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Term 4 - Week 4

Thursday 8th November 2018

Calendar

Term 4 Week 5

Tuesday 13 th November	Sydney Kings Game Changer
Thursday 15 th November	Spider/Sundae Day \$1 each
Friday 16 th November	Walkathon Money Due

Term 4 Week 6

Tuesday 20 th November	Walkathon
Thursday 22 nd November	Kindy Orientation

Term 4 Week 7

Tuesday 27 th November	Last day of Scripture
Wednesday 16 th November	Payment Due Party Day
Friday 30 th November	Leaders Day Out

Term 4 Week 8

Monday 3 rd December	Science Incursion
Tuesday 4 th December	Yr 6 Party Day Money Due
Friday 7 th December	High School Orientation
	Presentation Day

Term 4 Week 9

Tuesday 11 th December	Year 6 Farewell 5.45pm-9pm
Wednesday 12 th December	K-5 Party Day
Thursday 13 th December	Year 6 Party Day
Friday 14 th December	Extra Curricular Assembly

Term 4 Week 10

Monday 17 th December	Reports go home
Wednesday 19 th December	Walters' Got Talent
	Last Day of School

Principal's Message



This term has once again begun in a whirlwind! Thank you to all the families who have asked about my extended holidays over the last few weeks. As I have told many students Mickey Mouse sends his love from Shanghai Disneyland.

On returning Mrs Knox, Mrs McLennan and I took some of our SRC and school leaders to the Invictus Games. Although Prince Harry and Meaghan were not to be seen, we had lots of fun cheering on our heroes. Some of our students have written a report on the event which they have chosen to share with us.



On the 24th of October 2018 Captains, Vice Captains and SRC, went to the Invictus Games in Homebush. First some schools met up in ANZ Stadium where we discussed what we were going to do then we headed off.

Walters went to wheelchair rugby where we watched 3 and a half matches. The first round was New Zealand VS USA, NZ lost unfortunately but it was a very fair and enjoyable match. Next was United Kingdom VS The Unconquered, the UK absolutely thrashed their opposition 25-3. Finally we watched half a game of Australia VS France.

After the game we went to a STEM program where we learnt about technology. They split us into 3 groups of 9 to do some tech things like virtual reality, 3D printing and something called ozo bots.

After we did those we went to a nearby park and had lunch which was a piece of fruit, bottle of water and a chicken and mayonnaise sandwich or a salad sandwich. Some people went to see some horses while others played in the playground.

When everyone was ready we went to a motivational speaker who was blind but could play the guitar incredibly well. He can also ride a bike and one time rode his bike from Tamworth all the way to the coast. In the end his message was the only mountain that can stop you is the mountain inside of you meaning only your doubts can prevent you from not reaching your destination.

After the talk we all got back together and went back to school.

Connor 6H

We have also had 80 new Kindergarten students enrol for 2019. Mrs Tasker has worked with her team to ensure that our newest students have a positive start to school at Walters Rd. We have one more orientation session on November 22nd.

Last week I also had the opportunity to attend the NSW Primary Principals Conference. I was lucky enough to run into Mr Phil Harris (previous Principal of WRPS) who sends his warm wishes to all. Whilst there, many engaging speakers like Turia Pit, Michael Crossland and Leigh Sales who challenged our thinking and beliefs. On the final day we heard from researcher Michael McQueen. His research prompted me into thinking a lot about teaching and learning as he finished his presentation with this quote, "If we teach today's students as we taught yesterday's, we rob them of tomorrow." Such a thought provoking speech which I hope to discuss with staff, students and our parent community.

I look forward to seeing many of you at school this term for various events.

Jodi Warner
Principal

Deputy Principal's Message

Congratulations to our Gold Award winners.....

Well done to Sworna KT, Amaya KT, Jeremiah KT, Jia KT, Saniya 6H, Kristina K/1B and Sally K/1B. I know that there are many more on the way so keep your eyes open for the end of year newsletter.



As we approach the warmer months please make sure that everyone brings water and hats to school. Just to reassure parents that during the hotter days the children play under cover and on especially hot days children are kept inside in air-conditioned classrooms.

Jenny Moon-Tume
Deputy 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/carers 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.

YMCA OOSH

If your child attends YMCA and they are absent, it is your responsibility to inform the YMCA (0408 596 799) of your child's absence.

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

Kindergarten students have had the most amazing start to Term 4 and the Kindergarten teachers are amazed at how much they have grown this year – physically, socially and academically. It is very important to continue to read, read, read at home and practice our phonemes, Camera Words and counting ready for Year 1! We are very excited about all of the upcoming events this term including the Sydney Kings game, Walkathon, Presentation Assemblies and Party Day. Excellent things are happening in all of our Kindergarten classrooms this term – here are some snapshots of Maths Groups in action.



Kindergarten Orientation sessions have been a huge success this year at Walters Road and our student sessions have been full of excited pre-kindergartners. It is not too late to enrol for Kindergarten 2019 - our final student orientation session will be held on Thursday 22nd November from 9.45am – 11.15am. Please contact our school office on 9672 2333 if you have any enquiries.

Mrs Tasker
Relieving Assistant Principal, Early Stage 1

Stage 1 Report**English**

The students have begun work on persuasive writing this term both in Morning Routines and in English lessons. They have done a fantastic job convincing each other

about which makes a better pet – cats or dogs? Or whether the beach or the zoo is a better place to visit. The techniques the teachers have discussed with Mr Justin is paying off, as we can see the vast improvement being made in the work samples.

Awards

Since the start of term I have had the pleasure of talking to a number of students receiving their Silver Awards. It is fantastic to see students proud of their achievements, having received so many Merit Certificates. Well done to those who have also received a Gold Award. I know we have a few students who are really close to getting their Principal's Award. Well done to the Stage 1 students and keep up the great work.

Life Education

Late last term the students had a ball visiting the Life Education centre and learning about healthy living from Healthy Harold. Thanks to all the families for supporting this valuable educational experience, and for Mrs Tasker for organising the excursion for Stage 1.

Party Day

Families are reminded to pay for Party Day ASAP. This is a great chance for students and teachers to celebrate another wonderful year of learning. The cost is \$20. Online payments need to be finalised by Monday 26th November, EFTPOS by Tuesday 27th November and cash (exact money) by Wednesday 28th November.

Mr Dyer
Assistant Principal – Stage 1

Stage 2 Report

Recently, Stage 2 students took part in an exciting History excursion to visit Sydney's 'The Rocks' district. This semester, students have been studying the colonisation of Australia and what life was like for convicts and early settlers. 'The Rocks' area was established soon after the colony was founded in 1788, and there are still many buildings still standing! Students were shown the landing site of the First Fleet, the first bank in Australia, the first police station (including some of the cells!), as well as the remnants of some original convict huts. They heard stories of the notorious gang, known as 'The Push', who terrorised the citizens of The Rocks, by assaulting and robbing them; they heard stories of the first hospital in Sydney and how infectious diseases affected the early colonists.

Students were able to feel with their hands, the sandstone blocks (carved by convicts) which were used in the construction of many Sydney buildings. Some blocks even have the convicts initials carved into them as well!

As expected, the behaviour from our students was exceptional and Stage 2 teachers would like to both thank the students, and congratulate them for being such fine representatives of Walters Road.



Can you see the initials of the convict who carved this block?

Walking down Suez Canal – where the convicts used to empty their ...'bodily waste'. Thankfully, it's not used for that anymore!



Assembled in First Fleet Park, meeting our guides: Tom, Dom, Mackenzie and Syd.

Some students were chosen to dress as a free settler, Governor Arthur Philip, a marine and a convict.



Mr McNamara
Relieving Assistant Principal – Stage 2

Stage 3 Report

Spider & Sundae Fundraiser

Next Thursday we will be holding our final fundraiser for the Year 6 Farewell – a spider and sundae day. Items are only \$1.00 each and it would be great if many children in the school supported this yummy event. A note went home to parents of Year 6 earlier in the week, requesting parent helpers on the day. Please return this slip to Mrs Harris as soon as possible if you are able to lend a hand.

Stage 3 Camp

What a fabulous time we had at YMCA Yarramundi last week. Mrs Cassar, Miss Sutherland, Miss Wheeler, Mr Dyer and I took 81 campers away for three days filled with adventure and challenges.

Students participated in archery, group initiatives, kayaking, alpine rescue, rock climbing, cave maze, flying fox and the giant swing. It was wonderful to see students setting personal goals, facing some fears and meeting the challenges in front of them. Some of the tasks required group work, problem solving, and listening to each other – these were perhaps more difficult than the physical activities!

Many photos were posted on our Instagram account throughout the camp so please have a look at us in action.

As always many thanks for a great team effort by staff both here and at school:

- Staff do not get paid overtime and therefore give up their time to provide these opportunities to your children.
- Not all Stage 3 staff were able to attend, due to numbers, so a big thankyou to Mrs Duss and Miss McCann for covering classes here at school and driving out to see us for a few hours one night.
- Support staff helped out by looking after the non-campers over the three days.
- Mrs Tasker and Mr Dyer uploaded our photos to Instagram and Twitter throughout the camp.

Mrs Harris
Assistant Principal – Stage 3

Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to James (6W), Lilly-Olé (4/5D), Sarah (4/5D) and Shridhatri (3M) who represented our school at the Mt Druitt/Minchinbury Public Speaking Competition on Wednesday 24th October. Students gathered at Shalvey Public School and competed against 15 others schools. The competition was fierce, and all students have done themselves and their school proud. They overcame their nerves and delivered fantastic speeches. Well done to James who placed second in the Year 6 category. A huge thank you to Mrs Knox for helping the students prepare for the competition.

Ms McCann



Scripture

Scripture classes for 2018 will finish on Tuesday 27th November.

Thank you to our scripture teachers for their support this year.



PSSA Sports Results



Sport	Result Term 4 Week 2	
Boys T-Ball	vs Marayong	Loss 14-11
Girls T-Ball	vs Marayong	Loss 11-9
Boys Softball	vs Marayong	Loss 4-3
Girls Softball	vs Marayong	Won 2-0
Junior Handball	vs Barnier	Won 14-4
Senior Handball	vs Barnier	Won 14-0
Kanga Cricket	vs Quakers Hill	Loss 170-55
Senior Cricket	vs Quakers Hill	Loss 178-53
AFL	vs Blacktown Sth	Loss 89-2

P & C Report

Reminder:

Walkathon Money is Due 16th November
Walkathon Day Tuesday 20th November

Rania Barakat
P&C President



Spider & Sundae Day

Date: Thursday, 15th November

Time: Lunch time only

Cost: \$1.00 each

The money raised will go towards our Year 6 Farewell.