Hello Everyone,

Week 8 is here! Our students were very sensible in the heat wave and many bottles of drink were used and hats worn. During extremely hot weather we follow our school “Sweat Weather” policy. This is very similar to our wet weather policy where students remain in classrooms under teacher supervision. Sweat weather then poses no problems and school life carries on as normal. There is no need to keep students home on unusually warm days.

Our students have been out and about lately and again they were sensible and respectful, ensuring that the good name of our school is upheld. Our student leaders are enjoying their last few weeks of school life at Walters Road and in the newspaper article published recently they expressed what was great about our school - one comment captured our school spirit “The mix of friendly students and teachers and our seriousness when it comes to the wellbeing of our classmates.” Such a mature comment from a young person! Student wellbeing is at the heart of our school business and it is great to see students becoming so socially aware and reflecting what we set out to do in our school vision - “Through positive relationships with the school community we work collaboratively to produce well-rounded individuals who will be respectful, responsible citizens of the future”. On Facebook recently there was a post that also supported our school spirit of collaboration and working together. It was a poster with fish that students had made all happily swimming around and it said “We may all be different fish but in this school we swim together.”

Check out Facebook page, Twitter and Skoolbag for more information about our wonderful students and school life.

Our Kindy Orientation sessions have been hugely successful. If you know of any students that still need to enrol for Kindergarten in 2016 please let them know our friendly office staff can assist them. Also if your home and contact details have changed please check that our office has the latest details to ensure effective communication between home and school.

Our Year 6 Mini Fete was held on Tuesday and it was great to hear happy voices and see coloured hair and fingernails. The Super Soaker seemed to be a very popular choice of activity with Mr Dyer, Mrs Wassell, Mr Wood, Mrs Cook, Mrs Knox and Mr Patterson just some of our school staff happily getting drenched for a good cause. All our teachers work very hard to put events like this together with much organisation happening behind the scenes – shopping for food, cutting up food, preparing for the BBQ, organising stalls, manning stalls, checking money and looking after children are just some of the tasks on a mini fete day. Many thanks to all our teachers, parents and students who make days like this fun-filled and profitable.

In the coming weeks please praise your children for their continued good work at school, their sensible behaviour in the playground and their practical, no nonsense attitude towards helping others. It certainly makes Walters Road Public School the place to be!

From The Principal

Dawn Walker
Principal (Relieving)
From The Deputy

Dear Parents,

I can’t believe how quickly this term has gone. It’s just about time to put up the Christmas tree and finish up Christmas shopping!

Our staff are making their final edits to the Semester Two reports so they are ready for printing, signing and copying. The end of year reports go home on Friday 11th December 2015.

We have now finished all of our Kindergarten Orientation sessions. Thanks to all the teachers for their hard work in organising this and for making it such a great success. I bet our 2016 Kindy students can’t wait to come back next year to begin their educational journey.

Parent invitations have gone home this week 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 9.45 and 3-6 starting at 12pm.

Thank you to our school community for their support of our Year 6 students at the mini fete this week. We managed to raise over $2400 for the Year 6 gift. I would also like to extend a ‘special’ thanks to all those students who either dumped a bucket of water or threw sponges at me. I have a long memory………………

Congratulations to all students who are receiving a Principal’s Award this Friday. Well done on consistently demonstrating and maintaining such a high standard of behaviour.

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 student writing samples from KS.

Events coming up:

- 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 K-2 Presentation Day starting 9:45am in the school hall.
- Week 11 Monday 14th December K-2 Party. This year students are going to the movies to watch the Good Dinosaur (PG) 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

K-2 Party Day Reminder

Just a reminder that the $22 payment for the K-2 Party Day which includes a movie- The Good Dinosaur rated PG, pizza, ice block and drink is due by Wednesday 9th December.

The payment office is closed from now until Thursday 3rd December.

Kind Regards

Mrs G. Lihou
Week 8 – Term 4

Stage 1 News

Congratulations to those children who will receive their Principal's Award this week. It is wonderful to see so many students achieving this award for being safe, respectful, responsible learners.

Wednesday 9th December is our very last assembly for the year – our Presentation Day. Invitations have already gone home for those students receiving awards and we look forward to seeing families there to celebrate their child’s achievements and enjoy our student performances. Please note that the assembly starts at 9.45am.

As this is our last comprehensive newsletter for the year, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and parents who have worked with Stage 1 classes, for their time and support of our students. Congratulations boys and girls in Year 1 and Year 2. We are all proud of your effort and achievements.

I hope everyone has a joyous, holiday period and a safe, happy start to 2016. Enjoy a great break with family and friends.

Mrs T. Harris
Assistant Principal - Stage 1

Stage 2 News

Students and teachers in Stage 2 have spent the last few weeks busily working to complete Term 4 teaching and learning programs. Reports are close to being completed and I’m sure parents are eager to read them.

It would be wonderful for all students to participate in the Years 3-5 Party Day to celebrate a successful year of learning at Walters Road. If you have not yet returned your note and payment, please do so before the cut off date to avoid disappointment.

As programs begin to wind-up, the annual stocktake of school books and resources must begin. If your child has borrowed a Library book or Home Reader, please return it to Ms Higgins or your child’s class teacher as soon as possible.

This term, Stage 2 students have been completing a unit called ‘Living Things’ in Science & Technology. Classes experimented with growing a bean plant and observing the changes it undergoes throughout its life cycle. Here are some photographs of 4J’s bean plants. Well done, 4J!

Mr D. McNamara
Assistant Principal - Stage 2 (Relieving)

Stage 3 News

Year 6 Farewell

Our final meeting for the Year 6 Farewell was held on Friday 20th November in Mrs Knox’s room. Everything is on track and we are all looking forward to a wonderful night. Thanks to all of the committee for their continued attendance and hard work towards this event throughout the year.

Catchment Field Day

On Monday, Mr Wood, Mrs Mason and Mrs Cook accompanied 60 Stage 3 students to the Catchment Field Day at Nurragingy Reserve. The children enjoyed some exciting hands-on activities including water quality testing, habitat assessment and bird watching.

Science and Maths GAT day

Today 40 students from Years 4, 5 and 6 are attending a Gifted & Talented day at Evans High School as a part of the Community of Schools program. There will be a range of exciting and challenging Maths and Science activities. Enjoy!

Year 6 Mini Fete

What a fantastic day! The Year 6 students enjoyed getting in and helping to run the various activities. There was no shortage of volunteers to throw buckets of water over the prefects and the Stage 3 teachers! Luckily the weather was warm, as I know I spent a good part of the day soaking wet! Thanks kids!!!!!!! It was all in good fun and we managed to raise around $2400 for the farewell. Well done Walters Road!

Mrs J. Knox
Assistant Principal - Stage 3 (Relieving)
Office News
Just a reminder that the Office will be closed for payments until Thursday 3rd December.

Please check the final date for payment on your child’s party day note. We do not want any child being disappointed by missing out on this special end of year celebration by not paying in time.

Lost Property
This is your last chance to check for any items your child may have lost. The lost property is kept in B Block, up the steps under the K-2 shelter just inside the door.

Mrs K. Wright
School Administrative Manager

Library News
Borrowing has now ceased for the year. In order to ensure that stocktake proceeds as smoothly as possible, I am seeking the help of parents and caregivers in reminding students to return their outstanding Library books ASAP. Students need not wait until their next class time in the Library. Teachers will allow them to bring their book to the Library on any day. Thanks for your assistance!

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 an action plan from your doctor providing us with information regarding the diagnosis & treatment.

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Home Reading

Last Friday, 20th November, was the last day for students to borrow Home Readers.

We ask that all books be returned to school as soon as possible as the school needs to commence its annual stocktake of resources.

A reminder that replacement of each lost book will incur a cost of $7.00
Wanted: Boys and Girls aged 4 and up to play Rugby League in a friendly, family club S.H.J.R.L. We have very reasonable registration rates, and every child that plays gets a trophy at the end of the year. So come down & try us out. For more information please contact Joanne Campbell 0405 348 424 or Jennifer Sturgeon 0426 889 516.