Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another busy term. This term we have Education Week, Book Week, Dance 2BeFit, our Aboriginal Performance, District Athletics Carnival, Gillawarna Festival and school photos to name a few things.

IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS

We are trialling a new system that allows us to send notices and reminders straight to your mobile phone. You will also be able to access the website and send in absence notes easily. The trial is for IPhone only. If we decide to buy the system, it will include android phones.

To download the free App

1. Go to App store
2. Search Wattawa – it has the school crest.
3. Download

DANCE AND THE SYLLABUS

Dance is a mandatory component of the syllabus in both Creative Arts and Physical Education. It concerns body awareness, physical fitness, increased physical activity as well as the creative aspects. We bring in DANCE 2BeFit to provide specialist teachers in dance. Some children are telling us they do not want to do dance, however it is not their choice. If children are not doing Dance 2Be Fit, they will be doing dance with their classroom teacher.

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If you have valid reasons why you do not want your child to be involved in this compulsory aspect of the curriculum, you will need to make an appointment to see me.

**EID CELEBRATIONS**

We have been informed by Departmental Officials that students are allowed two days leave only. However parents will need to send a note to the school. If we do not have a note then any absence will be considered an unexplained absence. Next week is officially Education Week. As it is also the end of Ramadan and Eid celebrations, we have decided to combine Education Week and Book Week together and hold everything in Week 6.

**LEAVE**

I will taking leave from the 1 August until the end of the term. Mrs Manning will be the relieving Principal during this time. Mr Toland will also be taking leave to officiate at the US Open Tennis Championship. If you watch the tennis, you may see him on centre court during some of the matches.

Judy Smith
Principal

**TEACHERS’ MESSAGES**

**BEDTIME BUDDY READING PYJAMA DAY**

Our Pyjama Day last term was a great success. The students thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to share their favourite stories with their buddies. The fun day ended with watching a movie in the comfort of their pyjamas while enjoying their popcorn. Thank you for supporting this event.
IPADS DIFFERENTIATING OUR CURRICULUM

We recently purchased 40 brand new iPad4’s for use in all classrooms. This brings the total number of iPads in use at Wattawa to 62. All class teachers have been looking at various apps and using the iPads as engaging learning tool in their classrooms. iPads are an effective way of allowing students to consolidate their learning and to demonstrate their understanding of what is being taught. We are very fortunate to have so many devices at our school. Most schools in the area have a small handful or none at all. Our students really are becoming successful 21st century learners. A very big thank you to Mrs Azzopardi for the hours she has spent with me setting up the iPads ready for use. It has been a mammoth task.

Mr Toland

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

On Friday 1st of August 2014, the SRC will hold a Jeans for Genes Day fundraising event. Students are encouraged to wear jeans to school and donate a gold coin. The money we raise from Jeans for Genes Day goes towards the work of scientists at The Children’s Medical Research Institute.

All participating students are helping to raise awareness of how important school children are in the fight against childhood diseases.

Please donate generously.

Mrs Ibrahim

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CLASS NEWS

ELECTRIC CARS

Stage 3 have been very busy planning, designing, building, testing and sometimes redesigning electric cars in preparation for our huge whole school race. The three teams with the fastest cars from each class lined up on the last day of term with Mr Muller entering a car to represent the teachers.

Congratulations to Adam, Jasmine and Kerem for designing the fastest car and being our winners.
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LIBRARY NEWS

3/4T are FANTASTIC borrowers!

Congratulations to 3/4T who won the borrowing competition for Term 2. Most of the class borrowed each week, which easily placed them in the lead. I’ve heard that their school work has also improved and there have been lots of really great responses to activities in their class. Well done students and Mr Toland. They all enjoyed a small treat at the end of the term and will spend this Wednesday at lunch in the library using the new iPads.

A visual record of class borrowing is kept for students and staff to view each week. Your child should be borrowing books at least once per fortnight, preferably every week. Twenty minutes a night of quiet reading or looking at the pictures can make a big different to all aspects of their education. It is a great way to relax and wind down ready for sleep. Please ensure a library bag is available so that borrowing can occur.

LATE NOTICES

Notices will be sent home with all students whose library books should have been returned early in term 2. They need to be returned as soon as possible please. Many of the books are popular titles and other students have been asking for them. We have a box just inside the door to the library where all returns are placed.

If your child receives a notice and after searching you are sure the books were returned, please ask them to check their classroom. They may also go the library at lunch time to check that the book was not accidentally place on the shelf before being returned through the computer.
We only charge for overdue books once we are certain that they cannot be found. This usually occurs at the beginning or end of each year.

BOOK WEEK

Term 3 is a busy time for the library each year. During library lessons we are encouraging students to evaluate and explore books shortlisted by the Children’s Book Council of Australia. This annual book competition for authors is celebrated in Week 6, with most activities taking place on Wednesday August 20. Parents are very welcome to attend this celebration.

Wattawa Heights will continue to celebrate Book Week with our annual book Character Parade. Please start talking to your child about which character they might like to dress up as for that day. We have had some very creative characters in recent parades. This is not meant to be an expensive exercise. It is amazing what you can do by recycling items from home.

Mrs Steinfurth
Teacher Librarian

SPORTS NEWS

BOYS SOCCER
The boys soccer team have been enjoying their games over the past fortnight. During Week 9 of Term 2, we played Malek Fahd. The juniors were defeated 1-4 and seniors lost 0-9. Last week we played St Euphemia, the juniors were defeated 0-6 and the seniors lost 0-2 in a thrilling game.

The boys have played well and kept up good spirits during these games against two very competitive teams. This week we play Bankstown Public School at Jim Ring Reserve, Birrong.

GIRLS SOCCER
The girls didn’t have a game last week due to Malek Fahd forfeiting.

2014 NSW INTERSCHOOLS SNOWSPORTS NORTHERN NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS

Great results for our school by Elana and Carina Topalidis who competed in the 2014, NSW Interschools Snowsports Northern NSW Championships Division 5 (K-4). It was held in Thredbo during the school holidays. In the Alpine Event Elana, came 7th qualifying for State Championships and Carina came 28th out of 76 racers. Elana and Carina also competed in the Skier-X, coming 5th and 31st respectively out of 67 racers. With their combined times this placed them 5th as a team out of 27 teams qualifying for State Championships.

The girls also entered the Alpine Event in the Redlands Cup with competitors Carina came 22nd out of 55 competitors. Due to a fall on her first run Elana was disqualified but successfully completed the run. Congratulations and well done, girls. Good luck in the State Championships at Thredbo next month.
**STUDENT AWARDS**

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NUTRITION NEWS

Welcome back to another healthy term at school.

VEGETABLE SNACKS FOR KIDS

Most of us think of vegetables as part of a main meal whether they are mixed in with a stir fry or on the plate next to the meat. Sadly, children also soon learn to think of vegetables in the same way. For children to not only get enough vegetables, but also learn to appreciate and enjoy them, they need to experience eating vegetables many times a day.

PACKING A SCHOOL LUNCHBOX

When children eat well they behave better, are able to listen well and concentrate for longer. Packing a healthy school lunchbox will help children to learn and play well and be happy at school.

Please remember to pack a piece of fruit or a vegetable snack and a bottle of water every day for your child’s Crunch & Sip break.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

All children need to be physically active, even in the winter months. Fewer sunlight hours and the cold weather can make it hard to find a time and place for kids to be physically active. But all children are designed to move! By moving more and sitting less, children learn to live in a healthy way.

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WAYS TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY FIT INDOORS:

Dancing, housework, and climbing stairs all help you stay fit and don't require extra room or equipment. Have your child dance along to a song or just some favourite tunes. Try marching, hopping, pumping your arms, whatever you can dream up! Keep moving and enjoy.

CRUNCH AND SIP END OF TERM 2 COMPETITION:

Congratulations to our two class winners of last term’s Crunch&Sip competition. 1/2 L and 4/5R both had a high percentage of children who brought their fruit and vegetable snack to school on a daily basis in Term 2.

They very much enjoyed ‘Making choc coated bananas’ and eating them.

As of week 3 Mrs Ibrahim and the SRC will start the class record keeping log. Don’t forget your Crunch&Sip every day in Term 3.

Mrs Ibrahim.

OFFICE NEWS

CHANGE OF DETAILS

It is extremely important to have the correct information for when your child is sick or injured at school. As parents it is your responsibility to inform the school immediately of any changes. Children become upset and or distressed when we cannot contact their parents.

Please return the green form, if your contact details have changed.

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ENTERING CLASSROOMS
Parents and Carers please do not go straight to your child’s classroom to drop off money or lunches. This disrupts the classroom and your child’s learning. Please come first to the front office and we will pass on messages and or money to your child.

PAYMENTS
Remember all payments must go to the classroom teacher. Payments are not accepted at the office and we do not have change.

SCHOOL FEES
A reminder that there are still some families with outstanding school fees. We are now in Term 3 and we need you to pay as soon as possible.

BULLETIN
The Bulletin goes out fortnightly, so please read it. It contains all the news from the school, as well as information about costs and dates of excursions, sporting results, happenings and upcoming events. The front page is very useful for organising your children and can be stuck on your fridge to remind you so payments can be made on time and the children don’t miss out. A copy is always on the school website.

LOST & FOUND
A pair of vision glasses in their case, were found on the school grounds. Please come to the office to claim them.

FLU SEASON IS HERE
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.
The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

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Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

**P & C NEWS**

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a great break. I’d like to wish a Happy Ramadan to all the families at our school.

**CHOCOLATE MONEY**

I’d like to thank all the children who have returned their chocolate fundraising money, although we still have some families that have not returned their money yet. We ask for all children to try and sell and return the money to the office by the end of the week.

Don’t forget if you sell the whole box of $50 you go into the running to win an iPod 5!

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform shop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.45 – 9.00 am. We also sell second hand clothing.

**NEXT P&C MEETING**

The next P & C meeting is Wednesday the 30th July in small hall at 2pm.

Abby Yaghi
President P&C

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**FAMILIES TOGETHER**

Invites fathers, mothers, grandfathers and carers to a free seminar on ‘Being Dad’ presented by Andrew King. Fathering today is different to how you were fathered. This workshop explores the challenges and the valuable role that men play in children’s lives. Mums are also welcome to attend as the major emphasis is on the importance of teamwork between the parents.

Topics include:
- Juggling the needs of your family work and your own needs
- Managing behaviour
- Encouraging your child’s emotional growth

Date: Wednesday 13th August 2014  Time: 6.30-8.30pm  Place: Edensor Room
St Johns Park Bowling Club
93 Edensor Road, St John’s Park. NO COST

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Parents and community representatives are warmly invited to the Parent and Community Information Day on Thursday 31 July from 10:00am to 1:30pm.

Find out more about higher education and your child’s future.

Representatives from Bridges to Higher Education will provide valuable information about the benefits of higher education for the whole community and the pathways into higher education, including: Subjects and courses offered

Financial support and HECs
Pathways to University entry
Student support

Date: Thursday 31 July 2014
Time: 10:00am to 1:30pm
(morning tea and lunch will be provided)
Location: The MacLaurin Hall, Camperdown Campus
University of Sydney

For further information about Bridges to Higher Education, visit: bridges.nsw.edu.au

Bridges to Higher Education is a partnership of the University of Technology, Sydney, Macquarie University, University of Western Sydney, University of Sydney and the Australian Catholic University which aims to boost the participation of communities underrepresented in higher education. This program is funded by the Commonwealth Government’s Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program.
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