



## FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

# TALKABOUT

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**Term 4 - Week 2**

**Wednesday 15 October, 2014**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a week of wild weather we are having! This weather allows me to remind parents to clearly mark their child's jumpers and hats with their name so that they can be returned when misplaced.

**Attendance at school and absences:** It is vitally important that all students attend school daily. Parents can be prosecuted for not ensuring their children attend school. Having days off to celebrate birthdays or to help out at home are not valid reasons for students to be absent from school and we have to record these as unjustified absences.

DEC policy states that if your child is away for 2 consecutive days his/her teacher will ring you to ask why your child is not at school. We will be following this directive. If your child is absent it is important that you contact the school.

If we cannot reach you or the emergency contacts you have provided then I must contact the police and ask them to find / contact you and ask why your child has not been at school.

If you have any questions about this please contact the school for further information.

**School Planning Meetings:** The second meeting will be held this afternoon at 3.00pm. I hope to see some parents attending to discuss the future of our school.

**Kindergarten 2015:** We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten for 2015. If you have a child who will turn 5 before 31 July next year please come and see me to discuss the enrolment. Likewise, if you have a neighbour who has a child turning 5 next year please ask them to come and see the school for an enrolment package. Orientation Day will be on Tuesday 11 November at 1.30pm. Transition days will be on Tuesdays 11, 18 and 25 November at 1.30pm.

**Canberra Excursion:** This is fast approaching – we have 3 weeks to go!! Please remember that payments for the excursion must be finalised *by Friday 24 October* (next week!). Please return medical notes as soon as possible. The total cost of the excursion must be finalised for your child to attend. Student assistance is available – please contact the office.

**Swimming Carnival:** This will be held later this term at the Bay and Basin Leisure Centre. We are

trying to confirm dates at the moment. As soon as a date is finalised we will let you know.

**Reward Day:** This will be held later this term. Students who receive 3 or more behaviour slips in class or the playground will not be eligible to attend the reward day. We will be reminding students of this on a daily and weekly basis as we would like all students to attend the reward day. Plans are underway for the day – we are keeping it a surprise at this stage.

**Bushfire Season:** Falls Creek PS is once again on the DEC's Bushfire Register. This means that if there is a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating declared the school will cease operations on that day. All parents will be notified of this the afternoon before the school is to be closed. Further information about this is available on the school's website on the following link:

[www.fallscreek-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/rules-policies/bushfire-safety-information](http://www.fallscreek-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/rules-policies/bushfire-safety-information)

**Jump Rope for Heart:** All the sponsorship money has been tallied and we have raised just under \$1000.00. Well done everyone!, a great result for a small school.

Finally, I will be attending the annual Primary Principal's Association (PPA) Conference from Tuesday to Friday of next week in Sydney. There are a variety of speakers attending the conference, including the Federal Minister for Education. We will have an opportunity to discuss a range of issues with him.

My office day is on Friday so if you need to speak to me, please make an appointment for Friday or before or after school on any other day.

## K/2H NEWS

Homework was sent home this week. I look forward to marking it on the weekend.

This week in spelling we are looking at words that contain 'ang'. Years 1 and 2 are beginning to use a dictionary to find these words and write out their meanings. We still need a lot of practice!!

We are still not all exchanging our home readers each day. Please listen to your child read each night for no more than 5 to 10 minutes and get them to put their home reader straight in their bag. Many students tell me "Mum forgot to put my home reader in my bag" and I reply "It's not mum's home reader, it's yours so you should put it in your bag, not mum!" Please encourage them to do this and be responsible for their own learning and property.

In Maths we are looking at fractions: halves and quarters.

I will be away from Tuesday – Friday of next week so Mrs Robinson will be taking the class for that time. The class will be doing their usual activities and lessons.

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

*Nicole*

## 3/6B NEWS and 3/6L NEWS

In Maths this week we are learning more about fractions and decimals and are applying our mathematical knowledge to solve more complex problems. In English we have been practicing our drama by acting out Aboriginal Dreaming stories which students are finding most enjoyable. In addition students have also been continuing with their Literacy unit 'Rowan of Rin' with Ms Porteous. This week also sees the return of homework. Just a reminder that if students are having difficulty with their homework could they please bring it back to school so we can work through any difficulties.

*Susan Porteous and Dion Lalor*

## MS CULLEN

This week we have started to explore basic gymnastic skills and warm up activities. Unfortunately due to the weather, we have not been able to set up and use the fantastic new equipment outdoors. Hopefully next week! During Creative Arts the students are starting to learn some new songs to perform at presentation night and have been very creative designing a range of artwork that incorporates photography.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back for Term 4!! My apologies for not sending out the Term 4 menu last week, but here it is better late than never.☺

I'm happy to say that we have been able to once again secure some new brands and products, and in turn are able to offer some more price reductions. Along with that, there are some great new yummy lunches for the kids to try, and some new bonus deals to provide you with more value.

With summer just around the corner, I thought I would remind everyone that the P&C purchased some great big fridges earlier in the year, so don't forget that we can now pack some extra goodies in the kids lunchboxes without the worry of it spoiling in the heat, and have our water bottles nice and cool for some much needed hydration!!

Once again a big thankyou goes out to the dedicated canteen volunteers, Rowena, Jacqui and Jason. I look forward to working another term with you.

*Until next week, good eating to all.*

*Regards, James*



## CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 17 October

Jacqui Finch



# National Bandanna Day 2014

Friday 31 October.

Bandannas are \$4 each & Pens are \$3 each

(available from the office)

## CANBERRA EXCURSION

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

## WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

### THIS WEEK (2)

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| ☺Monday 13 October    | Planning Meeting with parents 5.00pm                        |
| ☺Tuesday 14 October   | Active After School Communities - Cricket                   |
| ☺Wednesday 15 October | Planning Meeting with parents 3.00pm                        |
|                       | <b>CANCELLED</b> Active After School Communities - Baseball |
| ☺Thursday 16 October  | Assembly 2.15pm   |

### NEXT WEEK (3)

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|-----------------------|--|
| ☺Tuesday 21 October   | Active After School Communities - Cricket  |
| ☺Wednesday 22 October | Active After School Communities - Baseball |
| ☺Thursday 23 October  | P & C Meeting 6pm                          |

### COMING EVENTS

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| ☺Friday 31 October               | National Bandanna Day                     |
|                                  | National Parks/Ranger visit (years 3 - 6) |
| ☺Wednesday 5 - Friday 7 November | Canberra Excursion (Year 4/5/6)           |
| ☺Tuesday 11 November             | Kinder Orientation 1.30pm                 |
| ☺Tuesday 18 November             | Kinder Transition 1.30pm                  |
| ☺Tuesday 25 November             | Kinder Transition 1.30pm                  |

# Happy Birthday!

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following students:

**Lachlan Stuckey - Thursday 2 October**  
**Addyson Abbott - Wednesday 15 October**  
**Khe-Sanh Duke - Monday 27 October**

## NORTA NORTA TUTOR for Term 4, 2014

### CASUAL EMPLOYMENT

#### POSITION REQUIREMENT:

Employment relates to NSW Department of Communities "Norta Norta Program for Aboriginal students in NSW schools". The focus of the program is to provide learning assistance to Primary students in key areas to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal students. The pay rate is \$52.64 per hour.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

Application should include a CV of no more than one page stating academic qualifications, employment history and DET approval to teach. In addition you will need to address the following criteria (no more than 2 pages).

- Successful teaching experience
- Evidence of well developed planning and resource management skills.
- Good communication and negotiation with teachers and students.
- Knowledge of and commitment to Aboriginal Policy and Programs, and working with Aboriginal students and communities.
- Understanding of educational implications for schools meeting the needs of students from low socio-economic communities.
- Two referees are required.

Contact Nicole Humphreys on 02 4447 8243 for further details.

**CLOSING DATE - 3.00pm Thursday 16 October, 2014**

# FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Canteen Menu Term 4 2014

## \$5 HEALTHY KIDS CHOICE COMBO's

1. Dino Snacks, Garden Salad & Water
2. Twister & Milk/Juice\*
3. Salad 1 or 2 & Milk/Juice\*
4. Chicken Salad Burger Milk/Juice\*
5. Ham Salad Roll Milk/Juice\*

\*Milk OR Juice\*

## Lunch Menu

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|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Tuna & Egg Salad            | \$4.00 |
| 2. Chicken Caesar Salad        | \$4.00 |
| 3. Chicken/salad burger...     | \$3.80 |
| 4. Chicken Twister.....        | \$3.80 |
| 5. Egg & lettuce Roll...       | \$3.20 |
| 6. Ham & Salad roll...         | \$3.80 |
| 7. Aussie Meat Pie...          | \$3.40 |
| 8. Homestyle Sausage Roll..... | \$3.20 |
| 9. Dino Snacks.....            | \$3.50 |
| 10. Chicken Toasty             | \$3.20 |
| 11. Ham Toasty..               | \$3.20 |

(Toasties have cheese and Tomato toasted on a bread roll)

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| Tomato/BBQ sauces | 30c |
| Brown Paper Bag   | 10c |

## DRINKS

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|-------------------------------------|--------|
| 100% Juice.....                     | \$2.00 |
| (Orange, Apple, Apple/Blackcurrant) |        |
| Up And Go.....                      |        |
| (Choc Ice/Strawberry)               | \$2.00 |
| Flavoured Milk.....                 |        |
| Moo Milk Choc/Strawberry)           | \$1.50 |
| Quench fruit Lemonade .....         | \$2.00 |
| Quench lemon/lime.....              | \$2.00 |
| Bottled Water .....                 | \$1.50 |

## SNACKS

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|--------------------------|------------|
| Muffins.....             | \$1.00     |
| Pop Corn .....           | 0.50c      |
| Grainwaves .....         | \$1.00     |
| Smith's Chips            | \$1.00     |
| Red Rock Deli Chips..... | \$1.00     |
| Fresh Fruit .....        | 0.50c each |

## COLD SNACKS

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Paddle Pops Choc/Rainbow  | \$1.50 |
| Frozen Yogurt .....       | \$1.70 |
| Mango or Strawberry       |        |
| Quelch Fruit Sticks ..... | 0.50c  |

PLACE ALL LUNCH ORDERS WITH CHILD'S CLASS NAME AND ORDER ONTO A PAPER LUNCH BAG IN THE LOCKED GREEN WOODEN BOX IN FRONT OF CANTEEN **BEFORE 9AM**

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 & nutritious food at reasonable prices.





## A FUN, ADVENTUROUS, OUTDOORSY VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The [Great Adventure Challenge](#) is an exciting, demanding and fun event. A multisport team-based corporate adventure race. It covers a range of activities from mountain biking, trail running, kayaking and coasteering. Teams are also confronted with mystery tasks, to test the boundaries of both brain and body. We would REALLY love your help please! Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles.

These include:

- Setting up the start of the event
- Putting up signs / bollards and bunting
- Directing competitors to parking areas
- Manning transition areas
- Managing competitors at the finish line

**Where?** This year's event is being held in Huskisson, Jervis Bay. The exact address will be confirmed closer to the time.

**When?** Saturday 25th October, from 6am - 5pm (if you can't commit to the whole day, shifts can be arranged). It's a big day and a busy one! You'll be given a goody bag with snacks and drinks to keep you going. You're also welcome to stay for the post-race meal after the event.

**What to wear?** Please wear your yellow Starlight shirt (provided on the day if you don't have one) and wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes as you'll be on your feet a lot. You'll be given a Max Adventure cap to wear on the day.

**Sounds great, how do I help?** Registrations are open via My Starlight (<https://my.starlight.org.au/my-starlight>) where you will need to create a profile (if you don't already have one). Once logged in, hover over **MY STARLIGHT**, scroll down and click on **EVENTS**. Then click on **GREAT ADVENTURE CHALLENGE** and select **READ MORE**. Once in the event profile select **I'M AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER**. If you have any problems or questions or would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Thank you!

**Helen Parker**

Volunteer Coordinator – National Events

Starlight Children's Foundation

t: (02) 8425 5950

[www.starlight.org.au](http://www.starlight.org.au)

## FOOTBALL NSW SOUTHERN BRANCH'S SKILLS ACQUISITION PROGRAM

Southern Branch Football Club is seeking boys and girls for its 2015 Skill Acquisition Program (SAP). SAP enables players to learn the skills of the games whilst being exposed to the best level of competition from across NSW. Trials are being held at South Nowra soccer fields on Sunday 19 and 26 October for 2015 Under 9s at 9am, U10s at 10.30am and U11s at 12pm.

To register for the 2015 SAP trials complete the online form at

<http://www.southernnswoffball.com.au/index.php?id=52>

Further details on the program can be obtained from Matthew Shepherd on **0419 925 006**.

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**Principal: Miss 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.

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.

**Thank you for completing the survey**



# FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## DIRECTIONS 2015-2017

Dear Parent

Presently we are considering the directions in which Falls Creek Public School will move over the next 3 year period. In order to determine this we are asking for your thoughts about what sort of student we are wanting to produce by the time he/she leaves the school and is ready to begin high school education. We are being very much guided by the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (available on the school's website). Basically this declaration is an agreed upon vision (amongst States and territories) for young Australians.

Below are 3 lists of statements taken from the Declaration. We ask that you choose the 3 statements from each section that you feel are most important to your child's learning and development by ticking in the boxes provided.

Nicole Humphreys and Staff

### SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS

By the time my child leaves Falls Creek Public School I would like him/her to: *(Tick 3 statements)*

Have the essential skills in literacy and numeracy

Be a productive user of technology

Be able to think deeply and logically

Be creative, innovative and resourceful, and a problem solver

Be able to work collaboratively, work in teams and communicate ideas

Be able to make sense of their world & think about how things have become the way they are

Be motivated to reach his/her full potential

### CONFIDENT AND CREATIVE INDIVIDUALS

By the time my child leaves Falls Creek Public School I would like him/her to: *(Tick 3 statements)*

Have a sense of self worth, self awareness and personal identity that enables him/her to manage his/her mental, emotional, spiritual and physical wellbeing

Have a sense of optimism about his/her life and future

Be enterprising and show initiative

Be developing his/her personal values such as honesty, resilience, empathy and respect

Have the knowledge and skills to establish and maintain healthy, satisfying lives

Be able to relate to others and form healthy relationships

Be able to make rational and informed decisions about his/her life and accept responsibility for his/her own actions

## ACTIVE AND INFORMED DECISIONS

By the time my child leaves Falls Creek Public School I would like him/her to: *(Tick 3 statements)*

Be able to act with moral integrity

Be able to appreciate Australia's social, cultural and religious diversity and have an understanding of Australia's system of government, history and culture

Be able to understand and acknowledge the value of Indigenous cultures and contribute to processes of reconciliation

Be committed to national values of democracy, equity and justice.

Be able to relate to and communicate across cultures

Be able to work for the common good, in particular sustaining and improving natural and social environments

Be developing into a responsible global and local citizen

## OTHER

We would value any other comments you would like to make about the sort of person/learner you would like to see your child develop into over the coming years. Please add these comments below.

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Once again we thank you for completing this survey and can assure you that all contributions will be seriously considered and incorporated into school planning for the next 3 years.

Nicole Humphreys and Staff

*Please return this survey to either your child's teacher or it can be returned to the office & placed in the collection box.*