



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 4 - Week 4

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We had a great attendance at our school disco last Friday with many students getting into the spirit of the Halloween dress-up theme. A big thank you to the teachers and all the parents who contributed to the success of the night in many and varied ways. I am sure the students appreciated your efforts. Special thanks to Leah Ryan and Kristy Robinson for the catering, Matthew Forster and Kirsten Crowell for the BBQ, Ms Cullen for the music, Shaun Russell for the lights, Mrs Brown and Lane Ardler for the decorations and Ms Porteous for supervision and her smooth dancing moves. The students had a great night!

Swimming School concluded last week and proved very successful for our students. They all made great progress and were complimented on their enthusiasm and effort by the swimming school's head teacher.

Session 1 of the 2017 Kindergarten Orientation was held on Tuesday of this week and was very well supported by parents. At this stage, we have 13 confirmed Kindergarten students for next year. Sessions 2 & 3 will be held during the afternoon session for the next two Tuesdays, where the new students will attend for activities with our current Kindergarten students to prepare them for a smooth transition to school. They were certainly a very happy and confident group of students who appear very keen to start 'big school'.

I have had the privilege of being the Relieving Principal of Falls Creek Public School for what seems a very short time, so it is with some sadness that I will be leaving the school at the end of this year. I have been appointed to the permanent position of Principal at Terara Public School and will commence there on 5th December, 2016.

Ms Jacqui Cavill (from Koonawarra PS) will take over as Relieving Principal at Falls Creek on that date and continue for 2017. Miss Humphreys will continue in the role of Relieving Principal at Shoalhaven Heads PS for 2017.

I will very much miss the students, staff and parents of Falls Creek PS and I thank you for your support during my time here. Ms Cavill will attend the Kindergarten Orientation session on Tuesday, 15/11/16, during the afternoon session, and is looking forward to meeting the Falls Creek PS community.

Mrs Deb Sansom

(Relieving Principal)

K/2 NEWS

K/2 students have continued to make excellent progress with their reading and are currently focusing on their speaking skills. Practice in verbally expressing ideas and describing what they see, hear, think and feel is not only valuable for verbal communication but contributes greatly to writing ability as well. In maths, they are continuing assessment tasks and consolidating addition skills and concepts.

Deb Sansom

3/6 NEWS

It was great to welcome Miah Campbell to our class this week. Miah is in Year 3.

We are continuing with our assessments this week ready for Semester 2 Reports. A very disappointing effort with homework last week with only 5 children returning their work. The homework should only take a small amount of time each night and helps develop very necessary habits which will help with high school and future studies. Homework was given out on Monday and is due back at school on Friday.

On Monday, Jay Allen from the Melanoma Institute came to talk to 3-6 about staying sunsafe. His talk and DVD about when he was diagnosed with Melanoma was very informative and really brought the message home. Jay is travelling around to schools to reinforce the importance of skin checks (for children and adults !!!) and how we can protect ourselves from the sun. Having a broad brimmed school hat at school for recess and lunchtime is an important 1st step.

Remember library books are due back at school on Thursday and there will be no school banking. Keep in touch, Lyn.

MS CULLEN

Today 3/6 participated in an interesting virtual excursion. The virtual excursion was held in our library with the video conferencing equipment. The students participated in '**Keeping Safe in the Game**' which explores cyberbullying, in-app game purchases and keeping personal details private. During science, 3/6 are studying gravity and K/2 are experimenting to explore how push

and pull affects how objects move in water. Tomorrow, they will be experimenting with a range of objects to study if they sink or float.

SPORT

Congratulations to all our swimmers. Not only did they all achieve good results in their final test last week but they were also commended for their excellent behaviour during their sessions. Mrs Sansom has already booked a session for next year and we are hoping that every child from Years 2-6 is able to attend. Thanks also to Ms Cullen who travelled with the children and supervised the swimming sessions.

CanTeen National Bandanna Day

Our Bandanna Day was very successful . Thank you to everyone who bought a bandanna to support this important cause. Congratulations to Sam Ramsay in Y5 and Layla Ryan in Y1, who won the competition for the most bandannas.

Total money raised will be published next week. (We still have a few left that I would love to sell rather than send back !!!)

Thank you again, Lyn.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday 8 November - Sue Lightowlers and Kirsten Crowell

Tuesday 15 November - Leah Ryan and Kirsten Crowell

Please support our Canteen each Tuesday. The P&C do a wonderful job at our school providing healthy lunches for our students.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KINDY ORIENTATION

Falls Creek School will be holding our next Kindy Orientation Day on Tuesday 8 November from 1.30pm to 2.40pm in the K/1/2 classroom for students only.. Please let the office know if your child is coming or if you have any queries call 4447 8243.

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Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	
1	10 October	11 October	12 October	13 October	14 October	15 & 16 Oct
2	17 October Swimming Scheme	18 October Swimming Scheme	19 October Swimming Scheme	20 October Swimming Scheme	21 October Swimming Scheme	22 & 23 Oct
3	24 October Swimming Scheme	25 October Swimming Scheme	26 October Swimming Scheme	27 October Swimming Scheme P & C Meeting 6pm	28 October Swimming Scheme- Halloween Disco 5.30pm to 7.30pm 	29 & 30 Oct
4	31 October	1 November Kindy Orientation 10 am to 11am (Parents & children)	2 November Assembly 2.10pm	3 November	4 November	5 & 6 Nov
5	7 November	8 November Kindy Orientation 1.30pm to 2.40pm	9 November	10 November	11 November	12 & 13 Nov
6	14 November	15 November Kindy Orientation 1.30pm to 2.40pm	16 November Assembly 2.10pm	17 November	18 November	19 & 20 Nov
7	21 November	22 November	23 November Hyde Park Barracks Excursion (Year 4 -6)	24 November Hyde Park Barracks Excursion (Year 4 -6)	25 November	26 & 27 Nov
8	28 November	29 November	30 November Assembly 2.10pm	1 December P & C Meeting 6pm	2 December	3 & 4 Dec
9	5 December	6 December	7 December	8 December	9 December	10 & 11 Dec
10	12 December Presentation Evening 	13 December	14 December	15 December	16 December Last day for students! 	17 & 18 Dec
Hols	19 December Staff Development Day	20 December Staff Development Day	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	24 & 25