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Did you know …..All newsletters can be found on school website and as a link on facebook! We do not print off copies for students unless requested through office.

From The Principal

What a few exciting weeks we have had here at Walters Rd PS. Students and staff have been working hard to cover all areas of the curriculum. Classrooms are a buzz with energy each day. A reminder that students must be at school by 9:20am to begin learning straight away. There seems to be an increasing number of students waiting for a late note each morning. Mornings are the optimal learning time for students.

Last fortnight, I was lucky enough to attend a two day conference with Mrs Harris, Mr Wood and Mr Theodorou titled “Curiosity and Powerful Learning”. As a team we will be presenting ideas back to our stages about the importance of higher order thinking, setting challenges for our students and sharing explicit learning intentions with them. Stay tuned for more exciting news regarding this initiative.

From time to time you may need to approach our school. Please find below a guide to help you in this area.

A parent and community guide for seeking information and expressing concerns

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of own child
- Express concern about actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice
- Express concern about actions of staff

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

These guidelines aim to:

- provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld.
- support sensitivity and confidentiality.
- help reach an agreed solution

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.
Hi Everyone

How lovely to see our Kindergarten students settling in so well to school life. Our school photos were taken and Kindergarten students were so good – waiting patiently, ready with great big smiles, wonderful hair styles and sparkling clean uniforms! The rest of our students also did a wonderful job of smiling, having great presentation and showing the school photographers how polite and responsible they are – everyone enjoyed having their individual photos and family photos taken as well so you can look forward to some photos that will celebrate the 2016 school year.

Has your child’s class been lucky enough to win a ‘Crunch and Sip’ award 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. Our school canteen sells fresh fruit which is very handy for Crunch and Sip – the canteen is open from 8.50am so Crunch and Sip fruit can be easily purchased in the mornings.

In addition to this our school canteen is offering in the very near future a healthy breakfast menu. Often, when time is in short supply of a morning for our families, a breakfast at school may be well worth considering. The canteen will be offering fresh fruits, cereals, toast, cheese and bacon rolls, water, and milk. Families will be able to purchase breakfast and have it with their children under the covered area next to the canteen. It is anticipated that chairs will be available at least twice a week (probably Tuesdays and Wednesdays) so families can sit and enjoy some time together before school starts at 9.20am. Watch out for a morning announcement to remind everyone of the new breakfast menu in the next couple of weeks.

Has your child received a PBL token yet? These tokens are cause for celebration and positive feedback for your child as they navigate our school expectations of ‘Be Safe’, ‘Be Respectful’, ‘Be Responsible’ and ‘Be a Learner’. When students are on reflection they can be asked about the actions that culminated in their reflection and discuss how they can change their behaviour and avoid future reflections. It is a chance for students to reflect on their behaviour and how it affects their safety and learning and the safety and learning of others. Please help us support your children and reinforce at home that positive behaviour can be rewarded and that happy children make happy parents at home, and at school happy students make happy teachers!

Quality education is constantly being delivered at Walters Road Public School and we are very much looking forward to our Meet The Teachers sessions this Thursday 3 March. Many upcoming events will be discussed and you will learn much about what happens in your child’s classroom. Our teachers at Walters Road Public School are proactive in ensuring your child receives the support they need at school to be successful learners and their expertise, time and energy is much appreciated. Come along and meet them if you can and remember you can always arrange a meeting time through the teacher or office at a time convenient to all.

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The academic progress of own child

Directly contact the child’s teacher either by note, email, by phone or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.

The welfare of own child

For minor issues directly contact your child’s teacher to clarify information.

For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member.

To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. Please contact the office.

Actions of other students

Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem.

Contact the Deputy Principal if needed for playground problems.

School policy or practice

Contact office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to see the Principal or an appropriate member of staff.

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Working together with EVANS HIGH SCHOOL

As communicated to High School students and families, it is an expectation from both schools that high school age students DO NOT enter our school grounds until 3:10pm. They must wait outside the school gate, not in the driveway, and enter quietly. Head teachers from EVANS HS will be patrolling the area each afternoon. We thank you all for working with us.

CAR PARK

A reminder that NO parents are to enter the school carpark. By doing so you are placing yours and other children at risk.

In the next few weeks we will be installing at boom gate at the Walters Rd entry. This gate will allow us to monitor traffic flow. We will update you regarding disabled access and emergency access when gate is completed.

Jodi Warner
Principal

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OFFICE NEWS:

Payments: All payments are processed each morning. Cash payments are to be put straight into the payment chute in the foyer. EFTPOS payments are taken up until 9.45 each morning.

Thank you to all the parents who have paid for their book packs and other expenses to date.

A gentle reminder: Please ensure you have your child’s correct name and what you are paying for on the envelope. Envelopes from home and even plastic sandwich bags are acceptable as long as you have the details on them. These simple measures ensure your child’s payment is receipted correctly and promptly.

Please send correct money as no change will be given.

Pupil Information Forms: Please continue to send in your child’s orange information sheet as soon as possible. It is extremely important we have this information correct and up-to-date.

Asthma Puffers: Students who are able to administer their own asthma medication are encouraged to bring their puffer to school with them each day.

Ms S Dunscombe (Mon- Wed) and Mrs K. Wright (Thu- Fri)
Administrative Managers

Dear parents and carers,

It is my pleasure to serve you again for another year as the Multicultural CLO. I will be at school on Fridays this year so please feel free to pop in for a chat or join us on Friday mornings in the spare room opposite OOOSH. The sessions will start after you drop off your child to school at 9.20am.

This will be an opportunity for you to find out more information on certain topics and also to meet and make new friends with other parents.

Everyone is welcome!

I look forward to meeting you.

Makeleta Felila
Multicultural CLO
A Window into the World of 1H

1H loves to learn and we try to have lots of fun doing it! Here are a few things we are learning about and some snapshots of us at work.

English Units – Our first unit this term is based on the concept of telling and retelling stories. We have looked at how the same story can change a little bit, or a lot, each time someone else tells it. Our favourite stories include Cinderalephant (from Cinderella) and The Boy Who Cried Alien (from The Boy Who Cried Wolf). We have also looked at the different ways a story can be retold, such as a picture book, a chapter book, cartoon, comic, movie and even just using words.

Reading Groups – We do Reading Groups 4 times each week. We learn how to read and comprehend better and we practise our skills in reading, comprehension, writing and phonics. We use lots of games and materials, including the interactive whiteboard!

Miss Clarke comes in to help us each time we have Reading Groups. It is great to have two teachers in the room at the same time. She also comes in for some of our English Unit lessons.

Computers – This term we are learning how to use Microsoft Word to help with our writing tasks. Some of us know a lot about this program already. Miss Clarke and Mrs Mansell come with us each Thursday, so we can work in different groups and have an adult each to help us. On Friday we go to the Computer Room for Mathletics and Miss Lihou is there to help us each week.

Mathematics – So far this term in Number and Patterns we have learnt more about: counting forwards and backwards by ones, twos and fives; working out the number before and after; addition; multiplication; and subtraction. In Measurement & Geometry we have increased our skills in describing two-dimensional shapes; using position words such as left and right; ordering and sorting the months of the year; and using the same informal unit to measure length and area. We always have some hands-on activity to help us investigate and practise.

Fitness and Sport – Each Wednesday we do sport with Year 1 and get to practise lots of our fundamental movement skills on a range of activities. We are always moving and get lots of exercise! Our class does fitness each Thursday with Mr Toumazou. This term he is teaching us how to improve our skills in hop and vertical jump. We also do some fitness sessions in the classroom, mostly using GoNoodle. WE LOVE IT! There are so many different activities to choose from. We always finish with stretching exercise by Massimo. We have to concentrate on our balance so we don’t fall over!

So there you have it! A quick overview of what learning looks like in 1H. Don’t forget to have a read of what 3L are doing in their classroom.

Stay tuned next newsletter for some inside information on 2M and 3JK.

Mrs Harris and 1H.

Greetings from 3L!

So far this year 3L have been working hard to settle in to 3-6 and get used to being among the ‘big kids’. We have spent most of our class time sitting at our desks or in groups, and less time sitting on the floor with our legs crossed. We are learning about persuasive texts in English, place value in number lessons, and how to measure things around the classroom and school grounds using metres.

What we would like to share with you is some of the exciting things we have been learning about in Science. This term, our science unit is about the reactions of materials and the
changes they undergo in different environments. So far we have investigated mixing solids and liquids and the result was green slime! Hussain thought it felt slimy and slippery. It was very interesting to watch it change as it was mixed together.

We have looked at different liquids at room temperature and made observations on how they looked and moved. After they were frozen we looked at them in their solid form, investigated them again and found some interesting facts. Iona noticed that honey is thicker and slower to move than water, but honey thaws out faster than water. Shanae found that cooking oil takes a very long time to freeze and when it does, it looks like pale cheese.

We are recording our findings in our Science books as well as on our science idea wall. This week we are looking at what happens when we mix ice and salt. Next week, we will be adding heat to see how chocolate reacts!! We are all keen scientists and look forward to more experiments and investigations.

Bye for now from Ms Laundry and 3L.
On the day students will parade their Easter hat creations that they made at home. We are giving you advance notice so you can start planning the design and make a hat with your child. The K-2 staff can’t wait to see all the imaginative hat creations.

In preparation for the event, students are going to learn Easter songs and will be making an Easter basket. On the day, the P&C will be providing students with chocolates for their baskets. Students with allergies will be provided with an alternative.

Weather permitting, parents are invited to have a picnic lunch with their child/children during lunchtime. The family picnic areas will be the usual area where K-2 students normally play. Older siblings are permitted to have a picnic with their families.

After lunch, normal classes will commence.

Easter Committee: Mrs Y. Theodorou, Mrs K. Baines, Miss J. Gibson and Mrs. N. Cassar.