

# Walters Road Public School

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Term 1 - Week 4

Thursday 21st February 2019

## Calendar

### Term 1 Week 4

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Zone Sport Trials Kindergarten Vision Screening
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### Term 1 Week 5

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Leadership Excursion – Longneck Lagoon
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### Term 1 Week 6

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	School Swim Scheme all week
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### Term 1 Week 7

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	School Swim Scheme all week
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### Term 1 Week 8

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Harmony Day – Stage 3 @ Evans High School
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### Term 1 Week 9

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photos
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Wheelchair Roadshow – Stage 3

### Term 1 Week 10

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Camp Quality Puppets
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### Term 1 Week 11

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	K – 2 Assembly ANZAC Assembly

## Principal's Message

### Welcome back to 2019

This year we have welcomed 599 students into our school for another great year of learning. We have formed 24 classes which are supported by exceptional teachers. By

now you would have had time to meet your child's teacher and received the class information sheets. If you have any questions, please make a time to meet with teachers for individual issues. We are all looking forward to working cooperatively with families.

Mrs Tume and myself aim to be out in the playgrounds each day – come and say hello or even share a laugh or two as we wait for your children to be dismissed each afternoon. On Wednesdays you can play "Where's Warner?" as we hand out our free fruit and snacks to students as they leave for the day. The food items are available for students K-6.

A reminder that all students of Evans High School may only enter our school from **3:10pm each day, if they are directly responsible for picking up a sibling**. We spend many afternoons asking students to leave to ensure our students are learning until 3:20pm. Students accompanied by their own parents may enter under parental supervision. We thank you for helping us in this area.

### Schools Plus Grant

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February we were proud to announce that our school was successful in obtaining a Schools Plus Grant for 2019. Schools Plus bring together donors and schools where the needs are greatest. The goal is to provide vital resources to ensure students are engaged, teachers are highly skilled, and communities are involved in school activities.

Our grant is part of the Colebee Learning Community which involves 6 schools including WRPS and Evans High School. We aim to provide our students with opportunities in STEM education, provide professional learning for teachers and invite parents in to be upskilled on the ever-changing world and career opportunities in the technological field.

**We are very excited to announce that we are the only group in NSW to be sponsored by GOOGLE.**

As our sponsor, GOOGLE will work hand in hand with our staff and students to ensure they are provided with unique, exciting and engaging opportunities throughout 2019. On the next page are some photos of some amazing Stage 3 students who represented us at the launch last week. I must say they were the best behaved, well-dressed and most polite students out of approximately 800 students. Mrs Harris, Mr Plumb, Mrs Tasker and I were overwhelmed by their behaviours, attitudes and manners on the day.

Keep an eye out throughout the year for opportunities for all students and families to be involved in GOOGLE sponsored activities.



Birthday Boy and School Captain Lawrence.



Just a little excited Principal.



Some media shots of the day. More can be viewed in the Blacktown Advocate.

I hope to see many families in and around the school this year. Don't forget Books N Brekkie runs every Wednesday and Thursday in 3L, if you would like to volunteer sometime in the mornings. Not only will your child benefit from your involvement, so will many others.

**Jodi Warner**  
Principal

## Deputy Principal's Message

Welcome back to our returning students and their families as well as those new to our school. We are only half-way through Term 1 and already we have many events on the calendar. Families will be receiving information about school photos in the coming weeks. School photos will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March (Week 9). Students will also be participating in Clean Up Australia activities at school in the coming week and we will be holding an ANZAC assembly on the last day of term. There are many more events happening that you will receive information about through the term.

Just a reminder for students who catch a bus to school or home from school to make sure that they are using their OPAL cards to tap on and tap off. The bus companies use this data to determine bus routes. Some routes may be cancelled if students are not using their OPAL cards to show where they get on and get off the bus.

I hope everyone has enjoyed coming back to school and has a great first term.

**Jenny Moon-Tume**  
Deputy Principal

## Office News

Our Office hours are 8.30am – 3.20pm

### Payments Due:

#### Book Packs

Kindergarten \$70

Year 1 \$50

Year 2 \$50

Year 3 \$50

Year 4 \$50

Year 5 \$30

Year 6 \$30

#### Voluntary Contribution

\$40 for one child, \$80 for two children, \$100 for three or more children (capped). To be in the draw to win a Google Home Mini, payments need to be received by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.

#### Year 6

Year 6 shirt payment of \$36 is due Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

To assist the office whilst receipting multiple payments for your child/children, please enclose **all** notes & money in one envelope or lunch bag. (sibling payments can all be placed together). **Also please note that the office is unable to receive cash payments on Fridays.**

Payment options for events and purchases include:

**1. Cash** - correct money in an envelope or lunch bag with your child's name clearly written on the front. (Not Fridays)

#### **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 NOTE\*\*** 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.

Thank You

#### Office Staff

## Early Stage 1 Report

I am pleased to say our Kindergarten students have settled in beautifully to "big school". They continue to learn new things each day and are gaining a better understanding of the environment and school expectations. It has been lovely to see them forming new friendships, exploring their surroundings, building confidence and satisfying their curiosity by asking lots of questions.

Our home reading program will begin this week so we encourage you to read with your child each night. We hope that this will help your child love books, and will lead to lots of excitement and enthusiasm when they start learning to read at school. We also encourage your child to continue practising writing and recognising their name.

I would like to thank the parents who have already brought in the requested school supplies and paid for their book packs. The students are very excited to begin working in their proper books.

There have been lots of smiles and laughs so far, and I know this will continue throughout the year. I hope you have enjoyed seeing your child begin their education journey with lots of happy faces.



**Mrs Thom**  
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1





## Stage 1 Report

Stage 1 students have had the most amazing start to Term 1! The teachers of our Year 1 and Year 2 students are amazed at how quickly they have adapted to their new classes, new teachers and new routines. We have an amazing team of teachers, who bring a diverse range of teaching experiences to Stage 1, including Miss Farren and Miss Dickin who we welcome to the Walters Road community. By now you should have received a pink Welcome letter from your child's teacher which contains information about class activities and days for things such as Sport and Library. If you have not received this please see your child's teacher to request a copy.

We have seen some amazing things happening in our classrooms already this year. Our students are working hard during Morning Routines and in our phonics sessions. I have observed some excellent lessons in action already this year and have been so impressed at the enthusiasm and effort that our students are putting into their learning. Stage 1 students are ready to begin Home Reading – please see the office if your child does not have a Home Reading bag.



Photos: Year 1 students researching their local area in Geography lessons.

The Stage 1 teachers are busily organising an exciting excursion for Stage 1 students at the end of Term 2. More information will be sent home at the end of this term. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning with our students, and can't wait to watch them achieve their learning goals.

**Mrs Tasker**  
Assistant Principal – Stage 1 (relieving)

## Stage 2 Report

What a fantastic start to 2019 for the students and teachers of Stage 2. On a personal note, it's great to be back supervising Stage 2, after a number of years on Stages 1 and 3. This year, I am lucky enough to be working with a fabulous team of teachers, who each bring with them a wide range of experiences. Mr Toumazou and Ms Lihou have moved from Kindergarten to take our Year 3 classes. Mrs Knox is teaching our 3/4 composite class and Mr Raven and Miss Wheeler have both moved grades to teach Year 4 this year. Last of all, Mrs Duss is once again embracing the challenge of teaching a cross-stage composite class with 4/5D.

With such an amazing group of students and teachers, I am excited about the teaching and learning that will take place this year. The Stage 2 teachers have already started working with Mrs Tume in enhancing the formative assessment practices that take place in each of our Stage 2 classrooms. In English, we are focussing on persuasive texts, with a particular emphasis on forming effective complex sentences. In Science & Technology, the students have begun making connections about the sources of the food they eat and the fibres that they rely on for everyday life. I am looking forward to seeing the designs they plan and then make at the end of the unit. Having completed our Road Safety lessons, classes are now discussing anti-bullying strategies in PDHPE. Our initial Mathematics assessments have just been completed and our explicit lessons have now commenced. As you can see, we have a busy term of learning that will take place in Stage 2.

At the moment we are sourcing venues and prices for potential incursions and excursions for 2019 to supplement the teaching and learning that will take place. Further details will be provided at a later date. Thank you to the students and families that have brought in their classroom resources and purchased their book packs. If you have not yet done this, please do so as soon as possible. If there are any issues, contact the school immediately.

Last of all, welcome to our new Stage 2 students and their families. I am sure that you will find that Walters Road is an amazing school which has many exciting things happening all the time. I look forward to an exciting year supervising Stage 2.

**Mr Dyer**  
Assistant Principal – Stage 2



## Stage 3 Report

### Year 6 high school forms

These will go home with students next week. The process can be quite complicated, even for families who have been through it before, so please feel free to ask any questions of your child's class teacher or myself. These need to be returned by **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March** at the very latest but can be returned on any day before this. Please take note of this date as there are many administration tasks that have to be completed by the end of March, before we send the forms off to high schools.

### Year 6 shirts

Notes went home this week about this special memento of the last year at primary school. Sample shirts are available in 6C if you would like your child to try one on for size. If you would like to order one of these, please return notes and payment to the Office by **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March**. A reminder that families who pay online still need to return their note to the Office so it can be processed correctly.

### Year 6 Farewell Parent Meeting

These meetings will be held twice a term on Friday afternoons. As you can imagine, hosting an event for 100 people is no mean feat. The more people who are able to join this team the better, as we all have busy lives and many hands make light work. A separate note was sent home about this last week. Our first meeting is **this Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February**.

### Selective high school test

Students who submitted an application for placement in a selective high school test in 2020 will sit their assessment on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March**. Families should have received notification of the nominated test centre via mail. We wish all students well on the day. Remember to try your best and we will always be proud of you.

### Harmony Day @ Evans High School

Each year Stage 3 students visit Evans High to share in their multicultural celebrations for Harmony Day which include a show and the opportunity to purchase food and drinks from a variety of different countries. We will be visiting on **March 21**. A separate note with more details will be sent home closer to the date.

### Canberra Excursion

Our Stage 3 excursion will be to Canberra this year for 2 days. This excursion has direct links to HSIE outcomes in History. Students will have the opportunity to visit Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, The Museum of Australian Democracy, Questacon, Mount Ainslie Lookout and we are working on one other place as well. The overnight excursion will be in Term 4 and a note will come home in the next week or so. We will be asking for a deposit of \$100.00 per child to be paid before the end of term. The remaining cost can be spread out in regular payments throughout Term 2 and 3. Details will be in the note.

**Mrs Harris**  
**Assistant Principal – Stage 3**



**MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL**

**YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 (2020)**  
**OPEN NIGHT**

Invitation to Year 6 students and their parent/carer(s)  
Come and explore the 21st century learning opportunities offered at Mitchell High School

**TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2019**  
**6.30PM – 8.30PM**  
**MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL HALL**  
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# Evans High School Open Night

## March 6<sup>th</sup> 2019, 6 – 8pm

**Attention: Parents of Year 5 and 6 students**

We would like to invite you to our open night for 2019. Please come and meet our passionate teachers, visit our great facilities and gain a valuable insight into our plans for Year's 6 – 7 transition for 2020 and beyond.

On the night you will be provided with a free sausage sizzle and drink from 5:30pm.

Contact our friendly office staff for additional information on 02 9621 3622.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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**AUDITIONS****Year 7 and Year 11 2020**

Dance, Drama and Music Selection Procedures

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts provides specialist education at the highest level to students having outstanding potential and/or achievement in, and commitment to, Dance, Drama or Music.

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2019 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entrance into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2020 at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts, must participate in audition workshops in Dance, Drama or Music.

Auditions will be held between Monday 24th June to Thursday 4th July 2019.

To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

To register for an audition, please complete the online application form located on our website: [www.nhspa.nsw.edu.au](http://www.nhspa.nsw.edu.au)

Closing date for registration is 1st May 2019.

Yours sincerely

Peter Shields  
Relieving Principal  
12 February 2019

**Conditions:**

Each audition is assessed on its own merits. The examiner's decision is final and no appeal can be made except on procedure. Information on individual student's performance in their audition will not be given. The purpose of the auditions is for the school to select the top students as assessed by the examiners. These are the conditions under which students and parents/carers must agree to when applying to audition.

**SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES**

Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2016



Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you **must NOT STOP your vehicle** at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

**Maximum Penalty**

**\$433**  
+ 2 Demerit Points



Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

**Penalty**

**\$180**  
+ 2 Demerit Points



Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

**Penalty**

**\$325**  
+ 2 Demerit Points

**DOUBLE PARKING**

You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

**Penalty**

**\$325**  
+ 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$325 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing: \$433 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$180 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: \$541

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice. Current to 30 June 2017. These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.

**School Opal Card**

As part of our campaign against fare evasion, and our on-going commitment to provide the level of service needed to transport students to and from your school, Busways conducts regular checks of School Opal card.

**All students must be in possession of a valid Opal card or pay a fare.**

**Students in possession of an Opal card must also tap on/off with their card when boarding our buses.**

This is important, because the Opal data collected determines the level of service we are able to provide to your school. If students don't tap on and off, the services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

To apply for a School Opal card or to report a lost or stolen card, go on-line to [www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/](http://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/)

Students who are ineligible for School Opal will need to purchase a Child/Youth Opal card or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.



## Extra-curricular Activities – Term 1

### Before School

Activity	Teacher/s	Day
Library	Ms Higgins	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Books & Brekkie	Ms Lihou, Mrs Duss, Mrs Solomon	Wednesday & Thursday

### Recess

Activity	Teacher/s	Day
SRC	Mrs Knox, Mrs McLennan	Tuesday (fortnightly)

### Lunch

Activity	Teacher/s	Day
Boys Hip Hop	Mrs Clinch	Monday
Lego Club	Mrs Lynch	Monday
K-2 Choir	Miss Lahoud, Miss Chand	Monday
Recorder Ensemble	Mrs Baines	Monday, Tuesday
Quiet Play	Mrs McLennan	Monday, Tuesday
3-6 Dance	Mrs Howells	Monday, Tuesday
Art Club	Miss Lahoud, Miss Chand	Tuesday
Computer Room	Mrs Cox, Mrs Cortez	Tuesday
3-6 Choir	Ms McCann	Tuesday
Homework Club	EAL/D teachers	Tuesday, Wednesday
Playground Equipment	Mrs Cook	Wednesday
PSSA Training – European Handball	Miss Small, Miss Sutherland	Wednesday
PSSA Training – Cricket	Ms McCann, Mr Raven	Wednesday
PSSA Training – Tee Ball	Mrs Knox	Wednesday
PSSA Training – Softball	Mr Dyer	Wednesday
Debating	Mrs Knox	Thursday
Jump Rope for Heart	Miss Sutherland	Thursday
Girls Cricket	Mrs Solomon	Thursday
Big Games	Mrs Kumar, Miss Chand	Thursday
K-2 Dance	Mrs Tasker	Thursday, Friday
Gardening Club	Mrs Mason, Miss Small	Thursday, Friday
PSSA Competition	some PSSA coaches	Friday
Library (K-2)	Ms Higgins	Monday, Friday
Library (3-6)	Ms Higgins	Tuesday, Thursday