Dear Parents,

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO LEARN

We are holding Parent Teacher Interviews this week and next week. Use this opportunity to find out how your children are progressing with their learning and where they need to focus on to keep improving. This will enable you to set some realistic goals for next term and to check on their progress. It is a great time to ask their teachers those important questions.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY

Recently I read an article about the importance of play for children, especially exercise to aid their physical and mental development. All the research says that children, especially boys, need additional time to run around and play to stimulate their brains. Outdoor play also

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reduces the chances of major health problems like Type 2 diabetes and obesity. Team sports such as soccer, football and T-ball help to develop a range of skills including teamwork, better understanding of others, co-operation and enhanced concentration. Try to fit in an extra 30 minutes of outdoor play a week to improve physical and mental health for your children.

LEARNING TO BE SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

Our students come to school to learn both academic and social skills. A better understanding of others, co-operation, making friends and managing their emotions are skills that students learn and practise at school. Because they are children, they can make mistakes and hurt other children, sometimes deliberately and sometimes accidentally. When we are aware of an incident, we look at both sides and then deal with it in the fairest and most age appropriate way as possible. If something has happened to your child, please let us know as soon as possible.

Judy Smith
Principal

TEACHERS’ MESSAGES

Harmony Day Celebration
Thursday 27 March 2014
Many Stories = One Australia

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WATTAWA HEIGHTS COLOUR RUN

On Wednesday 26th March, the rainy weather held off long enough for students to participate in the Heart Kids fundraiser. A fantastic time was had by all and we raised $500 for Heart Kids Australia and $380 for our school’s Live Life Well Program. Many thanks to the P & C committee for donating oranges and to all the teachers for helping the event run smoothly on the day. More photos will soon be available on the school website.
ANZAC DAY FUNDRAISER

On Tuesday 8th April, we will be holding a Mufti Fundraiser to raise money to buy flowers for the Anzac Day Ceremony. We will buy flowers to be placed on the local cenotaphs by the Captains and Prefects. Students who wear mufti will donate a gold coin. Please support this Wattawa Heights tradition.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2014

Our Anzac Day service will be held on Friday 11th April at 10.15am. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend this moving ceremony.

We are looking forward to the great level of support that we always received at Wattawa Heights Public School.

Mrs Manning
LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY MATTERS

BORROWING CHALLENGE!

Congratulations to KM and 3/4T who have been borrowing very well in the last few weeks and are currently in the lead for our borrowing challenge this term. It is a tight competition, any of our classes could still win the challenge. A section of the chart is coloured in for each student that borrows during a week. The winning class will receive lemonade ice blocks and all students who have borrowed in that class during this term will be invited to a lunch time session using the iPads.

CAN’T SLEEP? READ A BOOK!

This week, during borrowing time students are being asked to consider reading as part of their bedtime routine. The purpose of reading before bedtime is to see it as an enjoyable, lifelong activity. It is a great way to relax before drifting off to sleep. Encourage your child to read a book look at the pictures independently or you may like to read with them. If your child does not know how to read the words yet, encourage them to look at the pictures with you and make up their own story to suit the book.

Thank you to the parents and students who have been searching their homes for overdue books. Some have even been returned from last year. It is great to see them back in the library again.

Mrs Steinfurth

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**OFFICE NEWS**

**NO PARKING**

Please do not park or obstruct the driveway at the back of the school near our oval. The school garbage was not collected because of a parent’s vehicle that was blocking the driveway.

**LOST PROPERTY**

A small back pack was found in the playground. Please come to the front office to claim it. We have many jumpers and jackets in our lost property. Most of this clothing is not labelled so please feel free to come and take a jumper or jacket if it fits your child. If you purchase new uniform items, please have them labelled immediately.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Thank you to all those parents who have paid their fees. However there is still some families who haven’t paid yet. Please pay the outstanding amount before the end of this term.

Thank You
Office Staff
Dear Parents

Children have been doing a fantastic job at remembering their Crunch@ Sip fruit or vegetable and bottle of water every day. Keep up the good work!

Tips to support Crunch&Sip:

- Don’t forget Crunch&Sip in the school bag every day.
- Remember to include fruit or salad vegetables to eat in the classroom and a bottle of water.
- Let your children see you eat and enjoy fruit and vegetables and drink water daily. Children are influenced by family eating habits.
- Have prewashed, easy to eat Crunch&Sip snacks. For younger children please send cut up fruit or salad vegetables. This makes it easier when the teacher says to put it away. Your child can reseal a bag or put the lid on the container and put it back in their bag to finish at recess.
- This break is only 10 minutes so there is no use sending a giant apple that your child won’t finish. Give them a small portion (a handful) of chopped fruit or vegetable that they could eat in 10 minutes.

Some ideas:
END OF TERM 1

CRUNCH&SIP CLASS COMPETITION

The SRC students along with their teachers have been keeping a daily record of how many students bring their Crunch&Sip to school every day.

The class with the most number of children participating in Crunch&Sip will participate in a fun and yummy activity at the end of the term:

Making a fruity ice block.

You’ve got to be in it to win it! Good Luck to all classrooms.

Mrs Ibrahim

P & C NEWS

COLOUR RUN

We would like to thank the Costandi and Kader families for helping with a donation to purchase oranges for the children.

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

We ask all families to help donate chocolate eggs, baskets and soft toys to be made up as prizes towards the Easter raffle. Donations are to be given to the P & C Mothers on the verandah each morning.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

Easter raffle tickets were stapled on the last newsletter that went out. You can purchase extra ones on the verandah by the P&C Mothers every morning. Tickets are 50c each or 12 for $5. We have some great prizes such as our major prize DOUBLE PASSES TO LUNA PARK, and a large chocolate Easter Rabbit and many more. Don’t forget to buy your tickets for your chance to win.

CHOCOLATE BUNS

We are collecting orders for our Chocolate Buns and Milk Morning on the verandah. Please have your orders in by Wednesday the 9th of April so you don’t miss out. If more order forms are needed for parents or siblings please ask at the office.

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UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.45-9.00a.m. If you have an order that you’ve made please come and collect this week or your order will be put back on the shelves to be repurchased.

P & C President

Mrs Yaghi

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

LAST CHANCE TO AUDITION FOR THE CHOIR - Voices of Sydney

*Voices of Sydney Choir* (formerly Sydney Region Choir) is an auditioned and official DEC choir for public school students from Years 5 – 12, with great performance opportunities.

- If you like to sing, and would like to sing in a choir, and
- If you would like to perform in great events (including the 2014 Schools Spectacular)

Then come along to a weekly rehearsal before the end of this term and join the rehearsal.

- Tuesday afternoons at Sutherland Public School. 4.00pm-5.30pm (Deb and Therese)
- Thursday afternoons at Darlington Public School 4.30pm – 5.45pm (Kipi and Helen)

Please ring, text or email to find out more - or turn up to a rehearsal and meet the choir.

Heather Causley Manager- 0400 808 603 causleys@bigpond.net.au

More information on the website [www.sydneyregionarts.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sydneyregionarts.det.nsw.edu.au) – Music Programs-
Sydney Region Choir (the 2013 information is still current for this year).

FREE DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN

All children under 18 years of age are eligible for FREE DENTAL CARE at NSW Public Oral Health Clinics. There is one in Bankstown. NSW Health recommends that all children have a dental check-up every year. Toothache can cause children to miss school. Pain can stop children playing, eating and sleeping.

To make an appointment, contact the Public Dental Access Centre
Telephone : (02)9293 3333 / 1300 559 393

BANKSTOWN CITY COUNCIL

School Holiday Art Workshops are held between 14- 24 April 2014. Workshops include are: Paint like Frida Kahlo, Popstar, Collage Portraits and Paper Puppets. For further information please visit the website [www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/artscentre](http://www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/artscentre) or by phone 9707 5400.
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