

FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

TALKABOUT

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Term 1 - Week 3

Wednesday 11 February, 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Leaders: Year 6 will be making their speeches on Friday morning to the students about why they would like to be a school leader and what qualities they possess. Students will vote after this and the new leaders will be announced at next week's assembly.

Signing students in: It is a legal requirement that parents and carers sign their children in at the office if they arrive at school after the bell rings at 8.55am. Students receive a late slip that they give to their teacher when they arrive at the classroom.

Likewise, if parents are picking students up early they must first visit the office and sign them out. Teachers will not release students until parents hand them the red slip from the office.

These measures are to ensure the safety of our students at all times.

Absences: a new policy regarding student absences has just been released. All students are expected to attend school every day that the school is open.

Days off for illness need to be explained by parents with a note or phone call to the school explaining your child's absence. Days off for such things as birthday celebrations and helping at home are not acceptable reasons for student absence and the absence will be noted as unjustified by the school.

High rates of absence, either justified or unjustified, will be monitored and letters will be sent to parents, via mail. The area's home school liaison officer may also become involved in cases of high absences.

Habitual late arrivals at school also need to be explained. Sleeping in is not a justified reason for a student's late arrival at school. It is important that all students arrive at school on time to maximise their learning and to know what is happening at school.

Previously, parents could apply for an exemption if taking an extended holiday during school terms and student's attendance records were not impacted. This has now changed. No exemptions will be given for holidays taken during school terms. Instead, families are encouraged to take holidays during school holidays. Parents must provide a note to the school informing me that your child will be away on holidays.

FISST Swimming Carnival: A note regarding the FISST swimming carnival to be held on Tuesday 24 February is attached to this edition of Talkabout.

Parent Information Sessions: This year the staff have decided to run information sessions for parents to explain what we are hoping to achieve in the classroom this year. We will be explaining how we teach certain concepts (such as maths and reading) and provide parents with tips on how you can help your child at home. We will also be talking to you about our expectations for students regarding behaviour, learning and what they need to bring to school. The information sessions are as follows:

Thursday 19 February: 3/4 with Mrs Brown in her classroom from 5.30 – 6.30pm

Wednesday 25 February: 5/6 with Mr Lalor in his classroom from 5.30 – 6.30pm

Tuesday 3 March: K/1/2 with Miss Humphreys in her classroom from 5.30 – 6.30pm.

By starting the sessions at a later time we hope to get as many parents being able to attend as possible.

P&C: The next P&C meeting is tomorrow night at 6.00pm. I hope to see you there. If you need to bring your children, they are able to play quietly in the adjoining room.

School Photos: Order forms and envelopes are being handed out to the eldest child in each family today for the school photos, these need to be returned to the school on or before Thursday 26 February. If you have any questions please call Carol at Rainbow Photographics **0434 672 069**.

Afternoon pickup: I would just like to remind parents that all students need to be met by parents in the courtyard area behind the old administration block. All students are walked to this area by their teachers and sent to bus lines or the pick up area. This ensures that all students can be safely picked up or walked to their bus by teachers. Thank you for your co-operation in this manner.

Don't forget to read Mr Lalor's sports report. He has a great offer for all Stage 2 and 3 students but you will need to be fast as it is for a limited time!

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

Our Kinder students are continuing to settle in to the class and its routines. Year 1 and 2 are being a great help in modelling to Kinder how to behave in class.

All Kinder students have a Year 6 buddy. They are participating in set activities and games with them on Fridays to help them settle into the school. I think Year 6 are having more fun than Kinder!!

Homework was sent home for all students on Monday and Home Readers were sent home yesterday for Year 1 and 2 students. Students are expected to change their home reader daily to practice the skills they are learning in class. The books will be easy – I want them to enjoy reading, not struggle and become frustrated at home. I also want to minimise your stress levels as you listen to your child read. Kinder students will start having home readers in a few weeks.

Parent helpers: I will send a note home in a couple of weeks regarding parents helping in our classroom in the mornings. While I know that many of you work any help you could provide would be great. Tasks would involve listening to students read, helping them with sight word activities and spelling activities. I will talk more about this at the parent information session for K/1/2 on Tuesday 3 March.

Photos of our new Kinder students didn't make it into the South Coast Register today. We have been informed this morning that they will be in next Wednesday's addition.

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

Nicole.

3/4 NEWS

Last week we started a house point competition in our room and Emus narrowly won with 98 points to Kangaroos 91. The children earn points for handing in homework and library books, changing home readers, PE, maths quizzes and spelling and dictation results.

Only half the class handed in their homework last Friday which was a disappointing start. Thank you to the parents who purchased a homework book for the children to work in.

Last Friday we had T Ball for sport. Despite the fact that with a smaller class the children were running themselves ragged to cover the entire area and a few children were playing the game for the first time, a lot of fun was had by all. Catching practice is definitely a focus this week.

We are setting up a Science wall and table this week.

Congratulations to Kiho, Emilly, Sealisha, Bailey, Sam and Luke - 100% in their spelling test and to - Grace, Kiho, Emilly, Sealisha, Bailey, Akasha, Sam and Luke - As in Dictation.

Keep in touch,

Lyn.

5/6 NEWS

We have been settling into our normal routines this week with Science and Health commencing (in addition to Maths and English last week) and home readers being sent home. Students are able to read their own novels at home. However, they will still need to record nightly reading and return their reading journals on Fridays with their homework.

Our text type focus for this term is 'Expositions' and we are currently studying persuasive texts. In Maths we have been revising place value and 2D shapes.

We have a great class of students this year and we are all starting to apply ourselves to our work and learning. I am very much looking forward to the year ahead.

Thanking you,

Dion Lalor

MS CULLEN

This week during HSIE we are continuing to study our local Aboriginal language and incorporating it into story writing. During Creative Arts, students in Years 3-6 are starting to learn a song to perform at the upcoming Shoalhaven Eisteddfod.



Please check that you are packing the correct items for your child to have during Crunch & Sip.

SPORT NEWS

This years district trials commence this Friday at the Bernie Regan Oval in North Nowra. Good luck to students attending, you will need to be at the oval by 12:45pm. Zone trials are the following week, Batemans Bay for boys and Bomaderry for girls.

Next week are the trials for Basketball at the Bomaderry Basketball Stadium. This event starts at 9:30 am Monday 16 February. Notes will go home this week for interested students. In week 5, for those students who can swim 50m, we will be attending the FISST Swimming Carnival at Bomaderry swimming pool.

Finally, we have been given the opportunity to purchase Illawarra Dragons school journals. These are being provided for \$6 at cost price. The journal consists of Mathematical and English concepts, health and fitness tips from Dragons players and a weekly health focus. If you are interested in purchasing a journal for your children, please deposit \$6 at the office with Mrs Morison by February 20 as we will order them on Monday 23 February.

Yours in Sport,

Dion Lalor

CANTEEN NEWS

Hello Parents,

We are still desperately seeking new volunteers for the canteen so that we can progress into Term 2 without a hitch. A big thankyou to Tamie Harvie who has just signed on as our first new volunteer in over a year!! Thankyou so much Tamie. 😊

Also, along with her time, Tamie will be bringing some extremely yummy goodies to the canteen this Friday for the kids to enjoy, so kids, bring in those dollar coins for a delicious treat this Friday that I'm sure you're going to enjoy.

Special surprise of taste bud explosions are \$1each. I'll try not to eat them all myself before recess.

Until next week

Regards, James

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 13 February - James Duke & Tamie Harvie

Friday 20 February - Jacqui Finch



BOOK CLUB



If you wish to place an order for book club they must be returned to school by this Friday 13 February. Thank you to Mrs Finch who is once again helping out with the book club orders, I really appreciate your help.

Karen Morison

STUDENT BANKING

Please remember to bring in your student banking each Thursday morning for Mrs Spencer to process.

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (3)

☺Thursday 12 February

P & C Meeting 6pm

WEEK (4)

☺Thursday 19 February

Assembly 2:15pm

3/4 Parent Information Session 5:30 - 6:30pm

COMING EVENTS

☺Tuesday 24 February

FISST Swimming Carnival

☺Thursday 26 February

School Photos

District Swimming Carnival

☺Thursday 5 March

Year 6 Leadership Day - Killalea

☺Wednesday 25 March

5/6 Parent Information Session 5:30 - 6:30pm

☺Tuesday 3 March

K/1/2 Parent Information Session 5:30 -6:30pm

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS



GET INVOLVED
Have Fun
RAISE MONEY

for your school, sporting team,
community group, relay team,
charity & more

We need Volunteers for:

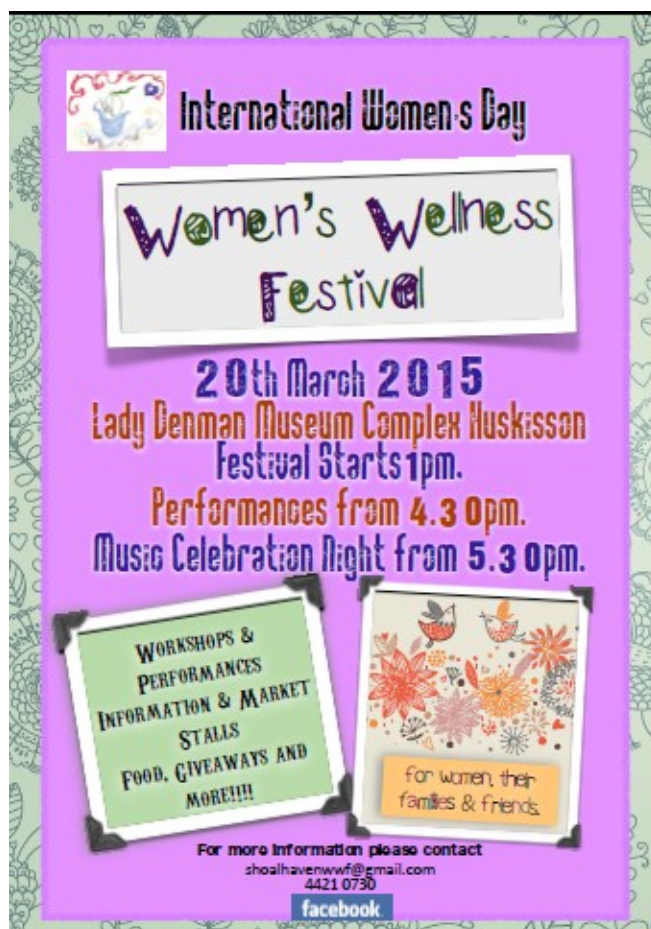
- Competitor Registration
- Water (Aid) Stations
- Course Marshals
- Event Central
- Baggage Area
- Post Race Recovery
- Finish Line

Event shirt
& Lunch



For more information check out our website: www.eliteenergy.com.au
or contact us on 4423 7775 or volunteer@eliteenergy.com.au

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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 All enquiries please phone our office: 44230571 / 0412928095 or call in at our venue.



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Dear Parents,

2015 FISST SWIMMING CARNIVAL

- Date:** Tuesday 24 February, 2015.
- Time & Place:** 9.30am to 2.15pm at Bomaderry Aquatic Centre
- Cost:** \$4.00 per child which includes entry to pool and FISST levy.
- Travel:** We will be relying on parents/carers to help out with private transport to and from the pool as it would cost \$7 per student for bus hire. PLEASE help out if you are able. We must leave the school at 9am (no later) to be there on time.
- Entries:** All children in Years 3-6 are invited to attend, as well as children in Year 2 who turn 8 this year. Due to new departmental safety rules there will be NO free swimming or novelty events. **Students need to be able to swim 50 metres to attend this carnival.**
- Please Note:** Children not attending this carnival are expected at school as the school will operate as a normal school day.
- Protection:** There is little protection from the sun at the pool. Children should wear T- shirt/ rash shirt and a hat at all times.
REMEMBER: SLIP SLOP SLAP and WRAP.
- District Selection:** A combined team from all the small schools will be selected to represent at the District Carnival (Thursday 26 February).

Should you wish your child to attend this carnival, please return the permission note with money by FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY, 2014.

Regards,

N. Humphreys
11.2.15

All parents transporting children to the carnival need to show their current drivers licence and registration papers to the office before leaving.

2015 FISST SWIMMING CARNIVAL **BOMADERRY AQUATIC CENTRE TUESDAY 24 February, 2015**

I GIVE / DO NOT GIVE permission for my child/children.....
to participate in the FISST SWIMMING CARNIVAL at Bomaderry Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 24 February, 2015. I understand that travel is by private transport and give permission for my child / children to travel in a private vehicle. I have enclosed \$4.00 for entry and FISST levy.

I am able / am unable to help with transport. (please circle one)

I can transport _____ children including my own.

Signed.....
Parent/Guardian