



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

TALKABOUT

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Term 4 - Week 9

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are drawing ever closer to the end of this school year. The last day for students is Wednesday 18 December. All students are expected to attend until this day.

Swimming Carnival: We had a great day at the pool yesterday. Every student had a go at a race – some even went in every race!! It was great to see so many parents there with us – thank you to those parents who helped with timekeeping – James Duke, Linda Willis, Melinda Phelps, Rowena Robinson, Rochelle Flear, Sue Dillon and Jacqui Finch. Thank you to Tanya Wallace for sharing some yummy morning tea with staff!!

The teachers and I commented yesterday on the great behaviour of our students throughout the whole day – even when trying to listen over the aquaerobics class!! Everyone enjoyed the free time in the pool at the end of the day as well.

Thank you to Mr Lalor for all his work in organising the carnival.

Retirement: Mr John Holschier announced to me yesterday that he has decided to retire from teaching. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his work at Falls Creek Public School over the years and wish him well in his retirement.

Classes for 2014: As I mentioned at last week's P&C meeting our projected enrolment of student's means that we may lose a class next year. We also lose administration time in the office and library as a result. If you know of any families who have just moved into the Falls Creek PS catchment area please ask them to come and see the school about enrolling their children with us. We are 2 students short of the required number to keep the third class.

Class structures will be as follows:

K/1/2 – taught by myself and Ms Susan Porteous

2 x 3 – 6 classes to be taught by Lyn Brown and Mr Dion Lalor

It is hoped that this structure will remain for the whole of the year but if we lose a class then the structure and makeup of the classes will have to change in Term 1. Mr Holschier's position will not be filled permanently until we are certain about numbers.

Parent Thank You Morning Tea: This was held today and it was great to see that so many parents and

volunteers were able to make it.

On behalf of the staff and students of Falls Creek PS I would like to thank all parents, carers, grandparents who help the school out with sporting events and excursions by transporting students to venues and helping out with jobs at the carnivals. We appreciate the support and know that without your help we would not be able to offer our students the opportunities we can.

I would also like to thank those parents who have been able to help out in the classroom, particularly mine, this year. Your support has allowed the students to develop their reading and maths skills and allowed me to work with small groups of students for some individualised support.

Finally, thank you to all of those parents who help out with canteen duties. Without your volunteering, we would not be able to have a canteen operating. Our students love to buy from the canteen or get a lunch order (and so do the teachers!!)

Reward Day: This is to be held tomorrow. Eligible students were given a note last week. Please make sure you return this note to school by Thursday morning so that your child can attend.

Several students have asked about buying popcorn and drinks while at the movies. We have decided that students ***will not be allowed*** to purchase anything from the candy bar. They can bring snacks from home to eat during the movie. We will be eating lunch at Marriott Park – weather permitting.

Presentation Evening: Don't forget this is next Monday night at 6.00pm. All students receive an award and are performing on the night. Students are expected to wear summer uniform.

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

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

We all had great fun at the carnival yesterday and almost everyone swam at least 10 metres in the big pool!!

Home Readers will finish on Friday so please make sure your child returns their reader on Friday.

We are going to be writing letters to Santa this week and we will post them as well. I will make sure the home addresses of all students are included so that their letter from Santa will arrive in your mail.

Reading groups and Maths groups finish this week. Thank you to those parents who have been helping out – Mrs Wilson, Mrs Finch, Jason Elliott and Mrs Partridge.

This is the last week of homework as well. Please make sure your child returns it on Friday and I'll mark it over the weekend.

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

Nicole

2/3/4 NEWS

Thank you to my class for behaving beautifully yesterday and participating in so many events.

Our prize draw winners were: 1st Lachlan, 2nd Khe-Sanh and equal 3rd Sam and Rheya.

Spelling will be in class this week as there was such a poor response to homework.

We're starting Christmas activities!!

Keep In Touch

Lyn

5/6 NEWS

This is our last week of homework which is due on Monday 9 December. Check out the camp comments on page 5 of Talkabout.

Thank You

Dion and Susan

MS CULLEN

This week during social skill lessons we are looking at different ways to 'cool down' by exploring positive calming strategies. All of the classes are also busy having final rehearsals for their singing items for the presentation night assembly.

Be Healthy – Be Active

Children and adults need physical activity every day. Activity helps build stronger bones, muscles, joints and helps maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity can also reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District



SPORTS NEWS

Our School Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday. We had a very successful day with lots of events. Well done to the Kangaroos who were house champions on the day (but only just). Congratulations to all students whose participation was absolutely fantastic on the day and students were rewarded with an extra long free time in the pool as well as free passes on the water slide (thank you Bay and Basin Leisure Centre). An especially big thank you to all the parents who assisted on the day, without your help and assistance this event would not run as smoothly as it did.

Thanking you

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. Thank you to everyone who has sent in donations, we are still accepting them at the office.

Raffle tickets went home with the children on Monday, so check their bags. We have a few more books available from the office.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to Cathy for her hospitality last Thursday for our canteen get together, it was very pleasant sitting out on the veranda. Owners required - two clip lock containers from the movie night possibly had cup cakes in them. Phone me and I will send them home [0458 099 314](tel:0458099314). The canteen has cool items for these hot days, frozen yogurts, quelch sticks, paddle pops. For lunch we have super salads, sandwiches, smoothies just to name a few. 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 6 December Rowena Robinson

Monday 9 December Jeanette Ardler



WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (9)

☺ Thursday 5 December

Reward Day

NEXT WEEK

☺ Monday 9 December

Presentation Evening

☺ Wednesday 11 December

Talent Quest

☺ Friday 13 December

Reports sent home

COMING EVENTS

☺ Wednesday 18 December

Students LAST DAY

☺ Friday 20 December

Staff LAST DAY

Camp Comments from 5/6 Students

Camp was really fun and a great adventure. I especially liked the biscuiting. Brody ☺

Camp was an extremely fun experience because I made new friends and I was challenged by the high ropes course. Annabelle

I thought camp was pretty average because the food wasn't that nice but I liked biscuiting and the adventure ropes course. Holly W

I thought that the camp was good but I didn't like the food that had fish in it. Daynah.

I really really really really really enjoyed camp because we had some great teamwork activities and mostly everyone made some new friends. The first day, I reckon was the best time of my entire life because we went biscuiting. I really loved being in the mature boys room. Dallas ☺☺☺☺☺

I thought it was the best three days of my life and my favourite thing was biscuiting and the night activities.

☺ ☺ ☺ Lachlan. W

Camp was fun because Falls Creek came first in the night activities. Levi.

Camp was **AWESOME!** I think biscuiting was by far the best activity. Also winning tabloid sports was fun because we beat 3 other schools. – Holly Finch

Camp was AWESOME and biscuiting was by far the best activity there. Lachlan Stuckey☺

I think the camp was pretty boring because none of the activities were challenging. Brett.

I think camp was fun but not very challenging. Jack.

Camp was one of the best 3 days of my life and my 3 favourite things were tabloid sports, challenge ropes & biscuiting. Dotty ☺☺☺

I think camp was fun because we had 3 days of watery adventure fun. Jake

Moscow Circus Ticket Giveaway

Trivia Questions and Answers

- 1.What colour is Miss Humphreys' car? [White](#)
- 2.What is the motto of Falls Creek PS? [Learning Together](#)
- 3.Who looks after the students when they are sick? [Mrs Morison](#)
- 4.Name five people in K/1/2. [Any of the 18 students](#)
5. Name Miss Humphreys' favourite colour. [Red and Navy Blue](#)

Our winners are:

Kinder – Archie Wilson

Year 1 – George Williams

Year 2 – Ty Fahey

Year 3 – no correct entries

Year 4 –

Year 5 – Jade Waghorn

Year 6 – Holly Finch

As there were no correct entries for Year 3 I have awarded the third person to drop an entry into the office last Thursday morning. That person is Emily Bloxsome of K/1/2.



Talent Show



Date: Wednesday 11th
December

Time: 1:40 pm

Location: COLA



* For more information please contact Ms Cullen



K/1/2 with their prizes for Fruit & Veg Month

SWIMMING CARNIVAL





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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?
