



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Term 4 - Week 6**

**Wednesday 12 November, 2014**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**Canberra Excursion:** Years 4, 5 and 6 had a great time and Mr Lalor and I survived!! We had some very long days and late nights and I'm sure everyone slept well over the weekend – I know I did.

**Pedestrian Crossing:** Our pedestrian crossing was installed yesterday outside the school. There are still some final things such as signage to be finished. We ask that everyone uses the crossing with their children as they arrive in the morning and leave in the afternoon. Signs will be placed on either side of the crossing during school speed zone hours (8.00 – 9.30am and 2.30 – 4.00pm) each day.

The crossing is down a bit from the gate to stop children just running down the steps and across the road without looking. The placement of the crossing also allows for greater vision in both directions to ensure pedestrians are able to see oncoming cars.

Thank you to Susan Kerr, former President of the P&C, who in 2012 campaigned for the crossing and approached the council with me to argue for the installation of the crossing.

**Kinder Orientation and Transition:** Orientation for parents was held yesterday with the first of three transition sessions for our new students. We will see our new Kinder students on Tuesday next week and in Week 8 as they join the class and get to know some students.

**School Disco:** This is to be held this Friday night. We hope to see lots of students there.

**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.

**P&C:** I ask that all parents carefully read the attached letter from Adam Willis, President of Falls Creek P&C. Many on the current committee will be leaving at the end of the year and we need

more parents to become active in the P&C. The canteen will cease to operate without a P&C to run and manage it. There will be no opportunities for Mother's and Father's Day stalls. There will be no raffles or movie nights.

I encourage parents to attend our P&C meetings. We discuss many issues and I always present a report discussing the issues facing the school and explaining the ever changing educational landscape and what it means for us as a school and the impact these changes can have on our school.

**Bushfire Season:** Falls Creek Public School is once again on the Department of Education & Communities 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)

*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**

Welcome to Mr Declan Waight who is completing a teaching practicum with us. He is observing how the class works this week and will be teaching the students from next week.

This week in Spelling Years 1 and 2 are learning about words that contain 'ir'. We are all writing recounts of books read in class or writing a response to the literature we have read.

In Maths, we are revising and consolidating our knowledge of numbers, place value and number sentences involving the four operations. I have been proud of everyone having a go at creating some complex number sentences. Some of Year 1 and 2 students are even using multiplication and division in their number sentences.

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

*Nicole*

Our 'perfect' classroom models are now complete and on display in the library. We had a great time creating our models from our designs. The children came up with some interesting features that they would like to have in their classroom, such as cushions to sit on, a toilet in the classroom, a toy room, iPads, round tables and a fish tank.

Thank you once again for sending in craft bits.

*Lyn Robinson*

## 3/6B NEWS

Welcome back year 4 and year 5 students. I was interested to read all about your adventures in Canberra in your recounts. By the end of this week all students will have completed their fauna PowerPoints. On Friday students will present their work in a combined 3/6 class in the library. Assessments are almost complete and report writing has commenced.

*Susan Porteous*

### Canberra Excursion

On Wednesday November 5th at 6:45am years 4,5 & 6 had to meet at Kennedy's Bus Depot .We all boarded the bus and picked our seats. It took 4 hours of travel before we reached the ACT. Our first stop was Parliament House . We ate our lunch on the massive hill then we all ran down it. When we went inside Parliament House we had to first go through a metal detector. After that we toured the Senate and House of Representatives. We finished up in the Parliamentary Education Office where we divided up into groups and debated the topic, 'Should Ads Be Banned'. Our last tour was viewing paintings of all the old Prime Ministers. It was a really cool excursion and I would do it again anytime.

*By Lachlan Jensen*

## 3/6L NEWS

Our 4/5/6 students thoroughly enjoyed our excursion to our nations capital, especially the ice skating. We will be doing some follow up activities from the War Memorial in the coming weeks. Students are completing assessments for our end of year reports. In Maths we are exploring different ways to use multiplication with Mrs Knight. Stage 2 have been learning about the 'Rod' method, while stage 3 are learning the area method. 3/6L are enjoying their learning activities with Mrs Knight and I'm sure they will be sad to see her leave in a few weeks.

*Dion Lalor and Brooke Knight*

## MS CULLEN

This week all of the students have been exploring their skills in drama. Years 3-6 have been focussing upon a play called Danny in the Toy Box. The virtual excursion that I had booked yesterday for K/2H had to be rescheduled to this afternoon. The interactive excursion involves the students using the video conferencing technology in our library to participate in drama activities run by the Sydney Opera House. The drama activity they participated in was 'Staging Stories'.

*Bonnie Cullen*



# WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

## THIS WEEK (6)

☺Wednesday 12 November

Active After School Communities - Baseball

☺Friday 14 November

Disco 6.00pm - 8.30pm

## NEXT WEEK (7)

☺Tuesday 18 November

Kinder Transition 1.30pm

Active After School Communities - Cricket

☺Wednesday 19 November

Active After School Communities - Baseball

## COMING EVENTS

☺Tuesday 25 November

Kinder Transition 1.30pm

☺Wednesday 26 November

Dragon Tag Gala Day Year 3-6

☺Thursday 27 November

P & C Meeting 6pm

☺Wednesday 3 December

Swimming Carnival

☺Monday 8 December

Presentation Evening

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 12 November

James Duke



## P & C - 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.

Each family has been given a book of raffle tickets today.

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.





## ENROL NOW FOR 2015

The Central Shoalhaven Mobile Preschool is a Community Based not for profit organisation. We provide educational programs designed for preschool children aged between 3 – 5 years, by fully qualified staff in a caring environment.

Allow your child to make new friends within the local area.

### Subsidy available.

We operate from Falls Creek Public School Hall on Tuesday, of the school term.

### PRESCHOOL HOURS:

9.00am – 3.00pm.

### ADDITIONAL HOURS:

8.00am – 9.00am

All enquiries please phone our office: **44230571 / 0412928095** or call in at our venue.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



# SHOALHAVEN YOUTH REFERENCE GROUP

Volunteers wanted

A fun way to have a say and help other young people in the region

If you're 16-25yo and passionate about young people apply online at the headspace Nowra website (google 'headspace Nowra' and follow the links). We'll get in touch with you. Applications open now. Meetings fortnightly. Events monthly. Awesomeness constantly.

FOR PICS AND VIDEOS OF SYRG ACTIVITIES  
FIND HEADSPACE NOWRA ON FACEBOOK

YOU WILL GAIN:

**QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING:**  
media skills  
Mental Health First Aid dealing with the public  
youth health promotion  
stuff for your resume  
professional references

**EXPERIENCE:**  
event planning  
professional meetings  
leadership  
media performance  
film making  
social media  
public speaking

**FUN STUFF:**  
plan and run events  
talk about youth issues  
make friends  
eat lots of food  
make a difference  
casual, social, fun


## Shoalhaven Lioness Club


### NOVEMBER SPRING VARIETY FAIR

November 15, 2014

from 8.00am to 3.00pm at the

Cambewarra School of Arts Hall and grounds, Main Road, Cambewarra. All new items with prices starting from 50c to \$5.00. Come along.

	<b>SPEEDING OFFENCES</b> There has been an increase to the monetary fine applicable to Speeding Offences in School Zones.	<b>Maximum Penalty</b> <b>\$3612</b> + 7 Demerit Points
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	<b>U-TURNS</b> Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrian or vehicle in a School Zone.	<b>Penalty</b> <b>\$405</b> + 4 Demerit Points
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# Letter to the Parents, Carers, Relatives and Friends of Falls Creek Public School.

Dear All,

My name is Adam Willis and I am the President of The Falls Creek Public School P&C. I have been associated with Falls Creek Public School since 2002, when my wife and I enrolled our eldest son. From the time our association started at the school we knew that this would be a special place for our children to be educated. Almost immediately we became involved with the P&C, not only because we wanted to be connected to the community in which we had just moved to but we also found it the best way to keep up with what was happening with our children's education.

Over the years we have made many friendships and feel we have had a real say in the running of the school. We feel proud to have contributed to the quality of not only our children's education and lives but of all the children who have attended the school over the years we have been involved.

The reason I have decided to write this letter is that I believe there may be a real crisis looming for the P&C after the beginning of 2015. Our youngest son will be leaving this year and our association with the school will be finishing as of March 2015, at the P&C Annual General Meeting. This year will see some other families moving on that are also involved with the P&C.

As with the nature of schools, families move on and usually there are newer generations to take the helm, but this year we have found that there has been very little interest in the P&C. The small group who currently attend the meetings are achieving some wonderful outcomes so I can only imagine what could be done with more help. My biggest fear is that the P&C may not continue after this year, which will be a great loss to the children of Falls Creek.

The P&C runs the canteen for your children, organises uniforms for your children and raises funds for equipment and activities that will no longer be provided if the P&C folds.

We are asking that you consider joining us at our next meeting and help save this vital element of your child's education.

Your child's school needs you, become a community hero, just by providing a little time you will be able to feel proud that you are helping your community and contributing to your child's education. Think of the rewards that will come from your contribution not only for the benefit of the school but by showing our kids the importance of being involved and active within their community.

Yours Sincerely,

Adam Willis.

**Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th November 2014 at 6pm**

**All P & C meetings are child friendly so please bring your children.**

## **SO WHY JOIN THE P & C ASSOCIATION**

- To meet other parents and make new friends
- Belong to a team of people that can make a difference to the school
- Help the school to grow and benefit from your knowledge and skills
- Have the opportunity to express your opinion and ideas
- Provide advice and recommendations to the Principal on issues which affect students and the general operation of the school
- Share in planning the goals of the school and P & C
- Feel a sense of achievement as these goals are realised

## **WHAT IS A P & C ASSOCIATION?**

- A group of interested parents, community members and school Principals.
- The P & C meets once a month to contribute toward discussion on issues affecting the students at the school.
- They participate in making decisions and taking actions relating to these issues

## **WHAT DOES THE P & C DO?**

- Operates and manages the canteen
- Provides a uniform shop
- Provides funding and ideas for major and minor projects
- Provides funding for other resources
  - Books
  - Technology and Computers
  - Sports Equipment
  - Musical Instruments
  - Achievement Awards
  - Contributions to assist and encourage Representative Sport
- Organises major school events that not only raises money for the school but are fun for the kids as well
  - Discos
  - Movie Nights
  - Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls
- Encourages closer cooperation between the parents, staff, students and the community



You're invited to  
join in the fun of

# The School Disco!!!

Presented by the Falls Creek P&C

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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, fruit platter and ice block.



# K/2H Classroom Designs and Models

