

FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 3 - Week 3

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week is **Education Week**. It provides us with an opportunity to celebrate and showcase the great things that happen in public schools.

Yesterday we held an open day with a focus on Science activities. Our students were in mixed groups from K- 6 and had the chance to participate in and conduct three different experiments. These activities were enjoyed by all. The whole school also watched a rocket experiment on the oval, hypothesising how high the soft drink bottle would go and why.

Some parents were able to attend yesterday. We thank them for attending and hope they enjoyed their visit.

A big thank you goes to Ms Porteous for organising the Science activities for the open day. She planned the events and organised the equipment to make sure the activities were a huge success.

Damien McGill from the South Coast Register came to visit during our open day, taking lots of photos of students conducting their experiments. Photos from yesterday should be in Friday's paper as well as the free paper that comes out at the end of the week.

There are more photos from the Science Day on the school website.

Kindergarten 2015: We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten for 2015. If you have a child who will turn 5 before 31 July next year please come and see me to discuss the enrolment. Likewise, if you have a neighbour who has a child turning 5 next year please ask them to come and see the school for an enrolment package.

School Athletics Carnival: This will be held on Friday 15 August here at school. If you are able to help out on the day, please ring the school and leave a message for Mr Lalor.

Good luck to the 13 students representing the school at the District Carnival on Thursday and Friday. We know you will do your best.

Attendance: Please make sure you ring the school if your child is absent from school. Likewise, you can send a note in with your child when they return to school. All absences need to be

justified by parents. The Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) monitors our rolls and student attendance and will ask parents for reasons for absences.

School drop off: There are some students who are being dropped off at school before 8.30am when supervision commences. Staff are not on duty before this time and are not responsible for the students. They are busy preparing their classrooms for the school day before they commence duty at 8.30am. We would appreciate parents not dropping off students until this time.

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

Nicole

K/2H NEWS

We are busy writing information reports about kangaroos this week. Year 1 and 2 are learning to take notes and use these to write their own sentences and reports. We are also learning about paragraphs too! Kinder are beginning to use dictionaries to find words they need in their writing. Well done, everyone.

Homework is going home today. I had taken the homework home to mark on the weekend and then forgot to bring it back to school!! It's great to see so many students returning their homework. This week in HSIE we learned about our needs and services and people in the community that help us to meet these needs. We are going to explore this more over the term.

In Maths we are studying length this week. Kinder are comparing short and tall while Year 1 are learning about the metre and Year 2 are learning about centimetres.

It's great to hear the progress everyone is making in their reading. Students who read and return their home readers regularly are making excellent progress. Please remember to send your child in with their home reader each day.

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

Nicole

In Science this term our topic is 'toy world'. Students are encouraged to bring in and share a non motorized toy from home.

Susan Porteous

3/6B NEWS

This week during Mathematics we are focusing upon addition and continuing to revise multiplication skills. I must say, that I am quite pleased to see how fast many students are progressing in multiplication. Often it takes lots of regular practice to master these skills. I would also appreciate if every child could please have a search at home to look for their home readers.

There have been several students that have not exchanged their books this term.

Bonnie Cullen

3/6L NEWS

It is a busy time at school this week with Education Week, Soccer Clinics and the District Athletics Carnival being held later in the week. Fortunately, we have found some time for our studies. In Maths we have been revising addition and the strategies we use to solve addition problems. Thanks to Ms Cullen who has supplied us with some handouts, explaining the strategies. We have been continuing with our information reports in English and I was most impressed with the great deal of understanding students have with this text type and research they conducted for homework. Well done boys and girls. In Science this week we are continuing to look at ancient land formations in Australia and have created a map of Australia highlighting our major land formations. Students independently researched and wrote notes on their selected formation for our map. And please, if you have any concerns or issues with the teaching and learning in the classroom or its content, feel free to come and discuss any concerns or issues with me.

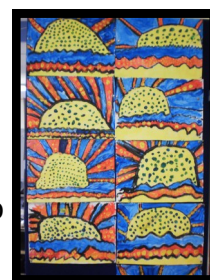
Dion Lalor

MS PORTEOUS

Thank you to those students who completed their sleep diary. It was interesting to compare the findings in class this week.

In PE our focus in touch football is on player awareness, passing, catching and team defence. Well done to all students for their outstanding efforts in Art. Another form of pop art continues next week.

Susan Porteous



SPORTS NEWS

We have had to postpone the commencement of the AFL clinics which were to start this week as we conducted a Science Day for Education Week on Tuesday. AFL will commence next Tuesday for K/1/2 while stages 2 and 3 are attending rehearsals at Illaroo Road P.S. We are also continuing with the soccer clinics on Wednesdays. Students are enjoying the games and skills they are playing and learning with Mr Mark Johnson.

This Thursday and Friday the Shoalhaven PSSA District Athletics Carnival is being held at Shoalhaven High School. We are sending 13 representatives from Falls Creek P.S. Good luck to these students, we wish you all the best.

Yours in sport, Dion Lalor

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

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

P & C Meeting 6.00pm

☺Friday 1 August

District Athletics Carnival

WEEK 4

☺Tuesday 5 August

First rehearsal Shoalhaven Music Festival

☺Wednesday 6 August

Soccer Clinic - 11.30am

☺Thursday 7 August

Assembly - 2.15pm

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 1 August

Jason Elliott

Monday 4 August

James Duke



CANTEEN NEWS

I would like to thank 3/6L for the popularity graphs they completed on the food available at the canteen, they were very informative. Unfortunately we cannot sell hot chips and spiders as they would like, as it does not comply with the healthy food canteen guidelines... sorry kids.



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

SHOALHAVEN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Tickets are now available at the office for the Shoalhaven Music Festival for \$7 each. Please call Mrs Morison if you would like tickets put aside.



BOOK CLUB

Book club orders were due back to school today 30 July.



PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY IN WEEK 2

MERIT AWARDS

K/2H	Markus Macfarlane, Erik Kubinyi, Liam Henkel and Kiho Luke.
3/6B	Ashleigh Bloxsome, Aden Gimmler, Sam Ramsay and Akasha Duke.
3/6L	Kurt Wisniewski, Khe-Sanh Duke, Elvis Oppong and Jayden Lalor.
Ms Porteous	Aden Gimmler, Jye Picker and Emily Dillon.

QUIET ACHIEVER AWARDS

K/2H	Ryder Partridge and Brayden Cullen.
3/6B	Ashleigh Bloxsome and Emily Dillon.
3/6L	Khe-Sanh Duke and Corey Henkel.

BRIDGE BUILDER AWARDS

Bronze	Steven Blume and Jonas, Akasha and Khe-Sanh Duke.
Silver	Torlea Blume
Gold	Blake McDonald, Kiho Luke and Sam Ramsay.

PLAYGROUND STARS WINNERS

Torlea Blume, Grace Fahey, Jayden and Casey Lalor, Liam Henkel and Rheya Luke.

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

ASSEMBLY

WEEK 2



MOVIE NIGHT

