



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 - Week 8

Wednesday 18 March, 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Assembly: This will be held this Thursday at 2.15pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Easter Hat Parade: This will be held on Tuesday 31 March at 9.30am. Infant students are encouraged to make and wear an Easter hat while students in Years 3 – 6 can wear crazy hair for the day. Students can wear mufti. All parents are welcome to attend.

Years 3 – 6 will also be involved in an egg decorating competition and display. All students in Years 3 – 6 are invited to decorate a hard boiled or blown egg. Certificates will be awarded for the best decorated egg in each year. Students also have to give their egg a name which must include the word egg. For example an egg's name could be Eggosaurus. I look forward to seeing some fantastic eggs with some creative decorations.

Invoices for School Contributions: You would have received in the mail 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.

P&C AGM: The next meeting for the P&C will be held this 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: Expression of interest forms were sent out for students going to high school in 2016 (Year 6 2015). Most 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 **this 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.

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 occupation 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 occupation. To help us ensure we receive the funds that we are entitled to we have posted letters 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.

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 lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

We are 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.

Bus Behaviour: Over the last two weeks there have been some incidences of inappropriate behaviour on Bus 20 in the afternoons. Some students vandalised the bus by drawing lewd pictures and writing swear words on the bus. Another student was also hit in the back of the head by a rock that was thrown in the bus. Luckily, the child was not seriously injured.

These incidences are completely unacceptable and the bus company has every right to refuse service to students taking part in these behaviours. I am also embarrassed when talking to the drivers about these problems as it does not portray the school in a positive way.

Please talk to your children about their behaviour on the bus. They are required to be sitting down

at all times for their own safety and to be talking quietly and sensibly to those sitting beside them.

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

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

We are starting to get excited about the Easter Hat Parade and some students tell me they have already started making their hats. It will be held on Tuesday 31 March at 9.30am. We hope to see lots of parents and grandparents at the parade.

This week in Spelling Years 1 and 2 are learning about the 'ed' word family and Kinder are learning about the letters u and c. The reading of all students continues to improve, especially those who are regularly changing their home readers. Please keep them in the plastic bag when returning them to school – this helps to protect the books.

In Maths we are learning more about numbers. Kinder are consolidating their knowledge of numbers 1 to 10 and practising counting forwards and backwards. Year 1 and 2 are learning about place value (ones, tens and hundreds). They have also been practising counting by 10s off the decade. Ask your Year 1 child to start counting by 10s from 4 and listen to them amaze you. Ask your Year 2 child to start counting by 10s from 143 and see how high they can go. We want to learn about counting by thousands next week!

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

Nicole

3/4 NEWS

Congratulations to -

- * the 9 children who handed in their Homework.

- * our Super Spellers...Kiho, Emilly, Sealisha, Luke and Sam. 100% and A's.

- * the Dictation stars ... Akasha, Grace, Evie, Kaleb and Bailey.

- * the Emus who scored 75 to beat the Kangaroo's 49.

- * the children who have started to prepare their short talks about their pet.

We are continuing our work on fractions in Maths with a few puzzling answers. There is a breakthrough in sight!!

Our grasshoppers are doing well and we are certainly appreciating their ability to blend in with their new environment.

The Chinese lanterns we made look very colourful and will soon be brightening up our room.

Some children have not returned their home readers for quite a while.

School Library borrowing is on Thursday and many children have overdue books.

Keep in touch,

Lyn.

5/6 NEWS

Students have been working hard this week in class and have had some great success in their Maths and English activities. We have been learning about fractions in Maths and students are able to add fractions and convert improper fractions into mixed numerals. In English we are preparing our debate topics. Students enjoy this topic as they express their views and learn to rebut each others arguments. Students are most looking forward to conducting experiments with yeast this week in Science and will be exploring micro organisms in Science. Homework returns are fantastic with most students returning it weekly. There were more home readers returned this week and hopefully this too will continue to improve.

Thankyou for your support

Dion

MS CULLEN

Recently students in K/1/2 have been studying items from the past. We have been exploring milk carts, typewriters and meat safes. This week they are investigating gramophones. Students are welcome to bring in and share any items from the past they may have at home. 5/6 and 3/4 are this week looking at the changes in school routines and settings over the years.

MS PORTEOUS

This coming Friday 20 March is the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and students from K-6 will be involved in a variety of activities between recess and lunch which will include videos, surveys and art work. The day will help consolidate learning students have been doing this term in the 'Better Buddies' program.

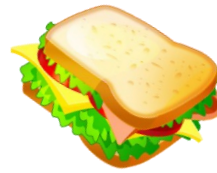
WOOLWORTHS DOMINO STARS PROMOTION

Currently Woolworths is running a promotion were you can collect 1 domino for every \$20 spent. If you shop at Woolworths and don't want the dominos could you please collect them and send in to the school.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 20 March - Jacqui Finch

Friday 27 March - Jason Elliott



SPORT NEWS

Last Friday some of our seniors participated in the Rod Wishart Cup. Students were well behaved on the day and displayed exceptional sportsmanship. We played in 4 games and were undefeated, only having 4 tries scored against us and scoring 17 tries ourselves. Every student who played scored a try due to fantastic teamwork and our more experienced players taking a step back, allowing and encouraging our newer players to become involved. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and I could not have been prouder of their fair play, sportsmanship and teamwork. Well done boys and girls, you should be extremely proud of yourselves.

Special congratulations to Kurt Wisniewski who was selected in the 11yrs boys' zone rugby league team. Kurt secured the position of full back and will be trialling for a place in the regional team at Kiama next week. Well done Kurt and Good Luck.

Yours in Sport, Dion Lalor



Our Rod Wishart Cup team

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (8)

☺Wednesday 18 March

Zone Soccer Trials

☺Thursday 19 March

P & C Annual General Meeting 6:00pm

Assembly 2:15pm

WEEK (9)

☺Wednesday 25 March

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

COMING EVENTS

☺Tuesday 31 March

Easter Hat Parade 9:30am

☺Saturday 25 April

ANZAC Day March 10:00am

P & C NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE Thank you to those people who have sent in donations for the raffle already, just remember the more donations we receive the more prizes we have! Keep your eyes out for stuffed toys, chocolate eggs, chickens etc. Please bring any donations to the office. If you need more raffle tickets 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).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nowra Athletics Club



Our family friendly Cross Country season starts with an open day Saturday 21 March at Willandra, Browns Mountain Rd, Tapitallee. Registration 1:30pm - 2:15pm prior to the first event at 2:30pm during March. 1km, 2km, 3km 4km and 8km races for all ages and abilities. For

more information visit www.nowraathletics.org.au

Bomaderry Junior Rugby League Football Club

Looking for more players to join our club in the following age groups under 7,12 ,13,14,15 & 16 Years. Looking for more 10-14 year old girls to join our newly formed Girls League Tag team.

Registrations are still being taken Tuesday's - Friday's at the Bomaderry Sporting Complex

3.30pm - 5.00pm or Register online now at <http://swampies.leaguenet.com.au>

Shorts, Socks and Training Shirt / Singlet are included in fees. For more information contact the President - Steve on [0403591014](tel:0403591014).



FREE MULCH!!!

If you would like some mulch for your garden please contact Mrs Morison in the office.

Want to win great prizes? Join the #intergenselfie campaign.

The #intergenselfie campaign encourages 12-25 year olds to take a 'selfie' with someone from an older generation who they respect and could turn to for support if needed.

By uploading the photo to Twitter, Facebook or Instagram with the #intergenselfie hashtag, entrants can go in the running to win daily prizes as well as a major prize, which will be announced on 17 April during National Youth Week.

Entries open March 17, so grab a teacher, parent, carer, youth worker, grandparent, family friend, older sibling, and become part of #intergenselfie



Your post must be able to be viewed publicly for us to see your entry, so check your privacy settings before you post. For more details, terms and conditions visit the Power FM website!





REGISTER NOW AT AUSSIEHOOPS.COM.AU

SHOALHAVEN BASKETBALL

TERM 2 PROGRAM COMMENCES

24.4.15-26.6.15

REGISTER NOW 5-10YRS OLD





VACANCIES AVAILABLE!!!!

The Central Shoalhaven Mobile Preschool is a community owned, not for profit organisation. University and TAFE trained staff provide an educational program for children aged between 3 and 5 years, in a motivating setting to enhance each child's preparation for school.

We visit Callala Beach, Cambewarra, Falls Creek and Huskisson weekly.

Preschool hours are from 9am - 3.00pm,
Extended hours available from 8am.

Come along and give your child the opportunity to make new friends within the local area. Subsidies are available.



All enquiries welcome

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office



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