



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

TALKABOUT

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Term 4 - Week 1

Wednesday 7 October, 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back everyone to a busy term 4. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and that your children behaved themselves over the break. I know there were many children sick at the beginning of the holidays and I hope they all recovered quickly.

The weather has been an interesting challenge this week with it being very hot on Tuesday and much cooler today. This is a good time to remind parents to ensure their children's school clothing (jumpers, hats) are clearly marked with their name so they can be returned when left around the playground. All students should be wearing their hat at school. If students do not have a school hat they will be asked to sit and play under the COLA.

This year's **presentation evening** will be held on Monday 7 December at 6.00pm. More details will follow about this closer to the date.

A **reward day** will be held this term to reward those students who do the right thing at school. A date is yet to be determined and more details will follow once the date and venue is decided on by staff.

School App: We are currently setting up a school app that will be available for parents to download onto their phones. This app will allow us to send out alerts and reminders to parents. Once the final set up is finalised with the company this week we will send out information to parents and community members about how to install the app onto your phones and digital devices.

Bushfire Season: The bushfire season for 2015/2016 has commenced. As Falls Creek PS is once again on the Bushfire Register we are instructed to cease operations on days where a catastrophic fire hazard warning is forecast. More information regarding this and the procedures that need to be followed will be sent home with next week's Talkabout and will be available on the school's website by the end of this week. If you have any questions please come and see me.

Tell Them From Me surveys: A note was sent home to parents last term in regards to completing the parent survey.

The parent survey will provide the school with parents' perspective on their school as well as learning at home. Communication between parents and staff, activities and practices at home, and parent views on the school's support of learning and behaviour all help build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements.

Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. I can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. However, I ask that you participate so that your opinions and views can be heard and used to help make our school better. Please type the following link into your web browser to access the link: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17920&j_password=Fa1901

You must type in the link exactly as it is for it to work correctly.

If you do not have computer access at home then you are able to complete the survey at school before school starts each day. The survey window closes on 16 October.

Reminder: Berry Sport & Rec Medical Forms must be completed online by Wednesday 14 October and any outstanding payments need to be paid to the office by Friday 23 October.

If you have any questions or concerns, please come and see me.

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

We are back to work! Everyone has started the week well with a great effort by Kindergarten in particular.

Now we are heading into warmer weather students will be allowed to keep their water bottles (filled with water only) on their desks or in the fridge. Please make sure water bottles are clearly marked with your child's name.

It was great to see so many summer fruits and vegetables being eaten at Crunch and Sip yesterday. Students love comparing their favourite fruits and vegetables and there is always a great conversation around which fruit/vegetable is best and why!

Home Readers: Notes will be sent home to those students who have had a home reader out for a while. We ask for a \$10 donation to help replace lost home readers. Please have a good look at home for any home readers that are lying around and return them to school with your child.

We will be busy this term ensuring we meet the end of year expectation in reading and writing. Ms Porteous and I will be beginning assessments shortly to help us prepare end of year reports. *If you have any questions or concerns, please come and see me.*
Nicole

3/4 NEWS

I don't think I have ever started a Week 1 report with the statement "Well this is going to be a very relaxing term with an empty calendar," yet again we have a busy term ahead of us.

Thanks to Mrs Robinson for taking the class during my leave. They had a very productive and enjoyable time as I did on my trip to Perth for a family reunion.

We will be looking at rounding off numbers to 100s and up to 10 000s in Maths over the next few weeks as well as starting some of our assessments.

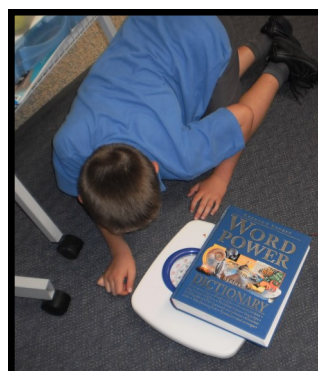
Homework has started and is due back on Friday. If your child is reading a chapter book at home each night I would like them to return their Home Readers and fill out their sheets with the name of the book they are reading and what chapters they read each night. Listening to them read even a page is still a very valuable experience.

It seems ages ago but I hope all the Dads enjoyed their Father's Day presents that the children made.

School Library borrowing will start on Thursday so please remember to return ALL your books and bring a Library bag.

Keep in touch,
Lyn

3/4 students weighing different items in the Classroom.



5/6 NEWS

Welcome back to school and a busy term 4. With Berry Sport and Rec quickly approaching, School Swimming Carnival and the annual Dragon Tag Gala Day all happening this term, we will hopefully fit in some school work. This term in English we are doing literacy appreciation. We have started the term by reading the Aboriginal Dreaming story Mooroop Bindar and are creating some artworks to accompany the story. In Maths we are revising whole numbers and are preparing for assessments over the coming weeks.

Dion

2015 Jump Off Champions



MS CULLEN

Firstly, I would like to thank everybody for the strong support in the school's participation in Jump Rope for Heart. I am in the process of uploading some pictures onto the school website. This term during HSIE, K/1/2 are studying transport and 3/4 and 5/6 are exploring Antarctica. The focus during Creative Arts this term is drama. The students will all be participating in and creating fun drama activities. This term, I am also teaching Personal Development (Puberty and reproduction) to 5/6. A note was sent home yesterday with further details about what is being taught .

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016

If you have a child eligible to start school in 2016 could you please contact the school. If you



know of any families living in our area who do not have a child currently attending Falls Creek School but are wishing to enrol in 2016 could you please ask them to contact the school. We will be holding our Kinder Orientation on Tuesday 10 November 2015, 1.30pm to 2.40pm. This will be followed up with 2 afternoon sessions for the children on Tuesday 17 & Tuesday 24 November 2015.

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

TERM 4 WEEK 2

☺Wednesday 14 October

Cricket Gala Day

☺Thursday 15 October

Assembly 2:15pm

P & C Meeting 6:15pm

COMING EVENTS

☺Friday 30 October

Bandanna Day

☺Wednesday 4 November -

Friday 6 November

Berry Sport & Recreation Camp (Years 4 - 6)

☺Tuesday 10 November

Kinder Orientation

CANTEEN NEWS

Beginning next week the canteen days will change to Tuesday and Friday.



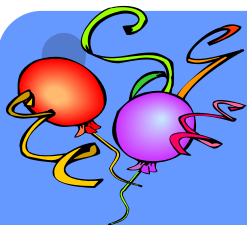
CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 9 October

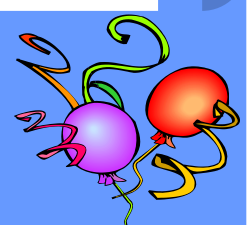
Jacqui Finch & Leah Ryan

Tuesday 13 October

Suzanne Lightowlers



Happy Birthday!



**Happy Birthday to the following students who
celebrate their birthday in September**

27 October:

Khe-Sanh Duke

COMMUNITY NEWS

NSW Children's Week 2015
"Children's rights are human rights"



Morning Tea in the Bush

**Wednesday 28th October,
9.30-11.30am**

University of Wollongong (Shoalhaven Campus)
George Evans Rd, West Nowra
~~~~ Follow the colourful streamers ~~~~

Bring your own picnic blanket and morning tea  
There will be fun activities for the children.

*"For children to share and learn about our community."*



*"We were all children once. And we all share the desire for the well-being of our children, which has always been and will continue to be the most universally cherished aspiration of humankind."*


We the Children: End-decade review of the follow-up to the World Summit for Children Report of the Secretary-General (2001).




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7<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
5:30pm @ Shoalhaven High

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 canteen | national bandanna day | Friday 30 Oct

National Bandanna Day Friday 30 October 2015 – once again we will be supporting Canteen by selling Bandannas for \$4 each. These will be available from the office next week.

Shoalhaven Football (soccer) – Term 4 Academies are being held at the following venue South Nowra Soccer Field Friday 16 October for ages 5 – 13 years – 6 week program cost is \$70.

The Academies are suited for players of all abilities with the following skills being implemented,

1) running with the ball, 2) 1st Touch, 3) Striking the ball & 4) 1 v 1 games.

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