



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

TALKABOUT

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Term 2 - Week 1

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 2. It has been a wet and cold start to the term. Hopefully the weather will ease by Friday.

This term promises to be another busy term. We have cross country and athletics carnivals scheduled to take place. All primary students are also participating in the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod again this term.

Reports will also be sent home with students at the end of this term.

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 is this 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 laying a wreath on behalf of the school. We are asked to assemble in Hawke St (near the toilet block in the park) at 10.00am with the march starting at 10.30am followed by a service in Voyager Park at 11.00am. We will be holding a short ANZAC service at school this Friday at 10.30am. Our school leaders will be leading this service. Parents are welcome to attend.

4/5/6 Excursion: Notes have been sent home this week regarding this year's excursion to Berry Sport and Recreation Centre. The dates for this excursion are 4 – 6 November. We are asking for a \$50 deposit from all students who will be attending. We need to confirm numbers with the centre ASAP and pay a security deposit to confirm our place.

The balance of the excursion cost can be paid off throughout the year and will need to be finalised by the end of Term 3. Student assistance is available to ensure that all students are able to attend. All applications are dealt with confidentially. Please see Karen in the office for more information.

The **FISST Cross Country Carnival** is next Friday 1 May. Notes will be sent home later this week. We are hoping that all eligible students attend.

NAPLAN: This year the NAPLAN assessments will take place from Tuesday 12 – Thursday 14 May (Week 4). All students in Years 3 and 5 are expected to complete these assessments. If you want any further information regarding the assessments please come and see me.

School Photos are back and will be sent home with students today.

Opportunity Class 2016: Students in Year 4 are eligible to sit the opportunity class (OC) placement test for Year 5 in 2016. The local class is at Illaroo Road Public School. Following in Talkabout is an ad for an information session about the OC class at Illaroo Road PS.

If you want your child to sit the test the procedures to be followed are also included in this edition of Talkabout. Please come and see me if you have any questions about this.

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

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

Welcome back to another exciting term. Everyone settled in well to the routine of school yesterday. Although some students were looking sleepy first thing in the morning!!

This week Kinder are learning about the letters k and v and Years 1 and 2 are learning about words with the 'et' blend.

We are reading stories about ANZAC Day and learning about some of the symbols that are associated with ANZAC Day, such as rosemary and poppies.

In Maths Kinder are learning more about numbers and counting backwards while Years 1 and 2 are learning more about money and 3 digit numbers.

If there are any parents who can spare 30 minutes of a morning to come in and listen to everyone read and help with some literacy activities can you please come and see me or give me a call. This gives you an opportunity to see what happens in the classroom and how your child is learning.

Nicole

3/4 NEWS

Welcome back. I hope everyone enjoyed their break despite the wet weather. Easter eggs and Easter seem such a long time ago.

We certainly have another busy term ahead of us with NAPLAN, 2 Carnivals and even an Eisteddfod to name just a few of the activities we are covering.

We didn't have a spelling list for Homework this week as the children are using an ANZAC word wall. The children have a research task, they have to choose an Australian Victoria Cross recipient and write down a few points about them. As always if they are unable to do this at home they only need to let me know and they can access the school computers.

Our Writing focus this term is narratives. In Science we are looking at various forms of packaging. This week we are researching and learning about WW1 and the significance of ANZAC Day in a mini unit.

Keep in touch,

Lyn

5/6 NEWS

Welcome back students, parents and carers. We have a busy time ahead of us this term with NAPLAN, various carnivals, reports and our normal teaching and learning activities. This week we are predominantly focusing on ANZAC Day in preparation for the commemorative services being held towards the end of the week and on Saturday. I am very much looking forward to seeing our senior ministers leading the Falls Creek Public School troop at Huskisson this weekend.

In English this term we will be learning about narratives and some of the various ways in which narratives can be constructed. In Science we will be studying the 3 forms of matter which will be quite exciting as this topic has numerous experiments. In Health we will be learning about healthy eating, including recognising and reading nutritional information on our food sources (as well as continued work on our 6 packs)

Thankyou for your support

Dion Lalor

MS CULLEN

ANZAC history is the primary focus of our HSIE lessons this week. Students in K/1/2 are studying the symbols and traditions of ANZAC Day, while Years 3-6 are researching historical details

about WW1 and Gallipoli. During Creative Arts, we are exploring the meaning of the lyrics in the songs 'The Last ANZAC' and 'And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda'.

SPORT NEWS

Next Friday the 1st May 2015 is the first of our carnivals for term 2. The FISST Cross Country is once again being held at Willandra. Notes regarding this carnival will be sent home this week. The District Carnival will be held in the following week in week 3 with our School Cross Country being held in week 4. For our own school carnival, we will be requesting volunteers to assist the teachers with place finishers and supervision of the track.

Yours in Sport, Dion Lalor

COMMUNITY NEWS

OPPORTUNITY 'C' CLASS for 2016

(for academically gifted children)

Parents of gifted and talented children in the Shoalhaven district currently in Year 4 are invited to attend
an **INFORMATION EVENING**

6.00pm, Tuesday 28 April 2015 at Illaroo Road Public School

A Year 5 Opportunity 'C' class will be formed in 2016 for gifted and talented students in Year 4 in 2015.

Contact Bob Lowe, Deputy Principal, on 4421 0422 for more information.

BULB FUNDRAISER thank you to everyone who supported our bulb fundraiser. The bulbs have been delivered to the school and are now available at the office to be collected, if you would like them sent home with your child please contact Mrs Morison - 44478243.



**Available
from the
office**

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (1)

☺Friday 24 April

School ANZAC service 10:30am

☺Saturday 25 April

ANZAC Day March 10:00am

WEEK (2)

☺Thursday 30 April

Assembly 2:15pm

☺Friday 1 May

FISST Cross Country - Willandra

COMING EVENTS

☺Monday 4 May

Life Education visit

☺Wednesday 6 May

District Cross Country - Willandra

☺Thursday 7 May

P & C Meeting 6:15pm

☺Friday 8 May

School Cross Country

Mother's Day stall

☺Tuesday 12 - Thursday 14 May

NAPLAN

☺Wednesday 20 May

Eisteddfod



P & C Mother's Day Stall

**Don't forget mum on
Sunday 10 May!**

Our Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday 8 May, 2015. Donated gifts to the value of \$5 will be gratefully accepted. Students will need to bring in \$5 on this day if they want to purchase a gift from the stall. Students who have donated a gift will have first choice. All students will be able to purchase a gift.

Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 27 April 2015.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Nicole Humphreys

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school.

Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016

Note: This is a notice to your primary school that you intend to apply only. It is NOT an application.

To apply you will need to register and then apply through the High Performing Students application website shown above.

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

☐ I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2016

☐ I have internet access and will be applying online

OR

☐ I do not have internet access

Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____

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