



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

TALKABOUT

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Term 4 - Week 4

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I want to reassure parents that the school is not closing and it will be business as usual in 2016. I sent a note home yesterday inviting all parents to come along to an **information session next Monday at 6.00pm** in the school library. At this session I will be explaining our structure for 2016 and talking about the departmental policies that all schools must follow. I urge you to come along and listen to the information and ask questions.

Could I also ask you to come and talk to me if you have any questions or concerns? I am available most mornings and afternoons and can return calls from parents or meet face to face.

Afternoon Tea with Ann Sudmalis: This afternoon our school leaders had the opportunity to attend an afternoon tea with our Federal Member, Ann Sudmalis at her offices. We will have photos to share next week.

Berry Sport and Rec: the camp is fast approaching! Please check the information sent home about what students need to take to camp. Besides clothes and toiletries students need to take their own bedding and towels. If you haven't already, please return the permission note to school. All outstanding payments must also be finalised.

Kinder Orientation: This begins on Tuesday 10 November. A parent session will be held at 1.30pm with new Kinder students working in the K/1/2 room. If you have any neighbours who have not yet enrolled their children at school for 2016 please ask them to contact the school.

Cyber Safety: I have arranged for the local Police Youth Liaison Officer to visit the school tomorrow to talk to students in Years 5 and 6 about cyber safety. Many of our students are not always following the 'stranger danger' premise when online and could be leaving themselves open to being groomed by online predators. The Youth Liaison Officer will be explaining to students the importance of being safe online and also explaining the law around sending inappropriate photos online.

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.

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

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

We are completing Maths assessments this week in class as well as some Writing assessments. Everyone is working hard to do their best. These assessments will help Ms Porteous and I to write student reports in the next few weeks.

Don't forget to return home readers every day. Some students are not progressing through the levels as fast as others as they don't change their home readers regularly.

Library books are due each Thursday. Please make sure students put them in their bags to return. There are not many borrowing days left in the year.

Finally, I apologise that homework has not been marked for the last 2 weeks. I will be marking all outstanding homework this weekend.

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

Nicole

3/4 NEWS

The results the children achieved this week in their Spelling Tests and Dictations really reflected the extra work they put in.

Our house points competition was down to only a few points difference before the Spelling results and the Kangaroos were the champions.

In Maths we are continuing our subtraction and addition problems particularly focusing on money for another week and in English we are developing our narratives.

Thank you for hunting up many of the overdue library books. We still have a few outstanding books and many home readers haven't been returned since last term.

Keep in touch,

Lyn

5/6 NEWS

1 week until camp. Notes were sent home yesterday regarding the camp. Included in the note is a packing checklist as well as other parent information. In Maths this week we are revising fractions and decimals. In English we are revising our super 6 comprehension strategies as we read through 'Danny the Champion of the World'. Students are enjoying this Dahl classic and the activities that accompany the narrative.

Thank you

Dion

MS CULLEN

This week during HSIE 3/4 and 5/6 are continuing to study the impacts that humans have upon Antarctica including fishing, whaling and tourism. K/1/2 will be exploring the variety of transport services available in the Shoalhaven and are investigating paddle steamers.

SPORT—T20 Cricket Day



MORNING HEALTH HUSTLE



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.



Canteen National Bandanna Day

National Bandanna Day is this 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

TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Hot dog and a drink

\$5



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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 30 October

Gim Belsito & Jason Elliott

Tuesday 2 November

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 31ST 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
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HALLOWREAD
AT NOWRA LIBRARY

POP IN TO NOWRA LIBRARY ON FRIDAY THE 30TH 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, 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'.

CHICKEN POX!!

We have been notified by one of our parents that their child has chicken pox. If your child develops a rash they must be kept at home for 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over.

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](#).



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.

