**School dates to remember!**

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**From The Principal**

Hello Everyone

We have said farewell to Mr Harris and all of a sudden it seems strange not to see him talking to students and parents, helping out in the office, chairing meetings, overseeing quality education here at Walters Road Public School, mentoring fellow educators, talking at assemblies and being a friendly helpful source of information to teachers and staff. He will be missed. He was also thrilled with all the well-wishes, gifts and heart-felt farewells he received – one that he enjoyed sharing with others was the wonderful ‘Memory Book’ kindly organised and collated by Mrs Jenni Ross. So many teachers and children shared happy, funny memories they had of Mr Harris and this book will be very special - well done for all those who contributed and managed to keep it a secret – no mean feat!

Welcome to Mr Dyer in the relieving Deputy Principal position and welcome to Mrs Knox in the relieving Assistant Principal position. We are fortunate to have such a great team overseeing the delivery of quality education at Walters Road Public School.

Our Education Week Assembly and Open Day were great events and a huge thank you to all involved on the day – our talented and enthusiastic student performers, our dedicated staff that have performance groups and those staff who support them, our Year Six parents, our P&C Committee members that kindly formed part of our official party, our special guests Ms Hunter, Ben, Chris and Mr Murphy, our school captains and prefects, our families and friends that attended and the list goes on. To celebrate public education at Walters Road Public School is a chance to experience a small segment of school life and parents and children certainly seemed to enjoy the performances, the delicious sausages and cakes, the Book Fair and classroom visits.

At Walters Road Public School we have our Aboriginal Student Support Program commencing for 2015 and we welcome back Mr Gary Armstrong. Mr Armstrong will be in classrooms supporting our Aboriginal students and organising meetings/outings to help students further their knowledge of culture and belonging. Already students have been delighted to see Mr Armstrong and welcome him back.

Our school plan is in action and with staff delivering quality education at Walters Road we can look forward to our school vision being exemplified in all we do. Our school vision is “Walters Road Public School is a friendly, caring environment that provides dynamic and diverse teaching and learning opportunities to prepare students for life in the 21st century. Through positive relationships with the school community, we work collaboratively to produce well-rounded individuals who will be respectful, responsible citizens of the future.”

Congratulations to our Recorder Group that performed on Tuesday night at the Sydney Opera House – how wonderful for our students to be able to say that they have performed at one of our nation’s most famous icons.

Also we now look forward to our annual Performance Night – please make sure you buy your tickets and come along to see our performance groups showcase their talents. It is an opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and long hours that have been spent teaching, learning and rehearsing for our young students and our talented teachers.

Warmest Regards,

*Mrs D. Walker*

Principal (Relieving)
Dear Parents,

First of all I would like to wish Mr Harris and his family all the best on this new chapter in their lives. I am sure Mr Harris will be successful in his new school at Tacking Point. I know that our school’s loss is Tacking Point’s gain. I will miss both Mr Harris’s leadership and friendship.

I would like to thank all the parents and community members for their attendance during our Open Day last week. It was tremendous to see so many families watching our assembly, visiting classrooms, purchasing books in the library and supporting the Year 6 Farewell fundraising initiatives. I think last week showed the inviting atmosphere that Walters Road offers to our local community.

Congratulations to all the students who attended the Athletics Carnival last week. All involved had an excellent time, and it was great to see students outside, participating in a range of events and getting fit and healthy. Disappointingly, we had a substantial number of students (more than 80) who decided not to attend the carnival. We would like to remind families that this is a normal school day and that we expect all students to attend days such as this. If parents are having financial difficulty we encourage them to contact the school to discuss any issues. **It is also important to note that parents and caregivers must meet deadlines for payments and permission notes.** There were a few disappointed families whose children were not able to attend, simply because they forgot to pay on time, despite numerous reminders. Please do not automatically assume that we can accommodate payments after set dates. There is a set process and timeline that the organisers of excursions must follow and these dates are set with this in mind.

It is an exciting time for me to be relieving as Deputy Principal for the remainder of Term 3. There are a lot of important events and initiatives taking place this term, which will see Walters Road continue to prove it to be the school of choice for our area.

We are in the process of upgrading the furniture and electrical wiring and cabling in the K-2 Computer Room. The room will look spectacular once all works are complete.

The Stage 3 students will soon have increased access to computers and technology, through the new laptop trolley (the Year 6 gift from our 2014 Year 6 student body) and computers. There are plans to phase this into Stage 2 rooms beginning next year. The Computers and Technology Committee are also researching the use of tablets in schools and we will hopefully have some of these to use in classes by the end of the year. If there are any parents who know of any businesses that can help expedite this process of obtaining and upgrading technological equipment (which is obviously quite an expensive and timely process) please have them get in contact with me. We have big plans for technology here at Walters Road, and any help would be greatly appreciated.

On the sporting front, we have a select group of students going to watch the Netball World Cup on Monday 10th August. As well as watching 2 games and meeting the Australian Netball Team, our students will also be a part of a Guinness World Record event for the most people playing netball at the one time. We also have some Stage 2 students participating in the Milo Cup on Monday 10th August and the Royce Simmons Shield (Rugby League) tournament next Tuesday 11th August.

Lastly, as the leader of the Mathematics Committee, I am very excited to announce that all classes will participate in our inaugural “Maths in Action” days on Wednesday 2nd September (K-2) and Thursday 3rd September (3-6). On these days, classes will participate in a range of activities whilst completing a ‘Maths trail’ developed by each grade/stage team. I am sure that this will be both a fun and educational event for students and teachers alike, and I envisage this becoming an annual event. I look forward to providing more details in the near future.

Mr M. Dyer
Deputy Principal (Relieving)
**Early Stage 1 News**

Congratulations to KT for successfully running our K-2 assembly and all the parents who rehearsed their student’s lines and the performance at home.

Yesterday was our K-2 Athletics Carnival and we had lots of cheering and fun at the event. The students were impeccably behaved. I would like to thank parents for dressing their child in their team’s colours, as this created a great atmosphere on the day. I would also like to thank the P&C for organising the sausage sizzle and to all the dedicated teachers who set-up for the carnival.

Events coming up:
- KL’s assembly in Week 5, Thursday 13th of August, 2:30pm at the hall.
- Kindy Fizzics Science Incursion (Robotics) on Wednesday 26th August. The cost is $20 and a note has already been sent home.

Mrs Y. Theodorou
Assistant Principal ES1

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**Stage 1 News**

**Stage 1 Incursion**

As mentioned last newsletter, over the past two weeks, Stage 1 have participated in an Environmentors workshop run by Blacktown Council. The topic of the session was Worms, Worms, Worms and students were able to make many connections to their Science learning in Term 2. Students got to learn about the different layers of a worm farm, discuss what foods can go into a worm farm and handle different types of worms. We would like to thank Blacktown Council for sponsoring these valuable learning opportunities and providing the school with a free worm farm for us to continue our studies.

Mrs T Harris
Assistant Principal - Stage 1

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**Stage 2 News**

CLASS PUBLIC SPEAKING PRESENTATIONS –

In Weeks 4 and 5, Stage Two students are working in class to prepare for the upcoming class/stage competitions, which will be in Week 6. We have researched information about our topics during class computer times and are learning how to create a good ‘hook’ for an introduction and how to bring our information together succinctly. We are focussing on aspects of presenting such as body language, intonation, volume and clarity of speech.

Please take the time to chat to your child about their chosen topic. The topics are as follows:-

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CARES- A reminder that All Year 4 classes will be participating in the CARES Bicycle Safety Program this term.

This is a free event however we need assistance from parents for transport to and from the facility. If we do not have enough parents assisting, we may need to cancel the visits. Thank you very much to the parents who have already come forward to assist.

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- 4J – Wednesday 12th August (Week 5)
- 4G – Thursday 13th August (Week 5)

CAMP – General Information and Medical Forms will be going home to students this week. Can you please ensure you complete all sections of the forms and return promptly to your class teacher. 70 sleeps to go!

Mrs G Grant
Assistant Principal - Stage 2

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Positive Behaviour Learning (P.B.L)

Mrs T Harris
Assistant Principal - Stage 1
Stage 3 News
Hi all,

It is with pleasure that I take on the role of Relieving Assistant Principal for Stage 3 for the duration of the term. I know I have big shoes to fill following Mr Dyer and look forward to a great term.

Open Day BBQ & Cake Stall
Thank you to all the members of the school community for the overwhelming support last Wednesday for our BBQ and Cake Stall. We managed to raise over $1700 that will go towards the Year 6 Farewell.

Year 6 Farewell Meeting
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 3.30pm. Thank you to all the parents who attended the last meeting.

Maddfest
Last Monday, Stage 3 students and teachers enjoyed a spectacular matinee performance of music and dancing at Evans High School. It was wonderful to see so many of our former Walters Road students performing.

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

Office News
Congratulations:
Ceren from KC was the lucky winner of our Term 2 School Contribution Draw. Ceren won a $50 voucher to Lowes.

All students who have paid the School Contribution of $40 or $10 per term are put into the draw. Another draw will take place at the end of Term 3.

All payments should be made by 9.30am. Spare notes are always available in the foyer if you have mislaid a note.

I will be taking Long Service Leave from the beginning of Week 6 and I look forward to returning to school and to our lovely students at the beginning of Week 2 Term 4.

Mrs K Wright
School Administrative Manager

Woolworths Earn & Learn
This year we will again be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker 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.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Art & Craft, Sport and for our Library.

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.