



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## TALKABOUT

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**Term 4 - Week 3**

**Wednesday 21 October, 2015**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**South Coast Register:** The article in today's South Coast Register is incorrect.

The school is NOT CLOSING!

If you have any further questions please contact the school and I will get back to you when I return next Monday.

**Cyber Safety:** A parent has reported to me this week that their child has been in contact with an online predator who was grooming this child. Luckily, this was discovered before anything serious could occur and has been reported to the police.

Can I urge all parents to monitor their child's social media presence and report anything suspicious to the police? Students are vulnerable to online predators who can groom them. It can be a frightening experience for children and they do not have the maturity to deal with the situation.

The website <http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/> has information for parents and carers and also fact sheets for students. Please take the time to read the fact sheets available on the website and please monitor your child's time on their devices or computers.

I have organised the Police Youth Liaison Officer to visit the school next week to talk to students in Years 5 and 6 about what to look out for. She will also be talking to students about sending and receiving explicit photos and the law surrounding this.

**Berry Sport and Rec:** Final payments are due this Friday. A note about this and transport was sent home yesterday. Please contact the school if you are having problems making final payments or are unsure of your outstanding balance.

**School App:** We now have a school app. This will allow us to send reminders, alerts and messages to parents and families that subscribe. We hope to use this as the main form of communication in the future. To download the app to your phone or device, please follow the instructions attached to this edition of Talkabout.

You will be able to set up your notifications page to receive all notes or only those for your child's

grade.

There are already absentee notes and change of address forms available under the eforms section of the app. Please feel free to start using these.

Talkabout will also be available on the app.

Alerts about the operational status will be sent out using the app if there is a catastrophic fire rating declared.

*So far, only a small number of parents have downloaded the app. Please refer to the instructions with Talkabout to install the app on your phone.*

**Bushfire Season:** Please read the attached flyer about the bushfire season and the procedures we must follow. Information has also been added to the school's website and the link to this is here:

<http://www.fallscreek-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/rules-policies/bushfire-safety-information>

If you would like further information please contact the school.

**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=Fal1901](https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17920&j_password=Fal1901)

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 has been extended to this **Friday 23 October**. As of last Friday, only 2 parents had completed the survey. If not enough parents complete the survey then we will not receive a report. Your views and opinions are important to the school and help us to plan for the future.

Finally, I am at the NSW Primary Principal Association's Annual Conference being held in

Sydney. I will be back at school on Monday. However, I am keeping in contact with the school and am able to deal with any issues that arise.

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

*Nicole*

## **K/1/2 NEWS**

I am away at a conference this week so Ms Cullen has the class on Tuesday, Mrs Robinson has them today and tomorrow and Ms Porteous will have them as usual on Friday.

Science: Last week for homework students were asked to find things at home that made sound or light. Several students brought their items to school or wrote about them to share with the class. Below are some photos of these students sharing their items with the class and I.

In Maths this week we are learning about addition. Students are busy learning basic addition facts (Kinder), how to add larger numbers by adding tens and ones (Year 1) or using a variety of strategies to complete addition problems (Year 2).

Don't forget to change home readers daily. Regular practice of reading strategies taught in class is important for continued reading success for all students.

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

*Nicole*



## **3/4 NEWS**

In Science we have been looking at unusual landforms in Australia that have been weathered and eroded by water and wind over time. We certainly have a lot of them and the children have been making some impressive artworks with calendar pictures.

In Maths over the next few weeks we are looking at addition and subtraction problems with money.

In English we are revising narratives with an emphasis on dramatic pieces and believe me some of the children's work brings a whole new meaning to the word drama.

In Dictation Evie, Kiho, Kaleb, Kizac and all of Year 4 received A-, A or A+s and there were super results in their spelling tests as well.

More than two thirds of the class returned their homework – well done and thank you for encouraging them to not only do the work but to hand it in as well.

Remember Library is on **Thursday**.

*Keep in touch,*

*Lyn*

## **5/6 NEWS**

Only 2 weeks to go until the Berry Sport and Recreation camp. As the date quickly approaches we are getting more and more excited, (students as well). Last Wednesday 5/6 attended the T20 Cricket Gala Day. Our girls were divided between some of the other teams and had the opportunity to make some new friends. Our boys were able to play together and displayed the exceptional sportsmanship that our school has come to be associated with. In class we are revising statistics and data in addition to some fractions and decimals as well. In English we have been continuing with reading Aboriginal Dreaming stories and creating artworks to accompany this literature.

Please ensure that if your child is attending the Berry Sport and Recreation camp that the online registration has been completed.

*Thank you*

*Dion*

## **MS CULLEN**

During HSIE 3/4 and 5/6 are studying the human involvement in Antarctica such as ecological research, whaling, explorers and are beginning to research the different animals. All students are also being introduced to new songs that they will be performing at Presentation Night.

## **SPORT NEWS**

### **Cricket Gala Day**

Last Wednesday 5/6 went to the T20 Cricket Gala Day. We got split into teams and played different games, we learnt different skills, met new people and of course we had fun. Because we didn't have enough girls for a full team, we got split into other school's girl teams. All the girls, from Falls Creek met new people and made new friends. I made lots of new friends; actually my whole team became my new friends. I know our school worked together to have fun and win

games. The best part was being able to play cricket and have a dance and a rock out as they played music on the speakers, in the middle of the games. We also had a catching competition. At the end of the day we got prizes and went back to school. The 5/6 students had an amazing time at the T20 Cricket Gala Day.

*Emily Dillon*

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016

If you have a child eligible to start Kindergarten in 2016, would you please contact the school as soon as possible. Also, if you know of any families living in our area who do not have a child currently attending Falls Creek Public School, but are wishing to enrol their child in 2016, would you please ask them to contact the school.



Our Kindergarten Orientation will commence on Tuesday 10 November from 1.30 - 2.40pm. This will be followed by two afternoon sessions for our new students on Tuesday 17 November and Tuesday 24 November. We look forward to seeing our new students at these sessions.

**BOOKCLUB** Issue 7 is due back at school by tomorrow, Thursday 22 October.



## Canteen National Bandanna Day

National Bandanna Day is on Friday 30 October, 2015. Once again we will be supporting Canteen by selling Bandannas for \$4 each. These are now available from the office.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Don't forget that the canteen days are now Tuesday and Friday.



## CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 23 October

Jacqui Finch & Leah Ryan

Tuesday 27 October

Suzanne Lightowlers

# WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

## TERM 4 WEEK 4

☺Thursday 29 October

Assembly 2.15pm

☺Friday 30 October

Bandanna Day

## WEEK 5

☺Wednesday 4 November -

Friday 6 November

Berry Sport & Recreation Camp (Years 4 - 6)

## COMING EVENTS

☺Tuesday 10 November

Kinder Orientation

☺Wednesday 18 November

Shoalhaven High School Orientation Evening 6-7pm

Nowra High School Orientation 9.30-2.30pm

☺Thursday 19 November

Disco 6.30-8pm

☺Monday 7 December

Presentation Evening

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**TERARA COUNTRY FAIR**

**TERARA PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2015  
8AM - 3PM

**OVER 40 STALLS**

- GAMES & PRIZES
- PLANTS & PRODUCE
- HIGH TEA & PRESERVES
- BOOKS & NIC-NACS
- CLOTHING & JEWELLERY
- TOYS & SHOWBAGS
- GIANT AUCTION

 **MILLBANK ROAD, TERARA**



**saverplus**

Is your child starting school next year?  
Would \$500 assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Lindi Jamieson-Brown, your local  
Saver Plus Worker: (02) 4254 4505 / 0427 439 234  
or [lindi.jamieson-brown@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:lindi.jamieson-brown@thesmithfamily.com.au)

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**HALLOWREAD**  
AT NOWRA LIBRARY

POP IN TO NOWRA LIBRARY ON FRIDAY THE 30<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER  
DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE **SCARY** CHARACTER AND WIN A PRIZE!  
TAKE A PHOTO IN OUR GHOULISH PHOTO BOOTH AND SCARE UP A GOOD READ!





## P & C - CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are now accepting donations for our Christmas hamper end of year raffle eg: biscuits, chocolates, cans of fruit / vegetables, toiletries, toys and knick knacks.

Each family has been given a book of raffle tickets today, if you need any more please contact the office.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The raffle will be drawn at the Presentation Evening on Monday 7 December. Please support the school and send in a donation or buy a ticket.



## Library Links

*Welcome back, I hope you all had a relaxing break and are ready for a busy term ahead.*

### **Book Covering**

*Thank you to everyone who has assisted in the covering of classroom reading resource and library resources, there are still a few in need of covering, so if you are able to assist, please let Karen in the office know. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.*

### **Library Borrowing**

*Just a reminder that Library borrowing is on each Thursday. This will be a short term for borrowing as the annual stocktake will need to be completed by the end of Term 4.*

### **Shoalhaven Library Activities**

*Shoalhaven Library has some wonderful events coming up in October to celebrate 'Children's Week'. Some of these include Lego and Halloween events. Don't miss out! Please see details elsewhere in 'Talkabout'.*



## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



### For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

### For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.

