From The Principal
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The business of Term 2 continues and you only have to look at our calendar to realise how busy schools are.

Teachers are busy with our assessment and reporting cycle in full swing and the long hours of writing reports has commenced. Our reports will be the same as last year using our new Sentral server. Interviews are planned for the last week of term and we ask parents to ensure they make time available to attend these meetings and collect their child’s report.

- Early Stage 1 Monday 22nd June 2015
- Stage 3 Tuesday 23rd June 2015
- Stage 1 Wednesday 24th June 2015
- Stage 2 Thursday 25th June 2015

Times and booking information will be sent home shortly.

Mr Blissett will be on leave for the remainder of the term and we welcome Mr Golding who will be replacing him during this time.

As we enter winter, we ask parents to ensure that children are wearing appropriate clothing and that children are not coming to school with illnesses. At this time of the year coughs and colds are often hard to contain.

We also have a growing number of children getting to school way before the morning bell. All children should be timing their arrival after 8.50am when there are staff providing supervision. Children are arriving in the office well before 8.30am with food and the excuse that “Mum had to work!”. Can I please ask that this practice stop and parents utilise the Before and After School services which the school houses. This option is much more responsible and just the right thing to do.
I had the privilege of attending the Stage 1 Transport excursion in Week 2 and my congratulations to all the children and staff. The children received many compliments from the public and many “firsts” were had by our children. My thanks to the Stage 1 staff for their thorough organisation. I know I am looking forward to the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra at the end of term.

We ask all parents who are paying for excursions etc to please take particular note of the last day for payment. While Online Payments are able to be made after the closing date, these cannot be accepted unless prior arrangements have been made with the organising teacher. We do not want to see your child disappointed if a payment has to be refunded. We strongly suggest that all excursion dates are diarised using the Skoolbag app.

At present our Kindergarten Block is getting a mini face lift with new gutters, fascia and downpipes. Eventually the exterior will be painted as well. We have also been fortunate in applying for a $80,000 school grant to improve our K-2 Assembly area. Over the next few weeks the area will be re-cemented and additional paths added to the pedestrian crossing. K-2 Assemblies will have to be held on the canteen area during that time. The carpark more than likely will not be used and access for the children coming into Kindergarten and Year 1 rooms could be a little congested over the coming weeks. Our apologies but the winners will be our children with a new modern cemented area.

Regards
Phil Harris
Principal

From The Deputy

Hi Everyone,

NAPLAN week is with us again. Well done to our students who have completed the Language, Writing and Reading and Numeracy test sessions. If your child was absent for any of the test sessions they can sit for up to two tests on Friday.

Do you remember the Numeracy questions from our last newsletter? Year 3 needed to know how many packets of hats Sue needed to buy for a party. Sue knew she needed 16 hats and that they were sold in packets of five. So the answer is 4 (4x5=20), not 3 (3x5=15) or 21 (21x5=105) or 80 (80x5=400). Year 5 needed to know how many millilitres Grace poured into a jug. Grace knew that she poured half a litre. Year 5 needed to know that half a litre equals 500mL so the answer was 500.

The transport Excursions for Stage One were very exciting with rainy weather not able to spoil the excitement of the transport spotting and riding on a bus, train and river cat. The children were very well behaved and railway staff were very impressed with their manners and friendly hellos. Many children also thanked the river cat staff and the bus drivers – parents can be very proud of their children and how they upheld the good name of Walters Road Public School while learning so much about transport and our city environment.

Our Parent Library has now been launched. Look out in the local newspaper for pictures of our P&C members and Mrs Higgins enjoying some parent friendly books. Books to help with encouraging healthy eating (good recipes for school lunches), raising children in today’s complex society (‘Strictly Parenting’ has great suggestions) and finding out more about issues that parents and children are living with (Autism is one aspect dealt with sensitively and practically) can all be accessed through our new parent library. Ms Higgins will welcome parents in the mornings when the library is open and for a short time in the afternoon. So parents can drop off their children and head up to the library before school starts to find some up-to-date, good quality reference books to help in their most important job – raising our young children.

Many thanks to our P&C for running another successful Mother’s Day Stall. Some mothers in our school community were treated to gifts chosen by their children at our stall and hopefully all mothers were spoilt on their special day.

Mrs D. Walker
Deputy Principal

Stage Reports

Early Stage 1 News
The Kindergarten excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm is on Thursday 11th of June. There will be a 1:10 ratio of adult to student supervision on the day.

A reminder that on the day of the excursion students need to:
• Be at school by 8:45am – the bus will be leaving at 9:10am.
• Wear their full school uniform.
• Wear comfortable walking shoes - sports shoes recommended.
• Wear a school hat.
• Bring their recess, lunch and drinks in a plastic bag – we will be providing them with an orange WRPS bag to use on the day.

The cost is $30. Please pay before the closing date at the office or electronically. The closing date for payments for this excursion is on Thursday 4th of June.
All Kindergarten students need to wear their sports shoes every Wednesday for their Dance2bfit sessions and the alternative dance program. On Friday all students need to wear their full sports uniform (sports shirt, joggers and hat) for their fitness lessons.

A reminder if your child hasn’t brought in tissues or glue sticks, please bring them in as soon as possible as our supplies are getting low.

Mrs Y. Theodorou
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

Stage 2 News
We hope all the students in Stage Two gave their Mums, Nans and other special ladies a wonderful Mother’s Day on Sunday. This is a great time to stop and acknowledge all the things that they do for us each and every day.

Well done to the students in Year 3 who have completed the NAPLAN tests this week. We look forward to seeing how you went later on in the year. Usually results are available around September.

A reminder to Year 4 parents who expressed interest in the Opportunity Class Placement Test that you must register online by no later than May 15 (this Friday). No late registrations will be accepted. The OC test will be on July 22.

Students in Stage Two have a very busy payment time at the moment. Notes were sent home recently for both the excursion to Bicentennial Park and for the overnight camp to Morisset in Term 4. Please ensure that you adhere to the closing dates listed below for payments. Also, please contact the office should you require financial assistance as we would like all students to attend these two events.

Camp Deposit
Initial Deposit of $40 due 27th May
Bicentennial Park Full Payment of $24 due by 10th June

This week’s assembly will be hosted by 4J and we are looking forward to their item and thank them for their efforts. We again are encouraging parents to attend our assemblies which are fortnightly on Thursdays (even weeks) from approximately 2.05pm.

Mrs G. Grant
Assistant Principal - Stage 2

Stage 3 News
Stage 3 have been studying different artistic techniques used by artists who are contemporary and post-impressionistic. They have attempted to re-create the artworks of Picasso, Van Gogh and Ken Done, and have produced some very impressive results.

By Jack S3K
**Other Items**

**Office News**
Payments for excursions, camps and other activities:

*We ask all parents who are paying for excursions etc please take particular note of the last day for payment.*

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We do not want to see your child disappointed if a payment has to be refunded.

Thanking you.

Mrs K. Wright
School Administrative Manager

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**P & C News**

The P&C committee would like to thank everyone for supporting the Mother’s Day stall and raffle. It was a successful event!

Thank you to all the parents and staff that assisted in running the stalls on the day.

Congratulations to our Mother’s Day raffle winners listed below.

**K-2**
1. Leon KL
2. Millie 2B
3. Shanae 2C

**3-6**
1. Christoffer S3D
2. Kyla 3O
3. Rowa 4V

We also had some fantastic support from local sponsors. We'd like to say a big thank you to the businesses listed below:

- GoodGuys Prospect: A Digital radio
- BigW Westpoint: $50
- KMart Blacktown: $50
- Bunnings Blacktown: $100
- Pickpackers.com.au: Variety of donated items at the stall

Regards

Mr M. Adlouni
Vice President and Secretary of the P&C

**Tennis Stars**

Sisters, Ameerah 4/5G and Eesha S3K tore up the court at the recent NSW PSSA State Championships which was held in Week 2 this term at Rockdale.

Ameerah and Eesha were selected to be in the Sydney West Girls Tennis Squad. The girls played games over 3 consecutive days against the other regions in NSW. They did exceptionally well and came equal 5th across the state.

This is a great achievement and we are so proud of you both.

Well done.

Mrs G. Grant
**Cross Country**

Next Tuesday (19\textsuperscript{th} May) WRPS will be taking a squad of representatives to compete in the Blacktown PSSA Zone Cross Country Carnival. Mrs Lebens will be attending the carnival with me and I would like to remind students to arrive on time on that day as we will be leaving the school at 9.30am. Please remember to bring with you, food, drinks, sunscreen, warm clothing to change into, wet weather gear and something to sit on – perhaps an old towel. Please wear your school sports uniform, hat and joggers.

We would like to wish our team all the best of luck as they compete.

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**CAN YOU HELP WITH TRANSPORT?**

We desperately need assistance with transport to and from the carnival, which is being held at Patterson Reserve, Quakers Hill. If there are any parents who can assist, can you please contact the office to complete the necessary paperwork. We anticipate leaving the school at approximately 9.30am and would need a return pick up from the grounds at around 2.00-2.30pm. You would not be required to stay during the day.

Mrs G. Grant  
Cross Country Co-ordinator

**4J News**

During our Literacy unit 4J students read Flood and Fire by Jackie French. We discussed the job of a book designer, the medium used in the illustrations and how the font can also add meaning to a text. The students were then to write a poem about Floods or Fire.

Mrs N. Jones  
4J Class Teacher
**Positive Behaviour Learning (P.B.L)**

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**Year 1 Transport Excursion**