

FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 4 - Week 8

Wednesday 28 November 2012



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Disco: our students had a great time at the disco last Thursday night – we have quite a few groovers at Falls Creek!!

Thank you to the P&C for their organisation of the night. A big thank you also to Carol Linnane and her daughter Carina with a friend for their DJ work on the night.

Reward Day: Permission notes for the reward day on Friday went home on either Friday or Monday. These should have been returned to school by today. There is no cost involved for parents. Students can wear mufti on the day but must wear sneakers and socks due to the footwear that needs to be worn at the bowling alley. If your child did not receive a note then they will be expected to remain at school for the day.

Surveys: Attached to the newsletters are three surveys for parents to complete. We are seeking your opinions on the areas of reading, homework and any ideas you have that could help to make Falls Creek a better school. All returns are anonymous and are used to plan the future directions of the school. Please return these surveys to school by Friday 7 December. Students and staff will also be asked to complete surveys on these areas.

Kindergarten Orientation: We had our last session for Kinder Orientation yesterday afternoon. Year 5 students were matched to a new Kinder student as their buddy so they spent yesterday afternoon getting to know each other.

Waste Show: Shoalhaven Council is presenting a show at school on Monday 10 December on waste and how to recycle. There is no cost for the show.

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

Class Structure for 2013:

We have tentatively organised the classes and teachers for 2013. This organisation may change when student numbers are confirmed early in Term 1.

Class and Teacher:

K/1/2: Ms Nicole Humphreys (Monday - Thursday) and Mrs Susan Porteous (Friday)

2/3/4: Mrs Lyn Brown

5/6: Mr Dion Lalor (Monday, Tuesday and Friday), Mrs Susan Porteous (Wednesday, Thursday)

RFF and Learning Support: Mrs Bonnie Cullen.

Mr John Holschier will be taking leave in Term 1.

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

Don't forget the P & C Meeting tonight!

Nicole

K/1 NEWS

Another successful Kinder Orientation was held yesterday in the K/1 classroom. This time K/1 also had to accommodate 5/6 as well. The 5/6 students were formally introduced to their new buddies. All teachers present commented on how caring and attentive the seniors were towards their young friends.

The last homework activity went home this week much to the delight of Year 1 students. It was a unanimous decision by Year 1 to stop homework by week 8.

There is much excitement around the nature table as two of our silkworms have turned into beautiful moths.

Again a big thank you to K/1 and 5/6 for making our new kinders feel so welcome.

This week we have Emma Teall a Year 10 student from St Johns High School doing work experience in our classroom.

Thank you for your valued support.

Susan Porteous

2/3/4 NEWS

It really is countdown time. At the moment I am completing the reports and haven't even thought about Christmas until I go shopping and hear all the carols. However we have started a wreath in class to do all those "spare" moments.

This week we are lucky to have a student from Nowra High School - Sam Chittenden visiting our class for work experience. Sam is an ex pupil and a proud Falls Creek girl.

Last week we had the following spelling stars - Letitia, Zaliah, Abbey, Jayden and Levi. You will be very disappointed to hear that this week is the last week for homework. We will be doing spelling in class. Homework went home on Monday and this week it is due back on Thursday when we will have our tests. (Reward day is on Friday)

We had some great news today Aaron is doing so well he might be coming home next week for awhile!!

Keep In Touch

Lyn

5/6 NEWS

Kinder Orientation: Thank you to the Year 5 students who did a great job of getting to know their new Kinder buddy. All students did a great job of making the new Kinders feel comfortable and welcome at Falls Creek. Our Year 6 students played with their buddies as well. There were many older students having more fun at the play dough table than the younger students.

Homework: This week is the last week of homework. Please make sure your child returns their homework by Friday and I will mark it over the weekend.

Year 6 T-shirts: Year 6 students have now received their T-shirts. There have been problems with the emblem running on some of the shirts after the first washing. If this has happened to your child's shirt and you are unhappy please contact the school.

Assembly Item: Congratulations to everyone for their great work at last week's assembly. All the parents that could come were very impressed!!

Canberra Excursion: Photos from the Canberra excursion will be on the school website shortly (hopefully today).

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

CANTEEN NEWS

Volunteer Luncheon Date Change- Canteen volunteers are invited to a thank you luncheon on Wednesday 12 December at A Wing & Pear cafe (next to the Post Office) in Nowra. Please RSVP Susan or Rowena.

LUNCHTIME MEAL DEAL

Every Monday & Friday until the end of year!

- Lasagne or Spaghetti Bolognese
- Garlic Bread
- Drink

HEALTHY KIDS - FRUIT & VEG MONTH WINNER!!

Congratulations to Suzie Harnwell who was one of the lucky winners won a \$50 voucher to spend at Rebel Sport for participating in the Healthy Kids Fruit & Veg Month competition. Well Done Suzie!

Rowena



CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 30 November

CANTEEN CLOSED

Monday 3 December

Sally Browne

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.

You should have received your book of 15 tickets, if you haven't or would like more please contact the office. 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.

The P & C meeting is on tonight at 6p.m. please come along and support your school.

Thank you

Susan Kerr

BUNNINGS RECYCLED CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who sent in recycled gear for the competition. We really have enough goodies at this stage except for the mesh bags – like the ones you get oranges in. All we need to do now is paint, glue and twist them into a work of art. Keep those ideas coming!

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.

LIBRARY

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

Mrs Bransgrove

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (8)

☺Wednesday 28 November	P & C Meeting
☺Friday 30 November	Reward Day

COMING EVENTS

☺Monday 10 December	Waste Show
☺Tuesday 11 December	Swimming Carnival
☺Friday 14 December	Reports go home
☺Monday 17 December	Presentation Night
☺Wednesday 19 December	Last day for students

ALERT

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA?

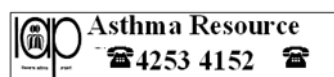
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT presentations for asthma increase dramatically when children return to school in February.

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.



BRIDGE BUILDERS

To achieve:

- Bronze bridge builder you will need 20 certificates. (Children receive a certificate plus a 50c canteen voucher.)
- Silver bridge builder you will need 1bronze plus 15 more awards.
- Gold bridge builder you will need 1bronze, 1 silver and 15 more awards. At this level children receive a book award. When children have collected enough certificates at each level they need to be handed in at the office. They are returned after the award is presented at the assembly.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

1 December - Emily Dillon

5 December - Levi Robinson

COMMUNITY NEWS

MUSIC TUITION AT FALLS CREEK SCHOOL



- Piano keyboard, recorder, flute, clarinet, alto saxophone and guitar
- Practical and theory
- Children and adults
- For leisure or exams

Contact Jennifer Hum **0402 176 933** or **44 410 471**

FOR SALE

- Baby Valco Tri-wheeler pram with infant seat plus Swiss stroller rider (3rd child seat) and more:
- Baby Walker
- Baby Portacot

Phone Sharon: **44 478 312**

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**

MERIT AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE ASSEMBLY IN WEEK 7

K/1	Evie Finch, Kiara Skinner and Suzie Harnwell.
2/3/4	Ashleigh Bloxsome, Ryan Browne, Saskia Christen and Zaliah Key.
5/6	Daynah Ullrich, Jack Pridham, Nigel Waldron and Kalindy Buckley.
Mr H	Eliana Macken, Vanessa Christen, Steven Blume and Ashleigh Sammut.

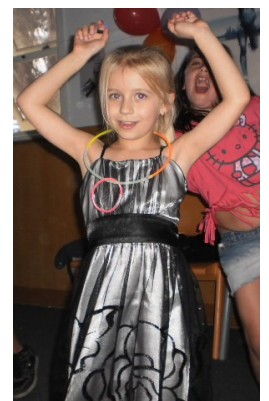
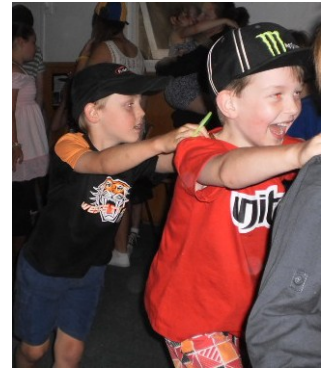
PLAYGROUND STARS WINNERS

Abbey Teall (2), Emily Bloxsome, Emily Dillon, Kalindy Buckley and Ashleigh Bloxsome.

BRIDGE BUILDER AWARDS

Nigel Waldron - Bronze and Gold
Saskia Christen - Bronze
Kalindy Buckley - Bronze and Gold
Daynah Ullrich - Silver
Ashleigh Sammut - Gold

Falls Creek School Disco





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Parent Survey on Homework

As part of our school's self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. With the school's consent, the information will be used to develop a picture of responses from across public schools in NSW. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary.

Circle the answer for the answer you agree with most.

Does your child do their homework each week?	yes	no		
Do you help your child with their homework?	yes	no		
How many hours a week does your child spend on their homework each week?				
Does your child have a table or desk at home where he/she can study and do their homework?	yes	no		

How could the school support you to help your child with their homework?



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Tick the box for the answer you agree with most.

	Almost Always	Usually	Some- times	Rarely
Does your child read regularly at home?				
Do you read to your child regularly?				
Does your child borrow home readers from the school?				
Do you feel comfortable to come into your child's classroom and help with reading?				

How could the school support you to help your child with their reading at home?



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Parent Satisfaction Survey

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Tick the box for the answer you agree with most.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child enjoys school.					
My child is making good progress.					
My child is safe and well cared for.					
Behaviour at the school is good.					
The school is well led and managed.					
The school listens to my child's views and concerns.					
The school seeks the views of parents/carers and takes accounts of their suggestions and concerns.					

List three areas that you think Falls Creek Public School does well.

List three areas where you believe the school could improve on current practice.

Thank you for completing the survey