

FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 2 - Week 1

Wednesday 30 April, 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 2. It is going to be another busy term – there are a lot of different things happening. I hope everyone had a great Easter and a nice break with their families.

School Photos: these are being taken **TOMORROW**. All students are expected to wear our summer school uniform (bring a jumper to put on afterwards). Photo envelopes must be returned by tomorrow morning. The photographer will only take individual and family photos of those students who have returned their envelopes. Extra envelopes are available from the office.

School Cross Country: We are having our School Cross Country Carnival on Friday morning from 9am. A note with the program was sent home with students yesterday. We also need some parents to help with track supervision on the day as well.

Opportunity Class Placement Test: Applications for the Year 5 Opportunity Class (OC) Placement in 2015 are now open. Further information for parents can be found at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. An information evening is being held at Illaroo Road Public School on Tuesday 6 May at 6.30pm. Phone Bob Lowe, deputy principal, on 4421 0422 for more information.

Applications are to be completed online. However, we have a very small number of paper applications available here at school.

NAPLAN: The dates for NAPLAN assessments this year are Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 May (Week 3). Students will sit the Language Conventions and Writing Assessments on Tuesday, Reading Assessment on Wednesday and Numeracy Assessment on Thursday.

All students are expected to sit the test. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please come and see me.

ANZAC Day: Our school participated in the march and laid a wreath during the service at

Huskisson last Friday. Photos of our students and their participation are included in this newsletter.

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

Nicole

K/2H NEWS

Welcome back everyone! We were all keen for school to start yesterday.

We are doing lots of great things this term. In Writing, we will be learning about imaginative texts and having a go at writing all sorts of imaginative texts such as fairy tales, narratives and legends. In HSIE, we will be learning about ourselves and how we have changed over time and will continue to do so as we grow up. In Science, we will be learning about communication.

Kinder started Home Reading yesterday and were very excited. The books they are reading are ones we read in class last term. The aim of Home Reading for Kinder is to reinforce what we have done in class. Books will be easy and allow your children to 'show off' their reading skills. They should be using a finger to slide along under the words to help them focus on the words. Sliding their finger also encourages 'smooth' reading that 'sounds like talking'. At this stage, please tell your child any words they don't know – I want reading to be fun and any frustrations over unknown words will take that fun away.

Homework will start again next week.

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

Nicole

3/6B NEWS

What an exciting term we have ahead! I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday. I'm sure all those Easter treats have disappeared by now.

The NAPLAN tests are just around the corner. The children have brought home a persuasive text for homework this week. We are also starting our Spelling this week as the School Cross Country is in the morning on Friday.

Home Reading is up and running and Library books can be borrowed on Thursday so every child should be reading each night.

We are also starting a special craft project forshhh.

Keep in Touch

Lyn

3/6L NEWS

Welcome back students parents and carers to Term 2. We have a busy week this week with only four days available and the School Cross Country being held on Friday. In Maths we are looking at problem solving which hopefully will assist us in our NAPLAN Numeracy test in week 3. In English we are continuing to write imaginative texts, which are proving to be a popular text type among the students. This term in Science we are studying communication and the various ways that we communicate in a technologically advanced society.

Until next week

Dion Lalor

MS CULLEN

Welcome back! I hope everybody had a fantastic break. This term all of our year 3-6 students will be singing at the City of Shoalhaven Eisteddfod. There is only 5 weeks until the big day! The students worked hard last term to learn 3 songs to perform. The Eisteddfod is being held at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, Thursday 29th May starting at 10am. Please mark it on your calendar. Permission notes will be coming home soon.

This term in Creative Arts all of the classes are exploring drama and dance. The areas being focussed on in PE include cross country running, athletics, netball (3-6) and the fundamental movement skill of Leap (K-2).

Bonnie Cullen

SPORTS NEWS

The students have been practicing for the School Cross Country which is on this Friday, starting at 9am. If you are able to help out on the morning please let myself or Mrs Morison know.

The District Cross Country is on Monday 19 May 2014.

Dion Lalor

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE STUDENTS WHO CELEBRATED
THEIR BIRTHDAY IN APRIL**

6 April
19 April

Kiho Luke
Chrystel Buckley

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK

☺Thursday 1 May

School photos

☺Friday 2 May

School Cross Country

COMING EVENTS

☺Thursday 8 May

Assembly 2pm

☺Tuesday 13 May

NAPLAN - Language Conventions & Writing

☺Wednesday 14 May

NAPLAN - Reading Assessment

☺Thursday 15 May

NAPLAN - Numeracy Assessment

☺Monday 19 May

District Cross Country



Keep them Smiling!

Government Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Eligible children can use their \$1000 government benefits on selected services from January 2014

pacificsmilesdental.com.au

PacificSmilesDENTAL

New government dental scheme – one thousand reasons to smile!

Have you heard about the new government dental scheme “Child Dental Benefits Schedule”? From January 1st 2014, it is providing eligible kids with \$1000 to spend on selected dental services over a 2 calendar year period. This great initiative expects to help around 3.4 million Australian kids between the ages of 2 -17 years. To benefit from this scheme, children must be eligible for Medicare and the family must be in receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A or receive a relevant Government payment. Services that will be covered include: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and

extractions. Benefits will not be available for services carried out in hospital, or for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work. To see if your kids are eligible, call your local Dentist who can look up the information for you.

Information provided by Pacific Smiles Dental: visit pacificsmilesdental.com.au



2013-2014 Family Energy Rebate

\$125* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!
Apply before 5pm
Friday 13 June 2014

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>
* eligibility criteria apply

APPLY ONLINE NOW!

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the costs of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2013 – 2014 the rebate gives:

- A \$125 credit against electricity bills for eligible applicants who receive electricity from an electricity retailer.
- A \$137.50 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a caravan or mobile home park and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be eligible for Family Tax Benefit A or B during 2012- 2013 and have received a relevant payment; and
- Be the primary account holder of an electricity retailer; OR a long-term resident of a caravan or mobile park home, whose name appears on the electricity bills supplied by the park operator.

YOU CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE

- **ONLINE** – it takes a few minutes to submit and processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
WEB www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

OPPORTUNITY 'C' CLASS for 2015

(for academically gifted children)

Parents of gifted and talented children

in the Shoalhaven district

currently in Year 4 are invited to attend an

INFORMATION EVENING

6.30pm, Tuesday 6 May 2014

at Illaroo Road Public School

A Year 5 Opportunity 'C' class will be formed in 2015 for gifted and talented students who are in Year 4 in 2014.

Phone Bob Lowe, deputy principal, on 4421 0422
for more information.

P & C NEWS

Tea Towel Fundraiser

Over the holidays we received a copy of our tea towel and it looks terrific (below). You can see the real masterpiece on display in the office foyer. Hurry and put your order in so you don't miss out. They will be sold for \$12 each.

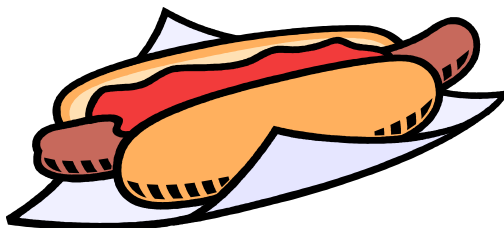


CANTEEN NEWS

Due to the pie warmer packing it in on the last day of term we will not be opening the canteen as usual on Friday 2 May and Monday 5 May. Hopefully we will have the new one by the end of next week and be able to open on Friday 9 May. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Don't forget the new blue menu starts when we re-open.

James Duke

This Friday after the Cross Country we will be selling hot dogs!



\$3 each

Drinks will also be available for \$2

As well as coffee or tea for the adults for \$1

CANTEEN ROSTER



Monday 5 May

Friday 9 May

Monday 12 May

CLOSED

James Duke & Rowena Robinson

James Duke



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer

I wish to inform you that a student in our school is currently receiving treatment for cancer. As cancer is not a contagious disease, he participates actively in the day to day school program without any major limitations.

A major concern, however, is that if this student develops measles, chickenpox or whooping cough he can become seriously ill. I seek your co-operation in preventing this situation.

If your child has or may have measles, chickenpox or whooping cough, I would ask that you please:

1. DO NOT send them to school.
2. You notify the school as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Nicole Humphreys

ANZAC DAY 2014



Students from 3/6L practicing their netball skills.