From The Principal

Dear Community,

It’s hard to imagine we are in the last week of Term One. It doesn’t seem that long since all our Kindergarten children commenced school and started a new chapter of their school career.

The term has been an extremely successful one with students settling in beautifully, school enrolments increasing and community links growing.

The Mark Ferguson visit was an extremely successful visit and our children were simply impressive on the day. Our Doing Things Together Day was also highly successful and beautifully coordinated by Mrs Harris. The 3Cs of cooperation, courtesy and consideration were evident all through the school.

Our Easter Hat Parade was today and once again our children had a thoroughly enjoyable day and the children looked beautiful. My thanks to our P and C for their support and helping the Easter Bunny do his job so well. The raffle was again extremely successful.
I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Phil Harris
Principal

From The Deputy

Hi Everyone,

The end of our first school term is here. May the holidays be a happy and safe time for all our students and their families. This last two weeks has been a busy time. We have had ‘Doing Things Together’, P&C Mufti Day, Mark Ferguson from Channel 7, School Photos, Mini Fete, Debating Camp and Sport days as some recent school events. It is wonderful to see students learning valuable life skills during these events and creating many funny, happy and exciting memories.

The school holidays is a great opportunity to catch up with some reading time – students may like to go to their local library during the school break and explore the many resources on offer including books, games, videos and much more. Many libraries hold school holiday activities so it is worthwhile looking at what is available.

How are you going with the list of 100 most commonly used words? Here is the rest of the list:

**Nouns**
All, back, bed, birthday, brother, car, dad, day, dog, fun, friends, home, house, lots, mum, name, night, one, park, school, sister, time, weekend, Sunday, Saturday, time, two.

**Verbs**
Am, are, ate, be, bought, called, came, can, do, get, go, going, got, had, have, is, like, lived, made, play, played, said, saw, was, watched, went, were, will.

Looking for these words in books, magazines, signs and websites can be an educational game – also introducing your children to crossword puzzles or joining in a Search-A-Word with them can show them that learning about words can be fun for all ages!

Early next term we will have our ANZAC ceremony at school. Friday 24th April is the date; parents and friends are very welcome and the ceremony will start at 10.00am. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the ANZAC campaign. We are very fortunate this year to have access to a private letter written by a father who served in World War One. He wrote to his little daughter Violet, who is the grandmother of Mrs Wassell in the office at school. This primary piece of evidence from long ago will feature at our ANZAC ceremony and we thank Mrs Wassell’s family for sharing this precious document. Here is an extract from the letter

“My dear little Violet,

Just a little letter to let you know that I think of you my little sweetheart.....I have found Uncle Will as I told you.....when you read this letter he should be home...... tell Mother I have got a tin hat....

Find out more about that tin hat at our ANZAC service! I am glad to report that Violet’s dad and uncle came home safely.

Also next term in Week One we will have our PBL Mufti Day (a free event) on Wednesday 22 April – the colour to wear is yellow and the expectation that will be discussed is “Be Safe”. Our Dance to Be Fit program also starts in Week One on the Wednesday. Walters Road Public School is an exciting place to be!

Mrs D. Walker
Deputy Principal
Stage Reports

Early Stage 1 News
We had a very busy and successful term. I hope all our families have a relaxing holiday. Here are some Term 2 events for you to write on your calendar:

- Our Bronze Assembly will be on Thursday 23rd of April. This is the first week back at school in Term 2. Students who will be receiving a Bronze Award will be given an invitation.
- ANZAC Day will be on the 24th of April. Students are encouraged to bring flowers on the day.
- The Dance2bFit program is starting on Wednesdays from Weeks 1 to 9. All students need to wear their sports uniform.
- Kindergarten will be going to visit a farm on Thursday 11th of June. Permission notes and information for this excursion will be provided closer to the date.

Mrs Y. Theodorou
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

Stage 1 News
Transport Excursion
Thank you to those families who have already made payment for the transport excursion. A reminder that payment for this closes on the second day back for students next term (Wednesday, 22nd April). If paying online, you still need to submit the permission note to the Office so the school can verify payment before passing it onto the class teacher. Unfortunately, there can be no extension of the payment date as we need time to book tickets and complete our risk assessment procedures. Teachers are looking forward to a wonderful excursion with all students in attendance.

Assembly Leaders
Last Thursday 1J hosted our K-2 assembly and entertained us with a wonderful play based on Hattie and the Fox by Mem Fox. The students remembered their lines, used expression and did a great job of projecting their voices for the audience. I am pleased to announce the Assembly Leaders for the next class assembly will be Jayda from 2C and Adil from 1B. I know they will make fantastic leaders. The next class assembly will be hosted by 1B in Week 3 and will start at 2.30pm.

Mrs T. Harris
Assistant Principal – Stage 1

Stage 2 News

What a truly busy term this has been. We have many more exciting things planned for the remainder of the year.

Just a few reminders with regard to students coming prepared for school. The weather has been particularly unpredictable of late and I am requesting that all students come to school everyday with either a small umbrella or raincoat so that we can move around the school as a class to lessons such as computers, assemblies in the hall and library. These wet weather items are essential to also go to the bathrooms or to the office when it is raining. Glue sticks are also starting to run out and many students are losing some of their valuable stationery items simply because they are not labelled. I encourage all families to spend some time making some labels for equipment so that we can reduce the stress and expense of having to sort out issues with regards to equipment.

3H are very much looking forward to hosting the 3-6 Assembly this Thursday and we can’t wait for their class item. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible at around 2pm.

Some students are requiring a reminder about following and respecting the WRPS school rules. Please encourage your child to promptly discuss with their classroom teacher (or if it occurs outside to go immediately to the playground duty teacher) so that the situation can be resolved. At times, some situations are not brought to teacher’s attention in a timely manner and are therefore difficult to backtrack and take action with. On a lighter note, I would like to congratulate the many students who are continually demonstrating and meeting the high expectations of Walters Road by being Safe, Responsible, Respectful Learners. We look forward to acknowledging our positive behaviours at our upcoming Bronze Assembly, which will be held on the first Thursday back in Term 2 (23rd April).

Camp – Morisset – Wednesday 14th - Thursday 15th October, 2015 (Term 4, Week 3)
Planning for the above Stage 2 camp is well underway. This excursion has been organised through a company that is very experienced in organising educational excursions. The excursion is designed to compliment our PDHPE and HSIE areas of study. Notes will go home in Term 2. The total cost is anticipated to be approximately $170. An initial deposit of $30 will be requested and then you will have an option of full payment or instalments.
I would like to wish everyone a wonderful school holiday and hopefully all families will have opportunities to share some very valuable family time together. The Stage Two team look forward to some more wonderful learning in Term 2.

Mrs G. Grant
Assistant Principal - Stage 2

Stage 3 News
I can’t believe it is already the end of Term 1! Thank you to all of the Stage 3 students and teachers for a successful start to the term.

Stage 3 Camp
Permission notes for the Stage 3 overnight camp to Canberra have gone home. The deposit and permission note, securing your child’s place, is due to be paid to the office by Friday 24th April. Parents are more than welcome to pay the full amount in one payment if they wish.

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 3.30 pm. 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.

High School Applications
There are still a few high school forms outstanding. Unfortunately, if these forms are not submitted immediately families may miss the Round 1 selection panels for students seeking placement at a non-local government school.

Mr M. Dyer
Assistant Principal - Stage 3

Debating Camp
I had a great time at the Debating Camp “Arguing with style”. The activities were very interesting and exciting to do. It was a hectic 2 days, but so enjoyable. I would do anything to go again, it was so much fun!

I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Knox and Mrs Jain for making this camp possible for the four of us.

Andrew Dommett S3W

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. We wish students a happy Easter and a safe holiday. Thanking you.

Mrs K. Wright
School Administrative Manager

Library News
Exciting news for Kindergarten students - they are allowed to commence borrowing on their first visit to the Library in Term 2! Each student may borrow one book to enjoy at home, exchanging it for a new book the following week. In order to borrow, each student requires a Library bag, which is not to be the same bag used for Home Reading. Library bags can be purchased from the front office, but any type of bag will do, even a clean plastic bag, labelled with the child’s name and class.
Parents are invited to come to the Library to view and borrow from a selection of books, chosen especially for them. Many have been purchased using funds donated by the P & C, with titles including *Strictly Parenting*, *I Spy a Great Reader* and *The Perfect Lunchbox*. Please come and take a look whenever you’re at the school. If I’m not actually in the Library, I won’t be far away!!

Mrs L. Higgins
Teacher-Librarian

**Doing Things Together**
Last Monday our school celebrated Doing Things Together Day. For those new to our school, the day involves students working in small groups to complete a range of tasks. The groups are generally led by Year 6 students and contain students from a range of grades. Kindergarten students got to work in the same group as their Year 6 buddy. Points are awarded for cooperation, consideration and courtesy.

Both teachers and students commented on how well today went, with our older students being supportive leaders and all students participating to the best of their ability.

Congratulations to Group 58 who were scored the most points on the day. The members of this group were Willow (S3D), Khaled (S3L), Caelum (4/5G), Abed (3A), Younis (1J) and Mahi (KT). Well done Walters Road on another fantastic school event!

Mrs T. Harris

A very BIG thank you to the following people for their ongoing support of our mini-fetes from the staff and students of Walters Road Public School:-

- Primo Smallgoods and Mr Jeff Hutchen for their kind donation of over 400 beef sausages
- Mr & Mrs Rogers (parents of Harrison S3K & Cooper 1H) for organising the delivery of the beef sausages
- Parents and students who donated things for the Cake and White Elephant Stalls

Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated. As a result we were able to raise just over $2 100 for new English resources.
Our PBL Winners for Week 8, Term 1 were:

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Crunch & Sip Ideas

Some people love to crunch on a whole stick of celery, but generally kids prefer it cut up into sticks. A variety bag of vegetable sticks (e.g. celery, carrot, cucumber) is great for Crunch&Sip. Chewing on celery can help clean your teeth!

Blueberries are little super fruit bombs of juiciness. They are rich in antioxidants and their benefits are said to outweigh all other berries combined! Kids love ‘em, so why not pack some for Crunch&Sip?

Did you know the smaller the pod of the snow pea the sweeter it will taste? Snow peas can be washed and eaten raw so pop them in your child’s bag for Crunch & Sip.

Children rarely drink enough during break times at school and often forget to drink unless reminded. Dehydration can cause poor concentration, headaches and irritability. Be sure to pack a water bottle for your child to drink from during Crunch&Sip.

Kids can be fussy about eating fruit and vegetables. They might have to be offered a food up to 10 times before they accept and eat it! Each time your child interacts with a new fruit or vegetable (seeing, touching, holding, kissing) is a step towards them eating it.
Cricket NSW Mega Visit
On Wednesday the 1st of April, 3-6 classes participated in the Cricket NSW Mega Visit. We were extremely lucky to have Patrick Cummins of the Sydney Thunder visit our school and participate in a Q&A session as a part of the Mega Visit.

After the Q&A session all classes completed a Milo Cricket session, with Patrick Cummins participating in one of the sessions.

I would like to thank the Sydney Thunder for their support in creating a healthy lifestyle for the students at Walters Road Public School.

Mr S. Wood