Dear Parents,

LOOKING GOOD

Being neat, tidy and in full uniform every day is about showing respect for yourself and your school. Because our uniform is bright and distinctive, the children look great. The wearing of our uniform is supported by the School Community, we ask that all children wear the full uniform every day. While we have not insisted wearing black school shoes, we recommend that parents purchase them. They are better for growing feet, mostly cheaper and harder wearing.

As the T-shirts are white, they can get quite grubby. Laundry soakers like Napisan and Sards can make a big difference. My children wore white too so I know exactly what a pain it can be. If you are having difficulties purchasing the uniforms, please see me.

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LEARNING ABOUT NUMERACY

Last year we began daily numeracy groups with the K-2 classes to develop students’ early arithmetical skills. This year teachers are continuing this with Teaching Early Numeracy (TEN) professional development program. Nitsa Comninos is leading this program with the support of Vlado Krmac, a maths consultant and we are working with Villawood East Public School. Teachers from Villawood East will be visiting our classrooms soon to see how well this program is working at Wattawa.

A workshop will be held for parents on Tuesday 25th March at 2pm in the main hall. Please come and see how numeracy is nurtured in your child and get ideas on how to help your children at home.

MUTUAL RESPECT

In order for our school to be a safe and respectful environment for all students, teachers and parents, we ask families to follow these guidelines.

- Do not drive on school property for any reason.
- Follow the road rules when dropping off and picking up children.
- Never approach another child about their behaviour. If your child has an issue with another child, please speak to their teacher or ring me on 9790 3948.
- Go to the school office first if you enter the school grounds during the day. This is a regulation of the Department of Education and Work, Health & Safety.

If there are issues at all, please contact me on 9790 3948.

Judy Smith
Principal

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LET THEM EAT CAKE!

Who likes to eat cake? Well, if the success of Stage Three’s cake stall is any indication, the children of Wattawa Heights do!

This term, the students in Stage Three, ran a cake stall to help raise funds for their end of year celebrations. The students brought in all manner of sticky and sweet treats to sell to fellow students during recess and lunch.

The cake stall raised a tidy profit of over $350 which will go a long way towards making our end of year celebrations a memorable event.

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A very big thank you to our community for saving Woolworths Earn and Learn dockets last year. The equipment has arrived and will be very useful in classrooms. A special thanks to those P and C parents who spent many hours collating these and submitting the dockets. Here are some photos of the equipment received.

Thank you to all the students who have had a good kick start to Crunch & Sip this term and remember to bring to school every day a piece of fruit or vegetable and a bottle of water.

Crunch and Sip allows students to refuel with fruit or salad vegetables in the morning or afternoon- assisting physical and mental performance and concentration.

The start of the school year is a good time to promote the benefits of eating fruit and vegetables and drinking water. We hope to see many more students join in on kick starting the year with their Crunch&Sip.

Here are some perfect examples of fruits and vegetable snacks that children are bringing for Crunch&Sip:
Happy Crunch&Sip Faces at Wattawa Heights Public School:

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LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY BAGS

There are still a number of children who don’t have a library bag. Library bags are an important piece of school equipment and all students should own one. The library books need protection so that they can be borrowed by many students over a number of years. Remember reading is an extremely important part of learning. Library bags can be purchased from the uniform shop for $12. No borrowing of books will be allowed without a library bag.

Mrs Steinfurth
Teacher Librarian

COMPASS NEWS

We have many Compass activities scheduled for this year. Soon you will be noticing some Compass volunteers around the school wearing their bright yellow t-shirts. Here are some of the projects so far:

Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy

Every Thursday this term and next term we will have four Speech pathology students working with our teachers and certain students across the school. In Term 2 and 3 we will also have occupational therapy students working in our classrooms.

Multi Lit (Making up Lost Time in Literacy)

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This program targets students who are experiencing difficulty in hearing and remembering sounds and letter blends in words. At the beginning of Term 2 for a period of 13 weeks we will be running the Multilit program with some of our Stage 3 students. Compass volunteers will be initially running this program however we are looking for parents who are interested in learning how to do this. Depending on interest, there will be a free workshop for parents at a local school. If you are interested in completing this workshop please see Mrs Comninos as soon as possible.

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EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

The P & C are holding an Easter raffle and we kindly ask for donations of Easter eggs, baskets and even Easter soft toys to add to our raffle prizes. Parents will be collecting the donations on the verandah outside Miss Wilcomes’ classroom starting on Monday 23rd March. Easter raffle tickets cost 50c each and will be drawn after the Easter Hat Parade on 11th April. Our major prize is a DOUBLE PASS TO LUNA PARK, and many more great prizes, so don't forget to start buying for your chance to win. Tickets and money are to be given to the P & C on the verandah outside Miss Wilcomes class room.

CHOCOLATE BUNS

This year will be a little different, we will not be doing a sausage sizzle for Easter, instead we will be holding a yummy chocolate bun with choc milk morning tea. Children and parents can place their orders on separate order forms. Notes will be handed out soon.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

School banking is done every Wednesday morning. Tokens are no longer given to the children, the deposit is put on the system every time your child banks money. On Wednesday 26th March, the children who have 10 tokens to cash in can do so and collect a prize for banking.

P & C President
Mrs Yaghi

OFFICE NEWS

LOST & FOUND

Two wallets were found on the school grounds please come to the office to claim them.

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FAMILIES TOGETHER

Supporting Anxious Children is presented by Briget Gurton. Worrying is a part of childhood development, however too much worrying can lead to anxiety. Up to 22% of children experience anxiety in a more intense manner. This can affect their learning and social development.

This seminar is suitable for parents with school aged children and aims to present practical strategies for parents to help their children to reduce anxiety and negative thoughts. Bookings are essential and places are limited. Please call on 0407 708 626 to book your place. Date: Thursday 10th April 2014
Time: 6.30 – 8.30 pm
Place: The Revesby Uniting Church 219
The River road, Revesby. Child minding is not available for this course. THIS IS A FREE COURSE!