



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 3 - Week 7

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is great to see the colds and flu of the last few weeks disappearing. Please remember to contact the office to inform us of your child's absence. It is a legal requirement that all absences be explained.

Swimming Scheme: It has been reported to me that students are enjoying their lessons and everyone is making improvements already. I hope to visit tomorrow or Friday and see for myself the hard work of students in the pool.

Shoalhaven Music Festival: The final rehearsal is next Tuesday at Nowra High School. Notes were sent home about this yesterday. Please make sure the notes are returned to school ASAP. Swimming will not be on next Tuesday as a result of the rehearsal.

Our students are performing on Wednesday night at Nowra High School. Tickets are available to purchase here at the door. All students in Years 3 – 6 are expected to participate on the night. They will be part of a massed choir, performing with other schools. All schools will also perform their own individual item. I look forward to the night and having our students show the wider community the great things we do in a small school!

I have been in Sydney for the last two days undertaking professional learning on **leading and managing change** within schools and how to involve the whole school community. Over the rest of the year I will be consulting with staff, students and parents to determine the future directions of the school and what we want to see our students achieve.

Early in Term 4 I will be running information sessions with parents about the new school planning policy and what we as a school community can do together. Input from parents and the community will be an integral part of the process. I hope to see many of you able to attend the sessions and have an input in the future directions of the school.

Parking and driving outside the school: I would like to remind parents that it is illegal to do a U-turn in your car in a school zone. Please drive to the turn-around bay at the southern end of Vidler St when leaving the school. Students should be with an adult when crossing the road and students in Kinder, Year 1 and 2 should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road. Finally, please remember that the speed limit of school zones is 40km/h from 8.00 – 9.30 am and 2.30 – 4.00pm. The safety of our students is paramount and I ask that we all abide by the rules and laws to help ensure all children arrive at and leave school safely.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Nicole

K/2H NEWS

The class has had Mrs Robinson over the last two days while I've been in Sydney. I'm sure everyone had a great time and worked hard.

We are learning about words that start with 'fr' this week. We are also learning about procedures and having a go at writing some of our own.

In Maths we have been learning about subtraction and practicing our counting skills.

Ms Porteous has been talking with the class about toys and their moving parts and how they can be manipulated in play. We have some great displays of toys that the class has been making!

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Nicole

3/6B NEWS

This week 3/6B are having a great time during their swimming lessons. It's great to see the high level of participation! This week the students are studying patterns and algebra in Mathematics. Several students took home a letter regarding home readers that have not been returned for quite a while. During English we are continuing to explore information reports.

Bonnie Cullen

3/6L NEWS

Our School Swimming Scheme has commenced this week and it has been fantastic to see the good behaviour that our students display at the pool as well as travelling to and from the venue. We are studying patterns and algebra in Maths and students are progressing well displaying a understanding of the topic. We are continuing to learn about procedures in English and this

week's focus has been on the language and structure of this text type. Information reports that were commenced in class several weeks ago and were not finished need to be handed in by the end of the week. A reminder that homework is due every Friday and sadly students handing in their homework is in decline. If students are having difficulties completing homework could they please bring it back to school so we can go over the concepts together. A quick reminder regarding home readers, students returning these regularly are also in decline.

Dion Lalor

MS PORTEOUS

In Visual Arts this week we are viewing pictures of bird wire sculpture. We will be using small pliers and assorted wire and beads to create our own version of a bird. Safety instructions will be discussed before commencing this activity. K/2H will be creating their own free standing sculpture using foam blocks, beads and pipe cleaners.

In Health K/2H are discussing safety in the park and what makes a friend. Years 3 - 6 are following on with the ABC series Being Me. The topic this week is 'Happy to be Me'.

Weather permitting our Jump Rope for Heart skipping skills will continue during Physical Education.

Susan Porteous

SPORTS NEWS

The School Swimming Scheme has commenced this week and students are making good progress in the water. Well done boys and girls. Next Thursday, 4 September some of our senior students will be attending a touch football gala day at Lyrebird Park. Permission notes have been issued today. If these could be returned as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated.

Yours in sport, Dion Lalor.

SHOALHAVEN MUSIC FESTIVAL - 1 week to go!

Next Wednesday night the Year 3-6 students will be performing at Nowra High School for the Shoalhaven Music Festival. A permission note has been sent home regarding the rehearsal on Tuesday 2 September and several props that the students will need to bring along. Audience tickets can be purchased from the office until Monday for \$7 each. The students that perform do not require a ticket.



WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

WEEK 7

☺Monday 25 August - Friday 5 September	School Swimming Scheme
☺Tuesday 26 August	Active After School Communities - CANCELLED
☺Wednesday 27 August	Active After School Communities - CANCELLED
☺Tuesday 2 September	Active After School Communities

WEEK 8

	Shoalhaven Music Festival - final rehearsal
☺Wednesday 3 September	Active After School Communities
	Shoalhaven Music Festival - Performance 7pm
☺Thursday 4 September	Senior Gala Day - Touch Football
	Assembly 2:15pm

CANTEEN NEWS

Hello Parents!

Just a reminder that the canteen will be CLOSED on Mondays. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Regards

James



CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 29 August

James Duke

CLOSED MONDAYS

BRIDGE BUILDERS

To achieve your:

BRONZE Bridge Builder you will need 20 x certificates. (Students will receive a certificate plus a \$1 canteen voucher.)

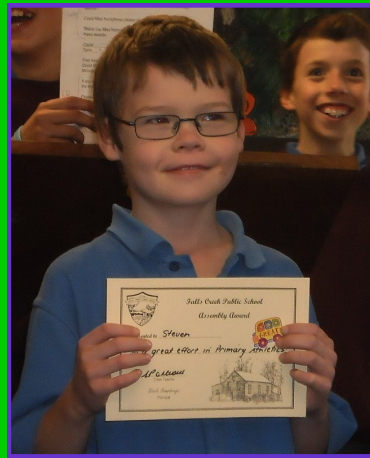
SILVER Bridge Builder you will need 1 x Bronze Bridge Builder plus 15 additional awards.

GOLD Bridge Builder you will need 1 x Bronze Bridge Builder, 1 x Silver Bridge Builder plus 15 additional awards. At this level, students receive a Book Award. When students have collected enough certificates at each level, they need to be handed in at the office. All certificates are returned after the award is presented at the assembly.

School Assembly



21
Aug
2014



Athletics Champions 2014



COMMUNITY NEWS

SHOALHAVEN YOUTH REFERENCE GROUP

Volunteers wanted

A fun way to have a say and help other young people in the region

If you're 16-25yo and passionate about young people apply online at the headspace Nowra website (google 'headspace Nowra' and follow the links). We'll get in touch with you. Applications open now. Meetings fortnightly. Events monthly. Awesomeness constantly.

FOR PICS AND VIDEOS OF SYRG ACTIVITIES
FIND HEADSPACE NOWRA ON FACEBOOK



YOU WILL GAIN:

QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING:

media skills
Mental Health First Aid
dealing with the public
youth health promotion
stuff for your resume
professional references

EXPERIENCE:

event planning
professional meetings
leadership
media performance
film making
social media
public speaking

FUN STUFF:

plan and run events
talk about youth issues
make friends
eat lots of food
make a difference
casual, social, fun



WHAT WE DO FOR FUN



CHILDRENS CRAFT WORKSHOP



Using recycled food packaging, children will be guided in the making of a concertina book with pages decorated with stamp pad prints.



Children aged 5 -10 are invited to attend this free workshop to be held at the Lady Denman Maritime Museum.



10am to 12pm

Saturday 6th September.

RSVP: 02 4441 5675



CENTRAL SHOALHAVEN MOBILE Preschool UNIT INC



ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR 2015

The Central Shoalhaven Mobile Preschool is a community owned, not for profit organisation. University and TAFE trained staff provide an educational program for children aged between 3 and 5 years, in a motivating setting to enhance each child's preparation for school.

We visit Callala Beach, Cambewarra, Falls Creek and Huskisson weekly.

Preschool hours are from 9am - 3.00pm,
extended hours available from 8am.

Come along and give your child the opportunity to make new friends within the local area. Subsidies are available.



All enquiries welcome

Phone: 44230571 /0432274244 /0412928095

We are a registered Preschool not a Long Day Care facility



JERVIS BAY LION'S CLUB

Everything the Lion's Club collects goes to raise funds for charities or under privileged people. If you have any of the following items, the Lion's Club would be grateful for any donations. Send them in to the school office, where they will be passed on to the Lion's Club.

- Ring-pulls from top of cans. NOT the whole lid, just the ring-pulls.
- All sorts of stamps.
- Corks of all shapes and sizes.
- Also old eye glasses, even if broken, any frames or lenses.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Presented at assembly Thursday 21 August.

MERIT AWARDS

K/2H	Steven Blume and George Williams.
3/6B	Tahlia Taylor-Thomas, Rheyra Luke, Brodie Partridge and Aden Gimmler.
3/6L	Emilly Bloxsome, Levi Robinson and Lachlan Stuckey.
Ms Porteous	Kameisha Riley-Burnes, Tahlia Taylor-Thomas and Khe-Sanh Duke.

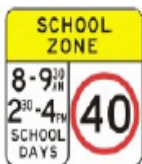
BRIDGE BUILDER AWARDS

Bronze	Lachlan Jensen, Jye Picker and Markus Macfarlane.
Silver	Chrystel Buckley and Brodie Partridge.
Gold	Sealisha Buckley.

PLAYGROUND STARS WINNERS

Jonas Duke, Elvis Oppong, Lachlan Willis, Sam Ramsay, Erik Kubinyi and Levi Robinson.

ATTENTION!!



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