



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

TALKABOUT

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Term 4 - Week 10

Wednesday 11 December 2013

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This will be our last edition of Talkabout for 2013. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy and prosperous new year. I hope you all enjoy the Christmas period with family and friends and stay safe over this time as well.



The last day of school for students for 2013 is next Wednesday, 18 December.

Students in Years 1 - 6 resume school on Wednesday 29 January, 2014 and Kindergarten starts school on Thursday 30 January, 2014.

Driving around schools: I would like to remind all parents and carers that during the times of 8.00am – 9.30am and 2.30 – 4.00pm school speed zones operate. The speed zone is 40km/h. This law is in place to ensure that all students are able to enter and leave the school grounds in a safe manner. If drivers do not follow these laws, then penalties will be applied.

Parents and carers are also reminded that they must use the turn around bay at the southern end of Vidler Road. U-turns are illegal and council rangers and police patrol the area and will book speeding cars and others not following the laws.

The school and its staff will do everything in its power to ensure the safety of our students. One of these measures is that all students must be collected by a parent/carers so that they are crossing the road with an adult.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter as we work together to ensure all students arrive and leave school safely.

Presentation Evening: Well done to our school leaders, Holly Finch, Brody Key, Dotty Luscombe and Nigel Waldron who acted as hosts on the Monday night. They did a great job speaking in front of so many people and are a credit to the school.

I would also like to thank Ms Bonnie Cullen for her work with the students on the musical items. They all performed beautifully and much of that was down to the many practices and rehearsals the students had. Ms Cullen often came in on the days she did not work to run rehearsals and ensure the students were ready.

Talent Quest: This was held this afternoon and I know everyone had a good time! Well done to all who performed.

Reports: These will go home on Friday, addressed to parents in sealed envelopes. Students will be told not to open them before they give them to their parents.

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

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

Home reading and homework are finished for the year. Please make sure you have returned all home readers lying around at home. Notes will be sent home with the outstanding book your child has not returned.

We are very busy making some Christmas craft for the tree and finishing off work in the classroom. I will be sending all work, books and booklets home next week with students. Please send a 'strong' plastic bag in with your child to put these in.

We will have a games day next Wednesday so if your child would like to bring in a board game or similar to play they may do so. Please make sure that your child's name is on the game so that it can go home. We will do everything possible to ensure pieces are not lost.

We will also have a class party on this day. I will send home individual notes by Friday of what your child can bring in to share. Food to share would be things like chips, cup cakes and fruit. I want to keep it as lolly free as possible!!!

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

Nicole

2/3/4 NEWS

Thank you to Ms Cullen for teaching the songs to my class and making them look fantastic on Presentation Night.

Thank you to all the parents for 'encouraging' the completion of homework.

Merry Christmas

Have a happy and safe holiday

Lyn

5/6 NEWS

This is our last newsletter for the year and what a happy note to conclude on. A mighty thank you to Mrs Willis, Mrs Luscombe, Mrs Finch, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Harrington for providing transport for our wonderful 5/6 students so they can celebrate at the Shoalhaven City Lanes. Mr Lalor and Ms Porteous would like to wish all students and families a happy and safe Christmas. Good luck at high school Year 6. We will miss you all but it's now time to move and SHINE.

Thank You

Dion and Susan

MS CULLEN

This week we have continued our social skills activities. The focus this week is how to join in and play with others. 5/6 have been reflecting upon memorable positive moments that they have experienced throughout 2013. K/1/2 are also exploring some Christmas songs. I hope everyone has a fantastic holiday break!

Tempting Taste Buds

Some children (and adults) dislike vegetables. However, vegetables are an important food group. Some ideas to tempt reluctant vegetable eaters include:

- * Disguising them by blending or mashing them and adding them to soups, stews or sauces
- * Offer them raw – lots of kids prefer crunchy vegetables rather than cooked ones
- * Make vegetables into shapes using a small biscuit cutter – you may not do this every day but it is fun occasionally.
- * Involve children in preparing or growing the vegetables. This increases their familiarity and willingness to try new vegetables
- * Serve cut up vegetables with salsa, dips, cottage cheese or salad dressing
- * Mix mashed potatoes with mashed pumpkin or sweet potato



Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

P & C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas raffle. Congratulations to the winners: Judy Wyatt, Kathy Teall, Suzi Harnwell x 2, Nicholah Staader, Lakota Ullrich and The Willis family.

COMMUNITY NEWS

National Parks and Wildlife Service

Program Summary January 2014

Thu 2 WilderQuest Forest Flyers | Seven Mile Beach
WilderQuest Sand Sculptures & Sea Stories | Depot Beach
Fri 3 The Art of Botany | Fitzroy Falls Visitor Centre
Sat 4 Welcome Back Wanda | Lady Denman Twilight Markets Huskisson
Mon 6 WilderQuest Bug Detectives | Macquarie Pass National Park
Tue 7 WilderQuest Bundanoon's Brilliant Butterflies | Morton National Park
Thu 9 WilderQuest Forest Flyers | Seven Mile Beach & Depot Beach
WilderQuest Rockpool Treasures | Seven Mile Beach
Forests Alive at Night | Depot Beach
Fri 10 Insectus the Bug Man | Fitzroy Falls Visitor Centre
Every Rock Tells a Story | Conjola National Park
Sat 11 Nature's Stories – Photographing Orchids | Jervis Bay National Park

Mon 13 WilderQuest Bug Detectives | Dharawal National Park
Tue 14 Every Rock Tells a Story | Seven Mile Beach National Park
Thu 16 Look Our Way – Koori Women's Walk | Dharawal National Park

WilderQuest Rockpool Treasures | Depot Beach
Fri 17 Nature's Stories – Bird? What Bird? | Fitzroy Falls Visitor Centre
Sat 18 Traditional Weaving Workshop | Lady Denman, Huskisson
Tue 21 Nature's Stories – Bird? What Bird? | Barren Grounds NR
Wed 22 Every Rock Tells a Story | Murrumbidgee National Park
Thu 23 Forests Alive at Night | Depot Beach
Fri 24 Traditional Weaving Workshop | Fitzroy Falls Visitor Centre
Every Wednesday of the school holidays:
WilderQuest Meet the Ranger | Minnamurra Rainforest Centre
Every Saturday of the school holidays:
Bunada Jerra Lali | Bomaderry Creek Regional Park
Boomerangs & Bushtucker | Lady Denman Huskisson

For National Parks and Wildlife Service
general information phone: 1300 361 967

Places are limited, so please phone and book in:

For more Discovery activities across NSW visit:

www.nationalparks.nsw.gov

CANTEEN NEWS

There are only two more canteen days for 2013, on Monday, our last day for the year the canteen is selling some home made Christmas treats, as well as our usual menu.

A huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers and helpers in the canteen for 2013. Without your valued time and help the canteen would not be as successful as it is. The children at Falls Creek appreciate your time and smiling faces.

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas.

Rowena



CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 13 December James Duke

Monday 16 December Cathy Luscombe

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE STUDENTS & STAFF CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY IN DECEMBER

1 December

Emily Dillon

5 December

Levi Robinson

12 December

Holly Finch

15 December

Occy Schofield

17 December

Miss Humphreys

18 December

Sam Ramsay

25 December

Mrs Brown

31 December

Lachlan Flear & Mrs Morison

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (9)

☺Wednesday 11 December

Talent Quest

☺Thursday 12 December

5/6 End of Year Excursion

☺Friday 13 December

Reports sent home

NEXT WEEK

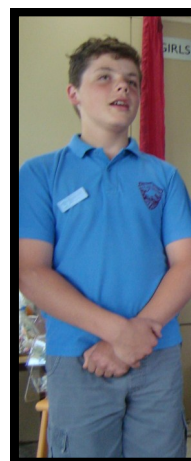
☺Wednesday 18 December

Students LAST DAY

☺Friday 20 December

Staff LAST DAY

Presentation Night



CONGRATULATIONS go to Hayley Williams and Tony Burch on the safe arrival of beautiful Kalira on Sunday 8 December. We were lucky enough to have a visit from them this morning and have a cuddle. Chadwick is a very proud BIG brother. Wishing you all the best and not too many sleepless nights.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014

Term 1: Wednesday 29 January - Friday 11 April

Term 2: Tuesday 29 April - Friday 27 June

Term 3: Tuesday 15 July - Friday 19 September

Term 4: Tuesday 7 October - Wednesday 17 December



Reward Day

