Hello Everyone,

Week 8 is here! Maths Fun and Fathers’ Day are two events that have been eagerly anticipated at Walters Road Public School. Students have been out and about measuring, calculating, estimating and trialling - all valuable mathematical skills. Floating boats, throwing basketballs through a hoop, counting chairs in our school hall were just a few activities students enjoyed. Can you estimate how many chairs are in our school hall? According to a reliable report exactly 320! Good to know when we are organising special assemblies!

Congratulations to our debaters, sports people and performers – we have the semi-finals for debating coming up, the Zone Athletics Carnival and Performance Night.

A new library system for all NSW public schools, called Oliver, has been introduced and our outstanding Teacher-Librarian, Mrs Higgins and her team have commenced training. Training is comprehensive and the efforts of our team are to be commended.

Student attendance continues to be a concern at Walters Road with students experiencing much sickness that has sadly been reoccurring. In Term One Week 9, we had a whole school attendance rate of 93.9%. This week (Week 8, Term 3) it is only 91.8%. Hopefully the rest of the term and next term will see warmer weather, less sickness and a higher whole school attendance percentage. Please help us by providing a written note regarding your child’s absence as soon as they return to school.

Our Multicultural School Community Officer, Mrs Makeleta Felila, has put together a terrific community program for Term 4. The very popular ‘Triple P’ parenting program will be held again from Week 3 to Week 8. This course has some great topics such as encouraging positive behaviour, how to give clear, calm instructions, planned routine, family survival tips and emotional resilience in children. Please feel very welcome to join this stress-free, positive, friendly program. Contact our school office for details or you can see Mrs Felila in our school playground before school every Monday.

Next Monday, 7th September, (Week 9) is our PBL Mufti ‘Responsible’ Day - please support our teachers and students as they celebrate and investigate our school expectation of being responsible. Students and teachers will be hopefully wearing lots of red on this special ‘Responsible’ day.

In working with children, teachers, parents and school counsellors often share strategies to help children who find school life stressful or who find they have elevated levels of anxiety or anger. It was my privilege to have a parent and child share a strategy they found useful in achieving a calmer state. It is a strategy that is simple, time effective, costs nothing and can be done without a fuss anywhere, anytime. I think I might use it when life gets a bit too busy!

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**School dates to remember!**

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**From The Principal**

Week 8 Term 3 2015 “The school of choice”
Wherever you are, try this game – 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 A Game for Calming. Focus on:

- 5 things you can see
- 4 things you can hear
- 3 things you can feel
- 2 things you can smell
- 1 thing you like about yourself

Hope you can enjoy the rest of the term and share with your children in their learning journey at Walters Road Public School – where everyone has a place.

Dawn Walker
Principal (Relieving)

From The Deputy

Dear Parents,

The Walters Road Social Media team are really starting to get into the swing of things. ‘Tweets’ (for the uninitiated, Twitter) are happening nearly daily now and our school Facebook page has been reopened. We are in the process of ramping up Skoolbag as well and I imagine phones will be buzzing with updates quite often in the next few weeks. We encourage all parents to download the Skoolbag app, as well as follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@WaltersRoadPS). I would remind parents that these pages are for sharing school events and information only and not for staff answering questions. As I mentioned last week, any queries should come directly to the school through the correct channels.

Our inaugural Maths in Action days have taken place this week. I would like to thank all the staff members for their hard work, particularly those teachers who are on the Mathematics committee. At the time of writing this, Stages 2 & 3 have completed their Maths In Action sessions and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Teachers are already discussing how to make it even bigger and better for 2016. I look forward to seeing Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students and teachers out and about enjoying a variety of Maths challenges.

I would like to remind all parents to bring in absent notes for their children in a timely fashion. Unfortunately, I think some families have fallen into the habit of waiting for an official letter from the school reminding them that a note is required. Each one of these we have to print and send home costs both time and money, which would be better spent elsewhere.

This week we have approximately 40 students representing Walters Road at the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival. I would like to wish all the students the best of luck. I know they will all do our school proud.

I would also like to thank Mr Wood, Miss Andrews and Mrs Lebens for their attendance at the carnival and all the hard work they have put into this.

Last of all, I can’t wait until Performance Night next week. Our students and teachers have been working tirelessly for this night, where we showcase the talent we have here at Walters Road. We still have tickets for outside seats available. These can be purchased from 3A’s classroom before school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. Get in quick so you don’t miss out.

Mr W. Dyer
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

Stage Reports

Early Stage 1 News
Congratulations to Mrs McHardy and KC for successfully running our K-2 assembly and performing Let’s Twist Again. On Wednesday we had our Fizzics Science Incursion. Each class enjoyed working with their classmates and problem solving together to make circuits.

Part of our Science unit next term, involves making simple moving objects. We are asking parents to bring in small boxes, string and lids for us. Please take these items to KT.

Events coming up:
- Gold assembly in Term 4 Week 1, Thursday 8th of October, 12:20pm at the hall.
- KS’s assembly in Term 4 Week 3, Thursday 22nd of October, 2:30pm at the hall.

1st Kindy Orientation Thursday 22nd of October
10:00am to 12:30pm in the hall - information at the office

Mrs Y. Theodorou
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

Stage 1 News
What Our Learning in English Looks Like...

With International Literacy Day next week we thought it would be a good opportunity to give you an insight into our lessons each week. Activities and the learning content vary each week but the focus remains on quality learning opportunities for all students presented in an engaging manner. After all, learning should be fun when you’re this age!
English Unit – This year we have studied several units based on English concepts. Term 1 → **Responding Personally to Texts** (using Mem Fox books as a focus) & **Expressing Opinions** (which gave us a chance to present our ideas in a speech and in writing). Term 2 → **Past, Present and Future** (had a focus on how author’s use grammar to show when an event took place) & **Interpreting Texts** (where we used poetry as a stimulus to explore author tools and messages). Term 3 → **Characterisation** (where we have investigated the tools author’s use to give clues/information about characters and how these can help us think and feel a certain way). As you can see, work in Stage 1 lays important foundations for deeper study of the same or similar concepts in later years.

Reading Groups – Students participate in this activity four times each week as we recognise the importance of regular opportunities to learn and practise reading skills. Home Reading provides additional practise in these skills and we thank families for their continued support with this. Groups are formed based on current student levels in a range of aspects from our literacy continuum and will change regularly to suit student need and the focus of the lesson. As well as guided reading and follow up tasks, students may also work on spelling tasks, sight words, phonics and literacy games, as well as practise their fluency and expression whilst reading independently. As you can see, this is a busy time in the classroom and why parent helpers are so greatly appreciated.

Handwriting – Students participate in modelled and guided lessons using a text book with set activities and a lined exercise book for more specific lessons. While penmanship has a changed focus in today’s society, it is still important students learn how to form letters and numerals of correct size, shape and slope so their written work can be fully understood and appreciated by the reader. Even a shopping list or a phone number needs to be easily read to achieve success!

Using Digital Technology – Students gain confidence and skill in using a range of software as a tool for their learning. In Semester 1 we had a focus on Microsoft Word where students learnt to create and manipulate text, and add in visual elements from either clip art or the internet. Some Year 2 classes have begun working with PowerPoint as well. In Semester 2 we have been incorporating the use of computers into our other English lessons. (This is not the only way we use computers to support our learning but English is the focus of this article).

Spelling - This year, 1B has been exploring different spelling activities. We have really enjoyed write the room and mix it and fix it, a twist on the traditional Look, Cover, Write, Check. This term we have tried some kinesthetic activities including spelling aerobics and tracing our spelling words on other people’s backs. 1B has particularly enjoyed jumping like a frog and doing star jumps as we spell our words.

There are many other activities, lessons and skills on display in our classrooms each week, but hopefully this has given you a snapshot of how we develop understanding and skills in English. As always, special mention must be given to our dedicated teachers who continually create quality, engaging lessons for students that give them vital literacy skills for the future.

Mrs T. Harris
Assistant Principal – Stage 1

Stage 2 News
Thank you to 4V for hosting the assembly and for a great performance – it was certainly very entertaining. Thank you also to the parents and visitors who attended.

Camp
General Information and Medical Forms have gone home. Please ensure that you complete all sections of the form and returned them by Monday of Week 9 to your class teacher. There are only 41 sleeps to go!
Maths in Action Day
On Tuesday this week, Stage 2 students participated in Maths outside in our playground and school areas. They were assigned a group each and rotated around a variety of activities covering all of the Maths strands. Students found the activities very engaging and had to work as a team with some of the tough problem solving questions. We hope to have another Maths in Action day shortly as it was such a great success. Thanks to Miss Andrews and other staff for coordinating this on our behalf.

End of Year Party Day - Years 3-5
This year, we will be having an end of year party day on Monday 14th December at school. We will be hosting a range of activities at the school that will have a science and sport focus. We anticipate the cost to be approximately $6.00 each. Further information will be available shortly on the permission note.
**Stage 3 News**

Hi all,

Welcome to another jam-packed, fun-filled week!

**‘Maths in Action’ Day**

Stage 3 held its first ‘Maths in Action’ day on Tuesday. This involved 40 different mathematical activities in and around the school. The children were out measuring with trundle wheels, taking photographs of angles, exploring fractions and much, much more. A fantastic day was enjoyed by all!

**Taster Lessons for Year 5**

A reminder for our Year 5 students to bring in their permission notes for Taster lessons at Evans High School on Tuesday 8th September. These lessons are free and provide a sample of some of the exciting things they can do in High School.

**Year 6 Farewell**

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**

Congratulations to Shantel from Year 5 and Kate from Year 6 who have been chosen as our representatives for the Mt Druitt and Minchinbury Public Speaking Competition. There were some excellent speeches by all of our contenders. Well done!

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

**International Literacy Day- Tuesday 8th of September**

Established by UNESCO in 1965, the day emphasises the importance of improving global literacy standards. International Literacy Day gives children and communities a chance to discover the joys of reading while raising awareness for those without access to education.

This year, Walters Road is participating in International Literacy Day, by applauding all things literacy that we do.

On the day, Kindergarten classes are celebrating:

- our guided reading groups- how we have improved in our reading and what does it mean to read
- sharing/graphing how many home readers we have read this year
- celebrating our Pamela Allen author study by watching a You tube theatre production
- reviewing all our grandparent themed books we are reading from Weeks 5 to 10.

**Office News**

**Asthma**

Just a gentle reminder that if your child has asthma and requires a puffer at school, please ensure they have one in their school bag each day in case of emergencies. If your child requires assistance with taking their puffer, please make sure the child still carries their puffer & that their teacher is aware so they can assist them if needed. Asthma puffers are the only medications that students are permitted to bring to school themselves, all other medications must be brought to the office by an adult please.

**SASS Recognition Week**

This week is SASS Recognition Week and I would like to publicly thank the office staff, School Learning Support Officers and our General Assistant for all their hard work in supporting our school on a daily basis.

**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 8280 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.

Mrs J. Knox and Mrs M. Jain
Our PBL Winners for Week 6, Term 3 were:

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Performance Night
As you all know, our annual Performance Night will be held on Thursday, 10th September. The tickets for the event are selling very fast. Tickets will still be on sale this week, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the 3A classroom. Our performance groups and their teachers are working very hard to prepare for this great night. Please remember to mark this special date in your diaries and support our young performers. The show begins at 6pm, with a delicious P&C barbecue beginning at 4:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

Musical note with text:
Performance Night
When: 10th September
Time: BBQ – 4:30pm
Where: WRPS School Hall
Tickets $5 each

Nutrition Snippet
The simplest way
...to make pizza, healthy!

Healthy pizzas are easier to make than you think...

What you need:
- multipack English muffin pizza bases
- tomato paste
- diced veggie, i.e.: diced mushroom, diced tomato, diced capsicum, pineapple pieces, grated carrot, olives
- reduced-fat grated cheese

Method:
- spread tomato paste on muffin
- place veggie on top and sprinkle with cheese
- bake in oven/ under grill until cheese melts and is golden... watch your kids enjoy eating veggie!
The simplest way
...to be SunSmart!

Did you know that we need some sun exposure to make vitamin D for healthy bones and muscles?

UV levels are at their lowest in winter – meaning you should brave the cold and get some sun on your arms!

In June and July, most people need 20-25 minutes of sun exposure during mid-morning or mid-afternoon, or if you’re in Southern NSW 30-40 minutes in the middle of the day.

Don’t risk damaging your skin. UV levels can change from day to day. When UV levels are 3 and above, use sun protection.

Check UV levels for your local area on our free SunSmart App for smart phones, download from the App store or Google Play.

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Tallawong Park Little Athletics

Every Friday night at 5.45pm, starting on 11th September 2015.

REGISTRATIONS 2015/2016 SEASON
28th August, 4th September and 11th September 2015.
5pm to 7pm at Tallawong Oval, Blacktown.

REGISTRATION FEES  CASH ONLY  (NO EFTPOS)
- Tiny Tot & U/F  $50.00
- U/F to U/10’s $75.00
- Plus Refundable Levy of $20.00 per family must be paid at Registration.

$10 TRIAL PERIOD
A two week trial period is offered to all NSW registrations. A child can compete for two weeks for $10 only (non-refundable).

Any questions please email
registration@tallawongparklis.org.au
Check out our web site
www.tllittleathletics.org.au
Or join us on Facebook

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Walters Road Public School

SunSmart Snippet

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The Outdoor Education Group, in partnership with the Australian Camps Association, is excited to invite your school community to participate in the Great Aussie Camp Out (GACO) at:

Camp Wombaroo

GACO is an initiative to bring together Australians for one leg night to experience camping in the beautiful Australian bush. Added to the fun will be a selection of outdoor activities including bushwalking, canoeing, high ropes and flying fox.

The Outdoor Education Group is delighted to invite the students, staff of School and their families to return to Wombaroo.

Sat. 10th & Sun. 11th October, 2015

The event details are:
- Arrive: From 12:00pm Saturday
- Depart: By 2:00pm Sunday
- Meals: Includes Dinner Saturday, Breakfast & Lunch Sunday
- Activities: Bushwalking, canoeing, flying fox, high ropes and archery
- Accommodation: BYO Tent or borrow ones from CEO
- Special GACO Rate: Adults $45, Children $25, under 5 FREE
- Additional option – family cabin for $50

If you are interested in attending this fantastic event, please visit our website for more information and to make a booking: www.gaco.org.au/GACO

Please note limited, please book early to avoid disappointment. Registrations close on 2nd October, 2015.

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Come along to Ngallu Wal for our Family Health check day, there will be health checks and information stalls as well fun activities for the kids!

Health Checks
Raffles
Giveaways
Jumping Castle

Ngallu Wal
24th September 2015
10am - 2pm

For More Info Contact:
Close the Gap
8811 7100

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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 postnatal depression

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

Days 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 5 participants is required to run your own group).

Cost:
$14.00 per session
or
10 session pass available for $126.00

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