



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 4 - Week 7

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Kinder Orientation: Falls Creek hosted our new Kinder students and their parent's yesterday afternoon. Our Kinder 2013 students spent the afternoon in K/1 getting to know the students and playing together. Mrs Porteous was very proud of the K/1 students who were so caring and did a great job of making friends with the new Kinders. We will have another session for the new Kinders next Tuesday.

Disco: The Falls Creek School disco is on tomorrow night, 22 November, from 5.30 – 8.00pm. The cost is \$10 each which includes a sausage sandwich, drink and ice cream. There will also be the chance to buy lollies and glow sticks during the evening. Please refer to the flyer sent home yesterday for more information.

Reward Day: The date for the reward day has been brought forward one week and will now be held on Friday 30 November (next week). The reward day is for those students who have shown responsible behaviour in the classroom and playground. Students will be going ten pin bowling and will be eligible to attend if they have received no more than 2 referral slips during Term 4. Permission notes will be sent home this Friday for those students eligible to attend. These will need to be returned to school as soon as possible to confirm numbers.

Planning for 2013: We are busily planning for next year. Please contact the school, preferably in writing to indicate if your child is changing schools. Please address these letters and notifications to the PRINCIPAL. This information allows us to determine definite numbers which can have an impact on staff numbers and classes.

Assembly: We will be having our assembly at 2p.m. this Thursday and hope that many parents

are able to attend.

Christmas Tree Competition: Bunnings are holding a competition to design the best Christmas tree using recycled products. We are asking our students to bring in bread ties, orange bags (the netted ones that oranges come in) and old washing powder scoops. Any donations of the above items will be gladly appreciated.

Presentation Evening: This will be held on Monday 17 December.

Please come and see me if you have any concerns or questions.

Nicole

K/1 NEWS

K/1 children had a great afternoon entertaining the seven kinder children who will be starting in 2013. It was wonderful to observe how mature the K/1's were as they guided the new children around the activities they had organised for them.

Welcome back fish!! Mrs Lipstick and her two friends are happily swimming around in their new accommodation.

Thank you for your valued support.

Susan Porteous

2/3/4 NEWS

I guess Murphy's Law must apply to our homework. We started back on track and then I was sick at the beginning of last week. The children all wrote out their new list for homework and hopefully they took those sheets home on Monday. Homework is due back on Friday.

The Kangaroos were the winners over the last 2 weeks and the Golden Crocs really romped it in mainly due to points gained for participation in

homework, library borrowing, activities etc.

Our teddy bear's picnic was a great success and the class all wrote descriptions of their furry friends to go with their photos.

We are still doing assessment tasks for the end of year reports and several of our units are finishing up.

Thanks to Mrs Cullen who has worked with each child individually to ascertain their current reading levels.

Congratulations to Kurt, Eliana and Jade who all progressed to the next group in Spelling.

Keep In Touch

Lyn

5/6 NEWS

Science: We made rocky road on Monday using two different binding agents to determine which one was best. The students enjoyed eating both types of rocky road – their sugar levels would have been high on Monday afternoon!! We are now going to write a scientific report on our findings and compare the rocky road to conglomerate rock!

Leadership Day: the six Year 5 students who attended the Leadership day last Thursday spent the day learning how to work as a team in an Amazing Race competition. They worked with other Year 5 students from Nowra Hill, Shoalhaven Heads, Greenwell Point, Terara and Kangaroo Valley schools. There will be a follow up day next year at Kangaroo Valley Public School.

Transition Days: Many of our Year 6 students have now attended their transition days for their new school. All of them have told me that they have had fun and have been able to meet some new friends for next year. Some of their fears and concerns have been allayed as well. I'm sure the others who are yet to attend their days will have a great time too.

Assembly: the students are performing an item they have choreographed with Mr Lalor and we hope that parents / grandparents / carers are able to attend tomorrow.

Mr Lalor will be taking the class on Thursday for the rest of the year. I have many tasks as Principal to complete before the end of the school year.

Nicole

SPORT

The swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 11 December 2012. Mark this on your calendar and if you are able to help out on the day please contact the office. Notes will be out soon for this.

John

LIBRARY

PLEASE return all books to the library as we need to do our annual stocktake.

Mrs Bransgrove

CANTEEN NEWS

Volunteer Luncheon - Canteen volunteers are invited to a thank you luncheon on Tuesday 4 December at A Wing & Pear cafe (next to the Post Office) in Nowra. Please RSVP Susan or Rowena. On Friday the canteen will be selling Jelly cups with Fruit Salad \$1.00, Fresh Fruit Salads \$1.00 and Frozen Fruit Salad 50c. For the warmer days we have salad rolls, frozen yogurts, juice cups and the colder days, lasagne, spaghetti bol, macaroni & cheese, party pies, sausage rolls. Plus a great range of crunchy snacks.

Rowena



CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 23 November

Jacqui Finch

Monday 26 November

Janine Harrington

P & C NEWS

We are now accepting donations for our Christmas hamper end of year raffle eg: biscuits, chocolates, cans of fruit / vegetables, toiletries and knick knacks.

A book of 15 tickets is going home with each family today. Tickets are **\$1** each or 3 for **\$2**. The raffle will be drawn at the Presentation evening on Monday 17 December.

Please support the school and send in a donation or buy a ticket.

Thank you

Susan Kerr

HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!



We are entering a contest run by Bunnings. Schools have been invited to make a Christmas tree from recycled material. It sounds like fun and it helps to get our school's name out there and as an added bonus, there are prizes !! We need

- foil pie bases
- scoops (from boxes of washing powder)
- mesh bags – like the ones you get oranges in
- lids from bottles (eg. soft drink)
- egg cartons

AND any bright ideas to help us decorate our tree. Time is limited so if you can help us with any materials or ideas please drop them off at the office.

Thank you, Lyn Brown

SCHOOL BANKING

WIN AN iPad MINI JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS Make a deposit into your Dollarmite account at school between 19 November – 14 December 2012

and you will automatically be entered into the draw to win 1 of 12 iPad Mini's. Remember banking day is every Thursday. *Terms & Conditions will apply, for full details please refer www.combank.com.au/schoolbanking.



HEAD LICE & TICKS

It happens at varying times throughout the year. Please check your child's hair. As we've said in the past your child's hair needs to be checked regularly. Very fine toothed combs are required to comb them out of hair. It may be worth while talking to your local pharmacist about suitable treatments for your child. We appreciate your prompt action in this regard. As you would be aware we can not leave a child in the classroom when nits are noticed. We will contact you by phone should the need arise. Only constant vigilance will get rid of them. Also please check for ticks as we seem to have a few around at the moment.

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (7)

☺Thursday 22 November School Disco 5.30 to 8 p.m.
Assembly 2p.m.

NEXT WEEK (8)

☺Tuesday 27 November Kinder Orientation
☺Wednesday 28 November P & C Meeting
☺Friday 30 November Reward Day

COMING EVENTS

☺Tuesday 11 December Swimming Carnival
☺Friday 14 December Reports go home
☺Monday 17 December Presentation Night
☺Wednesday 19 December **Last day for students**

REMINDER!!!

Book club orders need to be returned to the office by tomorrow Thursday 22 November.



ALERT

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA?

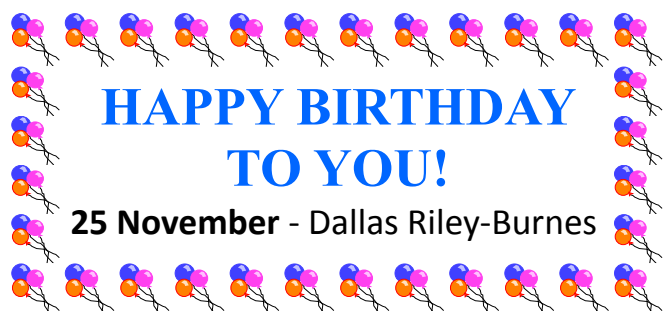
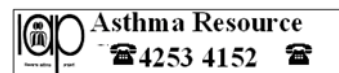
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT presentations for asthma increase dramatically when children return to school in February.

REFER to CHILDRENS ASTHMA EDUCATORS:

1300 792 755

Make your child "Ready for School" by :

- Regular review by GP before school starts.
- Review and understanding of asthma medications and symptoms.
- Review and update of asthma action plan.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU!**

25 November - Dallas Riley-Burnes

The Adventures of Bubbles!



When Bubbles stayed with Suzie he was double bounced on the trampoline and introduced to the dogs Rex and Milo, who barked at him! He slept with Suzie , but was cold because Suzie accidentally kicked him out of bed. Bubbles also got to eat popcorn but Suzie made sure they cleaned their teeth afterwards.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT AT MEROOGAL



Saturday 15th December

6.30pm-9pm

Admission: Free

Light a candle and sing along to your favourites as the garden of Meroogal becomes the setting for an evening of carols and Christmas tunes for all the family played by the Nowra Town Band, and performance by the Glorious Mudsingers gospel choir. Bring a picnic rug & picnic. Candles, song sheets, BBQ and refreshments will be on sale. Gifts will be accepted as part of the Smith Family Christmas Appeal.

RSVP essential on: 4421 8150 as space is limited.

Meroogal is situated on the corner of West & Worrigee Streets, Nowra (opposite Nowra Showground)

CENTRAL SHOALHAVEN MOBILE PRE SCHOOL

Central Shoalhaven Mobile Pre-School hours from 9am until 3pm at Falls Creek School. The Pre-School is a community owned, not for profit organization. Our staff are university and TAFE trained. We provide an educational program in a nurturing, stimulating and safe environment for children between the ages of 3 and 5 years.

We also offer a subsidy on fees for low income families. If you would like to enrol your child or just make an enquiry , please call **44230 571** or **0412 928 095**

ICE SKATING

Ice Escape 'the coolest fun this summer' is coming to the SEC in January 2013! The Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre will be hosting an ice skating rink for three weeks; from January 2 to January 20.

Come join in the fun with 60 minute ice skating sessions, disco and movie nights, cultural days and lots more! For more information on tickets and activities call the box office on **1300 788 503** or visit shoalhavenentertainment.com.au