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Term 2 - Week 9

Thursday 28th June 2018

Calendar

Term 2 Week 9

Friday 29th June Year 2 Brewongle Excursion

Term 2 Week 10

Monday 2nd July Stage 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 3rd July Stage 2 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 4th July Stage 3 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 5th July Early Stage One Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 6th July K-2 Assembly - Year 2
9.30am – 11.15am
Last day of Term 2,
School Holidays

Term 3 Week 1

Tuesday 24th July School Resumes for students

Term 3 Week 2

Tuesday 31st July ICAS Maths
Wednesday 1st August 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Term 3 Week 3

Tuesday 7th August 100 Days of Learning multi day
Thursday 9th August Education Week Open Day

Term 3 Week 4

Wednesday 15th August K-2 Athletics Carnival

Principal's Message

This term has continued to be an exciting period at our school. Many more children have received their Bronze awards, whilst other classes have reached their GOTCHA goals. Teachers are reporting behaviour expectations have been met in the classroom and playground and students are being safe, responsible and respectful learners.

This term Mr Justin, our literacy consultant, taught 6W. With 10 teachers from WRPS and Evans High School observing teaching practice, our students once again showed resilience, expertise and strong background knowledge.

Did you know that a sherpa is "a member of a Himalayan people living on the borders of Nepal and Tibet, renowned for their skill in mountaineering." 6W did!



Our teachers then continued our learning around improving our teaching and student outcomes in writing. Mr Justin led staff through an interactive learning process until 7pm at night. The teachers took away new knowledge to share in the classrooms. We really do have dedicated staff members!

This term we were also proud to present Mrs Janet Howells with her 20 years of service award with the NSW Department of Education. Congratulations Mrs Howells!



The P&C fundraiser has also been running very successfully. The fundraiser aims to complete installation of the last two interactive panels into our classrooms. We recently installed 8 new 10 point touch interactive boards at a cost of \$25,000. Every classroom (except for the Learning and Support and RFF rooms) have the most up to date teaching panels. The funds raised will hopefully see the last two rooms updated with the rest of the school. The winner of K-2 and 3-6 will also get to enjoy a pizza and popper party! Good luck to all classes and thank you parents for your support. We will update the community with the winning classes via the skoolbag app.



Mrs Tasker and myself also were lucky enough to receive FREE tickets to the recent EduTECH conference in Sydney. **EduTECH** is the largest education exhibition in Asia-Pac and the Southern Hemisphere. Walking around the exhibition was a hugely valuable part of the **EduTECH** experience. The exhibition was where testing, networking and product interaction happens. On the day

we experienced Virtual Reality, saw integration of technology into the classroom and Mrs Tasker even got to meet Steve from Minecraft! We were also able to bring back with us 6 programmable Dash robots and a scanning pen which helps students with dyslexia access more written texts. We look forward to students using these tools in their classrooms as we focus on future-focused teaching strategies.



Education Week Open Day is coming up in Week 3 Term 3 (9th August). Along with a delicious BBQ being offered by Year 6, we will also have our Book Fair, open classrooms and our Education Week assembly, where many performance groups will perform. Don't forget to save the date in your diary.

A multi day will also occur in Week 3 as we celebrate our 100 days of learning through Morning Routine for 2018. This free event will encourage students to dress up as a character, person or event from history that they have learnt about during Morning Routine. I am looking forward to seeing the creativity and knowledge students bring to the day.

I hope to see many of you at school next week for Parent / Teacher Interviews. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Jodi Warner
Principal

Office News

Office hours are 8:40am – 3:20pm Monday to Friday.

Payment options for all activities and purchases include:

1. **Cash - correct money in an envelope or lunch bag with your child's name clearly written on the front.**
2. **EFTPOS**
3. **Parent online payment (POP)**

****PLEASE NOTE that NO CHANGE IS GIVEN FOR ANY PAYMENT RECEIVED AT SCHOOL.** (e.g. excursions,

hat/bag purchases.) We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**** Please do not pay for any online payments which should be paid to a third party provider. For example, School Photographers, P&C Fund-Raising etc. If unsure please check with the office.**

Changes to the daily collection of your children:

As the school office is at its busiest between 8.40am to 9.30am and 3.00pm to 3.30pm, we would like to encourage parents/carer to make plans prior to school in regard to changes in pick-up arrangements. We understand that emergency situations do arise where you need to deter from your usual collection arrangements and we will assist you as much as we can in relaying this information to your child but it would be more beneficial if you could send a note with your child for the class teacher so that they are directly aware of any changes and can ensure that your child remembers what they need to do or where they need to go.

Spare Uniforms:

We would be grateful if spare clothes that the students are given to change into could be washed and returned in a timely manner. Our supplies are very low and are not being returned.

Staff Car Park:

Just a reminder that our school car park is NOT to be used for parents dropping off/picking up children from OOSH or school. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Thank you
Office Staff

Early Stage 1 Report

It's been a busy time for Kindergarten in Term Two, with so much learning to do at school. Yet that hasn't stopped our students from taking time out from their hectic schedule to help out at the farm. The children were absolutely amazed by what they saw... starting with the bus! But the bus trip, although thrilling in its own right, was nothing compared to what the farmers at Calmsely Hill had in store for us. We got to milk a cow, go on a tractor ride and see a real sheep being shorn. We saw lots of traditional farm animals like chickens, pigs, ducks... and a camel for good measure. The whole day was filled with exciting new adventures, and the Kindergarten students did the Walters Rd community proud with their great behaviour on their first ever excursion.



Mr Toumazou
Early Stage 1-Teacher

Stage 1 Report

What a fantastic term the staff and students of Stage 1 have had in Term 2!

We have been lucky enough to have our gymnastics lessons at the start of the term, with all the students having a great time whether they did the program run by the Sydney Academy of Gymnastics or the alternative program run by our Stage 1 teachers. It was certainly great seeing the students use the special equipment and receiving the expertise of the gymnastics staff at the centre when each class visited.

In English, the students have worked hard this term when learning how to begin a narrative. Across the whole stage, we have noticed a distinct improvement in the students being able to develop interesting settings by focusing on where and when a story takes place. I have particularly been impressed by the ever-growing vocabulary of our Year 1 and 2 students.

This week Year 1 and Year 2 will be going on their excursion to Brewongle to support our Semester 1 Geography program. Our activities throughout the day include learning about the Habitat Tree (the oldest tree at Brewongle), observing bugs and minibeasts in their environment and learning about the Aboriginal Seasons Calendar. Our fingers are crossed for good weather.

Parent/teacher interviews for Stage 1 take place on Monday 2nd July in the school hall. Bookings have closed and if you missed out, I suggest that you see your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time. We are looking forward to sharing and discussing the progress our Stage 1 students have made.

Last of all, our Year 2 classes have been preparing for the Term 2 assembly that takes place in the school hall on Friday 6th July, starting at 9.30 am. Each Year 2 class has been working on a class item and I am excited to see their performances.

Mr Dyer
Assistant Principal – Stage 1



Stage 2 Report

On 12th June Stage 2 students went on an excursion to Bicentennial Park at Homebush as part of their Geography unit.



Stage 3 News

Open Day BBQ

Our major fundraiser for Year 6 will be held on Open Day during Education Week. We hold a cake stall and BBQ to feed parents and students. We will be asking for all Year 6 students to bring in something to sell for the cake stall. This is an excellent opportunity for all families to be involved, even if you can't come to Open Day or the farewell meetings. A separate note will go home about this early next term. We also need people who are able to help out at the cake stall and BBQ on the day. We understand people have busy lives and work commitments make this impossible for some. However, we need about 10 people to help out on the day so if you are available on this day we would really appreciate the help. Please contact your child's teacher if you are available. After all, many hands do make light work...and we've found out that we make more money this way too!

Year 6 Farewell Meeting

Our next farewell meeting will be **Friday, 17th August** in 6H from 3.30pm. Thank you to those parents who regularly attend. We are always looking for new people who are willing and able to help us organise fundraisers and contribute valuable ideas to the meetings.

Classroom Learning

Can you believe it we are halfway through the year already? Here is a brief overview of what we have been learning in Stage 3 this term, and a snapshot of what to expect from Term 3.

Morning Routine – Morning Routine continues to focus on expanding students' knowledge, vocabulary and skills in identified areas, connected to our other lessons throughout

the week. For example, Sentence of the Day and Talk for Learning have focused on persuasive texts which is directly linked to our English unit.

English Units – The central concept for our the semester has continued to be on the concept of argument. We have looked at the persuasive devices used in advertising and the components of oral texts.

Mathematics – Stage 3 teachers introduce an element of the focus for the week in Morning Routine and then follow it up in class lessons later that day/week. Students are also practising their skills in their Mentals Book, which we use to focus on the concept of the week before, where possible. We also use this time to consolidate students' understanding of everyday Maths knowledge such as the number of days in a fortnight or the hours in a week.

HSIE – Geography – Our unit called A Diverse and Connected World has provided students with the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of the world and Australia's connections to it. We have researched Australia's trade, tourism and heritage connections as well as what we know about our closest neighbours – Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and New Zealand. We also investigated how the world joins together to celebrate events, such as The Olympics, or to provide assistance after a disaster, like the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004.

PD/Health – Child Protection – Due to a change of plans, students have been doing Child Protection lessons this term. In addition to revising key terms and behaviours, the focus for this unit has been on learning about coercion and the importance of planning for personal safety. Our Term 3 unit will now be on Resilience and will be delivered via Life Skills lessons each Monday.

Fitness – The Gymnastics program (and alternate school-based program) ran for 5 weeks and will culminate in a visit to the gym next Thursday. This term our fundamental movement skills (FMS) focus was on two-hand strike. Next term will be on the key skills of overarm throw and catch.

Our teachers at Walters Road work extremely hard, giving up many hours out of school time and on the weekends, to bring these opportunities to your children. I'd like to thank the Stage 3 teachers for their ongoing commitment to their profession, our school and your children.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday with family and friends.

Mrs Harris
Assistant Principal – Stage 3

From the P&C

The winners of the Coin Line Competition are:

K-2 2L

3-6 5M



The First Women's State of Origin Game

My daughter Shayah Willding of 5M has had 4 days off school last week as she and her Junior Rugby League Team (U10 All Girls Team, Blacktown City Bears, Junior Rugby League Club) was chosen to represent NSW in the first ever Junior State of Origin at the first ever Women's State of Origin. This was before the main game as a curtain raiser against an Ipswich team from Queensland, at North Sydney Oval on the 22nd June 2018. They went on to win 6-3 and now will go down in history for being the first ever Junior women's State of Origin representative team for NSW. Ruan Sims, the captain of the Jillaroos, came out to our club to surprise the girls with the opportunity and they were featured on the Footy Show on Thursday 21st June. The team were also featured in the Blacktown Advocate and the Daily Telegraph. The girls and Shayah (dummy half) are currently in the first ever Junior rugby league all girls competition - Penrith Junior League that commenced this year playing every Sunday. Shayah's team is currently on top of the ladder and have won their last 6 games. Shayah and her team have now made history for being the first ever first Junior representative team to play at her first Womens origin and winning as the NSW junior representative team. Shayah and her team will also make history for being one of the first U10 all girls team, in Junior Rugby League competition. Before the girls competition was from 12 up to womens open. This year they opened it from the age of U6 right through to open ages which is wonderful as Shayah's mum is the manager of the U10 all girls team. I am so proud of all the girls efforts and how far they have come. Shayah and her team of girls were overwhelmed with the opportunity they were given and will treasure this for a lifetime. They were given the NSW jerseys they played in to keep and treasure along with the shield that will be engraved as the first ever Womens State of Origin Junior girls to win.

Shayah says that she will treasure the experience forever and is eager to go on to win her competition to top off the wins they have just had.

Shayah made history in Junior Rugby League



Ms T Mamo
Walters Road PS Parent





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