Dear Parents,

LEADING LEARNING INNOVATION AND

I am very proud of the way that the staff at Wattawa is committed to lifelong learning and are very engaged in the professional development within the school. Today I sat in on two different ways that the teachers are improving their teaching. Mr Vlado Crmac, a Maths consultant, was providing demonstration lessons for K-2 teachers on supporting students’ numeracy development as part of the TEN program. Teachers were also involved in lesson studies of guided reading with our Instructional Leader, Jodie Clark. This is where one teacher teaches a lesson in front of other teachers. They critique this lesson and then plan an improved lesson to be taught.

Mr Crmac with 1A

Lesson study in KH

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SAVINGS THAT’S SAVING MONEY FOR EVERYONE

Students who are taking part in our school banking are not only learning this important life skill of saving for the future, they are also saving money for all our families. Last year we receive commissions of nearly $950 from the Commonwealth Bank. This has been used to pay for the Life Education Program where every child was able to participate. Thank you to the P&C mothers who collect the money every week.

READ THE NOTES

Some children are missing out on valuable educational experiences because notes are not being read by parents. Most notes go out on Wednesdays so please check your child’s bag in the afternoon. We are looking into a system that can give reminders via an App on your smartphone. I will let you know when we have more information.

COMPASS

There are a large number of university staff and students (wearing yellow t-shirts) who are working with teachers and students at Wattawa. We have two volunteers each day working on the Multilit reading program with students. Speech therapy students have been providing individual and small group instruction to identified students. There are now two trainee Occupational Therapists who will start working with students next week.

Judy Smith

TEACHERS’ MESSAGES

On Friday 16 May, students in Years 3 to 6 participated in and succeeded in breaking a World Record at the Jamie Oliver Food Revolution Day. 2153 students cooked a Rainbow Wrap. They had a great time making their wraps as the photos below confirm.
LIBRARY NEWS

During week 4, classes have been participating in National Simultaneous Story time which is coordinated by the Australian Library Association of Australia. This week, nearly 500 000 students will be listening to the story titled “Too Many Elephants In This House.” It is an Australian book written by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Andrew Joyner.

The purpose of NSS is to promote literacy in a fun and engaging manner. Students at Wattawa Heights have also been decorating elephants or attempting to solve an elephant puzzle, whilst viewing other books featuring elephants during library lessons.

OVERDUE BOOKS

Notices will be sent out in week 6 for books that are overdue. This notice will be a reminder and payment will not be expected at this stage. Please search your home this weekend for any books which have a Wattawa Heights P.S barcode on the back cover so that your child does not receive a notice. Books not returned from previous years are also welcome. Overdue books can be placed in the clear box just inside the library door and welcomed back with no repercussions.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the students in K-2. You have now completed your PRC through listening to books read by your teachers.

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Students in 3-6 are continuing to read the 20 books required to complete their challenge. They take longer than the K-2 classes as their books must be read independently. PRC books are available to each class for quiet reading time, however, they may also include books read from home. Please remember to update PRC records online if you complete any of the challenge from home. Each student should know how to access their online record, however, they are welcome to ask at the library if uncertain.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**PSSA SPORT**

The boys’ soccer team has begun their winter season this term. They are working well together and starting to act as a team.

Our first game was against Banksia Road Public School. Juniors were defeated 2-0 and Seniors lost 2-1 in two thrilling games. Last week we played against Bankstown North Public School. Juniors were defeated 2-1 and Seniors lost 2-0. This week we play against Berala Public School at the Crest. Good luck Boys!

The girls’ soccer team has begun their season with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. Our first game was against Banksia Road. Juniors had a 0 – 0 draw while the Senior Girls were defeated 6 – 0. Our second game was against St Euphemia. Juniors were defeated 3 – 1 while the seniors lost 6 - 0.

This week we play Greenacre Public at Walshaw Oval. Good luck.

Mr Muller and Mrs Graham

**STUDENT AWARDS**

**SCHOOL AWARDS**

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Ayah Omeis
Khang Bui
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P & C NEWS

MOTHERS DAY

The Mothers Day Stall was a great success. I’d like to thank Jennifer Costandi and Marwa Taki for donating towards Mothers Day Stall and the community for supporting our raffle prizes.

Profit made on the raffle and the stall was a total of $1323.00. I’d like to thank all the mothers who helped out on the two days that the event was held. It was great to see new faces helping too. I hope more mums keep coming to help with our future events.

Congratulations to the following prize winners from the Mothers Day Raffle.

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1st Mohammed Nasrallah 3/4T 7th Mousa Annous KH
2nd Zayn Yaghi 5/6G 8th Nagham Salma 1A
3rd Mrs Saroufim 9th Zaynab Abdullah 5/6G
4th Reanna Robinson 2M 10th Mohammed Eladib 5/6G
5th Raihan Sutris 3/4T 11th Hadi Khiami 5/6G
6th Jake Ngo 1/2W 12th Maya Taba 5/6M

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is on Wednesday mornings from 8.45 – 9 am. Don’t forget about the term 2 banking competition.

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.

MAJOR PRIZE

• 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;
• A $3,000 travel gift card to get you there.

Runner up prizes.
130 Toys”R”Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.45 – 9.00 am.

P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting is Wednesday the 11th of June in small hall. I hope to see you all there hopefully with new ideas and faces.

Abby Yaghi
President P&C
CANBERRA EXCURSION

This is an urgent reminder to pay the outstanding balance on this excursion as soon as possible. This excursion is on next Tuesday 27th May.

SCHOOL PERMISSION NOTES AND MONEY

All permission notes with the correct money are to be given to your child’s classroom teacher. Please make sure that the envelope is labelled with your child’s name. We do not have any change or Eftpos facility in this school and we only accept cash or cheque.

PICKING UP CHILDREN SAFELY

We have noticed that there are some parents who are sitting in cars, and calling their children from across the road for them to cross and not use the school crossing. Parents are doing 3 point turns, double parking and even driving off while their children are still trying to get into the car. This type of driving behaviour is very dangerous and unsafe for the children. Please advise your child to cross at the crossings. Police and rangers have been alerted and have been patrolling our school.

LATE NOTES

If children are late or leaving early, they should come to the office to get a pass which is entered in our system. Parent and carers who want to leave something for their children during school hours should come straight to the office to sign in. Please do not walk through the school grounds without a visitor pass.

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.

TUPPERWARE PARTY

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!
NUTRITION NEWS: WHY IS BREAKFAST IMPORTANT?

- Children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration.
- Children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements.
- Children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese.
- Eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

QUICK AND EASY BREAKFAST IDEAS:

Make sure your child starts every school day with a nutritious breakfast that includes foods from at least two of the five food groups. For example:

- Wholegrain cereal with reduced-fat milk
- Fruit smoothie
- Boiled eggs and toast
- Slices of fruit with yoghurt
- Raisin toast with sliced banana
- Muesli, chopped fruit and yoghurt
- Wholemeal crumpets with sliced banana
- Grilled cheese and tomato on toast
- Tinned baked beans and toast
- Porridge, sultanas with reduced-fat milk
- Tinned fruit and yoghurt
- Rice or noodles with lean meat or vegetables

Don’t forget to pack your child’s Crunch & Sip fruit or vegetable snack and a bottle of water to have during Crunch & Sip time in the classroom.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY:

Why get active? Regular physical activity is an important part of getting healthy and staying healthy.

Encouraging kids and teens to be active from a young age sets good habits early on and helps them develop the skills they need to stay active throughout their lives.

Physical activity doesn’t all have to happen at the one time. It can be accumulated throughout the day; by walking to and from school, being involved in activities at school, active play at home or taking part in organised sport after school and on weekends.

To help kids at Wattawa Heights Public School be more active every day, they need opportunities for sport, play and exercise after school.

New sports equipment such as basketball rings, skipping ropes, soccer games and batting equipment are set out each day to encourage our K-2 students to get more active through active play and organised sport at recess and lunch breaks.

Teachers encourage kids to try different sports or activities so they can find one or more that they really enjoy and want to continue with.

Please encourage your child to get active each day.

Mrs Ibrahim
COMMUNITY INFORMATION

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

It will be held throughout Australia on Friday 23rd of May, 2014.

The objectives of Walk Safely to School are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

More information is available on www.walk.com.au

FAMILIES TOGETHER

Raising Kids That Cope, Building an Optimistic Mindset in Children.

This seminar will include;

- examine the key aspects of optimistic thinking
- look at some practical ways that we can foster optimism in children
- consider how language we use can have a powerful effect in helping children to see a way forward through their difficulties.

Date: Thursday 19th June 2014. Time: 6.30- 8.30pm Location: Edensor Room 3 Edensor Road, St Johns Park. For further information please call 0407 708 626. Free service no cost.
Kids Cubby Kindy
Early Learning Centre
111 Gallipoli Street, Condell Park
9793 7538
- Open from 7am - 6pm
- Catering from ages 2 - 6 years
- Educational school program
- Qualified and friendly educators
- All meals provided
- Child Care Benefit Available

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