



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

TALKABOUT

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Term 4 - Week 7

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Years 5/6 Camp: As you read this Talkabout thirteen students from Years 5 and 6, Mrs Porteous and myself are having loads of fun at Berry Sport and Rec!! We will be home on Friday afternoon (and I know I will need a big sleep!!!!). We know all students will have fun and show the other schools in attendance what great kids they are.

Reward Day: This is planned for Wednesday 5 December. Eligible students will be given a note on Wednesday of next week. There will be no cost to parents.

Surveys: Attached to this edition of Talkabout are two parent surveys. While voluntary, I ask that you complete and return these surveys to school. All returns are confidential and I do not ask for names at all on the surveys. One survey is about parent's satisfaction with the school and the other is about our student welfare policy.

I value parent feedback and try to incorporate suggestions into school planning and policies. We can only write new policies that reflect the needs and thoughts of all stakeholders if we receive feedback from parents, students and the community. We are rewriting our Student Welfare Policy in 2014 and I would like it to reflect the thoughts of as many people as possible.

Presentation Evening: Planning for this night is well under way. Students will be performing musical items on the night. Our State and Federal members, Shelley Hancock and Ann Sudmalis, have also been invited and we have already been informed that they or their representatives will be present on the night to present some awards. Gareth Ward will also be presenting an award on the night.

Reports: While these don't go home for a while I would like to recognise the hard work that all teachers have been doing to write these reports. All teachers have given up some of their weekends to write their comments and provide our students with comprehensive and accurate reports.

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 this 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.

Home Reading Program: This will finish at the end of week 9. Please have a look at home for any home readers. Most students will have a home reader at home so please have a look for it and return it to school. 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 problems or concerns.

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

I am off to camp so Ms Cullen is going to take the class until Friday. I know everyone will have lots of fun!!! Everything will run as normal while I am away and Ms Cullen knows the students very well.

Kinder Orientation: This is on again today and there will be some extra students joining the class after lunch! I know everyone is going to have so much fun.

Mr Patterson finishes his time with us on Friday. We have enjoyed having him in the class and everyone will be sad to see him go. I wish him well in his future studies as he continues his teaching degree.

Don't forget to look for those library books and home readers and bring them back to school!!

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Nicole

2/3/4 NEWS

We have had an upside down week. Our spelling test was on Monday. This week is a revision week and children compiled their own list from their story writing, journals and tests. They have typed out the lists and will be doing individual tests on Friday.

We need shopping brochures for our unit on "Who will buy?" so please don't recycle them this week send them in to school.

Keep In Touch

Lyn

5/6 NEWS

This is a short week in 5/6 due to camp. In maths we have been revising addition and subtraction strategies. In English we are continuing with reviewing children's literature.

Homework resumes week 8.

Thank You

Dion and Susan

MRS CULLEN

This week we have started our social skills unit. Each class are now starting their Health lessons by sharing another student's personal strengths to the class (i.e. personality, positive behaviour, strengths in a subject or their 'hidden' talents). We have also discussed what being a friend 'looks like, sounds like and

feels like'.

Did you know...?

One kilogram of muscle is 30% smaller than one kilogram of fat. The human body has 650 muscles, which help you move and be active.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District



Holly Weyman's book review of John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat

John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat was written by Jenny Wagner and illustrated by Ron Brooks. This book was awarded the Picture Book of the Year award in 1977 in Australia. It is a children's book published by Picture Puffin.

I find this book delightfully sweet with expert illustrations. The author has really thought about the hidden moral of this story, which I believe to be about sharing.

Rose and her dog, John Brown, are happily living out their existences when one night, Rose sees something in the garden. John Brown pretends to not see it because he knows it's the Midnight Cat. Naturally, since dogs hate cats, John Brown doesn't want the cat there but Rose loves it and wants John Brown to let it inside. Unfortunately Rose gets sick, and we discover that it's not John Brown that makes her better.

I think this book is thoughtfully written and aimed at younger children. I would recommend this to children 7 years old and younger.

SPORTS NEWS

The Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 3 December at the Bay & Basin Leisure Centre. Permission notes will be sent home next week. We would appreciate any helpers on the day, if you are able to help out please contact the office.

Dion Lalor

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

Canteen helpers are invited to a get together on Thursday 28 November at 12pm. Cathy Luscombe has kindly offered her house in Hames Rd, Parma as the venue. Could you please bring a plate of food to share.

RSVP Cathy **4447 8647** or Rowena **0458 099314**.

The canteen has a summer menu out now, some of the winter items eg. garlic bread, hash browns and LOL's are no longer available. Meal deals, super salads and chicken burgers are just a few items on the new menu. The summer menu is available from the canteen or on the school website.

Falls Creek school canteen is a member of the Healthy Kids Ass. Our canteen is run by 100% volunteers and is committed to providing healthy and nutritious food at reasonable prices. *Rowena*

MEAL DEALS



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



CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 22 November Jason Elliott

Monday 25 November Jacqui Finch

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (7)

☺Wednesday 20 November	Kindy Transition
☺Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 November	Berry Sport & Recreation Camp

NEXT WEEK

☺Monday 25 November	Year 5 Leadership Day
☺Wednesday 27 November	Kindy Transition
☺Thursday 28 November	Assembly 2p.m. P & C Meeting 6p.m.

COMING EVENTS

☺Tuesday 3 December	Swimming Carnival
☺Wednesday 4 December	Thank you Morning Tea
☺Thursday 5 December	Reward Day
☺Monday 9 December	Presentation Evening
☺Wednesday 11 December	Talent Quest
☺Friday 13 December	Reports sent home
☺Wednesday 18 December	Students LAST DAY
☺Friday 20 December	Staff LAST DAY



Talent Show



Date: Wednesday 11th December

Time: 1:40 pm

Location: COLA



* For more information please contact Ms Cullen



Class 5/6 enjoyed a visit from NRL player Shaun Timmins last week.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE GREAT TOY GRAB!!!

It's on again! The Great Toy Grab will be held on December 7 and local schools and preschools/day care centres have the chance to *win* a share in \$800 worth of Stockland and Kmart Nowra gift cards. Simply encourage students to fill out as many coupons as they can and put them into the barrel located near Kmart, ensuring that they have nominated your school on the form. Coupons can be found in the South Coast Register every Monday, Wednesday and Friday between November 4 and December 6. Winners (schools) of the gift vouchers are randomly drawn from the barrel so the more entries you have the bigger the chance of winning.

SHOALHAVEN YOUTH ORCHESTRA *Tuning In!*

Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra is accepting enrolments for its 2014 music education program! We aim to give children a positive start into the world of music. Help your child develop cognitive, social, fine and gross motor skills in a non-competitive environment!

Tuning In Toddlers (2-3 year olds) \$90 per term

Tuning In 4 & 5s (4-5 year olds) \$110 per term

Tuning In K-1 (Kindergarten and Year 1) \$120 per term

Tuning In Choir (Years 2-5) \$120 per term

To receive more information, please email Liz Dolan at syorchestra.pmp@gmail.com

IT'S TIME TO TRADE IN YOUR DOLLARMITES TOKENS FOR A REWARD.

If you have been saving this year with School Banking and collecting your silver Dollarmites tokens, then now is the time to redeem them for a reward before you miss out. You need to use your tokens before the end of Term 4 as you will not be able to use them next year.

Once you have chosen the reward item(s) you would like to receive, complete the coupon on your rewards card and take it, along with your 10 tokens per reward, to school with your next School Banking deposit.



Important: Our Dollarmites Moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year. Some rewards are in limited supply and are on a "while stocks last" basis.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.



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



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Parent Satisfaction Survey

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. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary.

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.



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School Welfare Policy Survey – Parents

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. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary.

In 2014 we will be looking at the current Student Welfare Policy and updating it to reflect the current DEC policies as well as recognising the needs of our current students. The current policy was written in 2003 and needs to be changed to reflect current practices.

To assist us in writing a policy that reflects the needs of all, I ask that you take the time to complete this survey.

1. What are the Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) values at Falls Creek PS?

2. What do you know about the reward and award system for Falls Creek PS?

What do you like about this system?

What don't you like about this system?

3. What do you know about the discipline system for Falls Creek PS?

What do you like about this system?

What don't you like about this system?

4. Do you know what the school's Code of Conduct is?

If so, what do you think of it?

When should students recite it?

5. Do you like the idea of reward days? When should they occur?

6. Are there any other comments you would like to make?
