



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

# TALKABOUT

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Term 4 - Week 10

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This is the last Talkabout for 2014. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope everyone is able to enjoy some time off and has the chance to spend time with their families. We look forward to seeing you all in 2015.

The last day of the 2014 school year for students is next Wednesday 17 December. Staff finish on Friday 19 December. In 2015, staff return to school on Tuesday 27 January, students in Years 1 – 6 return to school on Wednesday 28 January and Kinder students start on Thursday 29 January.

**Reports:** The end of year reports will be sent home with students on Friday afternoon.

**Presentation Night:** Congratulations again to our hosts for their great job on Monday night. They represented the school with pride. I also want to congratulate Ms Cullen and the K/2H and 3/6 choirs for their great performances. It was great to see everyone working together rehearsing before the night to ensure they sounded their best.

★ **Assembly:** Our last assembly for 2014 is tomorrow afternoon. We hope you can join us.

**Home Readers:** All students should be returning their home readers this week with tomorrow being the last day to return them. If your child cannot find the book a \$10 donation will be asked for to help cover the cost of replacing the book.

**Reward Day:** Notes for this event were handed out to eligible students last Friday and should have been returned by today. If you haven't already, please return them tomorrow.

**As a result of the reward day the canteen will NOT be operating this Friday.** Students who



are remaining at school will need to bring their lunch and recess as normal to school.

**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)

*Nicole*

## **K/2H NEWS**

We farewelled Mr Waight last Friday with a homemade card and cake. He told me that he enjoyed his time here at Falls Creek and was going to miss us all.

We had great fun putting the classroom back together after Presentation Night on Monday. We are also looking forward to our move next Tuesday. Please remember to send in a plastic bag next Monday so that students can take home all of their books and work from throughout the year.

Don't forget to return home readers this week. Today will be the last day of borrowing due to Reward Day on Friday.

We are finishing off work this week and completing some Christmas craft to hang on the tree. These should go home on Monday as well.

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

*Nicole*

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

This week in 3/6B and 3/6L students have been getting into the festive spirit by participating in some Christmas craft activities. Our rooms are looking fantastic with these new decorative additions. We have also been catching up on any unfinished work from the term as well as revising some of the Math concepts that we might have had difficulty with during the year. Reports are being sent home on Friday after we return to school from our Rewards Day. We will be sending home all of the students work books and crafts on Monday, so could students please bring in an extra bag such as a plastic bag. We have had a wonderful year of learning with our students who have worked really hard and are looking forward to seeing the continued growth and development next year.

*Have a safe and relaxing holiday break and a Merry Christmas!*

*Susan Porteous & Dion Lalor*



## MS CULLEN

This week students in 3/6B and 3/6L have been studying caffeine and the use of antibiotics during Health lessons. During PE all of the students have been revising their skills in skipping. I hope everyone has a fantastic Christmas and a restful holiday break!

*Bonnie Cullen*

## CANTEEN NEWS

Hello Parents!

Well another term down and another year we say goodbye to! There will be no more canteen for 2014, as we have Reward Day this Friday, so a big thank you to all the parents and kids that have continued to support the canteen this year. It has been very much appreciated.

If I could ride on the back of Adam Willis's recent letter out to all, and also amazing speech at Presentation Night this week, I would like to urge all parents to please consider the current vacancies for the Falls Creek P&C for 2015.

As Adam has stated, if we get no volunteers, then all of the current fund raisers we do will no longer take place, and more specifically to my own role – The canteen will cease to operate!!!

I took on the role of Canteen Co-ordinator for 2014, after spending 2013 as a volunteer to give long term canteen veteran Rowena Robinson a well-deserved break. At the time of accepting the role, I did so with a 12 month commitment as I was uncertain as to what 2015 had in store for me.

Well, at this stage, 2015 is starting to take form, and whilst I will do my best to ensure I can stay on as co-ordinator, I too have major concerns as to the future of our canteen. Not only are we in danger of losing the P&C, but even if we do get some parents step up to the table to run the P&C, our canteen still remains in danger of closing. As of Term 1 2015 we will now only have 2 volunteers for the canteen which will not be sufficient to keep it open.

Please, please take the holidays to consider helping out your school by joining the P&C, and if that isn't your cup of tea, then please, please take the time to consider becoming a canteen volunteer. We are now only open on Fridays, the time you are here is only from 10am-2pm, and it is only asked that at best you can do one day a month, but even once a term would be appreciated.

Even if every parent donated a 4hr shift once a year, then our canteen could remain open and be filled for every Friday

In closing, I would like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart and on behalf of all the

kids for our amazing volunteers who have helped out throughout the year – Jacqui Finch, Jason Elliott and Rowena Robinson. You guys have been amazing, and I thank you so much for standing by me this year and donating your time.

To Rowena, 5 plus years of service to the canteen – you are a champion!!

Thankyou so much from all of us. Good luck next year and enjoy your break from baking our muffins and washing our tea towels.

Thanks again to the parents, the kids and the volunteers. Have a Happy Christmas and an awesome holiday!!

Regards, James

## WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

### THIS WEEK(10)

☺Wednesday 10 December

Thank You Morning Tea - 11am

☺Friday 12 December

Reward Day - Reports go home

### NEXT WEEK

☺Wednesday 17 December

Last day for students

☺Friday 19 December

Last day for staff

## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015

Term 1: 28 January - 2 April

Term 2: 21 April - 26 June

Term 3: 14 July - 18 September

Term 4: 6 October - 16 December

## P & C - CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

A big thank you to everyone who donated prizes for our Christmas raffle which was drawn on Monday night. There were seven prizes in all and the lucky winners were Lachlan Jensen, Nikki Staader (2), Rheyra Luke, Luke Robertson, Sam Ramsay and John Ramsay.

Congratulations!



# FREE MULCH!!

Due to receiving a load of mulch we did not need, we now have excess mulch to give away! If you would like a trailer load, please contact the school on  
44 478 243.



**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas  
and a safe and Happy New Year!!**