



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 4 - Week 2

Thursday 20 October 2016

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have just received advice of our funding allocation for 2017, which includes 'Gonski' funding for our school. This provides significantly more funding than the school received just a few years ago. It allows us to hire extra staff (School Learning Support Officers) to assist in the classroom, allowing teachers to provide more personalized learning; hire teachers to run special programs, such as Mrs Hanson, to broaden our curriculum; provide more professional learning for teachers so that they can improve their expertise in teaching your child; provide technology such as laptops and iPads to further engage students and equip them with 21st Century skills; and allow us to subsidise the cost of extra curricula programs, such as the swimming program. 'Gonski' funding is really making a difference at Falls Creek Public School.

Some bad news, Sandra Spencer, our very dedicated scripture teacher, school banking volunteer and P & C treasurer, has badly broken her ankle and is unable to walk on it for some time. As she was intending to retire from her duties at the end of the year, she will now be taking her retirement 'early'. Sandra will be greatly missed here at the school, for all the work she contributed and for her friendly, smiling face and kindness. We wish her a speedy recovery. Due to this misfortune, there will be no scripture lessons and no school banking for the remainder of the year.

This week we went 'live' with the Education Department's new Financial and Wellbeing computer system. This will greatly change the way we make and record financial transactions and record and store student information. This has had a big impact on our School Administration Manager, Mrs Morison, as she has had to learn a whole new system for all administrative tasks. She has done a fabulous job (supported only by calming music and chocolates) to make a smooth transition for our school. It is very time consuming to complete all administration tasks in a brand new way so there may still be a few delays in receipting payments etc. Please be patient while we all get up to speed.

Mrs Deb Sansom

(Relieving Principal)

K/2 NEWS

Students in K/2 have been improving their independent learning skills through practising the 'Daily Five' in literacy. This is *Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, Word Work* and *Work on Writing*. They are doing a great job in building up their stamina in reading and developing responsibility for their own learning. Well done, K/2. In maths, Kindergarten have been learning about the value of coins and have been enjoying 'purchasing' a range of classroom toys. (They look very disappointed when they have to give them back.) Years 1 & 2 have been learning to round off numbers to the nearest ten (and hundred, for Year 2). All students are gaining great skills in making number sentences. They are always very enthusiastic to contribute to this activity each morning.

Deb Sansom

3/6 NEWS

Following quite a trend we started our swimming lessons on Monday in cooler weather after a very warm weekend. It was great to see the children trying so hard.

Week 1 spelling and dictation results were off to a good start.

We have a lot of work to cover this term and the class is working extra hard finishing off units. Handwriting and presentation also need to improve.

One aspect of our work on early explorers has been the type of ships they used and we have been using our new water colour pencils to do our sketches with very effective results. The drawing lessons we have watched are very thorough.

Remember library books and home readers need to be returned.

Keep in touch,

Lyn.

SPORT

Our Swimming Scheme started on Monday when 14 children from Year 2 to Year 5 travelled to the Bay and Basin Leisure Centre.

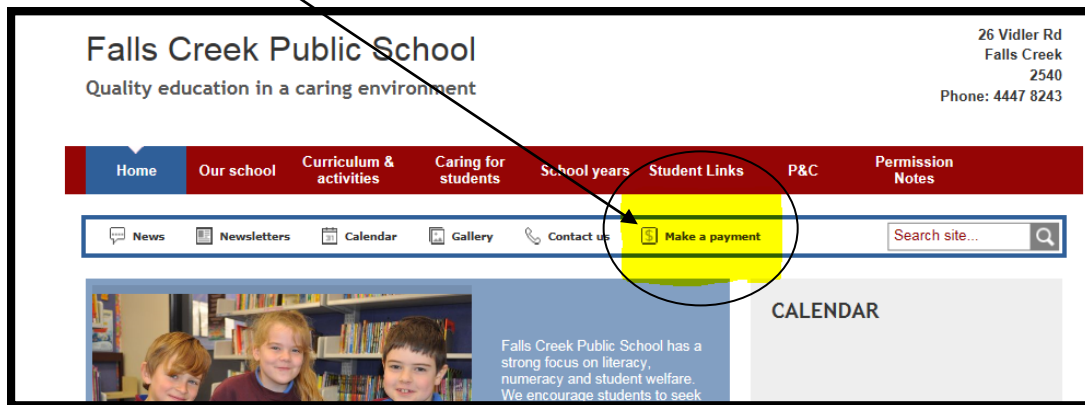
Each day they have a safety talk and on Monday everyone was tested on their swimming ability and then placed into a group.

We are looking forward to seeing their progress.

Lyn Brown

OFFICE NEWS - IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PAYMENTS

Parents and carers are now able to make online payments again via the Falls Creek School website. Our 'Make a Payment' button is back on the School Website.



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 may not be receipted straight away as I am still learning the new process. 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.

Thankyou

Karen Morison

CanTeen National Bandanna Day



National Bandanna Day is fast approaching!

Hurry up and get your Bandanna now from the 3-6 room.

Only \$4 each

CANTEEN ROSTER



Tuesday 25 October - Leah Ryan and Kirsten Crowell

Tuesday 1 November - Kristy Robinson 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. Please let the office know if you are coming along or if you have any queries call 44 478 243.



U TURNS

Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrian or vehicle in a School Zone.

Penalty

\$531

+ 4 Demerit Points

Sat 29th Oct
9.00am - 3.00pm

**Greenwell Point
Public
School's Fete**

The Oyster and Fishing Festival

A Family and Community Event

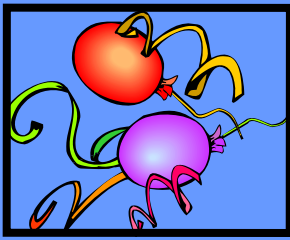
Monster Raffle, Giant Slide, Market Stalls,
Rural Fire Brigade, Marine Rescue,
Tattoos, Pony Rides, Face Painting, And
Much Much More.

Contact us at
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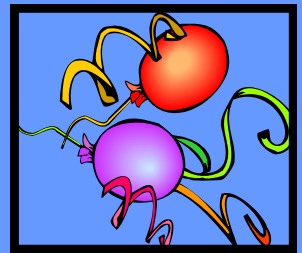
PCYC SHOALHAVEN
SATURDAY 29ND OCTOBER

CAR BOOT SALE

PCYC SHOALHAVEN
72 PARK ROAD, EAST NOWRA
SATURDAY 29ND 10AM - 3PM
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.



Happy Birthday!



**Happy Birthday to the following students who
celebrate their birthday in October**

16 October - Fletcher Hall

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Presented at assembly Wednesday 19 October 2016

MERIT AWARDS

K/2 Abigail Findlay, Nathan Hayden and Vimbai Dickson.

3/6 Cameron Loader, Kiana Bowling, Kiara Skinner and Kiho Luke.

BRIDGE BUILDER AWARDS

Bronze - Abigail Findlay, Layla Ryan and Indy Robinson.

Silver - Haiden Taylor and Nate Dansey.

QUIET ACHIEVERS

K/2 Indy Robinson and Markus Macfarlane.

3/6 Sealisha Buckley and Chrystel Buckley.

PLAYGROUND STARS WINNERS

Thomas Russell (2), Abigail Robinson, Kimberley Williams, Haiden Taylor, Aliyah Taylor and Emily Dillon.