



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

TALKABOUT

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Term 1 - Week 6

Wednesday 4 March, 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Photos: These were postponed last week and will now be held next Tuesday 10 March. If you haven't already, please return your photo envelope to school before Tuesday.

Assembly: This week's assembly has been cancelled as year 6 will be at their Leadership Day. The next assembly will be in Week 8 on Thursday 19 March at 2.15pm.

Invoices for School Contributions: You would have received in the mail early this week an invoice 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. Thank you to those parents who have already paid their contribution.

Year 6 Leadership Day: Year 6 students will be participating in a Leadership Day at Illawarra Environmental Education Centre tomorrow. Students need to be at school by **8.30am** tomorrow morning.

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.

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). Most students are designated to attend Shoalhaven High School and the form will reflect this.

Please read the form and the accompanying instructions carefully 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.

Updated Contact Information: Attached with this edition of Talkabout is a form requesting updated contact details from all families. We need to have the latest up to date contact details for parents, in case of emergency. Could you also update the details for emergency contacts as well.

ANZAC Day: This year marks the centenary of the Gallipoli landing. As per usual, the school has been invited to participate in the march at Huskisson. ANZAC Day falls at the end of the first week of Term 2 (a Saturday). It would be a fitting tribute by the school to have as many students as possible marching to pay their respects. Our school leaders will be leading the students and will lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

We have been asked to assemble in Hawke St at 10.00am with the march starting at 10.30am followed by a service in Voyager Park at 11.00am.

Enrolment Data and School Funding: Our RAM (Resource Allocation Model) Funding is determined by the information parents provide on their child's enrolment data. Information such as parent education and occupations as well as whether a student identifies as Aboriginal or is from a non-English speaking background all help to determine the extra funding we receive.

Our school was allocated an additional \$50,000 in 2015 and this was based on 2014 data. The Department will be collecting information in early Term 2 to determine our funding in 2016.

Some parents have not provided the school with their education levels or occupations. To help us ensure we receive the funds that we are entitled to we will be sending letters home to these parents asking them to provide this information. All information provided is strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than statistically for future funding for your child's education.

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

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

Thank you to the parents who attended the information session yesterday afternoon. I hope you found the information helpful. For those parents who could not attend I will send home some

flyers I handed out with your children today for your information.

Home Readers: It is great to see so many home readers being returned, some more consistently than others. Kinder will start home readers next week.

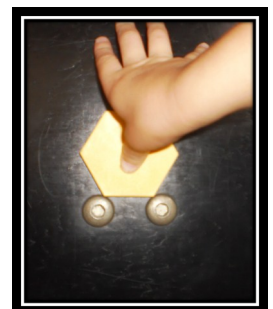
This week Kinder are learning about the letters g and o while Years 1 and 2 are learning about words with 'ap' in them. We are looking at multiplication in Kinder and division in Years 1 and 2. Some of us don't like to share equally!!

Last week with Ms Porteous the class participated in a shape hunt around the school with some Year 5 and 6 students.

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

Nicole

K/1/2 shape walk looking for 2D and 3D shapes around the school.



3/4 NEWS

Well done to the 9 children who handed in their Homework. Special mention to Sam for great research and to Evie, Emilly, Bailey, Akasha and Sam who have handed in their Homework EVERY week this term.

Last week's house points competition continues to be close with Emus 116 and Kangaroos 113. Congratulations to Kaleb, Bailey, Akasha, Sam and Luke for getting 100% in their Spelling test and As in Dictation. Evie, Kiho and Sealisha also did very well in their Dictations.

Our Nature Table continues to "grow" and all our exhibits are sparking a lot of interest, discussion and research.

*Keep in touch,
Lyn.*

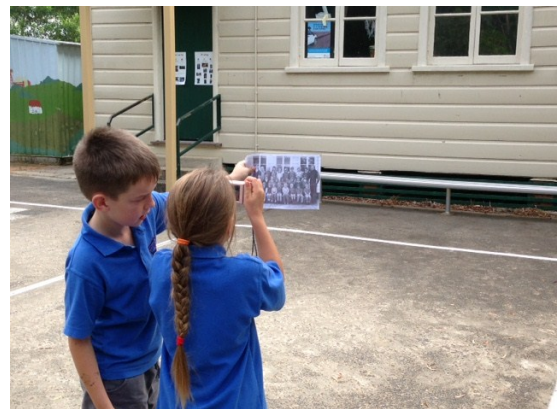
5/6 NEWS

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our class information session last week, your time and support was greatly appreciated. In Maths this week 5/6 are looking at multiplication strategies including the split strategy and the standard algorithm. We will also be looking at division during the week as an inverse operation of multiplication. In English we are completing our persuasive texts (due Friday) and working on a persuasive poster.

*Thanking you,
Dion Lalor*

MS CULLEN

Last week 5/6 had a fantastic time exploring photography skills. They incorporated a historical school photo into the current setting creating a 'past and present' image. Years 3/4 will be creating their images today. I have also entered years 3-6 into the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod on Wednesday 20 May. They are currently learning two new songs that they will be performing.



SPORT NEWS

Mr Lalor is attending Soccer trials today and will have a more detailed sport report next week.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 6 March - James Duke

Friday 13 March - Tamie Harvie



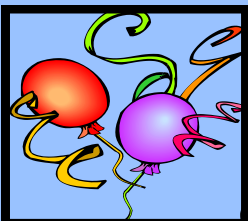
BRIDGE BUILDERS

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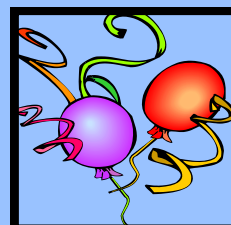
BRONZE Bridge Builder you will need 20 x certificates. (Students will receive a certificate plus a \$1 canteen voucher.)

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.



Happy Birthday!



**Happy Birthday to the following students who
celebrate their birthday in March**

1 March: Emily Bloxsome
2 March: Kimberley Williams
14 March: Zaliah Key
15 March: Evie Finch & Emily Sammut
16 March: Liam Fisk
17 March: Ryan Browne
28 March: Jye Picker
31 March: Grace Fahey

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (6)

☺Wednesday 4 March

District Soccer Trials

☺Thursday 5 March

Year 6 Leadership Day - Killalea

WEEK (7)

☺Tuesday 10 March

School Photos

☺Friday 13 March

NRL Day

COMING EVENTS

☺Thursday 19 March

P & C Annual General Meeting 6:00pm

Assembly 2:15pm

☺Wednesday 25 March

Responsible Pet Program K/1/2 11:30am

☺Tuesday 31 March

Easter Hat Parade 9:30am

☺Saturday 25 April

ANZAC Day March 10:00am

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

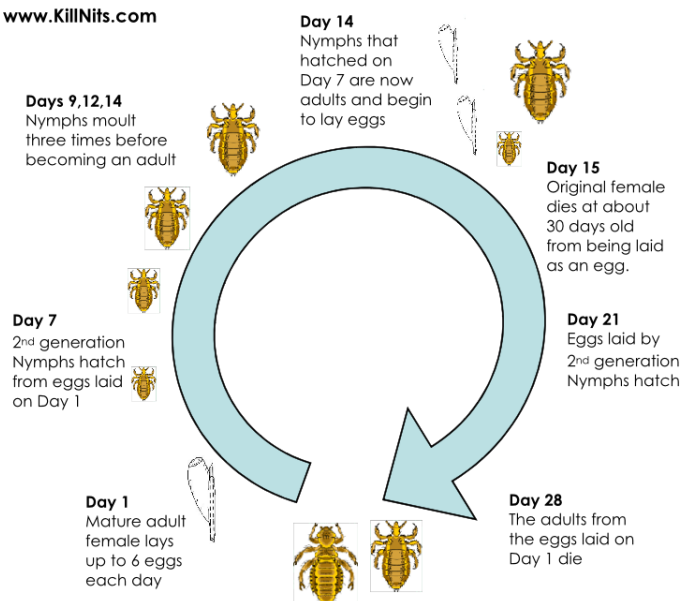


BULB FUNDRAISER If you would like to support our bulb fundraiser and grow beautiful flowers for spring, please fill out the order form and return it to school by the end of term (2 April).

NOTICE TO PARENTS!!

Life cycle of Head lice

www.KillNits.com



We have been notified that several cases of head lice have been detected among our students.

According to the Department of Education & Training guidelines children with head lice eggs (nits) and/or active lice must be sent home and excluded from school until treatment has been given with an approved product. (ask your Chemist for their advice)

As no treatment kills 100% of nits (eggs) a follow up treatment 7 days later is advised. Once treated children may return to school. Please check your children's hair daily and treat immediately if nits are seen. If everyone is vigilant in checking and treating their children's hair daily it will help stop reinfestation.

chair bags

footy socks



Available from the office \$10each.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS / CONTACT DETAILS

Family Name: _____ Date: _____

Given Names: 1st Child _____ Class: _____

2nd Child _____ Class: _____

3rd Child _____ Class: _____

New Address:		
Home Phone Number:		
Phone Numbers:	Mother - Work:	Mobile:
Phone Numbers:	Father - Work:	Mobile:
Change of Name:		
New Emergency Contact:	Name: Relationship to Student:	Phone:
Any other changes		

If any of your circumstances have changed could you please fill out this form and return it to the school office so we can update our records.

Thank you
Karen Morison