



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 3 - Week 5

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you to everyone for their kind messages and support during the last week. I have greatly appreciated this as my family and I said goodbye to my grandmother.

We have been hit by the flu!! Many of our students have been absent from school this week so far. Thank you to those parents who have contacted the school to inform us of their child's absence – all reports seem to be for the flu. If your child is suffering from the flu, please keep them at home until they are feeling better.

A reminder about school drop off: There are some students who are being dropped off at school as early as 8.00am, before supervision commences. Staff are not on duty before 8.30am and are not responsible for the students before this time. 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.

School Swimming Scheme: Thank you for the wonderful response to the School Swimming Scheme, all places have now been filled. As we are subsidising the cost of the bus, parents are asked to pay the \$20 pool entry only. Please send your payment into school as soon as possible.

Kindergarten 2015: Thank you to all the parents who have informed the school of their Kindergarten enrolments for 2015. Preparation for next year's Kindergarten will begin soon and I urge any parents who have a child starting school next year to please contact us as soon as possible. Also, if you know of anyone who has a child starting school next year who has not informed the school, please ask them to contact us.

School Athletics Carnival: A reminder that our School Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday, 15 August in the school grounds. If you are able to assist on the day, please let Mr Lalor know or contact the school.

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

Nicole

K/2H NEWS

We have been hit by the flu with a small class so far this week. However, we have still been busy with our work. On Monday we researched Komodo Dragons and every student was able to write an information report about this animal – well done!

In Maths we are learning about gathering data and creating graphs from this data. We have started a graph on attendance this week.

Yesterday everyone in class received an award for either outstanding or awesome behaviour – well done. We had decided in the morning that it was possible for all students to achieve these levels and everyone worked hard to make sure they got there – they all made me proud!! I know that we have the potential to do this every day.

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

Nicole

3/6B NEWS

This week we are completing our unit on procedural texts. The students will be completing several assessment activities related to this topic. One of these activities will involve cooking (and eating) food. I have sent a letter home today with further details about the ingredients that we will be using. Last week the students also started expanding their skills in technology. I introduced many of them to Microsoft Publisher. It was great to see the focus and creativity that the students were using. During Science we are exploring a fun element of magnetism and static electricity.

Bonnie Cullen

3/6L NEWS

This week in Maths we are revising subtraction. We are using some of the strategies that we revised in addition, these include the jump method and the split strategy. Students have a good understanding of subtraction and are making good progress. Science assignments are due this week and we have received some dioramas already. We will put these on display in the Library in the coming weeks. We are concluding our text type of information reports this week and students have been busy researching and creating an information report based on an extinct Australian animal for their land formation project in Science. Finally, a brief reminder that readers should be returned as often as possible. The last few weeks have seen less and less students regularly returning their readers. Similarly, homework being submitted is also in a decline. This is due on Friday morning or completed at Friday lunch time.

Dion Lalor

MS PORTEOUS

This week we are continuing our onomatopoeia art in Stages 2 and 3. Kinder and Stage 1 are creating spider webs using foam block printing techniques for art.

We have been practicing baton changes for relays in preparation for Friday's athletics carnival. It was great to see everyone practicing at lunch and I loved how the older students were helping the younger students improve their skills.

In Health we are debating and discussing school swimming schemes and who should be responsible for providing swimming lessons - school or parents.

Susan Porteous

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Kameisha and Rheya who have made the Regional Athletics Carnival to be held in Canberra next Friday, 22 August. Both girls are participating in the 100m sprint and Kamiesha is also participating in the 200m sprint. Good Luck girls!

A reminder that our School Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday, 15 August. We are planning to commence the carnival at **10am** to allow the oval to dry. If you are able to assist on the day, please let myself or Mrs Morison in the office know.

Yours in sport, Dion Lalor.

CANTEEN NEWS

Hello Parents!

A big thanks as always to everyone who supports the canteen each week either by volunteering or purchasing their lunches.

The new 'Homestyle' sausage rolls have been a big hit, as too our new Aussie meat pies. Did you know that our new range of meat pies are made from lean beef and reduced fat pastry? That way we can still enjoy those sneaky treats, whilst still abiding by the Healthy Kids Canteen guidelines.

I am currently working on a new menu in preparation for Term 4 and anticipating the warmer weather will be here earlier than usual. As always, any feedback would be welcome and appreciated.

Regards

James

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

WEEK 5

☺Wednesday 13 August	Active After School Communities
☺Thursday 14 August	Library Borrowing
☺Friday 15 August	School Athletics Carnival

WEEK 6

☺Tuesday 19 August	Active After School Communities
☺Wednesday 20 August	Active After School Communities
☺Friday 22 August	Regional Athletics Carnival

WEEK 7 - SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME COMMENCES

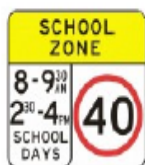
HEAD LICE

There has been a few cases of head lice at school and would like to ask all parents to please check their child's hair. Following are some tips for tackling kids head lice:

- Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb,
- Apply hair conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove tangles,
- The conditioner helps to slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.

Anyone can pick up head lice. They are most common among young children as they often put heads together during play allowing the lice to walk from one head to the next. Head lice do not reflect standards of hygiene. They are just as willing to live in clean or dirty hair.

For more information to www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice



SPEEDING OFFENCES

There has been an increase to the monetary fine applicable to Speeding Offences in School Zones.

Maximum Penalty

\$3612

+ 7 Demerit Points



U TURNS

Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrian or vehicle in a School Zone.

Penalty

\$405

+ 4 Demerit Points

PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY IN WEEK 4

MERIT AWARDS

K/2H - Jonas Duke and Grace Fahey.

3/6B - Lachlan Jensen, Jye Picker, Akasha Duke and Olivia McKibbin.

3/6L - Dallas Riley-Burnes, Elvis Oppong, Khe Sahn Duke, Sealisha Buckley, Lachlan Willis and Lachlan Stuckey.

FLU SEASON IS HERE!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.

Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.

Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.

Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

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