Mrs T. Harris  
Assistant Principal - Stage 1

Stage 2 News  
Stage 2 are busily preparing for their camp this week and will have some exciting newsletter stories on their return to school.

Mrs G. Grant  
Assistant Principal - Stage 2

Stage 3 News  
Spider & Sundae Day  
We will be holding our ‘Spider & Sundae’ day on Tuesday October 20th, in Week 3. This is an annual Year 6 fundraiser, so please bring some money to support us on the day.

Year 6 Farewell  
The next meeting for the Year 6 farewell will take place on Friday 16th October in Mrs Knox’s room, starting at 3.30 pm.

Year 6 Writing Competition  
A reminder to Year 6 students who are intending to enter the Blacktown Sister City Writing competition, please bring your completed entries back to school as soon as possible.

Selective High School Applications for 2017  
Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015. Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement  
All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

Mrs J. Knox  
Assistant Principal - Stage 3 (Relieving)

Mini-Fete  
A very big thank you to the following people for making the Computers mini-fete a huge success;  
• Mrs Barakat (KT parent) for donating her time & equipment for the face painting stall.  
• Mrs Dean (KL parent) for assisting Mrs Barakat  
• All the families who donated cakes & white elephant goods.  
• All staff who tirelessly ensure mini-fetes occur.

As a result we were able to raise $2079 for computer resources. Well done WRPS.

Mrs G. Lihou

Debating News  
On Thursday of the last week of Term 3, our school debating team, represented by Nandika Prasad, Timi Kayode, Andrew Dommett and Kate Supan participated in the semi-final against Glendenning P.S. The topic was “That Contact Sport should be Banned” and we won the debate as the affirmative team. Congratulations to the team, including the students who helped to prepare the debate behind the scenes.

We have now moved into the final for our pool and will debate against Hassall Grove P.S. The topic is “That it is better to plant a cabbage than a rose” and we will be travelling to Plumpton P.S to participate as the affirmative team. Good luck!

Library News  
Issue 7 of Book club has been distributed. If you would like your child to order something from the brochure, orders need to be returned to me on or before Monday, October 19.

Thanks!

Mrs L. Higgins  
Teacher-Librarian
Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016 are now due

Children born between 1st August 2010 and 31st July 2011 are eligible to enrol. Parents wishing to enrol a child for school next year should contact the school office.

In order to receive the Application for Enrolment package, please bring with you - child’s birth certificate for proof of age, passports and visas for families born overseas and proof of residence (current council rate notice or lease agreement and 2 (two) utility bills e.g. gas or electricity account, plus mobile or landline telephone account).

You will also need to bring your child’s up to date immunisation certificate and, if your child suffers from asthma or an allergy, we will require a letter from your doctor providing us with information regarding the diagnosis.

Grandparents Day @ Walters Road

Our school will be celebrating this annual event again this year and would like to invite all grandparents to share some time at school with their grandchildren.

Date: Monday, 26th October

Time: 1.40-2.20 → Picnic Lunch
       2.20-3.20 → Class Visits

Please Note: This is a normal school day and as such we would prefer students remain at school for the entire session and not be taken home early. This sets a good example for your child on the importance of being at school and avoids undue strain on the office.
We are excited to announce that our new canteen online ordering will commence on Monday 19th October.

Of course, you will also still be able to order your child's lunch the normal way in a paper bag at the canteen!

Flexischools is a fantastic service that offers convenient, fast and cashless ordering of your child's recess and lunch.

It's quick to set up and has many features for easy ordering.

You can go to www.flexischools.com.au now to setup an account.

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**GIRRAWEEN HIGH SCHOOL**

**Invitation to Open Night 2015**

To Year 5 Students And Their Parents

Girraween High School is an academically selective co-educational high school with a focus on providing a balanced and positive learning environment for our students who aspire to achieve exceptional HSC results.

The school has experienced and dedicated staff, providing students with safe, engaging and well-equipped facilities.

You are invited to attend Open Night 2015 which will be held at the school.

The school band will perform from 5:30pm and you are welcome to enjoy this performance.

The Open Night will feature classroom tours, displays, presentations and the chance to meet students and teachers.

Refreshments will be provided.

**Date:** Tuesday, 3 November 2015

**Time:** 6pm to 8pm

**Venue:** Girraween High School

110 Gilia Road

GIRRAWEEN NSW 2145

**Tel:** 9636 7303 or 9626 7303

**Fax:** 9896 3274

**Web:** [www.girraween.h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.girraween.h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

**BOS 2014 Achievements:**

- Ranked 10th in the state overall
- Ranked 14th out of all government schools
- 36 students achieved ATAR of 90 with 17 students achieving an ATAR over 95
- 2 students achieved an ATAR of 99.8 (minimum ATAR 99.25)
- 19 students over "all rounders" who achieved 90% or better in 8 units of study
- 139 positions on the Distinguished Achievers List (State 6 Results)
- 1 student was placed 1st in the state for Senior Science
- 1 student was placed 3rd in the state for Mathematics
- 1 student was placed 4th in the state for History
- 1 student was placed 7th in the state for Modern History
- 300% of students achieved the top two bands in English Extension I, History Extension, Society and Culture, Engineering Studies, Japanese Continuers and Japanese Extension.

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**Simplest Way**

...to create a simple spring meal.

This easy and delicious vegetable frittata can be enjoyed hot for dinner, with leftovers served cold in kids' lunch boxes!

**Ingredients (serves 4)**

- 1/3 cup pasta (penne/bow tie/riccioni)
- 100g mushrooms, sliced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 5 eggs, whisked
- 1 medium zucchini, sliced thinly
- 2 tbsp parsley

**Method**

- Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease 20cm cake pan.
- Boil pasta in water until tender. Drain.
- Heat oil in large frying pan; cook onion, zucchini and mushrooms until just tender.
- Combine all ingredients in large bowl. Mix well.
- Pour mixture into prepared pan, bake for 45min.

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**Nutrition Snippet**

**Cancer Council**

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**Eat It To Beat It**

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well & School Program.

**Health Western Sydney Local Health District**
Week 2 – Term 4

Stroller Shape Up

If you are looking to get fit following the birth of your baby, Stroller Shape Up classes are for you. Our classes are specifically designed to allow parents to exercise outdoors with their baby in a supportive and friendly environment. Having a baby should not mean you need to give up on an active lifestyle and this class enables you to care for your baby whilst getting back into shape as well as giving you the chance to meet other mothers.

The benefits:
- Lose weight, tone up and get fit
- Increase your energy levels to cope with the new demands of motherhood
- Enjoy exercising with your baby
- All participants are in the same situation. If your baby cries no one in this type of class will mind at all.
- Meet other mums in the area
- Exercise has been shown to reduce the risk of developing post natal depression

What do you need to bring:
- A pram that pushes easily and has wheel brakes
- Comfortable, supportive clothing
- Supportive sports shoes
- Water bottle
- Towel
- Sunscreen and Hat
- Any essential baby items

DAYS AND TIMES:
Wednesday 10.30am – 11.15am

If this time does not suit please phone the Health and Fitness staff on 9622 2279 to enquire about having your own group (a minimum of 6 participants is required to run your own group).

Fees:
- $14.00 per session
- A 10 session pass is available for $126.00

Blacktown Aquatic Centre Stroller Shape Up Instructors are qualified Fitness Leaders with certificates in Pre and Post Natal Exercise as well as Nutrition for Pregnancy and Breastfeeding. Our instructor is mum's themselves and therefore understand the physical and emotional changes your body has gone through pre and post pregnancy.

Boyd Street Blacktown 2148 or visit www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Phone 9622 2279