

**Term 3 - Week 9****Wednesday 9 September, 2015**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**2016:** I realise that there is a lot of concern amongst some parents about what is happening in 2016. I intend to explain the process and options at the P&C meeting on Thursday night and hope that many of you can make it to hear me talk about the department's policy and our options. I will be able to show you details of the policy and guidelines and explain the ramifications for the whole school.

If you are unable to make it to the meeting I ask that you come and talk to me directly rather than approaching staff.

**Shoalhaven Music Festival:** Congratulations to the students who performed last Thursday night as part of the Shoalhaven Music Festival. I was a very proud principal watching from the audience as our students performed – as part of the massed choir and as an individual school. Well done everyone! I want to mention the excellent behaviour of Brodie Partridge on the night – what a great example you were Brodie. Thank you to Ms Cullen for all her work to prepare the students.

**Swimming Scheme:** Another successful Swimming Scheme was held this year with all students making progress over the two week period. Well done students. Certificates will be handed out at a future assembly. Thank you Ms Cullen, Mrs Robinson and Ms Porteous for their supervision during the last two weeks.

**Jump Rope for Heart:** Ms Cullen is busy organising activities for next week. Sponsorship forms were sent home last week and need to be returned next week. Parents are welcome to join us for the activities and join in with the skipping!!

Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. I can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. However, I ask that you participate so that your opinions and views can be heard and used to help make our school better. Please type the following link into your web browser to access the link: [https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j\\_acegi\\_security\\_check?j\\_username=parent17920&j\\_password=Fa1901](https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17920&j_password=Fa1901)

You must type in the link exactly as it is for it to work correctly.

If you do not have computer access at home then you are able to complete the survey at school before school starts each day. The survey window closes on 16 October.

**Term 4 dates:** Term 3 ends next Friday, 18 September. Students return to school for Term 4 on Tuesday 6 October. Term 4 finishes for students on Wednesday 16 December.

Students are busy finishing up work in class in preparation for the end of term. Staff have started on assessment of student work in preparation for writing end of year reports.

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

*Nicole*

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

Years 1 and 2 are busy finishing their power points by doing the final edit. They are looking forward to sharing them with parents. We would like to invite you to join us in the library next **Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm** so that we can share our work. Kinder will be reading out some of the stories they have written this term. We hope that you can join us.

In Maths we are learning more about patterns of shapes and numbers and how we can use our knowledge of known number sentences to solve unknown number problems. Year 2 are also looking at the relationship between addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.

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following a procedure to investigate the effect of water erosion on landscapes.

*Keep in touch,*

*Lyn R and Susan.*

## 5/6 NEWS

Things are slightly back to normal this week with Year 5 completing the Swimming Scheme program. Most students have completed their information reports and are now creating power point presentations based on those reports. In Maths we are learning about chance and probability. Students have been learning different games of chance that they are eager to try at home 😊. We have been designing posters to encourage an active lifestyle in Falls Creek for our Health topic and are learning about homographs in Grammar.

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## MS CULLEN

Firstly I would like congratulate our Year 3-6 students that performed at the Shoalhaven Music Festival. They did a fantastic job. I have uploaded some pictures of the night onto the school website. K/1/2 will be continuing to explore their class celebration that they are planning for the final week of school.

## 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

## WEEK (10)

☺Thursday 17 September

Jump Rope for Heart - Jump Off

☺Friday 18 September

Last Day of Term 3

Canteen Fish and Chip Day

## TERM 4

☺Monday 5 October

Teachers and staff return to school

☺Tuesday 6 October

Students return to school

## CANTEEN NEWS

On the last day of Term 3, Friday 18 September we are having a Fish & Chip Day. 1 piece of yummy fresh whiting and a serve of chips for only \$3.50. Please fill out the slip below and return to the office by **Monday 14 September** as we need to order the fish. No other food on the menu will be available on the day.



## CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 11 September

Leah Ryan & Gim Belsito

## FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

The canteen will be closed on Thursdays until further notice.

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### FISH AND CHIP ORDER

I.....of class.....would like to order

.....serve/serves of fish and chips.



# Jump Rope for Heart.

Every child has now taken home their sponsorship forms. Participants can also be sponsored online via the Jump Rope for Heart website. This year the Jump Rope for Heart foundation have put us in fundraising trial where 50% of the funds raised, is returned to the school. We will be having our 'Jump off Day' on Thursday 17 September. The fun event will begin at 1:30pm and parents/ carers are invited to join us in the fun event.

## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS** **Presented at assembly Thursday 3 September 2015**

### **MERIT AWARDS**

K/1/2	Kimberley Williams, Emily Sammut and Liam Henkel.
3/4	George Williams, Bailey Cullen and Luke Robertson.
5/6	Zaliah Key, Brodie Partridge and Jye Picker.

### **BRIDGE BUILDER AWARDS**

Silver	Layla Ryan.
Gold	Jayden Lalor.

### **PLAYGROUND STARS WINNERS**

Ashleigh Bloxsome, Khe-Sanh Duke, Blake McDonald, Thomas Russell,



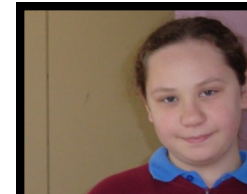
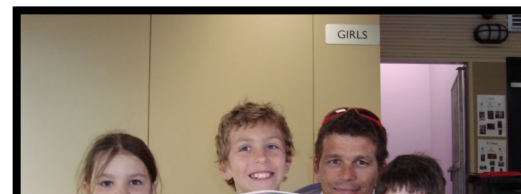
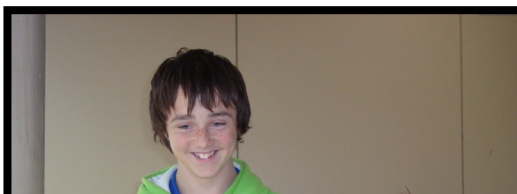
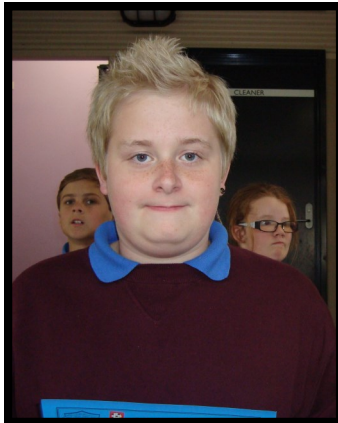
# P & C Meeting

## Thursday 10 September

If you are concerned about what is happening with classes and staff in 2016, PLEASE come



# September 2015



Registration and Swim Proficiency dates are:

19 Sept, from 10:00am -12pm at Bomaderry Outdoor Pool, &

26 Sept from 10:30am -12:30pm at Bay & Basin Leisure Centre Vincentia.

Cost for entire season Oct - March \$75 Enquiries to Monica Willis [0468 936 511](tel:0468936511)



### **WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

As you know our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We're now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on your fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

### **SHOALHAVEN BASKETBALL**

Exciting news as the Illawarra Hawks take on the Adelaide 36ers in a pre-season NBL match at Shoalhaven Basketball Association stadium, Bomaderry. Tip-off is set down for 1:00pm Sunday, 13 September. There will be a kids skills clinic on Saturday from 12:00-2:00pm at the stadium. Tickets or for more information, contact Cheryl Hunter on [4421 3800](tel:44213800) at the stadium or via email [shoalbasket@shoalhaven.net.au](mailto:shoalbasket@shoalhaven.net.au). <https://www.facebook.com/events/485005625007415/>

### **SHOALHAVEN HOCKEY**

Shoalhaven Hockey is conducting a Twilight Hockey Competition for Juniors and Seniors.

Thursday night, Junior age groups – Under 11yrs and under 14yrs (U14s with one adult player