Stage 1 are off to Sydney as part of their “Transport” unit and I look forward to joining them today and tomorrow.

We have commenced our assessing and reporting cycle and reports will go home in the last week of term when parents attend their child’s Parent/Teacher Nights. Dates will be available soon.

A reminder that we will be using skoolbag as our major form of communication and at present we have over 270 families that have downloaded the app. We are trialling a twitter account at present and our FaceBook account will no longer be used as of next week.

A number of notes are required for absences last week. We ask these to be returned as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

Phil Harris
Principal

From The Deputy
Hi Everyone,

What a wonderful beginning to our second school term! Our ANZAC service last Friday was a very special event and our students showed how respectful they are of our servicemen and women who sacrificed so much in contributing to the war effort, in particular, the landing at Gallipoli 100 years ago. A special thanks to our Captains and Vice Captains – Abi, Harrison, Nandika and Timi. They led the service with great dignity, giving much insight to the tragedy of war. Also Mrs Wassell and her family have our grateful thanks for sharing their precious letter - Mr Patterson and Keeley from 1P made this come to life and also have our special thanks. The tin hat mentioned in the letter was going to end up as a basin to mix a cake in! We were also fortunate to have an RSL representative attend and Flying Officer Kumar from the RAAF base at Glenbrook. Their presence demonstrated the importance of this special commemorative service.
Our PBL Yellow Safety Day was celebrated and students made a grey rainy day look much more cheerful with lots of yellow to be seen. Thank you to teachers and students for discussing aspects of safety and ensuring that safety is considered not only in the classroom but in hat rooms, playgrounds, other special locations like our school hall and outside school as well.

Dance to Be Fit has started and students have also been invited to take part in the Premiers Sporting Challenge which again gives them many opportunities to ensure they have an active and healthy lifestyle.

This week the school cross-country was held and a special mention must go to Robert Stanton. Robert was able to participate for the first time and completed the course 3 times – well done Robert! Also this week we have our very exciting Stage 1 Transport excursion on Thursday and Friday. Students will experience and see road, rail, water and air transport in the city. I wonder which one your child will enjoy the most? Seeing a plane? Riding on the Rivercat? Being a passenger on a train?

Did your children enjoy some reading during the holidays? Hopefully students can discuss some favourite holiday reads with classmates and even suggest some new books for our library – Mrs Higgins will always welcome worthy new additions to our school library.

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Year 3 and Year 5 students is happening soon. At Walters Road Public School our well-balanced teaching programs ensure that students are well prepared. Short practice sessions with exam style questions and responses also help students feel comfortable with exam papers and conditions. If for any reason you do not want your child to participate in these national assessments please see your child’s teacher or myself. Here are two Numeracy questions from past years – have fun discussing them with your children.

Year 3
Sue needs to buy 126 hats for a party.
The hats are sold in packets of 5.
How many packets does she need to buy?

Year 5
Grace poured half a litre of milk into a jug.
How many millilitres did she pour into the jug?

Answers next time. Students experiencing NAPLAN for the first time in Year 3 and those completing the tests for a second time in Year 5 will be supported extremely well by their teachers and results will help teachers inform their future teaching programs for our students.

Mrs D. Walker
Deputy Principal

Stage Reports

Early Stage 1 News
This term Kindergarten students have Mathletics and spelling words included in their homework. If you have misplaced your child’s Mathletics password please see their class teacher. Every Friday students will be tested on their spelling words.

Kindergarten will be having their first excursion on Thursday June 11th. Notes have been given out. Two adults will be accompanying each class, their class teacher and a SLSO (Student Learning Support Officer). We encourage all students to attend.

In Week 4, Mrs Lihou will be on leave for one week and Mrs Cox will be teaching her class. Mrs Cox will be following Mrs Lihou’s program.

Mrs Y. Theodorou
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

Stage 1 News

Bronze Assembly
Congratulations to all those students who were presented with their Bronze Awards last Thursday. I know many other children are very close to earning theirs, so we look forward to presenting many Bronze and Silver Awards at the next special assembly in Week 1 of next term. Next Thursday’s assembly will be hosted by 1B and will start at 2.30pm.

Transport Excursion
Thank you to those families who have made payment for the transport excursion. Today students in 1B, 1J, 2B and 2M are off seeing the sights of Sydney as they travel on a bus, train and ferry. Students in 1H, 1P and 2C will be attending tomorrow. Fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us. Unfortunately we can not postpone the excursion as we have already pre-purchased the train and ferry tickets. I am sure it will be a terrific day, even if we do get a bit wet. There will be a full report in the next newsletter so stay tuned!

Mrs T. Harris
Assistant Principal – Stage 1

Stage 2 News

Welcome back to Term 2. Thank you to the families who supported our recent ANZAC Day service by providing flowers and attending our assembly.

Congratulations to all students who recently received their Bronze Award. We look forward to handing out many more Bronze and Silver Awards in the near future to students who are displaying excellent behaviour.

Mrs D. Walker
Deputy Principal
In Week 10 last term we were taken on a wonderful journey of transition from Infants to Primary with Mrs Howells and the students from 3H. Thank you for the time and effort you put in to preparing your class item.

Please ensure that your child has wet weather gear and a warm school jumper or jacket in their bags everyday.

I would like to wish all our Year 3 students all the very best in Week 4 for NAPLAN. NAPLAN assessments provide teachers with valuable information with regard to planning for future teaching and learning.

**The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015.**

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the OC Class Unit for assistance after 27 April 2015.

You must submit only ONE application for each student. For any questions or enquiries, please see me.

**500 Trees Planting**

Notes have been sent home to all students in Years 4 and 5 to participate in the 500 School Planting Program. The program is a conservation initiative, at the Western Sydney Parklands in Dean Park. Transport is provided free of charge to the school.

Year 4 (4J and half of 4G) Thursday 14th May
(4V and half of 4G) Thursday 21st May
Year 5 (S3K, S3M and half of S3L/5G) Wednesday 6th May
(S3W, S3D and half of S3L/5G) Wednesday 20th May

Please ensure your child wears older shoes or gumboots in case of recent rain and, therefore, a muddy planting site. Greening Australia staff will provide disposable gloves and sunscreen. At the completion of the planting session each student will be presented with a tee shirt as a memento of the excursion.

Mrs G. Grant
Assistant Principal - Stage 2

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**Stage 3 News**

Welcome back to what promises to be both a productive and exciting term for Stage 3.

**NAPLAN**

Year 5 students will be sitting the 2015 NAPLAN assessments from Tuesday 12th May – Thursday 14th May 2015 (Term 2 Week 4).

Information notes about NAPLAN were sent home last term. Copies of these are still available at the office.

**Stage 3 Camp**

Thank you to the families who have paid their deposit. Payments closed after Friday 24th April and we have already finalised numbers to ensure we don’t lose bookings that have been made at the various venues in Canberra.

**This means that we are unable to accept any late payments.** Organising an overnight excursion involving a number of venues is a time consuming job and there are specific dates we must meet. Continually changing numbers creates many problems and could mean we lose bookings at venues.

I would like to remind parents of students who have confirmed their place at camp to continue making regular payments, as these must be finalised by Friday 5th June 2015.

**Year 6 Farewell Meeting**

The next Year 6 parent meeting for the Year 6 Farewell will take place on Friday 1st May in Mr Dyer’s room starting at 3.30pm. Thank you to all the parents who attended the last meeting. Hopefully we have a few more parents at the next meeting to help share the workload.

Mr M. Dyer
Assistant Principal - Stage 3

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**Library News**

Issue 3 brochures for Book Club have been distributed. The closing date for orders, which need to be given to me, not the front office, is May 7. Due to a complication, Kindergarten students will receive their first brochure when Issue 4 is released in a few weeks.

Mrs L. Higgins
Teacher-Librarian
Office News

Online Payments

Once you have made the payment record the receipt number and send the permission note to the office.

Payment Instructions

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. The payment process has been developed to be very user friendly. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment, http://www.waltersrd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
- Students name (first and last)
- Date of birth
- Details on the note received from the school (for example name of excursion and amount)

The payment must be made before 6pm for the school to receive the funds the next day. If the payment is made after 6pm there will be a 24 hour delay in the school receiving the funds. i.e. pay after 6pm Monday, the school will have the funds on Wednesday morning. This is very important to keep in mind if you are paying close to the last day for payment.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. As an Online receipt is available for you on payment, a further receipt will not be issued by the school. Just enter your online receipt number on your child’s permission note before returning it to the school office.

If you have any queries please contact the office.

Thanking you.

Mrs K. Wright
School Administrative Manager

Debating News

Last Wednesday, 22nd April, our school debating team, represented by Nandika Prasad, Timi Kayode, Andrew Dommett and Saniya Kumar, travelled to Blacktown North PS for our first debate. The topic was “The Beach is better than a pool” and we won the debate as the negative team, arguing that pools were the better option. Congratulations to the team, including the students who helped to prepare the debate behind the scenes.

Mrs J. Knox and Mrs M. Jain
Debating Co-ordinators

Swim School - 2015

During Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 1, 118 students from Years 2-6 participated in the DEC Learn to Swim Program at Emerton Swimming Pool. The program was a great success and an added bonus was that we had the sun shining for 9 out of the 10 days that we went. Many thanks go to Miss O’Brien, Miss Andrews and Mrs Jones for assisting with coordinating and delivering the program. I would also like to thank those extra teachers that we received assistance from at times with travel to and from the pool. THANK YOU.

The students’ progress across the 10 days was quite significant and I would like to encourage parents to continue on with further swimming lessons to help build confidence and improve water safety skills. Please find a table below which outlines students’ progress and as you can see, 10 days of formal instruction did significantly improve swimming ability.

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Congratulations to all the students from Walters Road on a great swim school effort and to Miss O’Brien, Miss Andrews and Mrs Jones on receiving their AUSTSWIM Accreditation.

Mrs G. Grant
Swim School Co-ordinator

P & C News

The lucky winners of this year’s Easter Raffle were;

K-2
1. Gian KS
2. Mathew 1B
3. Fiona KS

3-6
1. Angelynne S3D
2. Natasha S3M
3. Christina 4J
Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th May.

Tickets have gone home for the Mothers’ Day raffle. These are due back on Wednesday 6th May.

Regards.

Mrs F. Adlouni
P & C President

Positive Behaviour Learning (P.B.L)

Our PBL Winners for Week 10, Term 1 were:

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Practise your English skills!
Meet other parents of WRPS
Learn about other cultures!

If this sounds like a great idea to you, come and join us on Monday afternoons before you pick up your child from school.

When and Where?
Every Monday afternoon 2:30 - 3:15pm in the spare room, commencing Monday May 4th 2015.

Contact: Makelete Felix
Makelete.Felix@det.nsw.edu.au
Call 96723333 or 0430521317

Everyone is Welcome!!