



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

TALKABOUT

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Term 4 - Week 8

Wednesday 27 November 2013

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Swimming Carnival: This is to be held next Tuesday, 3 December at the Bay and Basin Pool. Notes were sent home yesterday to the eldest child in the family. We are expecting that all students will attend. There will be activities for younger students while Primary students are racing in the larger pool. There will be minimal supervision for students at school on the day.

We are hoping that many parents that come and watch will also be able to help out with marshalling and time keeping on the day. We unfortunately do not have enough staff to do all of these jobs and need some help. Even if you can only help for a small amount of time we would be grateful.

Please return notes and money as soon as possible.

Reward Day: Note will go home tomorrow for eligible students. We are going to watch a new release movie (it is being released the day we attend) and I am keeping it a secret from the students. There is no cost to parents for this day. Please return the notes as soon as possible.

Students who are not eligible to attend will stay at school with a teacher and follow a normal day of learning.

Principal Classification: The DEC has put a proposal to teachers for a new salaries agreement. Part of this agreement includes a reclassification of teaching principals to a leading teacher and that a Principal of a larger school would have ultimate control over small schools and their running. I will be discussing this matter further with parents at tomorrow night's P&C meeting. I hope many of you can attend to discuss this issue.

P&C Meeting: This is to be held tomorrow, Thursday 28 November at 6.00pm. We will be meeting in the 5/6 room. Children will be able to play in the K/1/2 room.

5/6 Excursion: Last week Ms Porteous and I and 13 Year 5 and 6 students attended Berry Sport and Rec for 3 days. We had a great time and I took many photos. I am endeavouring to upload some photos to the school website as soon as possible. All students were well behaved and seemed to have a great time. Our instructor, Matt, told me at the end of the camp how impressed he was at how well the students worked together. Well done, everyone.

Moscow Circus: The Moscow Circus is coming to Nowra in January. We have been given 7 free student tickets to give away. I have decided to run a trivia giveaway and the first correct entry for each year (Kinder, Yr 1, 2 and so on) will receive the free ticket. Look for the questions and entry forms at the end of the newsletter.

Library borrowing: All library books will need to be returned to school by the end of this week so that our annual stocktake can take place. Overdue notices were sent home with students yesterday with the books still not returned listed. 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. Thank you to those students who have already returned their 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. A donation of \$5 will be asked for if books are lost or misplaced so that we can replace them.

School Surveys: Don't forget to return the school surveys, we have included them in the newsletter again this week. They are also available on the school website

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

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

We are very tired and emotional in K/1/2 and looking forward to the holidays!! Don't forget to return library books and home reading will finish next week. Homework will also finish next week.

We have our last session with the new Kinders this afternoon and we've all had fun. Thank you to the class for helping our new students feel comfortable and welcome.

We are starting to do some revision in all areas this week, with a focus on working together in games and developmental play.

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

Nicole

2/3/4 NEWS

Christmas is fast approaching - we're even down to counting the number of sleeps! We have plenty of brochures now, so thank you. Many children have loved looking through them and choosing presents, not the idea but apparently they don't see many catalogues.

The individual spelling lists last week went well. This week we have a new list of activities for spelling words. The children only have to choose three this time. Last week we read an explanation of why plants need water and we are following it up with an experiment. Celery, food dye and water, the possibilities are endless!

Keep In Touch

Lyn

5/6 NEWS

Welcome back 5/6 campers! What a wonderful time we had at the Berry Sport and Recreation Centre and wasn't the weather kind to us. Your exemplary behaviour and great sportsmanship over the three days was noted by instructors and staff alike. Well done Stage 3! We will be revising mathematic topics that we have covered this year based on student needs and interests. A movie will be selected for next week to allow students to write a movie review coinciding with our text type.

Thank You

Dion and Susan

Killalea Review

On Monday Year 5 went to Killalea for the Year 5 Leadership Day. It was really fun and we got split up into groups. We did lots of activities like setting up a tent blind folded, looking for 3 different birds and making soup out of leaves and water, which was really hard. After we did the activities we did some circus tricks and we all made some new friends.

By Jade Waghorn

MS CULLEN

This week we are continuing with our social skills unit.

How much water do children need?

The amount of water that children need varies between individual children. The older the child, the more fluid they need. Children should drink approximately 1-1½ litres of fluid a day.

Children will need more when they are physically active and on hot and humid days.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District



SPORTS NEWS

This week concludes our soccer skills workshop with the Shoalhaven Coaching Director Mark Johnston. Students improved their skills whilst enjoying Mark's games and his expertise. Thank you Mark. Our School Swimming Carnival is to be held on Tuesday 3 December. All students are expected to attend this event. There will be races for students of all ages ranging from 15m to the 200m medley events. We are seeking parent helpers to assist us in time keeping and recording. If you able to offer your assistance on the day, could you please complete and return the appropriate information on the student permission note.

Thanking you for your assistance and cooperation

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 tomorrow night 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 Association. 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 29 November Rowena Robinson
Monday 2 December Sharon Kubinyi



WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (8)

☺Wednesday 27 November	Kindy Transition
☺Thursday 28 November	Assembly 2p.m. P & C Meeting 6p.m.

NEXT WEEK

☺Tuesday 3 December	Swimming Carnival
☺Wednesday 4 December	Thank you Morning Tea
☺Thursday 5 December	Reward Day

COMING EVENTS

☺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

Shoalhaven High School Information Evening

For parents/carers and students coming to Year 7 in 2014

Wednesday December 4th 2013 4.30 – 6.00pm

Shoalhaven High School Hall, 60 Park Road NOWRA

- Come along and find out about the school
- Start the learning journey your child will be on with us from 2014 to HSC Year 2019
- Meet your child's Year Adviser who will help guide your child through the next six years
- Find out about uniforms, timetables, school values and more
- Learn about why we are proud to teach at Shoalhaven High School


Our range of courses provides a rigorous academic suite of custom programs to suit university candidates, as well as courses that cater for early career starters, trade and practical options.




For more information please call the SHS Transition Coordinator Duncan Nisbet on **4421 8022**

COMMUNITY NEWS

South Coast Institute of Performing Arts Presents



A night of timeless characters and stories



South Coast Institute of Performing Arts
Annual End of Year Showcase
Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre
1st December, 2013

SKATEBOARD HUBS SOUTH COAST

SHOALHAVEN SKATEBOARDING
SUMMER 2013/14

COME AND CHECK OUT SOME AWESOME SKATEBOARDING EVENTS THIS SUMMER WITH SKATEBOARDING AUSTRALIA. SKATEBOARDS AND HELMETS PROVIDED IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE!

SUN 8TH DEC
NOWRA SKATEPARK
STREETWISE LEARN TO SKATE
1-3PM

SUN 12TH JAN
ULLADULLA SKATEPARK
STREETWISE LEARN TO SKATE
1-3PM

FREE EVENTS

REGISTRATIONS REQUIRE PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND EVENT UPDATES, VISIT SBA.ORG.AU/HUBS

NO WHISTLES NO BOUNDARIES

#SBA2014

Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission


PROTEC
Creative and Performance

Shoalhaven City Council


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.




Headphones




Calculator



Moneyboxes



Hand Ball



Knuckles

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.

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Moscow Circus Ticket Giveaway

Name:

Class:

The first correct entry received for each year will win a free student pass to the Moscow Circus. Answers and winners will be announced in next week's Talkabout.

Trivia questions:

1. What colour is Miss Humphreys' car? _____
2. What is the motto of Falls Creek PS? _____
3. Who looks after the students when they are sick? _____
4. Name five people in K/1/2. _____
5. Name Miss Humphreys' favourite colour. _____ (Hint: She has 2 favourite colours)



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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?



K/1/2 & 5/6 Learning Together

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