From The Principal

Hi Everyone,

A great time of year for Walters Road Public School – our students are enjoying many opportunities at school and outside of school. These include AFL visits for K-2 and C.A.R.E.S excursions for Year 4.

Visiting classrooms has also been a joy with students happy to show off great work in spelling, handwriting and mathematics. Students in 3-6 are working on their speeches and the support and encouragement they give each other is great to see. Our Kindergarten students are also showing us all how far they have come from their first days of school – their assemblies have been a real pleasure to see – Walters Road is the place to be and every student has a place at Walters Road! Students who excel at learning, sport, performance groups and being friendly, caring classmates are all highly valued at our school.

Our Performance Night is getting closer with tickets on sale this week. Lots of singing, dancing and recorder playing is a testament to the dedication of both students and teachers. Your support will mean the world to them so come along and join in the fun.

The Blacktown Music Festival is another chance to share in all things performance wise. The Music Festival is on Monday evening 24th August so save the date for another entertaining night.

Our National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) student reports will be sent home soon for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. These results are a snapshot of student achievement and enable comparisons between individual, state and national results. Parents can share positive results with their children and support them in their learning journey – areas needing additional attention can also be discussed and teachers will use results to inform their future planning and programming so quality teaching and learning at Walters Road Public School continues.

On Friday this week we have our PSSA Grand Final teams playing and we wish our netball and rugby league teams well as they proudly represent our school.

Upcoming events include our Maths Fun Days and our Father’s Day Stall in Week 8. Also during this time we will be celebrating the annual School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) Week. This is a great chance for us to acknowledge and thank our SASS staff for the enormous amount of work they do with exceptional good grace and humour.

Our work with our School Plan continues with teaching staff looking at our strategic directions and checking in with small milestones along the way – new school initiatives are being designated as on track or achieved and this is due to the ongoing dedication of all our teachers – like every student has a place at Walters Road, every teacher has a part to play in making sure our school continues to hold fast to our school vision of delivering quality education in a caring environment and encouraging all our students to become responsible, well-rounded individuals of the 21st Century.

Dawn Walker
Principal (Relieving)
Dear Parents,

First of all I would like to congratulate the Senior Rugby League, Junior B Netball and Senior A Netball PSSA Teams for making the PSSA Winter Competition Grand Finals. I can’t wait to be cheering our teams this Friday at William Lawson Reserve. Our Rugby League team is due to start their final at 4.45 pm, Junior B Netball at 5.30 pm and Senior A Netball at 6.15pm. Good luck to all the teachers and students involved. GO WALTERS!!

I would like to encourage all parents to download and regularly use our Skoolbag App. This is a valuable resource for the school and we are looking to expand its usage in the coming weeks.

Speaking of social media, I have been gathering a group of interested teachers to set up a committee to manage and further our usage of our school website, Facebook account and Twitter. Please check out our website and/or follow our Twitter and Facebook accounts. Over the next few weeks we will be looking to become more prevalent in our usage of these valuable communication tools. In regard to Facebook in particular, please note that we will only be using it to relay information and not answer questions. We would request that questions and comments about school events be directed through the school directly, either in person or via phone call or email. For everyone’s information our Twitter handle is @WaltersRoadPS. #GoWalters

We have noticed an increase in unexplained student absences. Parents are required to supply an absent note within 7 days of their child’s absence from school. Please ensure that absence notes are submitted on time and that they contain your child’s full name, class, date(s) of absence, reason for being absent, parent signature and the date that the note was written. I would also like to remind parents that the Skoolbag app can be used to submit absences through the ‘eForms’ section.

I would like to bring to your attention that the Maths In Action Day for Years 3 – 6 has been moved to Tuesday 1st September. The K-2 Maths In Action Day will still take place on Wednesday 2nd September. The teachers in each stage are busy preparing a wide range of fun, hands-on activities for the students to complete. Keep an eye out on our social media accounts for further updates and information.

Good luck to Mrs Grant as she heads to Wagga Wagga next week to coach the Sydney West PSSA Girls Softball team in the NSW PSSA Girls Softball Championships. I’m sure she will have a great time. Go Sydney West!

On Monday 24th August, students from the 3-6 choir and the combined recorder ensemble will be performing at the 2015 Blacktown Music Festival to be held at Wyndham College. We look forward to hearing about your performances next week. Well done to all the teachers and students involved.

Last of all, NAPLAN results for students in Years 3 and 5 will be sent home this week. Our staff are in the process of analysing the data, in order to help set future educational goals for our school for the remainder of this year and beyond.

Mr W. Dyer
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

Stage Reports

Early Stage 1 News
Congratulations to Mrs Lihou and KL for efficaciously running our K-2 assembly and performing their Following Directions Dance.

The parents, who have signed up their child or children to AFL training, remember it’s on Tuesdays from the 18th of August until the 8th of September. Coaching sessions are after school from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

Mrs Duss is back from her leave and the K-2 Art Club will commence at lunchtime on Mondays. The cost is 50 cents.

Next Wednesday is the Fizzics Science Incursion (Robotics). There is still time to pay at the office.

Events coming up:
• KC’s assembly in Week 7, Thursday 27th of August, 2:30pm in the hall.

Mrs Y. Theodorou
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

Stage 1 News

What We’ve Been Learning

Science
Students in Stage 1 have been busy learning about our Earth’s Resources in Science. So far we have: conducted hands-on investigations of sand, soil and water; gone on a discovery walk to locate the different water sources at our school; explored the water cycle; and discussed how we can look after our resources so we don’t waste them. We have utilised interactive technology to support our learning each lesson and the students are very engaged in their learning.
English
Over the past few weeks we have been looking at characterisation and the tools authors/composers use to give us information about characters. We have looked at animal and people characters in advertising, television/movies and books. We have discovered that music, colour, sound effects, character voices and the words used are all a part of how we learn about characters.

Congratulations on all your hard work so far this term Stage 1 students. Your teachers are very pleased with your enthusiasm and involvement in our lessons.

Mrs T. Harris
Assistant Principal – Stage 1

Stage 2 News

Class Public Speaking Presentations
Thank you and congratulations to all Stage Two students for participating in your class speeches. I know this process was somewhat daunting and nerve racking for some students however let me reassure you the more times we do it, the easier it will become. Public Speaking is a valuable communication skill and ongoing development and practice of this will ensure our students have the skills needed to be successful communicators, organisers of information and presenters.

Congratulations to our Stage representatives who will now go on to the Zone competition, which will take place on 14th October.

Year 3 – What I would Change

Makayla Hennen

Year 4 - An Australian Story

Andrei Stasi

CARES
All three Year 4 classes managed to go to CARES which is fantastic. Unfortunately, the unpredictable weather wasn't so kind to 4J and we had to cut short their program. Thank you to the 4J parents who acted swiftly and assisted with taking the students back to school so promptly.

Special thanks to the following parents for driving additional students, without your assistance, the program would not have been possible:-

4G: Mrs Ghamraoui, Ms Stratton and Mrs Onay. Thanks also to Mrs Riley and Mrs Singh who also offered but were not needed
4J: Mrs Dyer, Mr Stasi, Mrs Torbica, Ms Khan, Mr Deuschle, Mrs McClymont.
4V: Mrs Riley, Ms Norman, Mr Forsyth

Camp
General Information and Medical Forms have gone home please ensure that you complete all sections of the form and return promptly to your class teacher. 56 sleeps to go!

Mrs G .Grant
Assistant Principal - Stage 2

Stage 3 News

Hi all,

We are already into the second half of the term and as usual, it is quite busy.

Taster Lessons for Year 5
Our Year 5 students are looking forward to attending Evans High School on Tuesday 8th September to participate in Taster Lessons. These lessons provide a sample of some of the exciting things they can do in High School.

Year 6 Farewell
The Year 6 students have begun to practise the dances for the farewell and the Year 5 students are learning the dances at the same time, ready for next year. The next Year 6 parent meeting for the Year 6 Farewell will take place on Friday 11th September in Mrs Knox's room starting at 3.30 pm. Thank you to all the parents who attended the last meeting.

Public Speaking
All Stage 3 students have been preparing a 3-minute speech as part of the Mt Druitt and Minchinbury Public Speaking Competition. Class representatives are being chosen this week and next week we will be selecting a representative from Year 5 and Year 6 to go to the next level of the competition.

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

Office News
Medication at School
Just a reminder that if your child requires medication to be given during school hours you must write a note or come into the office and fill out a medication support note stating the date, name of medication, dosage and time to be given. Any medication must be brought to school by an adult, no student should ever bring medication to school themselves for safety reasons.
Lost Property
The lost property area is becoming quite full again. Please check for any items your child may have misplaced. It is a good idea to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled so they can be returned to you if they are misplaced.

Mrs F. Wassell
School Administrative Manager (Relieving)

Woolworths Earn & Learn
The promotion ends on Tuesday 8th September. So far we have collected a total of 5280 stickers. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers you have collected onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet or put the loose stickers into the collection box in the office & we will add them to a sticker sheet for you.

This weekend is also a double sticker weekend where you get 2 stickers for every $10 spent. Keep collecting those stickers!

Performance Night
Performance Night is Thursday 10th September, Week 10. Students participating in Performance Night are asked to bring their permission slips back to their teachers as soon as possible. Tickets for the event go on sale as of Week 6 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings in Miss Andrews’ room and will continue to be sold in Weeks 7 and 8.

Performance groups for the evening are as follows:
K-2 Choir
3-6 Choir
Year 2 Recorder
Recorder Ensemble
Recorder Year 6 Trio
K-2 Dance
3-6 Dance
Hip Hop
Cultural Group

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KINDERGARTEN 2016

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 are now being accepted.

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 a letter from your doctor providing us with information regarding the diagnosis.

Completed Application for Enrolment forms need to be finalised by 18th September 2015 so that pre enrolment interviews can be conducted before our Kindergarten Orientation sessions.

Does your child know how to correctly fit a bike helmet?
Our research tells us that 75% of primary students don’t know when their bike helmet is fitted correctly. In addition, less than 50% knew that after a crash a helmet must be replaced as it can no longer fully protect them in the event of another crash.

You can help your child increase their bike safety and awareness while having fun by entering the BNSW Bike Competition.

Students learn about bike safety and then create the artwork for their dream helmet to win 1 of 8 brand new bike and helmet sets valued at $350 each. One lucky overall winner will host NRMA Road Safety Roadbots in their school before enjoying a fun bicycle workshop with their class. A group of 16 runners up will win a bike accessories pack valued at $50.

There is no entry fee. Entries are to be collected from Mrs Grant and returned by 9th October 2015.

Good luck.
Mrs G. Grant
K-2 Athletics Carnival

Finals Results for Age Races

Congratulations to the following students for coming a place in the final for their age group. Ribbons were handed out on the day and students were acknowledged in last week’s assembly.

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P&C News

The K-2 and 3-6 Sausage sizzles were a success. Thank you to all who volunteered and helped at both events. Thank you to PickPackers.com.au for donating all the bread for both carnivals.

Upcoming events:

Father’s Day raffle tickets went out this week. They are due back on 2nd September.

The Fathers’ Day stall is scheduled for Monday 31st August and Thursday 3rd September. The item prices will range from $1 to $5.50.

We would like to thank you for your continued support.

Regards

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

After three successful years in the ACT the Award is expanding into NSW with the support of NSW Premier Mike Baird. Teachers, principals, parents and members of the community are encouraged to nominate a compassionate Year 6 student through the online nomination form by August 21. It’s a great opportunity for students to be recognised outside the sporting and academic realm.

All nominees and their parents will be invited to a presentation ceremony in Sydney to announce the NSW winner.

To nominate a student and learn more about the award go to www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward

We are pleased to announce that Skoolbag is now available for Windows Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg Surface tablet, Laptop, PC etc).

This makes the app even more accessible than before to your parent and student community, with the ability to receive messages directly to a PC, Laptop, or Surface Tablet running Windows 8.1 or 10.

To install Skoolbag on your Windows device, look up "Skoolbag" in the Windows Store, and install it. Once installed you can find your school, and pin it to your Windows Home Screen.

Please note: You must be running at least Windows 8.1 on your device for the app to function.

“Real humanity is shown when we care for others” - Professor Fred Hollows

The Fred Hollows Foundation is keeping Fred’s vision alive through The Fred Hollows Humanity Award which recognises Year 6 students who follow in his footsteps by showing care and compassion for others.
Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive, Prospect

WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2015
10AM-2PM

Bike week is from September 12-20 so come along to ride in a safe environment with real traffic lights.

- Bring your own bike and helmet
- Face painting & Activities
- Parking is on site and free
- Bring a picnic
- Sausage sizzle, Lollies and drinks
- Adult supervision required

Enquiries: caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au
Walters Road Public School

**Week 6 – Term 3**

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**Stroller Shape Up**

Blacktown Aquatic Centre
Ph: 9622 2279

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**If you are looking to get fit following the birth of your baby**

**Stroller Shape Up** classes are for you. Our classes are specifically designed to allow parents to exercise outdoors with their baby in a supportive and friendly environment. Having a baby should not mean you need to give up an active lifestyle and this class enables you to care for your baby whilst getting back into shape as well as giving you the chance to meet other mothers.

**The benefits:**
- Lose weight, tone up and get fit
- Increase your energy levels to cope with the new demands of motherhood
- Enjoy exercising with your baby
- All participants are in the same situation. If your baby cries no one in this type of class will mind at all.
- Meet other mums in the area
- Exercise has been shown to reduce the risk of developing post-natal depression

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**What do you need to bring?**
- A pram that pushes easily and has wheel brakes
- Comfortable, supportive clothing
- Supportive sports shoes
- Water bottle
- Towel
- Sunscreen and Hat
- Any essential baby items

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**Day and Times:**
Wednesday 10.30am – 11.15am

If this time does not suit please phone the Health and Fitness staff on 9622 2279 to enquire about having your own group (a minimum of 6 participants is required to run your own group).

**Cost:**
- $14.00 per session
- or a 10 session pass is available for $126.00

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Boyd Street Blacktown 2148 or visit www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au