Term 2 Week 2 7th May, 2014

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

NEW STAFF

We welcome three new staff members to our school this term. Miss Dibley is taking KH for the rest of the year while Mrs Hiscocks is on Maternity Leave, Mrs Longbottom is a permanent staff member who is taking 2M and Mrs Ghattas who is taking 3/4B. They all have many experiences, talents and skills that will enhance the education of our students.

We are safe, respectful learners.
SAFETY

As parents and teachers keeping children safe is our highest priority. There are a number of issues that are impacting on our students and we ask you to remain vigilant.

SAFE ON THE INTERNET

Children are using a number of different social media applications to communicate with each other after school including Instagram, Kick and Snap Chat. Children often write things that they would not say face to face. If you allow your children to use these, please monitor their use. If they are getting inappropriate messages such as swearing or bullying comments or they are writing inappropriate things STOP THEM FROM USING IT. We are currently covering Cyberbullying in our library lessons but we are unable to monitor what happens at home.

SAFE ON THE ROADS

The traffic is very busy around the school at drop off and pick up times - 8.45am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 3.10pm. The No Stopping Zones are put in place so that drivers have full view of children crossing the road. It is a 40 Speed Zone but it would be wise to go even slower near the crossing. Please follow the parking rules and speed zones around the school.

NAPLAN

Next week all children in Year 3 and Year 5 will be sitting their National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This program is a guide only to how your child is achieving compared to other children who are in the same grade. Please do not stress your child about it or stress yourself. The results are not available usually until early September so it is a long time to wait and can make the results invalid for some. While it is beneficial for children to sit all the tests, if your child is sick do not send them on the day.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES

We have established best practice procedures for incidents when children have toileting accidents. If a child wets their pants, we provide them with brand new underwear and, when possible, spare track pants. We then ask parents to give $3 to cover the cost of the underwear and to wash and return the track pants. If you do not want this to happen, please put spare underwear and spare tracksuit pants in your child’s bag. This is especially important for children in K-2.

However, if a child dirties themselves, we then ring the contacts, listed on our system, to take the child home and clean them up. This process is the least disruptive for the child.

Judy Smith
Principal

TEACHERS’ MESSAGES

ANZAC Day

At the end of last term we celebrated ANZAC Day. As a result of your generous donations we were able to purchase these beautiful bunches of flowers to remember the fallen soldiers.

We are safe, respectful learners.
Our captains and prefects laid the flowers at Bass Hill RSL Club after the service.

Mrs Comninos

CLASS NEWS

EASTER HAT PARADE

On the last day of Term One we celebrated Easter with our annual Hat Parade. A fun day was had by all as these photos show.
LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK CLUB

Issue #3 for our Scholastic Book Club was distributed last week. Orders are due by Monday 12th of May. Please remember to include the correct change or pay by credit card online or via the phone. Names must be written clearly on each order form.

The school receives 20% of all orders in the form of free books, which are chosen for the library. It is a terrific way to increase the number of new books to be borrowed by all students. We appreciate your support in purchasing new books for your own library at home.

BORROWING

Last term all classes within the school participated in the borrowing challenge. Students in KH won the very close competition by two points. They each received an ice-block and enjoyed a session of playing on the iPads during lunch time. If all students borrowed on one extra occasion this term, the results could change dramatically.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Mahmoud Abdul Kader! Mahmoud is the first student at Wattawa Heights to finish the PRC for 2014. He spent the school holidays completing the challenge with his family. I am told that he feels much more confident about reading.

This year, students will be encouraged to complete the reading challenge in class time. However, please remember that they may also include books from home. Students are being shown how to add books to their online reading record. They use their normal school login information to access the site which is located at: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html

Teacher Librarian

Mrs Steinfurth

SPORTS NEWS

PSSA SOCCER

This Friday our boys and girls soccer teams begin their season. For many of our junior players, this is their first game. Kick-off is at 1pm each week at various ovals around the district. A draw of the games and venues will be sent home with players later in the week. We wish our players good luck this Friday and for the rest of the season.

Mr Muller & Mrs Graham

We are safe, respectful learners.
Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a great break.

Thank you to all the families who donated items for the Easter Raffle prizes and to the community for supporting our Easter Morning Tea. Money raised from the raffle and the Morning Tea was a total $507.

Thank you to all the mothers who helped make the day a success. Congratulations to the following prize winners from the Easter raffle.

1st Danyelle Yaghi KM  9th Billy Costandi 5/6M  17th Reanna Robinson
2nd Miss Wilcomes 10th Flora Yousef KH
3rd Paris Americans 3/4T 11th Liana Elhashem 3/4T
4th Koda Gheno 1/2L  12th Ahmed Zreika 5/6M
5th Mousa Annous KH  13th Ayah Omeis 3/4T
6th Mrs Wright  14th Mohammed Habach 1A
7th Emad Ingram 5/6M  15th Mrs Ibrahim
8th Sal Tlais 4/5R  16th Hadi Khiami 5/6G

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Mother’s Day Stall will be held tomorrow Thursday 9th and Friday the 9th May from 10am. I hope to see all mums come and help out with the stalls so the children to be able to buy something nice for mum. Prices of the gifts start from $2 - $8.

We also have the Mother’s Day raffle which will be at assembly on Friday. The prizes include an IPOD 5, STARSHOTS PACKAGE, BEAUTY HAMPERS and much more. Tickets are 50c each or 12 for $5 sold until Friday morning.

SCHOOL BANKING

There will be no school banking on Wednesday 7th May. It will recommence next week Wednesday 14th May between 8.45am-9.00am. The P & C apologises for any inconvenience.

TERM 2 SCHOOL BANKING COMPETITION

The Dollarmites have found sunken treasure in the Lost City of Savings. For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

The major prizes are as follows;
• Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros, Movie World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure

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OFFICE NEWS

ENTERING SCHOOL GROUNDS

For safety and security reasons, parents need to come to the front office to sign in as visitors and get a pass, before they see their children or bring food for them.

FAMILY OCCUPATION AND EDUCATION INDEX 2014 FORMS

Last term the school sent the above form home to some of our parents to sign. Please sign it and return it to the office as soon as possible.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all those parents who have already paid their fees. However, there is still some families who said they were going to pay in April and still have not paid. Please pay this amount immediately. Parents who are paying off uniforms, homework books, excursions etc, need to do so on a regular basis. This is an agreement between you and the school which needs to be finalised.

SCHOOL HATS

The office has been inundated with children asking to borrow school hats because they forgot to bring their hat or don’t have one. Only in an emergency do we lend out hats. School hats can be purchased at the front office for $13. Our school policy is No Hat No Play. Please make sure your children have their hats in their bags at all times with their names labelled on them.

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Nutrition News:
Welcome back to another healthy and energetic school term. Please don’t forget to pack your child’s Crunch & Sip fruit or vegetable snack and a bottle of water to eat and drink during Crunch & Sip time in the classroom.

Congratulations to last term’s winning Crunch & Sip class KM. They participated in a fun and yummy activity - Making a fruity ice block. It was a well deserved treat by that class.

Another competition is in place for the end of this term. The class with the most Crunch & Sip numbers will participate in another fun making activity. More information will come later this term.

Why eat fruit and veg every day?
Fruits and vegetables are high in vitamins, minerals and dietary fibre, as well as being rich in antioxidants. Research shows that people who eat adequate amounts of fruits and vegetables everyday can help prevent:

- coronary heart disease
- some forms of cancer
- overweight and obesity
- constipation
- high blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels
- help improve control of diabetes.

Aim to eat fruit and vegetables everyday - the greater the variety, the better health benefits.

Physical Activity:
A big Thank You to Miss Wilcomes for organising fundraising of over $300 from the Colour Run to Live Life Well @ School. This money has gone towards improving our physical activity at school by helping purchase:

- Sports equipment which will be placed in our school playground for infant children to use during recess and lunch breaks like small basketball hoops and soccer posts.
- An Environment Award Special Class Sports Bag. This will be presented to the best class who has been keeping their clean up area free from rubbish at the end of recess and lunch. The equipment in this bag will be used by that class during short P.E breaks throughout the week. There will be a winning class each week. Some of the fun equipment includes: throw and catch balls, jumping balls, netballs, bowling games, quoits, elastics, tennis throw and many more.
Dear Mums

You’re Invited to a fundraising event:

**Tupperware Party**

When: Friday 23rd of May  
Where: At Wattawa Heights Public School In the School Library  
At: 11am-12pm  
Please bring along your sister, mum, friend or neighbour. All ladies are welcome!  
Event includes:

- Products and brochures on display for you to look at or ask questions about  
- A demonstration on new and exciting products to Tupperware  
- Tea and coffee  
- 10% of all orders will come back to the school in funds towards the Year 6 farewell.

Hope you can make it!

Mrs Ibrahim

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**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup will commence this Friday 9th May in the small hall between 9.15am till 10.45am.  
The photos below were taken last term.
FAMILIES TOGETHER - NO COST


Our children are beautiful active little people and we sometimes experience difficulties when their stubbornness or their behaviour leaves us confused. When our children will not listen to us, they behave in a manner we feel is not appropriate or they act out with anger or tantrums at the worst possible times, what are we supposed to do?

Mums and dads are inundated with so much information about being a parent that they no longer know what boundaries and rules are OK to impose in their home. It’s not only alright but also vital that parents feel that they can run their own home.

This session covers

- How to avoid and end those tantrums
- How to have a conflict free home
- Have your children do as you ask without arguments

Date: Wednesday 14th May 2014, Time: 6.30-9.00pm Place: Conference Room A Mt Pritchard & District Community Club Ltd (mounties) 101 Meadows Road Mt Pritchard. Bookings are essential and places are limited please call on 0407 708 626.