

FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 3 - Week 2

Wednesday 23 July, 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We had a **great start** to the term last week. All students were working hard in class and having fun in the playground. All the staff were so pleased and impressed with the fantastic behaviour from all.

Our students have set a goal for the term regarding their behaviour. They have decided that as a group they are going to work hard to ensure that there are no more than 10 behaviour slips given out across the school for the term.

Congratulations to Rheya Luke. She competed at the state PSSA Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek last Friday. Rheya tells us she came 19th out of 72 competitors in her age group – well done Rheya! Apparently the course is much harder than the course at Willandra. As a whole school we are very proud of Rheya's efforts.

Next week is **Education Week** and we are going to be hosting an open day on Tuesday 29 July from 11.30am – 1.00pm. Students will be organised into family groups and rotate through each classroom. We are going to be focusing on Science so students will be completing various experiments in each room. We would love to see parents, carers and grandparents coming to visit and see the great things our students do at school.

The P&C are hosting a **movie night** this Friday night from 6.00pm. Dinner will be served from 6.00pm with the movie kicking off around 6.30pm. We hope that lots of families can attend. This is a family night so students should not turn up unaccompanied by an adult.

Reward Day: This will be held on Thursday 18 September in Week 10. Students who receive 3 or more behaviour slips in class or the playground will not be eligible to attend the reward day. We will be reminding students of this on a daily and weekly basis as we would like all students to attend the reward day. Plans are underway for the day – we are keeping it a surprise at this stage.

Our **school leaders** have been invited to a morning tea with the Federal Member, Mrs Ann Sudmalis on Wednesday 13 August. More details will be sent home with the boys.

Calendar Updates: I can confirm dates for the **Shoalhaven Music Festival**. They are as follows: rehearsals are Tuesday 5 August and Tuesday 2 September. The performance will be on the night of Wednesday 3 September. Notes will be sent home early next week regarding the first rehearsal.

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

Nicole

K/2H NEWS

This week years 1 and 2 are learning about words beginning with 'br' and Kinder are consolidating their knowledge of all sounds. We were able to think of a long list of words starting with this blend on Monday.

Please remember that homework is due each Friday. All students received a homework sheet this week.

It's great to see more home readers being returned this week. Reading at home reinforces the skills and strategies students learn at school. Those students who read regularly at home make greater progress in the classroom.

We are learning about information reports for the first few weeks of this term. Students in years 1 and 2 have been learning how to take notes and use these to write their own reports. Perhaps you could ask them what they know about echidnas or earthworms. Students have also been learning about technical words as well. Kinder have been developing their skills at sentence writing.

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




Nicole

3/6B NEWS

This week we have been very lucky in welcoming two new students to our class. During Mathematics we are studying 2D shapes, angles and multiplication and in English we are continuing to explore procedural writing. An area that I am trying to strongly encourage is home reading. Within the class, we have a chart that the students tally the times they return and swap their home readers. If a student returns it every day of the week they will receive a merit award.

Bonnie Cullen

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

❖ Student A reads an average of 20 minutes per day.	❖ Student B reads an average of 5 minutes per day.	❖ Student C reads an average of 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.
		

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

3/6L NEWS

We are continuing to have a great start to term 3 in class with students working hard and displaying a great understanding of the topics we are learning. Science assignment sheets went home this week explaining the project and the expectations of work to be completed. If there are any dilemmas sourcing materials please let me know. This assignment is due in week 5. In Maths we are extending our learning of 2D shapes by learning about angles and symmetry. In English we are learning about noun groups as a language feature of information reports. All students this week had to write a short information report. These are due on Friday. And finally I would like to welcome Mrs Robinson to 3/6L who will be assisting in our class on Mondays.

Dion Lalor

MS PORTEOUS

In PE all students are learning how to play touch football. Our skill focus this week is ball handling, evasion and roll ball. In Health K/2H have commenced their Life Education booklets focusing on healthy foods and identifying those who can help us in a crisis. Students in 3,4,5, 6 continue to reflect on their sleep habits by completing a quiz and viewing a Behind The News program called 'Kids Sleep'. In Visual Arts students continue to make great progress with 'Pop Art' works. Keep up the great work!

Susan Porteous

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

WEEK 2

☺Thursday 24 July

Assembly 2:15pm

Scripture - Christian Clown Show 11.30am

☺Friday 25 July

P & C Movie Night 6pm

WEEK 3 - EDUCATION WEEK

☺Tuesday 29 July

Open Day 11.30am - 1.00pm

Active After Schools

ICAS English Test

☺Wednesday 30 July

Active After Schools

☺Thursday 31 July

District Athletics - High Jump

☺Friday 1 August

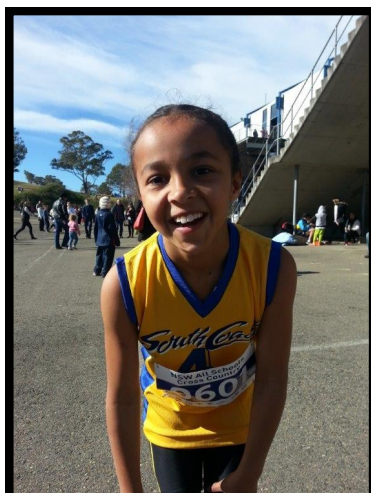
District Athletics Carnival

SPORTS NEWS

We have a busy time ahead of us in sport this term with soccer and AFL clinics being conducted between weeks 2 and 7, Soccer was meant to commence last week but unfortunately bad weather forced us to cancel. AFL will be commencing next week. Good luck to our students who are attending the PSSA District Athletics Carnival next week. **Could permission notes for this event please be returned ASAP.** Our own carnival is planned for week 6. Finally congratulations to Rheya Luke who attended the State Cross Country Carnival on Friday, Rheya placed 19th in state , an outstanding achievement . Well done Rheya the whole school is very proud.

Yours in sport

Dion Lalor



CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 25 July

Jacqui Finch

Monday 28 July

James Duke



CANTEEN NEWS

Hello Parents! Welcome Back for Term 3 2014, I hope everyone's holidays were as awesome as mine!! For Term 3 I have focused on the main selling items, and a more "keep it simple" approach to the menu. You will note that some items have dropped off the menu, whilst other items such as pies and sausage rolls have dropped in price due to being able to source a better price. In turn the savings have been passed on for your winters delight.



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

SCHOOL BANKING

Now available through school banking - the moneybox and swimming bag are available to order when you have reached 10 deposits. Speak to Mrs Spencer to check how many deposits you have or to order.



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. Notify the school as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Nicole Humphreys



FAMILY FUN AND FITNESS

Little Athletics is a sport that provides an opportunity for higher levels of fitness and better health.

Little Athletics is not really about winning but about having fun, making friends and getting families in-

involved in healthy activities. The emphasis is placed on participation and personal improvement.

The new season of Shoalhaven Little Athletics will commence on Tuesday September 2nd 2014.

Where: Ron Brown Sporting Complex (Behind Shoalhaven High School Park Road, South Nowra)

When: Tuesday's 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Ages: Tiny Tots to 17 years of age

Registrations at Ron Brown Sporting Complex on:

- Saturday 23 August from 9.30am to 12midday
- Tuesday 26 August from 5pm to 6.30pm
- Saturday 30 August from 9.30am to 12 midday

Costs: \$80 for all age groups except tiny tots (\$65) Cash or cheque only, no eftpos facilities available.

Athletes not registered before must bring proof of age!

For more information contact the club at shoalhavenlac@yahoo.com.au or go to our facebook page



The inaugural Milton Ulladulla Comedy Festival “Ulladullirious” is to be held on the stunning South Coast of NSW on Friday 22 – Sunday 24 August 2014.

For the adults, there will be a collection of Australia’s finest comedians visiting the region performing at pubs, clubs and restaurants over the weekend. There will also be the opportunity for your students, and family and friends of your students, to join in on the fun. Milton Ulladulla is only a short drive from anywhere in the Shoalhaven.

During “Ulladullirious” there will be something for everyone with a variety of shows, workshops and activities to suit all ages. Some of the fun activities organised to keep the kids laughing are:

- The Plaza Ulladulla – Children’s Scavenger Hunt + a host of children’s activities
- Dunn & Lewis Centre – face painting, dress up bowling + more
- Ulladulla High School – Tommy Franklin and H E I M S K I
- Kids Comedy Workshops – DC Green and KM Doyle

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT P&C Fundraiser

**Wear your Pyjamas,
Don't forget your pillow and a
blanket!**

Price is \$10 per person or \$25 for a family ticket which includes entry to movie, a sausage sandwich, ice cream cone, fruit snack and a drink (cordial)

Come along and have fun while raising funds that are vital for our fantastic little school!



FRIDAY 25TH JULY

6:00 PM

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Please note this is a family event children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.