



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Term 1 - Week 2**

**Wednesday 4 February, 2015**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**Welcome back** to 2015 to all our students and parents. I hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year and was able to spend some time with their families.

I would also like to welcome our new Kinder students and their families as well as other new students and families that have started at Falls Creek this year.

Everyone has settled in well to their classes and school. It is great to see our Year 6 students helping our new Kinder students settle in to school.

**Classes for 2015:** Our classes and teachers for 2015 are as follows –

K/1/2: Miss Nicole Humphreys and Ms Susan Porteous (Friday)

3/4: Mrs Lyn Brown and Ms Susan Porteous (Tuesday)

5/6: Mr Dion Lalor

Release from Face to Face (RFF) and Learning Support : Ms Bonnie Cullen (Tuesdays of odd weeks and every Wednesday and Thursday)

Ms Porteous will also be working on Thursday to provide some extra support for every class.

**Assembly:** Our first assembly of the year will be on Thursday 19 February at 2.15pm. They will then be held fortnightly after that. We hope that parents are able to attend. If your child is receiving an award at an assembly they will bring home an invitation inviting you to attend.

**School Leaders:** Our Year 6 students are busy writing their speeches about why they want to become a school leader. Mr Lalor and I have offered all students support and assistance in writing their speech. These speeches should be no more than 2 minutes in duration.

Students will make their speeches next Friday morning at 9.00am and voting will take place after that. We will announce the new Prime Ministers and Deputy Prime Ministers at our assembly on

Thursday 19 February.

**Awards:** Students are beginning to receive class awards already this year for their outstanding behaviour in the classroom. Keep these awards safe at home as these can be traded for our Bridge Builder Awards. The number of awards needed is as follows:

Bronze Bridge Builder: students need 20 awards (these include class awards and awards received at assembly)

Silver Bridge Builder: an additional 15 awards are needed

Gold Bridge Builder: another 15 awards are needed

Once the awards are traded for a bridge builder they are returned to students.

**School Photos:** Rainbow Photographics will be taking our school photos on Thursday 26 February, order forms and envelopes will be sent home with the eldest child in your family next week.

**P & C Meeting:** The first P & C meeting for 2015 will be held on Thursday 12 February at 6pm. If you would like to be involved or simply come along and listen to what is happening at your school, please join us in the 5/6 room at 6pm. All welcome! Children can play quietly in the adjoining classroom if you need to bring them along.

**Pedestrian Crossing:** I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to use the pedestrian crossing when arriving at school and leaving in the afternoon. It is important that we work together to ensure all students stay safe as they arrive and leave school. Flashing lights were installed last week to remind parents of when school zones are operating and to drive at a maximum of 40km/h.

I would also like to remind parents to use the turn-around bay at the southern end of Vidler Road. This again ensures the safety of our students.

Parents are not allowed to park in the school car park as we use this to move the children to and from the buses in the morning and afternoon.

My **office day** remains a Friday and I am available to meet with parents at this time. If you need to speak to me I ask that you make an appointment.

*Nicole*

## K/1/2 NEWS

What a great start to the year we have had. Everyone is settling in well to the class routines.

The South Coast Register came and took photos of our Kinder students last Friday and some of them, along with some Year 1 students, appeared in the paper on Monday. The Kinder feature appears in next Wednesday's edition of the South Coast Register.

**Homework:** Kinder received their sound book yesterday. This homework helps to consolidate their learning about sounds in the classroom. Please return them each Friday.

Year 1 and 2 will start homework next week. All students will need a homework book that they can write in. Home readers for Years 1 and 2 will also start next week.

**Fruit Break:** We have fruit break each morning around 10.00am. Please make sure your child has some fruit in their lunch box to eat at this time. For our younger students fruit already cut up helps them to eat it in the given time.

As Principal, I take an administration day on Friday. Ms Susan Porteous takes the class on this day. Ms Bonnie Cullen has the class from 12.00pm to 1.00pm on Wednesday and Thursday while I take some release time.

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

*Nicole.*

## 3/4 NEWS

Welcome back everybody. It was great to be back and see all those smiling faces last week from both the parents and the children.

Week 1 and 2 have been busy with assessments to gauge the children's progress and ensure that they are working at the appropriate levels in their groups. Homework started this week and is due back on Friday.

Ms Porteous will be taking the class on Tuesdays this year and Ms Cullen will be teaching them on Wednesday morning. Library will begin on Thursday so the children need to bring a Library bag so they can take home their book. Home reading will commence next week.

The Science topic for this term is "Feathers, Fur and Leaves" !!

Looking forward to an action packed year with plenty of learning and interaction.

*Keep in touch,*

*Lyn*

## 5/6 NEWS

Welcome back parents, carers and students. I hope you all had a fun and relaxing break. We are looking forward to a great 5/6 class this year. This week and last, we have been conducting assessments and preparing ourselves and our room for a great year of learning ahead. Students have helped design a classroom contract that will be going home soon for parents and carers to read with their children. Homework has commenced this week and is due Fridays with home readers commencing next week after assessments have been finalised. Interested Year 6 students should be working on their speeches for the upcoming school election next Friday. Speeches have been discussed in class but children might like some extra assistance at home.

*Thanking you,*

*Dion Lalor*

## MS CULLEN

Welcome back! I hope everybody had a fantastic holiday break. This year I am teaching Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE) and Creative Arts to all of the students. This term during HSIE the students are all studying local history and exploring how their local area has changed over time. During Creative Arts, Year 5 & 6 are learning to play the recorder and Year 3 & 4 are exploring percussion and drumming patterns. K/1/2 are exploring playing percussion instruments.

## SPORT NEWS

It is a busy time for sport this term with swimming carnivals and various district trials. The first of these events is next Friday the 13th with district trials for boys and girls cricket. Basketball trials will be conducted the following week (week 4). As these events are trials with students being selected from 16 schools, convenors ask that only competent competitors attend. In addition, at these events it is the responsibility of parents to get their children to and from the venue. The rest of the term will see tennis, soccer, hockey, rugby league and touch footy trials also being conducted.

Our first carnival for 2015 is the FISST Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 24 February at Bomaderry swimming pool. Notes will be going home shortly. In the same week on Thursday 26 February the District Carnival will be held at the same venue, so there will be a quick turnaround of permission notes.

*Yours in Sport, Dion Lalor*

# WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

## NEXT WEEK (3)

☺Thursday 12 February

P & C Meeting 6pm

## WEEK (4)

☺Thursday 19 February

Assembly 2:15pm

## COMING EVENTS

☺Tuesday 24 February

FISST Swimming Carnival

☺Thursday 26 February

School Photos

District Swimming Carnival

☺Thursday 5 March

Year 6 Leadership Day - Killalea

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### VACANCIES AVAILABLE

The Central Shoalhaven Mobile Preschool is a Community Based not for profit organisation. We provide educational programs designed for preschool children aged between 3 – 5 years, by fully qualified staff in a caring environment. Allow your child to make new friends within the local area.

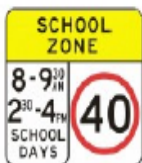
Subsidy available. We operate from Falls Creek Public School Hall on Tuesday, of the school term.

#### PRESCHOOL HOURS:

9.00am – 3.00pm.

#### ADDITIONAL HOURS:

8.00am – 9.00am



### **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**

## CANTEEN NEWS

Hello Parents, welcome back for 2015!!

Please find attached the Term 1 menu for 2015 for the fridge door. This menu is a bit light, but a lot of things weren't selling last term so I've just focused on the things that were selling.

Over this term I will have a chat with the kids in the playground and get a feel for what they would like to see on the term 2 menu, and in turn hopefully the next one will be a bit more exciting.....so long as they aren't all asking me for hot chips and gravy and hotdogs and stuff like they usually do lol 😊 (not allowed to sell that stuff at school anymore, sorry kids)

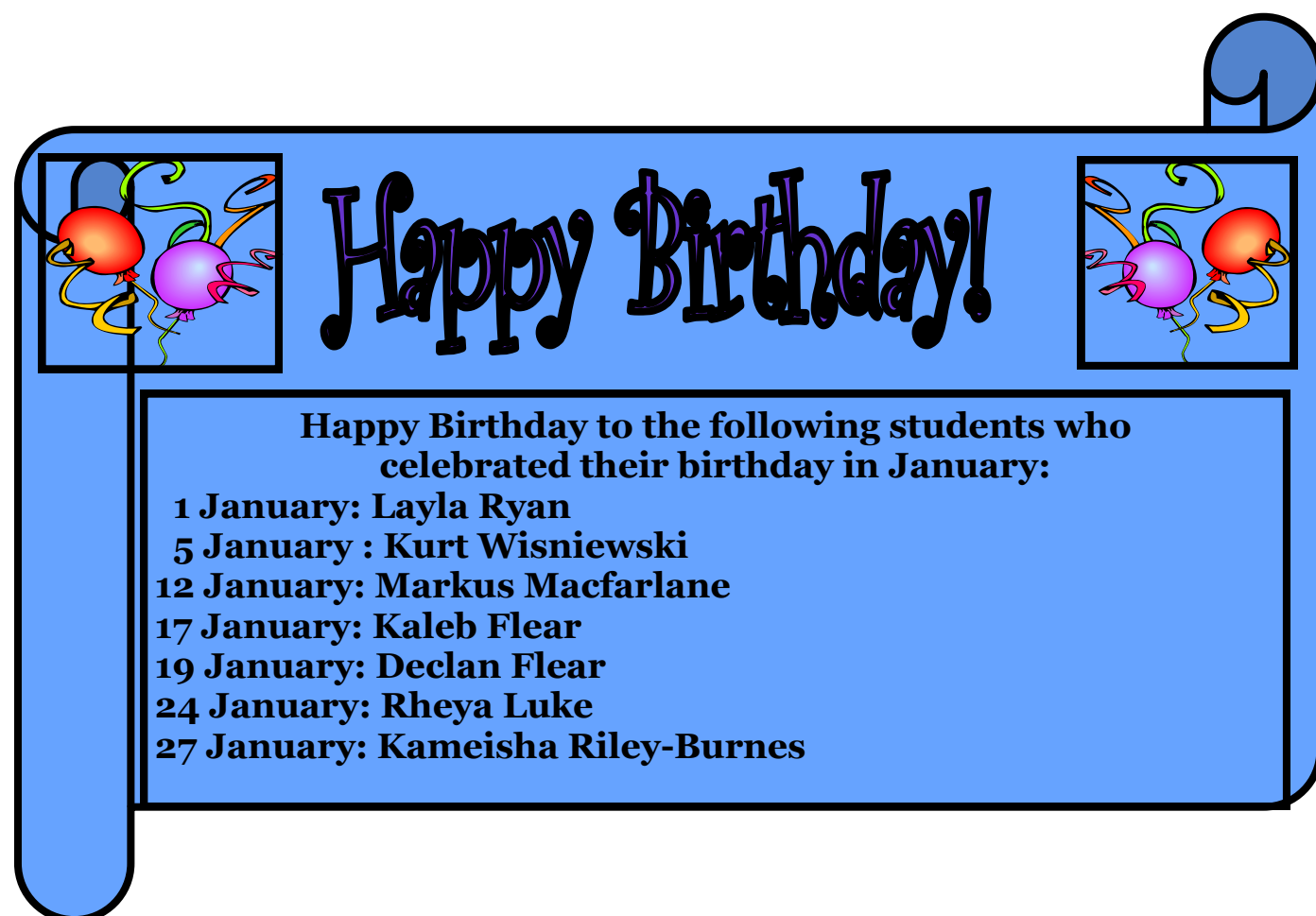
Speaking of Term 2, we are desperately in need of more canteen volunteers to keep the canteen open. As of March my own availability will not let me pick up the extra canteen shifts as I did last year, so I am asking for anyone who is interested to please come forth and volunteer their time for the school.

*Regards, James*

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 6 February - James Duke & Tamie Harvie

Friday 13 February - James Duke & Tamie Harvie



# Falls Creek Public School CANTEEN MENU

## TERM 1 2015

### Lunch Menu

1. Tuna Salad	\$4.00
2. Egg Salad	\$4.00
3. Chicken burger	\$4.00
4. Hamburger	\$4.00
5. Egg & lettuce Roll	\$3.20
6. Aussie Meat Pie	\$3.40
7. Home-style Sausage Roll	\$3.20
9. Dino Snacks	\$3.50

Tomato/BBQ sauces	30c
Brown Paper Bag	10c

### DRINKS

100% Juice	\$2.00
Orange, Apple, Apple/Blackcurrant Flavoured Milk -	
Choc/Strawberry	\$2.00
Quench fruit Lemonade	\$2.00
Quench lemon/lime	\$2.00
Bottled Water	\$1.50

### SNACKS

Grainwaves	\$1.00
Smith's Chips,	\$1.00
Red Rock Deli Chips	\$1.00
Fresh Fruit	0.50c each

### COLD SNACKS

Paddle Pops	\$1.50
Frozen Yogurt	\$1.70
Quelch Fruit Sticks	0.50c

### \$5 HEALTHY KIDS CHOICE COMBO's

Dino Snacks, Garden Salad & Water  
Egg/lettuce roll & Milk/Juice\*  
Salad 1 or 2 & Milk/Juice\*  
Chicken Salad Burger Milk/Juice\*

PLACE ALL LUNCH ORDERS WITH CHILD'S CLASS NAME AND ORDER ONTO A PAPER LUNCH BAG IN THE LOCKED GREEN WOODEN BOX IN FRONT OF CANTEEN **BEFORE 9AM**

THANK YOU

*Falls Creek school canteen is a member of the Healthy Kids Association..  
Our canteen is run by 100% volunteers and is committed to providing healthy & nutritious food at reasonable prices..*

# Letter to the Parents, Carers, Relatives and Friends of Falls Creek Public School.

Dear All,

My name is Adam Willis and I am the President of The Falls Creek Public School P&C. I have been associated with Falls Creek Public School since 2002, when my wife and I enrolled our eldest son. From the time our association started at the school we knew that this would be a special place for our children to be educated. Almost immediately we became involved with the P&C, not only because we wanted to be connected to the community in which we had just moved to but we also found it the best way to keep up with what was happening with our children's education.

Over the years we have made many friendships and feel we have had a real say in the running of the school. We feel proud to have contributed to the quality of not only our children's education and lives but of all the children who have attended the school over the years we have been involved.

The reason I have decided to write this letter is that I believe there may be a real crisis looming for the P&C after the beginning of 2015. Our youngest son left last year and our association with the school will be finishing as of March 2015, at the P&C Annual General Meeting. Other families that are also involved with the P&C are moving on as their children have started high school this year.

As with the nature of schools, families move on and usually there are newer generations to take the helm, but last year we have found that there has been very little interest in the P&C. The small group who currently attend the meetings are achieving some wonderful outcomes so I can only imagine what could be done with more help. My biggest fear is that the P&C may not continue, which will be a great loss to the children of Falls Creek.

The P&C runs the canteen for your children, organises uniforms for your children and raises funds for equipment and activities that will no longer be provided if the P&C folds.

We are asking that you consider joining us at our next meeting and help save this vital element of your child's education.

Your child's school needs you, become a community hero, just by providing a little time you will be able to feel proud that you are helping your community and contributing to your child's education. Think of the rewards that will come from your contribution not only for the benefit of the school but by showing our kids the importance of being involved and active within their community.

Yours Sincerely,

Adam Willis.



## **SO WHY JOIN THE P & C ASSOCIATION**

- To meet other parents and make new friends
- Belong to a team of people that can make a difference to the school
- Help the school to grow and benefit from your knowledge and skills
- Have the opportunity to express your opinion and ideas
- Provide advice and recommendations to the Principal on issues which affect students and the general operation of the school
- Share in planning the goals of the school and P & C
- Feel a sense of achievement as these goals are realised

## **WHAT IS A P & C ASSOCIATION?**

- A group of interested parents, community members and school Principals.
- The P & C meets once a month to contribute toward discussion on issues affecting the students at the school.
- They participate in making decisions and taking actions relating to these issues

## **WHAT DOES THE P & C DO?**

- Operates and manages the canteen
- Provides a uniform shop
- Provides funding and ideas for major and minor projects
- Provides funding for other resources
  - Books
  - Technology and Computers
  - Sports Equipment
  - Musical Instruments
  - Achievement Awards
  - Contributions to assist and encourage Representative Sport
- Organises major school events that not only raises money for the school but are fun for the kids as well
  - Discos
  - Movie Nights
  - Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls
- Encourages closer cooperation between the parents, staff, students and the community

# KINDERGARTEN 2015



Kimberley



Thomas



Jakob



Layla



Liam



Jack



Mason



Dejan