



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As this newsletter goes home today our 2014 Kinder students have had their first orientation session. Their parents have also attended an information session about the school and our routines. Again, if you know of anyone else who has children ready to start school please ask them to contact us at school for more information. We have plenty of room for more students!!

Reward Day: The date has been set and the event finalised!! We are taking eligible students to the movies on Thursday 5 December to see a new release movie at the Roxy cinemas in Nowra. We will then walk to Marriott Park for lunch before returning to school. Notes will be sent home to eligible students in the next couple of weeks.

Bridge Opening: This was a very informal and low key affair yesterday. Thank you to those parents who could make the 'opening'. There is a photo on the back page of the newsletter. Our students were very well mannered and polite (as I know they always are)! We also walked down to the bridge and back very well, despite the muddy verges due to the recent weather. And, most importantly, we made it back to school before the thunder storm!!

Year 5 Leadership Day: Please make sure notes are in by next Tuesday as many of us will be at camp after that! The excursion is on the Monday following the camp.

Camp: It's getting closer!! Please remember to return your notes regarding transport to the sport and rec centre. We will need to work out travel arrangements on Monday.

PARS: I have a meeting with the Director, Public Schools on Friday for my Principal Assessment Review Schedule (PARS). We will be discussing a range of issues, including plans for 2014. This is an annual event to ensure that the school is running efficiently.

Library borrowing: All library books will need to be returned to school by the end of Week 8 so that our annual stocktake can take place. The last week of borrowing will be next week. An invoice for lost books will be sent home so that we can replace them so please have a good look around at home for school library books.

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

Nicole

K/1/2

The class welcomed the new Kinder children for 2014 into the room today. The new Kinders spent time with Mrs Cullen and the class, getting to learn about some of the things we do at school.

We have been observing the class tadpoles as they grow and change into frogs, but there hasn't been much change yet!!

In maths we have been learning about mass and discussing how some smaller objects (such as rocks/pebbles) can weigh more than larger objects (such as a container full of air).

Years 1 and 2 are learning about words that contain 'oa' and Kinder have impressed me with their work in

our phonics lessons – they are all hearing and recording sounds in words extremely well. We will stop home reader borrowing at the end of Week 9. All students will have a home reader at home so please have a look for it and return it. A donation of \$5 will be asked for if books are lost or misplaced so that we can replace them.

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

Nicole

2/3/4 NEWS

Our dictations and spelling tests continue to challenge each Friday.

The classroom list of shops where we buy goods and services is growing. The children will be asking you to identify where you shop and even why you chose that shop - convenience, service, quality of goods etc. This will be their homework activity this week with their spelling words. Quite a few children also have past sheets to catch up on.

Each child has taken home one of our new readers. Thank you for encouraging your child to read, asking them questions about the story and returning the book.

School Library borrowing is about to finish for the year so hunt up all those overdue books and return them so you can borrow one last time.

Keep In Touch

Lyn

5/6 NEWS

This week in maths we are working with negative numbers and identifying their everyday uses. This Thursday at assembly 5/6 are performing an informative play based on the Eureka Stockade. Mr Lalor will be away next week so Ms Porteous will be taking the class from the beginning of the week before being joined by Miss Humphreys at the Berry Sport and Rec camp.

Thank You

Dion and Susan

MRS CULLEN

This week in health lessons we have been focusing upon our individual personal strengths and likes. The children have been identifying activities that they participate in that they love and skills they feel that they are strong in.

Next week, all of the classes will be introduced to a unit of work based on social skills. The lessons will focus on ways to deal and handle areas such as disagreements, sharing, problem solving and cooling down techniques.

Also, I'd like to pass on a **BIG** pat on the back to the students in year 5/6. The sensible and mature approach that they have recently been displaying during Personal Development lessons has impressed me. Well done!

Recreational Screen Time and Health

Children spend more time in front of screens than any other activity apart from sleeping.

Research shows that children who spend over 2 hours in front of screens each day are more likely to be overweight, are less physically active, drink more sugary drinks, eat more 'sometimes' foods and have fewer social interactions. Try to limit your child's recreational screen time to 2 hours a day.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District



P & C NEWS

We are having a Christmas hamper raffle this year to be drawn at the Presentation Evening on Monday 9 December. Please send any donations into the office.

Our next P & C meeting is Thursday 28 November at 6p.m. All welcome!

CANTEEN NEWS

MEAL DEALS

- Dinosnacks (6) & salad with juice or bottled water **\$6**
or
- Fish fingers (3) & salad with juice or bottled water **\$5**

We also have frozen yogurts, plain or flavoured milk, smoothies, orange, apple & ABC juices great for hot days. For snacks there are rice crackers and pop corn.

New summer menu on the school website or at canteen.

Rowena



CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 15 November James Duke

Monday 18 November Cathy Luscombe

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

could those parents / carers who have not returned their child's updated medical form, return them to me at the office ASAP as all information needs to be recorded onto our system. Forms are available on the school website or at the office.

Thank you

Karen Morison

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2014

If you have a child or know of someone in the area who would like to enrol their child at Falls Creek School in 2014 please contact the office.



WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (6)

☺ Wednesday 13 November

☺ Thursday 14 November

Kindy Orientation

Assembly 2 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

☺ Tuesday 19 November

☺ Wednesday 20 November

☺ Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 November

☺ Thursday 28 November

☺ Monday 12 December

Nowra High School - Orientation Day

Kindy Transition

Berry Sport & Recreation Camp

P & C Meeting 6p.m.

Presentation Evening

THE OFFICIAL BRIDGE OPENING



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer

I wish to inform you that a student in our school is currently receiving treatment for cancer. As cancer is not a contagious disease, he participates actively in the day to day school program without any major limitations.

A major concern, however, is that if this student develops measles, chickenpox or whooping cough he can become seriously ill. I seek your co-operation in preventing this situation.

If your child has or may have measles, chickenpox or whooping cough, I would ask that you please:

1. DO NOT send them to school.
2. You notify the school as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Nicole Humphreys