



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Term 4 - Week 1**

**Wednesday 12 October 2016**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 4! It looks to be a busy and exciting time for everyone at Falls Creek Public School.

### School Swimming Scheme

This vital program begins next week and continues until the end of Week 3. It's not too late to return notes and money if you still wish to give your child the benefit of strengthening their swimming and water safety skills before summer. The cost is only \$25 per student.

### Disco

A school disco will be held on Friday evening, 28th October, 2016 (Week 3) with a 'Halloween' theme. There will be a sausage sizzle and plenty of dance music, flashing lights and fun! More details soon.

### Chooks

We will soon have chooks at school, thanks to the hard work of two of our parents, Matthew Forster and Kirsten Crowell. A huge thanks to them for securing donations of materials from Bishops (Thanks, Bishops!), and constructing the coop and run. The students are really looking forward to the arrival of our chooks.

### School Values

Falls Creek Public School is a *Positive Behaviour for Learning* (PBL) school where we define our school values, teach the behaviours that reflect those values and reward students for those behaviours.

Our values are: ***Respect, Achievement, Responsibility and Safety.***

We encourage you to talk to your children about these values and how their behavior reflects them. When students see their parents and carers working together with the school, it makes their learning all the more relevant and increases their engagement in school activities. We

greatly appreciate the support given by our school community. It makes our school a better place for our students.

*Mrs Deb Sansom*

*(Relieving Principal)*

## **K/2 NEWS**

K/2 has made a great start to the term, with all students coming back ready and eager to learn (as always). We are working on building reading stamina, especially when reading to themselves, and Kindergarten and Year 1 are particularly working on having correct formation and consistent size for all letters and numbers. Year 1 & 2 are showing a solid understanding of place value in their whole number work this week, while Kindergarten have been consolidating their understanding of ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.)

*Deb Sansom*

## **3/6 NEWS**

Term 4... unbelievable !! From all accounts everyone had a great holiday with some children even venturing interstate.

The class has settled in quickly and are working well.

We are working on rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and square numbers in maths.

This term some children will be moving to a more challenging spelling group so they will need to commit to completing their homework when it starts next week.

Please ensure your child is returning their home readers. If they are misplaced and not returned to school you will receive a bill so we can replace the book. If your child is reading a few chapters of their own books each night, that can be noted on the folders.

We brought back our stilts from the Men's Shed on the last day of term and yesterday, 3-6 had a circus sport session. Juggling, plate spinning and the diablos are still very popular but the stilts (!!!). I'm hoping by the time the children are old enough it will be an Olympic sport as they were amazing!! A special thanks must also go to Cameron's Mum, Tracie Hawkes, for transporting some of the children to the Men's Shed every Friday.

We have assembly next week so hunt out all those awards for Bridge Builders and get them to school ASAP.

*Keep in touch,*

*Lyn.*

## MS CULLEN

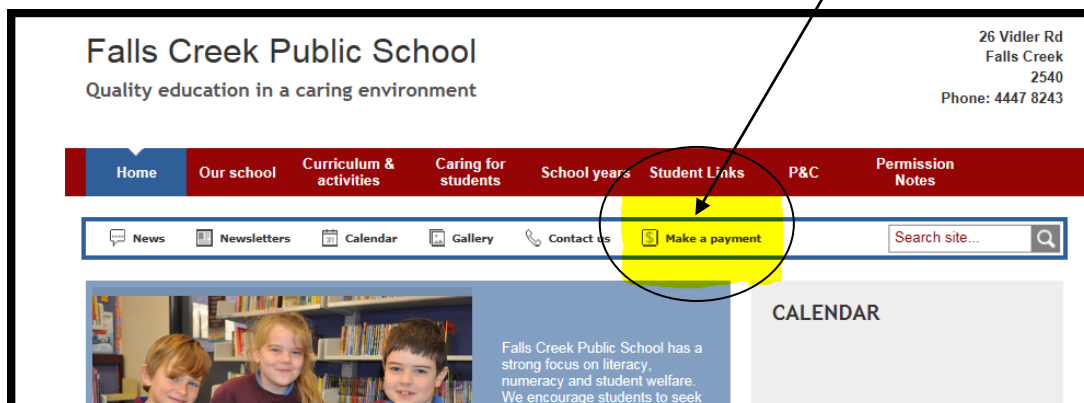
This term during science, K/2 are studying a unit of work called *Push and Pull*. This unit studies how forces change the way objects move such as flying, sinking, floating and their speed. 3/6 are exploring a unit of work called *Smooth Moves*, which explores movement, magnetism, friction and gravity. During Creative Arts lessons, both classes are being introduced to new dance and drama skills.

## OFFICE NEWS - IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PAYMENTS

We are in the final stages of moving across to the new Departmental Financial and Wellbeing system. Therefore, can all parents please be aware as part of the transaction-free period for schools, the following changes will apply to online payments:

From **4pm Friday 23 September 2016**, parents and carers will be unable to make online payments via the Falls Creek School website. From this time, our 'Make a Payment' button will be removed by the Department's School Website Service team to allow for important pre-deployment system preparations.

The button will be available again from around 8:00 am on **Monday 17 October**.



**PLEASE NOTE** - You are no longer able to make direct deposit to the school bank account as of 4pm Friday 23 September as this account is being CLOSED. Payments can be accepted at the school office with cash but will not be receipted until after Monday 17 October.

It would be much appreciated if you could please be patient with me during the change over and implementation of the new system as it is sure to be a testing time.

**HEAD LICE ALERT!** I have been notified of head lice being detected in a student's hair at the end of term, could you please check your child's hair regularly and treat immediately to stop others being infested.

*Thankyou*

*Karen Morison*

# Falls Creek PS - P&C School Sport Shirt Survey Sport Uniform Survey



At a recent P&C meeting an idea was discussed about introducing a sport shirt for all of our students to wear on sport days. The above design was agreed upon.

We would like your feedback on if you would be interested in purchasing this uniform item for child to wear. The P&C are subsidising the cost. If we have enough interest we will go ahead with ordering them.

Please complete the survey below and return it to the office.

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## P&C Sport Shirt Survey

I would like to purchase a sport shirt

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I would not purchase a sport shirt

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## SPORT

For those students in Years 2 to 6 who are intending to participate in the School Swimming Scheme in Term 4 (17 October - 28 October), could you please get your permission notes back by the end of this week - Friday 14 October as we need to confirm our final numbers. If you have lost your permission note they are available on the school website.

## CANTEEN ROSTER



Tuesday 18 October - Kristy Robinson and Sue Lightowlers

Tuesday 25 October - Leah Ryan and Kirsten Crowell

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### NOWRA HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY

Nowra High School will be holding an orientation day for students starting Year 7 in 2017 on Wednesday 7 December 2016. The day will commence at 9.30am and conclude at 2.30pm. School uniform is to be worn on the day. Parents will need to arrange transport for their child.

### KINDY ORIENTATION

Falls Creek School will be holding our Kindy Orientation Day on Tuesday 1 November from 10am to 11am in the school library. If you have any queries please contact the office 44 478 243.



**WATER POLO  
SUMMER 2016/17**

Wednesday Nights  
Casual training and games  
Juniors & Adults

Starts 12 October  
at Nowra Aquatic Centre from 6:30pm

Find out more at [illwp.com](http://illwp.com)

**PCYC SHOALHAVEN**  
**SATURDAY 29ND OCTOBER**



**PCYC SHOALHAVEN**  
72 PARK ROAD, EAST NOWRA  
**SATURDAY 29ND 10AM - 2PM**  
**COME ALONG & SCORE A BARGAIN!**  
THERE WILL BE EVERYTHING FROM GYM  
EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING & BRIC-A-BRAC.  
THERE MAY EVEN BE A KITCHEN SINK UP FOR  
GRABS  
**SO PLEASE COME ALONG & SAVE SOME  
CASH WHILE SUPPORTING PCYC &  
LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEED.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE A  
CAR SPACE TO SELL YOUR OWN ITEMS PLEASE  
CALL PCYC (02) 4421 8588 FOR MORE INFO.**





Congratulations to Keira Forster who won ribbons for 3 first places and 1 second place in the Berry Interschool Equestrian Competition during the school holidays. Well done !



Congratulations to Haiden Taylor who won a silver medal when he competed in the Australian Judo Championships at the "Snake Pit" in Wollongong during the holidays. Great effort!

