

**Term 3 - Week 6****Wednesday 19 August, 2015**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAPLAN: This year's NAPLAN results arrived at school yesterday and will be sent home with Year 3 and 5 students today. If you would like to discuss the results with your child's teacher please contact the school to arrange a meeting. NAPLAN does not test every aspect of a student's skills and knowledge and is one of a range of diagnostic tools we use to assess student progress.

Staff will be looking at the results early next week. The results will help us to plan for 2016 and where we need to provide support for individual students as well as across the school.

Dropping students off before 8.30am: I would like to remind parents that teachers are not legally on duty until 8.30am each morning. While staff are at school before this time they are preparing for the day and are not obliged to supervise any students. We ask that you do not drop your child off before this time.

If students do arrive before 8.30am they will be sitting in the COLA area until 8.30am.

Tell Them From Me Survey: In late term 1 students from Years 4 – 6 took part in a survey about student engagement and their responses have helped us to make some changes in the way we do things. This term there is a second survey for students to complete so we can compare the findings from term 1.

As part of the term 3 survey parents and teachers will also have the opportunity to complete a survey. The online parent survey takes about 30 minutes and is completely anonymous. I hope that many of you complete the survey as it will provide us with some valuable feedback on what you think about the school and provide us with directions about how we can improve the school to better meet the needs of the students and parents.

Swimming Scheme: This starts next week. Students must bring swimmers, a towel, and a plastic bag for wet items and warm clothing to change into. Children will be assessed for all water safety skills without goggles, although they may wear them for lessons.

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

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

We have been looking at division and sharing in maths this week. Everyone is able to share objects into equal groups. Year 2 are learning to use arrays and mental strategies to complete division problems.

The writing of our Information Reports continues with students at various stages of progress. Some students are finished and will be beginning to complete research on a second topic.

Please remind your children to hand in their homework each Friday. Some students are handing in their homework on Monday and I don't mark it until the next weekend.

Some students are not returning their home reader each day. Please encourage your child to read to you each night (it should only take 5 minutes) and have them put it in their school bag ready to return the next day.

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

Nicole

3/4 NEWS

This week in Maths Year 3 & 4 have completed assessments on Area and Perimeter. The students were able to measure and record areas using square cm and square m and measure perimeters in cm.

In Spelling the words for homework this week are based on the vocabulary that the students are using in their Information Reports.

5/6 NEWS

This week in 5/6 we are continuing to work on our Information Reports for English. In Maths we are learning about the laws of multiplication and revising our strategies. We are very excited about our fundraiser today and hope to generate enough funds to purchase a gift for the school at the end of the year. Thank you to all the parents (from year 5 and 6) who helped support our fundraiser by sending cupcakes to school. We will be ordering our Year 6 shirts this week and hopefully they are ready for us to wear before the start of next term.

Dion

MS CULLEN

Last week our year 3-6 students attended Nowra East Public School for the first rehearsal for the upcoming Shoalhaven Music Festival. Our students all displayed outstanding behaviour and participation and this was also mentioned by the teachers running the rehearsal. Well done everyone! Our next rehearsal is at Nowra High School on Wednesday 2 September and we are performing Thursday 3 September at 7:30pm. Tickets can now be purchased at the office for \$7 each. Tickets are not required for students that are performing.



SPORT NEWS

Our Year 5/6 girls' basketball team will be competing at the Regional Athletics

☺Monday 24 August - Friday 4 September

School Swimming Scheme

Book Fair

COMING EVENTS

☺Thursday 3 September

Shoalhaven Music Festival Performance 7pm

☺Thursday 10 September

P & C Meeting 6:15pm

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016

If you have a child eligible to start school in 2016 could you please contact the school. If you know of any families living in our area who do not have a child currently attending Falls Creek School but are wishing to enrol in 2016 could you please ask them to contact the school.

CANTEEN NEWS

Unfortunately we have lost a couple of our volunteers due to other commitments. If you (mum, dad, brother, sister, nana, pa or a friend) are able to give 4 hours of your time, once a month it would greatly assist in keeping the canteen open twice a week. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Tamie

**SPECIAL!!**

Chicken Noodle Soup & Damper \$2

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P & C FATHER'S DAY STALL

HAPPY FATHER'S
DAY!



Start saving!!!

The P & C have some fantastic Father's Day presents for the stall this year
(No need to bring in a present).

\$5 a present and you can buy more than one!

You have just 2 weeks until the stall on Friday 4 September.

It's back!



Oval from 10am -12pm. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome with teams nominated in the U12s, U14s and U16s in addition to Milo and T20 Blast for U10 players.

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to get organised for school lunches.

Over the course of your child's school life, you will pack around 2,500 school lunches!




Follow our six-step method to make school lunches easy, healthy and eaten every day!

1. Always include a serve of fruit (cut up if your child is young)
2. Always include a serve of vegies (don't forget legumes like baked beans count, too!)
3. Always include a drink of water
4. Always include a serve of wholegrains (bread, rice or pasta leftovers)
5. Always include a serve of reduced-fat dairy (cheese, yoghurt)
6. Always include a protein (egg, chicken, tuna).

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