



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## TALKABOUT

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**Term 1 - Week 5**

**Wednesday 25 February, 2015**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I start today's edition of Talkabout with a warning about '**Stranger Danger**'. We have had an incident this week where a stranger has tried to lure a student into his car at the bus stop, in full view of his parents. Fortunately, the student kept walking and went straight into his parent's car. We will be talking to students about this at school but I ask that you talk to your children as well. If you see anyone acting suspiciously please report it to the police immediately. Please remind your children that they should not get into a car with someone they do not know.

We will be ensuring that students who are picked up from school of an afternoon are going home with an adult they know.

**Parent Information Sessions:** Last week's session for 3/4 was a great success, according to Mrs Brown. I know Mr Lalor and I had fun with students who were here as well.

There will be an information session for 5/6 tomorrow at 5.30pm. The information session for K/1/2 is next Tuesday, 3 March at 5.30pm.

**New Date for School Photos:** We have re-scheduled the school photos as we would like to have outside photos taken and the weather isn't looking favourable, also the District Swimming Carnival is on tomorrow and we have a couple of students competing. The new date for photos is **Tuesday 10 March** (week 7). All students are expected to wear their summer uniform. This means that boys should be wearing their blue polo shorts and grey shorts. Girls can wear their summer dress or blue polo shirt and culottes.

I would like to **publicly acknowledge and thank Mr Dion Lalor** for the extra time he has been putting in to organising and co-ordinating sporting trials for our students. He has spent countless hours and made many phone calls to ensure all students are provided with the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sports. He is also the District Convenor for Boys Soccer and will be undertaking the trials for that next week.

**P&C AGM:** The next meeting for the P&C will be held on Thursday 19 March at 6.00pm. This is the Annual General Meeting where a new executive will be elected. If there is not an executive formed then the P&C may have to fold. I encourage parents to attend this meeting and be a part of their child's school.

Following the AGM will be a regular general meeting.

**Year 6 Leadership Day:** Year 6 students will be participating in a Leadership Day at Illawarra Environmental Education Centre next Thursday. A separate permission note will be sent home today with students.

**High School Enrolments for 2016:** We will be sending out an expression of interest form next week for students going to high school in 2016 (Year 6 2015). All students are designated to attend Shoalhaven High School as their designated high school and the form will reflect this.

Please read the form and the accompanying instructions and contact me if you would like some help to complete the form. All students must return the forms by no later than Friday 20 March so that we can send them to the appropriate high schools. Even if your child will be attending a non government school (such as NAC, St Johns) the forms must still be returned to school.

**School Contributions:** We will be mailing home an invoice this week to all families for School Contributions. The cost is: single student \$25, family of two or more students \$40. There is also a \$15 workbook fee. The money goes towards the purchase of the Maths workbook used in class. It also helps us to purchase extra art and craft supplies and equipment used in the classrooms.

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

*Nicole*

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

This week Years 1 and 2 are learning about words with 'an' while Kinder are learning more about the letters d and r. We are also working on how to form letters when we write.

In Maths, Kinder are learning about addition while Years 1 and 2 are learning about multiplication. We are connecting our knowledge about counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s with those tables.

Don't forget to keep any awards your child receives in a safe place. They are able to 'trade' these for bridge builder awards throughout the year. When your child receives 20 awards they are eligible for a Bronze, 15 more entitles them to a Silver and a further 15 will help them achieve

their gold bridge builder. These need to be handed in by Wednesday of even weeks to ensure the awards are presented at that week's assembly.

I will be running an information session next Tuesday at 5.30pm in the K/1/2 room. There will be supervision available for your children, if necessary. I will be talking about what we do in the classroom and how you can help your child at home. I hope to see many mums and dads next week.

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

*Nicole*

### **3/4 NEWS**

We seem to be taking turns with our House Points competition. This week the Emus were 209 and the Kangaroos 199.

This week the children have been asked to do some research as part of their homework. I have fact sheets available about centipedes and millipedes if they are unable to find the information at home and children will be able to access the internet at school.

Thank you to Steven, Chrystel, Evie, Emilly, Bailey, Akasha and Sam for handing in their Homework last Friday.

This week in Maths we are doing skip counting and the homework will be very basic examples of this.

*Keep in touch,*

*Lyn.*

### **5/6 NEWS**

This week in 5/6 we are continuing with our persuasive texts. Students have been researching their chosen topic in class and have been writing drafts for their assignments due on Friday (6 March) of week 6. In Maths we are looking at subtraction and applying the strategies we learnt last week in addition, to solve subtraction problems.

Students have been rather unsettled over the last week with lots of yawning in class and tired heads on the desk. To assist in making the most of the learning that happens in a school day, could you please ensure your child gets a good nights rest. In addition could you please encourage and remind your child/children to bring a piece of fruit to school for fruit break.

*Thanking you,*

*Dion Lalor*

## MS CULLEN

During HSIE this week, students in Years 3 - 6 are studying the history and meaning of the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flag designs. They are also starting to research local history and are creating some photography pieces that display some changes that have occurred over time at our school. Students in K/1/2 are studying oral history and significant memories.

## SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to our swimmers who attended the FISST swimming carnival on Tuesday. We are still awaiting the results of the carnival, but we have 4 representatives attending the District Carnival on Thursday . Good luck Ryan, Rheya, Emily and Kameisha.

Soccer trials are next week and rugby league trials will be held on Friday 13 March at Rugby Park, South Nowra. Interested students can give me their names at school. This is a highly competitive trial and only students who play weekend league will be able to attend.

*Yours in Sport,*

*Dion Lalor*

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 27 February - Jason Elliott

Friday 6 March - James Duke



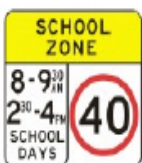
### U TURNS

Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrian or vehicle in a School Zone.

### Penalty

**\$405**

**+ 4 Demerit Points**



### SPEEDING OFFENCES

There has been an increase to the monetary fine applicable to Speeding Offences in School Zones.

### Maximum Penalty

**\$3612**

**+ 7 Demerit Points**

# WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

## THIS WEEK (5)

☺Thursday 26 February

District Swimming Carnival

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

## WEEK (6)

☺Tuesday 3 March

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

Nowra High School information session

4:00 to 6:00pm

☺Thursday 5 March

Year 6 Leadership Day - Killalea

## COMING EVENTS

☺Tuesday 10 March

School Photos

☺Thursday 19 March

P & C Annual General Meeting 6:00pm

## P & C NEWS

**EASTER RAFFLE** We are having our Annual Easter Raffle and would like to start collecting items to help make this another successful fundraiser. Keep your eyes out for stuffed toys, chocolate eggs, chickens etc. Please bring any donations to the office. Raffle tickets are being sent home with the children today, if you need more please contact the office. Our Easter Hat / Crazy Hair Parade is on Tuesday 31 March.

### Easter Raffle

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

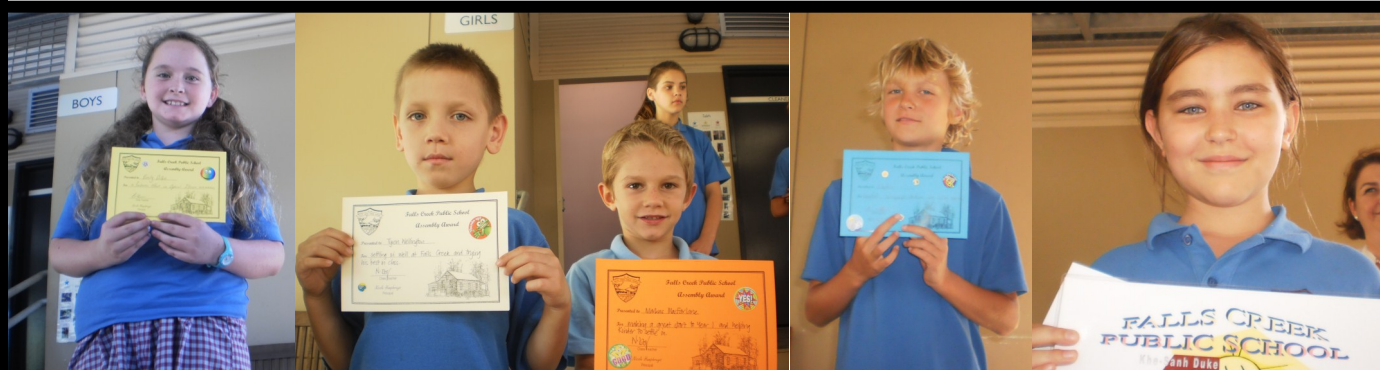


**BULB FUNDRAISER** If you would like to support our bulb fundraiser and grow beautiful flowers for spring, please fill out the order form being sent home today. All forms need to be returned to the school by the end of term (2 April).



# Assembly awards

## 19 February 2015





## SCHOOL MINISTERS FOR 2015



Olivia McKibbin, Kameisha Riley-Burnes, Kurt Wisniewski and Lachlan Flear.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Presented at assembly Thursday 19, February 2015**

#### **MERIT AWARDS**

- K/1/2 Thomas Russell, Markus Macfarlane, Tyson Wellington, Lani Attard and Ryder Partridge.
- 3/4 Akasha Duke, Bailey Cullen, Kaleb Flear and Evie Finch.
- 5/6 Ryan Browne, Jayden Lalor, Elvis Oppong and Rheya Luke,
- Ms Cullen Chrystel Buckley and Emily Dillon.

#### **BRIDGE BUILDER AWARDS**

- Silver Brodie and Ryder Partridge.

#### **PLAYGROUND STARS WINNERS**

Kurt Wisniewski, Aaron French, Elvis Oppong, Kimberley Williams and Jakob Duke.

# Nowra High School Information Evening for Year 6 Parents

*Nowra High School invites parents and students interested in Year 7 enrolment for 2016 to attend our information evening on Tuesday 3 March 2015 in the Multipurpose Hall from 4.00pm - 6.00pm.*

- An information session at 4.00pm will provide details about the school and an opportunity to hear from our students about the exciting range of programs at Nowra High School.
- A guided tour of school facilities will be conducted at 4.30pm and executive staff will provide information about educational and social programs offered by the school.
- Information will be available on the process for out of zone enrolments.

*We look forward to you joining us at Nowra High School*



**chair bags**



**footy socks**



**Available from the office \$10each.**