

FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 2 - Week 4

Wednesday 21 May, 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Tree Maintenance: Following the recent tree audit that was carried out at school, three trees were identified as a hazard and are to be removed immediately. Other trees need some pruning to remove dead branches. This work is being undertaken today and there will be no access to the driveway/ car park and parts of the playground while this work is being carried out. We will work to ensure there are minimal disruptions and that everyone is able to move around safely at all times.

District Cross Country: Congratulations to all our runners on who competed on Monday. Falls Creek School came 5th overall on percentage points – great work everyone!! Rheya Luke has qualified for the Regional Cross Country Carnival and will be running on Friday 30 May. We wish her all the best! I need to extend a big thank you to Mr Dion Lalor for his work in organising the carnival on Monday – he spent a lot of hours outside of school making sure it ran smoothly.

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 this week.

Canberra Excursion: We will once again offer an excursion to Canberra in Term 4 this year. We attend this excursion with Greenwell Point Public School to try and keep the costs down. Due to rising costs we have decided to offer the excursion to Years 4, 5 and 6. The excursion will then be on a 3 year cycle with Berry Sport and Recreation and a third venue to be decided. This third excursion will relate to a history unit that students study at school.

An expression of interest note is attached about the Canberra excursion asking if your child will be attending. We will need numbers to determine the final cost – the more students we have attending the cheaper the excursion will be. There will student assistance available to ensure all students can attend.

Semester 1 Reports: Staff are beginning to write reports for all students. We have been conducting assessments in all areas to report on student progress. Reports will be sent home with students on Wednesday 25 June (week 9).

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

Nicole

K/2H NEWS

I hope everyone had a great day with Ms Porteous yesterday – I was away as I was sick. It's great to be back today!

This week Years 1 and 2 are learning about words that start with 'sw' and Kinder are learning about the letters y and x. We are doing some assessments in Maths that we will use to help us plan for future units and to write comments for reports.

It's great to see so many baby photos coming in – we still need a few more though. Ms Porteous and I have even found our baby photos and brought one in. I wonder if anyone can guess our photos. I would like to display these next week so if all photos can be sent in by Friday that would be great. We'll organise the guessing competition as well!

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

Nicole

3/6B NEWS

Thank you for encouraging your child to complete their homework and hand it in.

Spelling superstars last week were – Sam, Ashleigh, Rheya, Jye and Kameisha.

Dictation Demons were - Akasha, Arnie, Sam, Ashleigh, Ryan, Emily , Rheya, Zaliah, Lachlan J. and Kameisha.

In English we are studying the poem " The Man from Snowy River." and apart from being amazed that it wasn't just a movie the children are enjoying looking at other Australian poems. In handwriting we are practising by writing out limericks so if anyone knows any "appropriate" ones please send them in.

Keep in Touch

Lyn

3/6L NEWS

This week in 3/6L we are continuing with our Literacy unit on Ted Hugh's' *Iron Man*. Students have been enjoying the book and the writing activities that accompany the reading . This is evident in the fantastic narratives students have been writing in class. In Maths we are revising addition and the many different strategies that can be used to solve addition problems. In HSIE we are learning about democracy and students enjoyed a day of having their peers acting as our decision makers, even if they didn't agree with all the decisions that were made. It has been great to see the majority of students handing in homework and returning home readers, please keep it up. 😊

Dion Lalor

MS CULLEN

There are only 8 sleeps to go until our year 3-6 students perform at the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod! A permission note was sent home yesterday with a copy of the programme on the back. During Health lessons we have been discussing healthy eating and food groups. K/2H enjoyed exploring lunches by creating them on an interactive site called *Go For You Life: Interactive Lunchbox*.

Bonnie Cullen



SPORTS NEWS

Earlier this week on Monday 19th we took 16 students from Falls Creek School to participate in the 2014 Shoalhaven District Cross Country Carnival. Students were competing in races that had up to 70 students and just about everybody finished their race in the top half. Well done boys and girls. Due to the great effort and fantastic running displayed by our students we placed fifth in the overall percentage scores. Well done. Special congratulations to Rheya Luke who came first in her event and will be the only student from Falls Creek Public School to attend the Regional Cross Country Carnival at Willandra on Friday 30 May.

Yours in sport

Dion Lalor

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014

Term 1: Wednesday 29 January - Friday 11 April

Term 2: Tuesday 29 April - Friday 27 June

Term 3: Tuesday 15 July - Friday 19 September

Term 4: Tuesday 7 October - Wednesday 17 December

P & C NEWS

We have sold ALL of our tea towels. A big thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. We can order more if you planned to buy one towards the end of the year . We have to order in batches of 20 so put your name down at the office if you missed out.

COMMUNITY NEWS

seechange 2014 winter arts festival

Dear Parents, as a part of the See Change Arts Festival, specific children's activities have been organised to encourage enjoyment of reading and writing. A morning with acclaimed children's Author, *Libby Gleeson* will take place at the Huskisson Community Centre Hall on Saturday 31 May starting at 11am. She will read from her books, answer questions and sign her books (that will be available there). She has written over 30 children's books and her latest book, 'RED' has won the Prime Minister's Award for children's literature in 2013.

Also during that day we will have book busking (children can bring a book they love and read aloud to others) in front of Boobook and a Scrabble competition. For further information and booking contact 'Boobook on Owen' - 4441 8585.

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Would you like to help out a local family in your community?

CareSouth's **Aunties & Uncles** program supports vulnerable children and their families in our South Coast Communities.

With a small amount of time and a genuine commitment, you could become a volunteer carer in the Aunties & Uncles Program and make a positive difference to a child's life.

All our volunteer carers are provided with casework assistance and training in order to support the individual needs of the child.

A child in your community could really benefit from your interest in our program.

To find out more, please call our Aunties & Uncles Regional Coordinators, who will happily answer any questions and provide you with detailed information about how you can make a difference to a child's life.

Phone **1300 554 260** or visit our website www.caresouth.org.au.




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Come to an Open House Information Session:
Please phone the Nowra Aunties & Uncles Regional Coordinator on 0417 440 692 to register your attendance or simply turn up on the day.

Date:	First Thursday of each month	Time:	Anytime between 2 - 6pm	Location:	CareSouth Nowra Office 11 Haigh Ave, Nowra
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1300 554 260

INFORMATION SESSION

To find out more, come and talk to us at your local information session:

NOWRA: Wed 4th June 1.30pm & 5.30pm	NOWRA: CareSouth Office 11 Haigh Av NOWRA
Date: SANCTUARY PT: Tue 3rd June 5.30pm	Location: SANCTUARY PT: Youth & Community Centre

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (4)

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

NEXT WEEK (5)

☺Thursday 29 May	Eisteddfod (Years 3 - 6)
☺Friday 30 May	Regional Cross Country

COMING EVENTS

☺Monday 2 June &	
☺ Tuesday 3 June	Life Education Van Visit
☺Wednesday 4 June	Ensemble at Nowra Hill School/Air Museum ICAS Science Test
☺Thursday 5 June	Assembly 2pm
☺Friday 6 June	School Athletics Carnival

CANTEEN NEWS

Hello Parents!

I would like to take this opportunity to give a quick shout out to Michael Finch who offered to volunteer his time and skills to fix our old pie warmer and give it a new lease of life. Not only did Michael fix the old one, but he came asap to fix a fault with our new one so we didn't have to go through the pain of sending it away for warranty repair. Thanks again Mr Finch!!!!

Another couple of thankyou's go out to Karen Morison for donating a convection oven to the canteen. This will come in handy for next terms roast meat rolls. Also a thankyou to Mrs Watt who donated a few home grown watermelons which were sliced up and given away for free to the kids for recess.

In closing, the new blue menu is full steam ahead. Standout items this term are the chicken nugget and pizza meal deals as well as the double cheese burger. The Up and Go drinks seem to be a massive hit with the kids also, so thanks again to all the families and kids for supporting the canteen each week and getting behind the new items.

Until next time - good eating to you all ☺

Regards,

James

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 23 May	James Duke
Monday 26 May	James Duke





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Nicole Humphreys: Principal

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - CANBERRA EXCURSION

5 - 7 November 2014 (Week 5 Term 4)

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

An excursion for Year 4, 5 and 6 to visit Canberra is being organised in conjunction with Greenwell Point Public School. The excursion will complement our studies on Democracy. The planned dates are from Wednesday 5 November till Friday 7 November 2014.

The cost of the excursion will be approximately \$250 per student. This covers the bus fare, accommodation, food and all attractions. You can pay off a little each week if this makes it easier on your finances. Student Assistance is also available for those families needing help, forms are available from the office.

- We would like a \$50 deposit as confirmation your child is attending.

Please complete the attached expression of interest form and return to the school office ASAP.

[Please return the note whether your child will be attending or not to enable us to finalise our numbers and costs.](#)

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Expression of Interest - Canberra Excursion

My child _____ will / will not (please circle one) attend the
Canberra Excursion - Term 4, Nov 5 - 7, 2014.

I have enclosed the \$50 deposit required.

Signed _____
(parent/caregiver)