Welcome back to another great year of learning at Walters Rd Public School. I am very happy and excited to say that I have finally arrived and settled in well in my new position. It has been lovely each morning and afternoon to talk with the parents as you enter and leave the grounds. Thank you to all who have welcomed me so warmly.

The year has started very smoothly with 23 classes now being formed. We had many late starters this year so forming classes quickly and as responsive to students needs is at the forefront of all our planning.

I am looking forward to meeting many more of you on Wednesday 10th February for a meet and greet. We would then love to then see you at the P&C meeting following immediately after. The P&C do amazing things for our school and we would like to see the important partnership continue.

I would like to finish with a little snippet of information I shared with staff at Staff Development Day. I have thought long and hard about where I would like to lead this school. Over the holidays I came up with a list -:

- Quality differentiated learning
- Quality relationships with students
- Happy teachers, happy students
- Consistent approaches
- Not here to change everything but to evaluate and articulate what it is we do well

I am looking forward to achieving these goals hand in hand with staff, students and our community!

Jodi Warner
Principal

Welcome back to a happy and busy 2016 school year. Our Kindergarten students now know who their teachers are and are looking fabulous in their big school uniforms – so clean, so shiny and too cute! We have a new class so welcome 4C and Mrs Cox – how exciting!

Special welcome to our new staff in the office, in our classrooms and in the Principal’s office! So wonderful to hear students and parents saying hello to Mrs Warner and helping us smile during the first few frantic days. A special mention to someone who retired during our Christmas/Summer break – Mr Allan Blissett is somewhat of a legend here at Walters Road. The benefits of Mr Blissett’s time with us at Walters Road Public school for many years are too numerous to mention – his dedication to our students, staff and school community is beyond reproach. Mr Blissett will be missed and we hope to see him in his new Akubra hat visiting us here, causing much laughter and spreading his great knowledge around our school for many years to come.

Has your child mentioned ‘Crunch and Sip’ yet? Walters Road is a proud ‘Crunch and Sip’ school – your child will need a piece of fruit or vegetable and a bottle of water every day to participate in this program designed to enable students to avoid fatigue and loss of concentration in the classroom.
Watch out for the first class ‘Crunch and Sip’ award per grade at our weekly assembly – it may be your child’s class!

Our students are showing beautiful manners and behaviour as they come back to school. Please reinforce our school’s Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) expectations at home so your children can practise these positive behaviours at school. They are “Be Safe”, “Be Respectful”, “Be Responsible” and “Be a Learner”.

To be responsible at home your children might be making sure they clean out their school bags every afternoon and hand over any notes sent home. At school they might be responsible by handing in any notes from home and hanging their bag up in the hatroom sensibly. Teachers may hand out a “Be Responsible” token to your child for any behaviour in the classroom or the playground that catches them being well-behaved, responsible school citizens. Student tokens go into a weekly draw and if your child’s token is drawn out they have a special PBL mention in our newsletter.

Many events are to come in our first few weeks so please keep in contact and check in with the office if any of your information details need updating – welcome back!

Dawn Walker
Deputy Principal

Class Reports
Class reports will begin next fortnight. This year, one to two classes per fortnight will feature in the newsletter highlighting their exciting learning adventures.

What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Book Pack
- Excursions
- Other (we are not able to accept PSSA sport payments, these are collected by your child’s coach nor are we able to accept P&C payments as these are collected by the Parents & Citizens Committee)

How?
Log onto the School site
http://www.waltersrd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

You will need to enter
- your child’s correct name and date of birth
- what you are paying for and the amount (this information will be on your note)
- if you are paying for an excursion please record your receipt number on the signed permission note and return to the school
- you are not required to enter the Student Registration number and invoice number, please leave blank.

Payments: Payments are also accepted by our envelope system (cash or cheque or credit card details) with your child’s name, class, what is being paid for and the amount.

EFTPOS payments can only be taken up until 9.45am.

Pupil Information Sheets (orange) have been sent home with your child. To ensure we have up-to-date details should we need to contact you, we would appreciate you signing both sides of the sheet and returning to the school as soon as possible.

Medication: If your child requires medication to be taken during school hours please contact the school. No medication should be sent to school with your child.

Thanking you.
Ms S Dunscombe (Mon- Wed) and Mrs K. Wright (Thu-Fri)
Administrative Managers
**Nutrition Snippet**

**The simplest way**

...to bake a healthy lunch box treat.

Homemade muffins are a great way to add a fruit or veg-filled treat to lunch boxes.

**Apple and date muffins**

**Ingredients:** 3 apples, chopped; 1 cup boiling water; 200g dates, chopped; 50g butter; 2/3 cup brown sugar; 2 tbsps mixed spice; 1 egg; 1 tsp baking soda; 1 tsp baking powder; 2 cups wholemeal flour.

**Method:** Preheat oven (180 °C). Chop apples and dates. Add boiling water, butter and sugar. Mix until butter melts and sugar dissolves. Add spice and allow to cool. When fruit mixture is warm, not hot, add spice and egg. Mix well. Add baking soda, baking powder and flour. Mix, but do not overbeat. If mixture is too dry, add a little milk. Spoon into the prepared mini-muffin tin. Bake for about 15 minutes.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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**Prospect United Netball Club**

Since 1971

Come Join the Fun in 2016!

Join us this 2016 season for a whole heap of fun! To register come down on either of the dates below at William Lawson Reserve.

**Registration Dates:** Saturday February 6th & 13th

William Lawson Reserve, Myrtle Street, Prospect from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Registration must be done online prior to these dates please go to our website www.prospectunited.net.au or send us an email to prospectunitednbl@gmail.com

Girls: 5/10 YEAR: ALL AGES
Boys: 5/10 YEAR: 12 YEAR

For all enquiries please contact Pam Reynolds (0403 295 250) OR Kyle Fraser (0402 881 355) OR send an email to prospectunitednbl@gmail.com

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**Club 2000 Seven Hills**

**Physie & Dance**

Choreography starts on Monday 14th February, 2016. Come along for your first free lesson!

**Monday**

**7.30-8.30pm**

13 - 14 yrs & 15 yrs

**8.00-7.00pm**

17 yrs, 2nd yr & Advanced Seniors

**10.00-7.00pm**

Open Seniors

**9.00-7.00pm**

5 yrs & Under

**8.45-7.45pm**

9 yrs & Under

**7.45-6.45pm**

9 yrs & Under

**5.45-4.45pm**

8 yrs & Under

**4.45-3.45pm**

7 yrs & Under

**2.45-1.45pm**

6 yrs & Under

**1.45-12pm**

5 yrs & Under

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Come along and discover the fun of Physical. Physie is a form of dance, incorporating exercises, jazz, dance, ballet and gymnastics movements. It supports core strength, flexibility, suppleness and co-ordination. It is a wonderful recreation choice for all and under aged 3 and up.

It is a fantastic way to keep fit and make new friends or bring along your friends too!

*Your First Lesson is Free!*
MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL
Delivering excellence through innovative & unique learning opportunities for student success

YEAR 7 (2017)
INFORMATION EVENING OPEN NIGHT

When: Tuesday 8th March 2016
Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Where: Mitchell High School Hall
Keywords Drive Blacktown

MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL OFFERS:

- An excellent co-educational comprehensive high school (Years 7 – 12)
- Experienced and enthusiastic teaching staff dedicated to quality teaching and learning
- A strong record of academic, sporting and cultural achievements
- Opportunities for student leadership through the Student Representative Council (SRC)
- Public speaking development through debating and Mock Trial
- Select Class in Year 7 – Year 10 for highly motivated students (through application)
- A harmonious multicultural community supported by a strong welfare team
- A school with an international focus through strong overseas links
- Comprehensive technology activities and gifted and talent programs
- A Learning Centre, Learning Hub and Homework Centre for students
- International and exchange students programs
- Extensive school grounds and covered outdoor learning area
- An active parent body (Parent & Citizens Committee and Parent Forum).

For more information contact our Enrolment Officer or visit our school website.

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Walters Road Public School

Week 2– Term 1