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Term 2 - Week 3

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Reforms to P&C: Please see the following information regarding the reforms occurring this week for the NSW P&C Federation:

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php>.

I will be discussing this matter at tomorrow night's P&C meeting from 6.00pm. Please come along to hear the latest information.

NAPLAN: By the end of today students in Years 3 and 5 will have completed three assessments in Writing, Language Conventions and Reading. They will complete the Numeracy test tomorrow. If students have been absent there is an opportunity for catch up tests to be completed on Thursday afternoon and Friday.

Results are due to parents and schools in September.

District Cross Country: Good luck to all our students competing next Monday at the District Cross Country Carnival at Willandra. We are again running the carnival and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mr Lalor for his hard work and effort in organising what I'm sure will be a very successful carnival. If your child is attending please return notes and payment ASAP as they were due back at school by today.

Life Education Van: Happy Harold is visiting on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 June. All students will

be attending as the P&C is covering the cost for all students.

ISE Ensemble and Fleet Air Arm Museum Visit: On Wednesday 4 June Nowra Hill Public School is hosting the Illawarra South East (ISE) Ensemble for a concert and they have invited us to attend as well. We have decided to make a day of it and combine the concert with a visit to the Fleet Air Arm Museum at HMAS Albatross. More details and permission notes will be sent home shortly.

School Calendar: The Term 2 calendar of events on the school website was updated by Mrs Morison this week. Please keep an eye on this for upcoming events. Of course, we publicise calendar events in Talkabout each week as well.

Tea Towels: These have almost sold out. Thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Morison for collecting money and filling the orders.

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

Nicole

K/2H NEWS

Baby Guessing Competition: Last week I asked if students could bring in a baby photo of themselves in a sealed envelope so that I could arrange a guessing competition for the class. So far, only two students have brought in a photo! This competition forms part of the unit we will be studying on how we have changed since birth and how we might change in the future. I hope to get a photo from everyone as soon as possible – I can't wait to see how cute everyone was as a baby!!

This week in **Spelling** Kinder students are learning about the letters j and p and Years 1 and 2 are learning about words containing 'ut'.

We have made some **changes to the structure of our mornings** on Monday – Wednesday. Students will be working with me in small groups for explicit reading and writing activities based on their skills and abilities. While this is occurring all students are involved in completing independent activities around Reading, Writing, Spelling and Handwriting. We are still getting used to the new structure and routines. Some students are enjoying the self-regulation and are working extremely well while others are slow to complete their set tasks and we will need to work on their attention span!! Students have a checklist to follow and tick when activities are completed.

To minimise disruptions during this time, students are able to go to the toilet without needing permission. They have to put their name on a chart stating that they have gone to the toilet before

leaving the room so that I can quickly monitor how many students are out of the room. Only a maximum of 2 students are allowed to leave the room at any one time.

In **Maths** this week we are learning about division. Kinder are learning to share objects equally into groups while Years 1 and 2 are starting to discuss the more formal language of division (divided by, divide into 2 groups etc). We are using lots of hands on materials to help us. To assist your child in their understanding of division maybe you could have them divide household objects into groups or sort food stuffs into equal groups for all family members – sharing lollies or biscuits equally is always a good one to do!!

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

Nicole

3/6B NEWS

Years 3 and 5 are powering on with their NAPLAN tests with only the Numeracy test to do on Thursday.

Week 2 Spelling Stars were Arnie, Sam, Ashleigh, Jye and Kameisha and Dictation Demons were Arnie, Sam, Ryan, Emily, Zaliah, Lachlan and Kameisha. We are building a growing list of ways we can communicate. Some of the children even know sign language, although at times I'm not sure that their 'translation' is accurate.

I hope all the mums had a lovely Mother's Day and enjoyed their presents.

An improvement in homework thank you for encouraging your children.

Keep in Touch

Lyn

3/6L NEWS

In 3/6L this week we have been continuing our Literacy unit based on the Ted Hugh's 'Iron Man'. Students have been learning about adverbs, adjectives and similes and writing some exceptional newspaper reports based on the text. In Maths we have been studying time. Stage 2 has been learning/revising how to tell time with an analogue clock while stage 3 is learning about 24 hour time. In Science we are continuing with our studies on communication. Students have been researching a communication technology and the impact it has had on society.

Just a reminder that homework is due on Fridays and part of the homework is nightly reading which again has appeared to fall by the wayside. Students should be reading for a minimum of 15 minutes a night and record this in their journals as well as on the cheese wedge chart.

Dion Lalor

MS CULLEN

This week during PE we are continuing to practise our athletic skills with the focus being on running and relay races. Identifying major muscle groups and exercises to strengthen them is the focus during Health for years 3-6. K/1/2 are busy studying internal organs.

Bonnie Cullen



SPORTS NEWS

We have 16 students participating in the District Cross Country Carnival next Monday 19 May. Good luck to you all, we know you will do your best. The Regional Cross Country is on Friday 30 May. Our school Athletics Carnival is on Friday 6 June, anyone who is able to help out on the day please contact myself or the office.

Dion Lalor

Nowra Village Hot Bake. Supporting Falls Creek School for almost a decade.

CANTEEN NEWS

Hello Parents!

Well, after a shaky start to the term with equipment failure causing a much delayed opening, I am happy to announce that due to you the parents and students that support the canteen, we were able to invest almost \$500 of our proceeds into some new equipment to cook the kid's lunches. As such, the canteen is now back in full working mode and operating our usual days of Monday and Fridays.

Also this year, once again due to you the families supporting the school canteen and the school fundraisers, and all the volunteers that make up the P&C team, and the volunteer parents that dedicate their time and efforts, the P&C was able to invest almost \$2,500 on 3 new fridges for the class rooms. This was a really great initiative that will now allow you to send your kids to school with those extra yummy items that need to be kept fresh such as yoghurts, and fresh chicken salads and sandwiches etc.



That's \$3000 worth of equipment already this year that has been invested back into the school purely for the benefit of your kids, and money made from volunteer efforts and families that support our initiatives – Thank you so much to all of you!!

I am super pleased to say that the new “Blue” menu for Term 2 has been very well received by the students, and is being extremely well supported by the parents – Thankyou!!

Some new items on the menu include the steak, bacon and cheese pie. Along with the chicken tender sub, chicken & gravy roll, double cheese burger and ozy burger are all being well received. These items are all served on bakery fresh buns and rolls and in most cases are purchased the morning of canteen day for extra freshness.

Our pies, sausage rolls, buns and bread rolls are all supplied by Deb and the team at Nowra Village Hot Bake who have been supporting Falls Creek School Canteen for almost a decade!!!

Please show your support for a great local small business that has supported us for so long and pop in and give them a try. I can guarantee that you will be received with a big smile and great service and they have great bread to match!! ☺ Deb and the team at Nowra Village Hot Bake can be found opposite the taxi rank at the Coles car park in town.

I would also like to mention that we are still seeking volunteer support for one day a month to work the canteen. Please feel free to leave your name at the office if interested and I will give you a call to discuss. Speaking of volunteers, I would like to give a quick shout out to our current team who had the patience to stick with it for Term 1 whilst I was learning the ropes, and the support I have received with my ever changing menus trying to spice things up. – Rowena Robinson, Jacquie Finch, Jason Elliott. - Thankyou so much guys, your efforts are very much appreciated!!!

Until next term -good eating to you all ☺

Regards, James



CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 16 May

James Duke

Monday 19 May

James Duke

P & C NEWS

Our next P & C meeting is tomorrow night, Thursday 15 May at 6pm. Please come along and support your school. All welcome!

COMMUNITY NEWS

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE - BECOME A CARESOUTH FOSTER CARER

Foster care can be a very rewarding journey for individuals, couples or families. By providing a stable, caring home environment you can make a positive difference in a child's life. CareSouth provides exceptional support, training, caseworker visits, 24/7 on call support, and a tax free

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (3)

☺Tuesday 13 May	NAPLAN - Language Conventions & Writing
☺Wednesday 14 May	NAPLAN - Reading Assessment
☺Thursday 15 May	NAPLAN - Numeracy Assessment
	P & C Meeting 6pm

NEXT WEEK

☺Monday 19 May	District Cross Country
☺Thursday 22 May	Assembly 2pm

COMING EVENTS

☺Thursday 29 May	Eisteddfod (years 3 - 6)
☺Friday 30 May	Regional Cross Country
☺Monday 2 June & Tuesday 3 June	Life Education Van visit
☺Wednesday 4 June	Ensemble at Nowra Hill School / Air Museum
☺Thursday 5 June	Assembly 2pm
☺Friday 6 June	School Athletics Carnival

MERIT AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE ASSEMBLY IN WEEK 2

K/2H	Steven Blume, Brayden Cullen, Jonas Duke and Grace Fahey.
3/6B	Ty Fahey, Emily Dillon, Rheya Luke and Brodie Partridge.
3/6L	Khe-Sanh Duke, Dallas Riley-Burnes, Sealisha Buckley and Levi Robinson.
Ms Cullen	Lachlan Willis, Jye Picker and Kaleb Flear.

QUIET ACHIEVERS

K/2H	Declan Flear and Chrystel Buckley.
3/6B	Akasha Duke and Tahlia Taylor-Thomas.
3/6L	Bailey Cullen and Annie Kubinyi.

BRIDGE BUILDER AWARDS

Bronze - Emily Sammut, Declan Flear and Aaron French.
Silver - Sam Ramsay and Emilly Bloxsome.
Gold - Levi Robinson.

PLAYGROUND STARS WINNERS

Lachlan Willis (2), Violet Lee, George Williams, Dallas Riley-Burnes and Sealisha Buckley.



ASSEMBLY WEEK 2

