



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## TALKABOUT

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**Term 2 - Week 5**

**Wednesday 28 May, 2014**

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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**Tree Maintenance:** this work was carried out last Wednesday and Thursday. Three trees were removed on Wednesday and there was some major pruning of other trees as well. The large tree in the car park between the two driveways was removed on Thursday. Mrs Morison got some great photos that are included in today's Talkabout.

**New seating:** We had three new picnic tables delivered last Thursday. These replaced the two old wooden picnic tables that were past their prime. These tables are of a galvanised steel frame with timber seats and table top so should last a while. The P&C received a \$1000 community grant from the Shoalhaven City Council last year and these funds went towards the purchase of the seating.

**Active After Schools:** We have now been provided with a coach for Wednesday afternoons and this started today. Permission notes for Wednesdays only were sent home last Friday. There are only a limited number of places left.

**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. Permission notes were sent home last Friday. There is no cost to students. Please return these notes to the office by Monday 2 June. We would like all students to attend.

**Shoalhaven Eisteddfod:** All students in Years 3 – 6 are participating in the Choir section of the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod tomorrow. Parents are able to attend to see their children perform with tickets available at the door. We wish them well. Thank you to Ms Cullen for the work she has put in to get the students ready to perform. I'm hoping to see the first performance tomorrow morning.

**Life Education Van:** Happy Harold is visiting next week on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 June. All students will be attending as the P&C is covering the cost for all students. Thank you to the P&C for ensuring all students get to attend this worthwhile experience.

Finally, I would like to remind parents that you need to inform the school of any absences that your children may have. All children aged between 6 and 17 must legally attend school according to the Education Act and parents are required to provide reasons for student absences. Please send in a note to your child's office or ring the school to verbally inform us of any absences.

It is also important that students arrive at school on time ready to learn as well. A late arrival of even 5 minutes can mean your child misses out on some important learning. Again, parents must sign their children in and reasons for their late arrival must be given. Parents must also sign their children out at the office if they need to be picked up early. A red slip will be provided for you to hand to the class teacher before they let students leave.

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

*Nicole*

## **K/2H NEWS**

This week Kinder are learning about the letters q and z. Years 1 and 2 are learning about words starting with 'bl'. Blake was very excited that we could include his name to the list of words we know that start with this blend.

In Maths we are learning more about place value and what numbers are made of. Year 2 are excited to be learning about numbers to 1000!

Our baby photos are going up this week. So if there are any last photos to come in please get them in quick!

Ms Porteous and I are hard at work writing reports for our students. We are very pleased to see the progress from the beginning of the year until now for everyone in the class. These will go home at the end of the term.

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

*Nicole*

## **3/6B NEWS**

As the majority of the children have not returned their Home Readers for quite a while, letters will be going home to request their return or the money to replace them - a drastic step and I am very disappointed that many of the children have not been doing their reading and changing their books.

On a brighter note the class is publishing their narratives. The final edited versions should hopefully be worth the wait - we certainly have a variety.

Spelling superstars were - Sam, Emily, Lachlan, Brodie and Kameisha. Dictation demons were - Akasha, Arnie, Sam, Ryan Emily, Zaliah and ALL of Year 5. (might have to make the Dictations more challenging ??)

We all wish Rheya good luck when she runs in the Regional Cross Country this Friday 30 May.

*Keep in Touch*

*Lyn*

## 3/6L NEWS

3/6L are continuing their studies in HSIE and this week we have been learning about Aboriginal Australia before and after British settlement. Students have also been working on a HSIE matrix that has a range of activities. The most popular being re-writing a constitution for Falls Creek. Fortunately for the rest of the community these new laws are not withstanding. 😊 In Maths we are learning about whole numbers and in particular Roman Numerals. Students are quite adept at this topic and are progressing well. We are continuing with our Literacy unit on Ted Hughes's "Iron Man" and students are eagerly awaiting the final chapter where there is a battle between the Iron Man and an Alien Monster.

*Dion Lalor*

## MS CULLEN

There is only 1 more sleep until our year 3-6 students perform at the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod. I'm looking forward very much to seeing our students perform at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre. We have been asked to remind parents/carers that there is an audience admission charge of \$5 per adult that it will be payable at the door.



*Bonnie Cullen*

## CANTEEN NEWS



Hello Parents!

We would really appreciate more helpers in the canteen. If you are able to give some of your time, (as little as one day a term) we would love to hear from you. Please contact myself or the office if you are able to assist.

*Regards, James*

## SPORTS NEWS

Good Luck to Rheya Luke who will be competing in the District Cross Country Carnival at Willandra this Friday. Next Friday 6 June we will be holding our School Athletics Carnival. Could any parents who are able to assist on the day please let Mrs Morison in the office or myself know in advance. This is a busy day with lots of events and we really need some assistance on the day. Thank you.

*Yours in sport*

*Dion Lalor*

## P & C NEWS



**Our new outdoor seating.**

### **MERIT AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE ASSEMBLY IN WEEK 4**

|                  |   |
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| <b>K/2H</b>      | Kiho Luke, Violet Lee, Erik Kubinyi and Chrystel Buckley.             |
| <b>3/6B</b>      | Ryan Browne, Kameisha Riley-Burnes, Lachlan Jensen and Aden Gimmmler. |
| <b>3/6L</b>      | Addyson Abbott, Luke Robertson, Corey Henkel and Jayden Lalor.        |
| <b>Ms Cullen</b> | Kurt Wisniewski, Emilly Bloxsome and Casey Lalor.                     |

### **BRIDGE BUILDER AWARDS**

Bronze - Jayden Lalor, Levi Robinson.

Gold - Erik Kubinyi, Evie Finch, Emilly Bloxsome

### **PLAYGROUND STARS WINNERS**

Lachlan Jensen, Dallas Riley-Burnes, Tahlia Taylor-Thomas, Annie Kubinyi and Chrystel Buckley.

## REMINDERS

- Years 4 to 6 expression of interest note for Canberra, please send in ASAP (going or not going) as we need to finalise costs.
- Excursion note to Fleet Air Arm Museum / ISE Ensemble next Wednesday 4 June.

# WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

## THIS WEEK (5)

☺Thursday 29 May

Eisteddfod (Years 3 - 6)

☺Friday 30 May

Regional Cross Country

## NEXT WEEK (6)

☺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 ROSTER

Friday 30 May

James Duke

Monday 2 June

James Duke



## LIFE EDUCATION



Children will have an opportunity to purchase products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This will allow the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

| Product description    | Price Incl. GST |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Tattoo                 | \$0.50          |
| Harold Sticky Note Pad | \$1.50          |
| Harold Activity Bag    | \$3.00          |
| Harold Keyring         | \$3.00          |

| Product description   | Price Incl. GST |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Harold Hand Ball      | \$3.00          |
| Harold Stationery Set | \$3.00          |
| Small Harold Soft Toy | \$8.00          |
| Large Harold Soft Toy | \$15.00         |

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Our disappearing tree!

