



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## TALKABOUT

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**Term 4 - Week 4**

**Wednesday 29 October, 2014**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the weeks go by the term is getting busier and busier. Teachers are now involved in final assessments of students and are beginning to write end of year reports for all students. We are also busily planning for next year, writing the school plan for the next three years and looking at budgets for 2015.

**Presentation Evening:** This will be held on Monday 8 December at 6.00pm. All students are expected to attend this night. All students receive an award and will be performing musical items as well.

**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.

**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 – it is next week!! We will need to be at Kennedy's

Bus Depot by 6.45am for a 7.00am departure on Wednesday 5 November. We will return to Kennedy's Bus Depot on Friday 7 November at approximately 5.00pm.

Please read the information note carefully for what your child needs to pack. All students are expected to wear school uniform each day. They will be able to change into casual clothes for the night activities. Canberra can still be cold at night so please ensure your child has warm clothes packed in their bag (especially for night activities).

**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 Public School is once again on the Department of Education & Communities (DEC) 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)

**Bandanna Day:** This Friday students can wear mufti, and a bandanna!

Finally, 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.

*Nicole*

## **K/2H NEWS**

It's great to be back at school with everyone. We are busy learning about numbers and place value this week and learning about the 'ar' sound in spelling.

Assessments are being finalised for reports. Maths assessments will occur next week.

I will be in Canberra next week so Mrs Robinson will have the class from Wednesday.

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

*Nicole*

Thank you to everyone who has sent in craft pieces. Yesterday we designed the 'perfect' classroom on paper ready to make our models on Friday. Please have a talk with your child about

their designs and continue to send in useful pieces. We are looking forward to seeing the finished products!

*Lyn Robinson*

## 3/6B NEWS

This Friday students in classes 3/6B and 3/6L are having a school visit from David Duffy and Rangers from the National Parks and Wildlife Service. The Rangers will be arriving at 9:30am and leaving at 11:00am. They will be conducting lessons on Koori culture and fire management and answering prepared questions from students regarding local flora and fauna. Parents are welcome to attend. Friday spelling results and homework returns continue to impress. Keep up the fantastic effort 3/6B.

*Susan Porteous*

## 3/6L NEWS

This week in 3/6L our prac student from UOW, Mrs Knight, has joined our class. Mrs Knight will be with us for five weeks and will be assisting in teaching the class. Year's 4, 5 and 6 are becoming very excited about our trip to Canberra next week (as are Ms Humphreys and myself). In Maths this week we are revising data and learning how to interpret data using mode, range, mean and median. We are collecting our cricket scores from Friday sport and are using this data to interpret. This Thursday at our school assembly stage 2 will be performing an item that they have been practicing in English since last week. Be prepared to be entertained!!

*Dion Lalor*

## MS CULLEN

During PE this week the students are practicing their dance skills with a focus on partner and group dancing and during health K/2H are exploring water safety. Students in years 3-6 are continuing to study social skills.

*Bonnie Cullen*



**National Bandanna Day 2014 Friday 31 October.**

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

( available from the office - Bandannas SELLING FAST!)

# WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

## THIS WEEK (4)

☺Wednesday 29 October	Active After School Communities - Baseball
☺Thursday 30 November	Assembly 2.15pm
☺Friday 31 October	National Bandanna Day (Mufti Day)
	National Parks/Ranger visit (Years 3 - 6)

## NEXT WEEK (5)

☺Tuesday 4 November	Active After School Communities - Cricket
☺Wednesday 5 November	Active After School Communities - Baseball
☺Wednesday 5 - Friday 7 November	Canberra Excursion (Years 4 - 6)

## COMING EVENTS

☺Tuesday 11 November	Kinder Orientation 1.30pm
☺Tuesday 18 November	Kinder Transition 1.30pm
☺Tuesday 25 November	Kinder Transition 1.30pm
☺Thursday 27 November	P & C Meeting 6pm
☺Wednesday 3 December	Swimming Carnival
☺Monday 8 December	Presentation Evening

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 31 October

Rowena Robinson

# P & C NEWS - CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are now accepting donations for our Christmas hamper end of year raffle eg: biscuits, chocolates, cans of fruit / vegetables, toiletries, toys and knick knacks.

You will receive your book of raffle tickets shortly.

Tickets are **\$2** each or 3 for **\$5**.

The raffle will be drawn at the Presentation Evening on Monday 8 December.

Please support the school and send in a donation or buy a ticket.



# COMMONWEALTH BANK DOLLARMITES

## REWARDING REGULAR SAVINGS WITH PRECIOUS PRIZES.

We're bringing the good news that the Dollarmites have found the ancient Clam of Fortune, a mythical shell packed with precious prizes. What's even better is that they want to share their haul with you.

The more you save, the more chances to win

The precious prizes to win:

- 40 x GoPro Hero3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip 'N Slide Double Wave Riders



Every deposit you make through School Banking will automatically create one entry for you into the competition (up to a maximum of 6 entries).

Competition runs: 20th October - 30th November 2014.

## HEAD LICE

We have been notified that several cases of head lice have been detected among our students.

According to the Department of Education & Communities guidelines children with head lice eggs (nits) and/or active lice must be sent home and excluded from school until treatment has been given with an approved product (ask your Chemist for their advice). As no treatment kills 100% of nits (eggs) a follow up treatment 7 days later is advised.

Once treated children may return to school. Please check your children's hair daily and treat immediately if nits are seen. If everyone is vigilant in checking and treating their children's hair daily it will help stop reinfestation.



You're invited to  
join in the fun of

# The School Disco!!!

Presented by the Falls Creek P&C

WHEN  
WHERE  
WHAT TO BRING

Friday 14 November 2014 6pm - 8:30pm

Falls Creek P.S.

You need your best dancing moves and  
\$10 per person entry or \$25 per family.  
Includes Sausage sizzle drink and a  
packet of chips