Hi Everyone,

Congratulations to our Year 5 students who presented their Prefect speeches for 2016 on Monday 2nd November. The speeches were informative, engaging, very well researched and even had a touch of humour! On Presentation Day we will learn all the details of our 2016 student body. Walters Road Public School can look forward to a great prefect body next year and all the Year 5 nominated students have my best wishes.

Our new principal, Mrs Jodi Warner, recently attended our P&C meeting and is looking forward to meeting with parents in the new year. Mrs Warner sends her sincere apologies for attendance at our Year 6 Farewell – it’s on the same night as her current school!

We have welcomed back Mrs Wright, our Senior Administration Officer. Our school administration office is a very busy place and I’m delighted that our students really appreciate the work our office staff do. Our students display excellent manners when in the administration office and office staff have handed out our PBL tokens for respect and responsibility. Please talk about these values with your children at home and praise them for their efforts in displaying and using these values both at school and at home. If you need to update your contact details please see our friendly office staff and they will help you. This is very important for emergency contacts when your child may not be well at school.

Also this week we recognised Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November. At the 11th hour of the 11th day we shared a simple message with all our students regarding the significance of this day. Please be prepared to answer some questions about this special day.

Check out our Facebook page for some interesting snippets of news and follow us on Twitter – lots of things to discover!

Our second Kindy Orientation Session has been held and our third and last one is on Thursday 19th November. Other upcoming events include our Principal Awards, our Presentation Day and our Year 6 Farewell. I had a sneak peek at our Year 6 group photo and it looked fabulous! A great looking group of students indeed. When I look at them I find it easy to see that our future is in good hands – there may be possible scientists, doctors, designers, sports stars, chemists, forensic scientists, florists, builders, architects, pilots – the possibilities are endless. What is more important though is that I see a group of young people that know how to be a good friend, value learning and demonstrate values that are embodied in our school motto “Honesty, Courtesy and Effort”. Well done Year 6! I’m sure their last few weeks of schooling at Walters Road Public School will see them be excellent role models to their fellow students.

Dawn Walker
Principal (Relieving)
From The Deputy

Dear Parents,

Wow! I can’t believe we have reached the halfway point of Term 4. Before we know it, it will be Christmas and holiday time.

This week we saw a tradition continue, with the teachers scoring a narrow victory in the Teacher/Student Handball game. The teachers managed to win a close game 5-4. Good luck to our Junior and Senior Handball teams that are competing in the PSSA Grand Finals.

It was once again wonderful to see our 2016 Kindergarten students at the second Kindergarten Orientation session last week. I managed to visit each Kindergarten room to say hello to everyone and see all of their bright and eager faces. The last Kindergarten Orientation session will take place on Thursday 19th November.

Parent invitations will be going home over the next few weeks for both our Presentation Day and Sports Award assemblies. The Sports Assembly takes place on Monday 7th December. Presentation Day is on Wednesday 9th December, with K-2 starting at 9.45am and 3-6 starting at 12pm.

Congratulations to Mrs Knox, Mrs Jain and the Walters Road PS Debating Team on their efforts in the final of the Debating competition on Thursday 29th October. Even though they did not win, our students represented our school brilliantly.

I would also like to congratulate all of those students who are receiving a Principal’s Award this Friday. Well done on consistently demonstrating and maintaining such a high standard of behaviour.

Our Stage 3 teachers and Year 6 students have begun planning for the next mini fete, taking place on Tuesday 24th November. Rumour has it I will need to wear my boardies and rashie vest on the day, as I have been told I will be one of the main targets in the sponge throw! Fingers crossed it will be a nice warm day.

Next week, we have a P&C Mufti Day on Tuesday 17th November. I hope that all of our school community supports this, as the funds that are raised go towards purchasing items that our students directly use.

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.

Mr M. Dyer
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

Stage Reports

Early Stage 1 News
I want to share with you some photos of toys students designed and made.

Events coming up:

- Week 6, Friday 13th November is the 1st Principal’s Assembly starting at 9:45am at the school hall.
- Week 7, Thursday 19th November is Kindergarten Orientation 9:50am to 12:30pm.
- Week 8, Friday 27th November is the 2nd Principal’s Assembly starting at 9:45am at the school hall.
- Week 9, Monday 30th November- PBL Mufti-Day. All students to wear green on the day. There is no cost.
- Week 10, Wednesday 9th of December is K-2 Presentation Day starting at 9:45am at the school hall.
- Week 11, Monday 14th December is K-2 Party. This year students are going to the movies to watch The Good Dinosaur and are coming back to school for pizzas and an ice-block. The cost is $22 and extra notes are available at the office.

Mrs Y. Theodorou
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

Final Kindy Orientation
Thursday 19th of November
9:50am to 12:30pm in the hall
**Stage 1 News**
Can you believe we’re over half way through Term 4 already? As teachers busily complete assessments and write reports, we are all looking forward to celebrating the completion of a fantastic year with our Stage 1 students. Notes for K-2 Party Day were sent home last week. This year students are invited to attend an advanced screening of Pixar’s ‘The Good Dinosaur’ before returning to school to enjoy some pizza, an ice block and a drink. I know I’m excited! Please remember to return your notes and money as soon as possible to ensure your child can participate.

Congratulations to all Stage 1 students who are receiving their Principal’s Award (or their Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards) this week. There will be another Principal’s Award assembly in Week 8. Keep checking school bags to see if you have received an invitation; they will be sent home next Friday.

Stage 1 have been learning all about Manufactured Products in our Term 4 Science unit. Classes have made planes out of various materials and investigated which material was better suited to flying long distances. I wonder which was most successful – cardboard, tissue paper, paper towel or plain paper? Why not ask if your child remembers the successful material and why it was most successful?

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**Stage 2 News**
A reminder that notes have gone home for our end of year party day which will be held on Monday 14th December. The cost is $7.00 and final payments are due by Monday 7th December. The office is closed for payments from 24th November until the 3rd of December.

**Dental Talks**
This Term, we are learning about Positive Health Choices and ways in which we can keep ourselves safe and healthy. One of our topics in the unit is about Dental Health and Care.

Our Stage was fortunate enough to meet with Maria and Paige from Smiles and Faces Orthodontics. They highlighted to us about good dental care and hygiene practices and the ways we can reduce decay and dental problems. It was a very informative presentation and I encourage all students to brush their teeth twice daily and for parents to organise yearly check-ups. Good dental practice is vital as dental problems may underpin other health issues.

Today we went to the hall to learn about our teeth and how to keep them clean and healthy. There were 2 people named Maria and Paige who helped us to learn. They were from Smiles and Faces Dentist. **Chena 3O**

At 9.30am on Monday 9th November 2015, 3O went down to the hall so that Paige and Maria from Smiles and Faces Dentist could tell us about foods that you could eat, how to brush and gum disease. **Nicholas 3O**

**Mrs Grant on Long Service Leave**
Many months ago, I booked a family vacation to the USA. Therefore, I will be on Long Service Leave for Weeks 7, 8 and 9. During my absence, classes and routines will continue as usual with Ms Higgins teaching 4/5G and Mr McNamara taking on the role as the Relieving Assistant Principal for Stage 2. I am excited about my family vacation however, I look forward to seeing everyone in Stage 2 on Monday 7th December when I return.
Last Friday 3A started to learn about mould in Science. We learnt that mould grows on rotten living things, so we decided to make our own mould. This is a picture of my mould. I put just the right amount of water on my bread to create different kinds of mould. My piece of bread has the most mould on it. It took four days for the mould to grow like this. If you look closely you can see that there is white fur, red, green, black, brown and grey mould. It is a bit disgusting but I hope you like it. Seung Ha Lee 3A.

Selective High School Applications for 2017
Just a reminder that applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13th October 2015 and 16th 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 10th March 2016.

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

Stage 3 News
Year 6 Farewell
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Prefects for 2016
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Mr Mrs G. Grant
Assistant Principal - Stage 2

Office News
Party Day Payments
Parents please take note of the payment dates on the notes going home.
As it is coming up to the end of the school financial year (the end of November) there will be a short period when we cannot process payments. The office will be open for everything else except payments between 24th November and 3rd December. Payments resume on Friday 4th December.

Our apologies for the inconvenience.

Thanking you

Mrs K. Wright
School Administrative Manager

Debating News
Last week saw our intrepid opinionators face their biggest challenge of the year; the Debating Finals. The event was held in the Lethbridge Park Public School Library on Thursday the 29th of October. The topic under debate was “It is better to grow cabbages than roses.” Our team presented a very strong negative case with highly sophisticated arguments and precisely crafted rebuttals. Unfortunately this was not enough to win and Hassall Grove Public School won the debate.

We would like to congratulate Andrew, Timi, Nandika and Kate for their diligence and commitment to debating. Also we would like to applaud Patrick, Yianni, Saniya, Arnav and Mark for their efforts throughout this exciting year. We hope our Year 6s continue their debating journey well into high school.

Mrs J. Knox and Mrs M. Jain
Debating Co-ordinators
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 an action plan from your doctor providing us with information regarding the diagnosis & treatment.

Positive Behaviour Learning (P.B.L)

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Mini-Fete
Year 6
Tuesday 24th November 2015
11:20am - 1:20pm
Prices start from 20 cents

* sausage sizzle  * cake stall  * ice creams  * drinks  * lollies
* jumping castle  * fitness circuit  * guessing competition  * hair extensions
* nail polish  * hair spray  * photos  * supa-soaker shooting  * marble in the ice
* white elephant  * computer room  * sponge throw  * table tennis pong
* target throw  * bowling  * “Hit the Spot”  * Xmas craft  * photo booth

* Donations for the cake stall would be greatly appreciated. Cup cakes, muffins, donuts, toffees, biscuits etc can be brought in on the morning of the mini-fete (Tuesday) and placed on the tables in Mr Wood’s classroom (S3W).
* Also any unwanted toys, books, videos, DVDs (G rated) etc for the white elephant stall can be taken to Mrs Knox’s classroom (S3K) at any time.
* Please note that the jumping castle can only be used by WRPS students.

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- Centrelink Statement
- Proof of Income - Payroll
- Proof of Expenses - Bank Statement

Children 0-16

3 Nov 10-2pm
6 & 17 Nov 10-2pm
20 Nov 10-2pm

Interview Dates and Times

Please Note that signing up does not guarantee the receiving of toys; you will be assessed and you will be notified on the day.

Christmas Day
We will have Christmas Day Services
25 December @ 9:30am
Please Join Us!