



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

TALKABOUT

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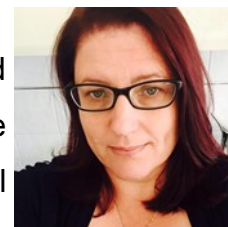
Friday 25 November 2016

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I will be beginning my new role as Principal at Terara PS on Monday 5/12/16 and Mrs Jacqui Cavill will commence as Relieving Principal of Falls Creek PS on that day. Mrs Cavill has sent a brief introduction which she asked to be included in Talkabout so that you can get to know her.

Introduction - Mrs Jacqui Cavill

I live in Dapto with my husband, Neil and three children, Tomas, Rebecca and Ruby, and a beautiful black labrador called Sonny. I am very excited to be coming to Falls Creek Public School. From my visits I feel that it is a beautiful space filled with friendly, caring people. Thank you for welcoming me into your school community, I look forward to building great relationships and working together so that every student can succeed at school.



My current school is Koonawarra Public School, where I have worked for the last 8 years from preschool through to year six. I am passionate about individualised student learning, caring for others and building resilience. I believe that every student can, and will, succeed at school if given the right support and opportunities.

(Mrs Jacqui Cavill)

Hyde Park Barracks Convict Sleepover Excursion

What a great excursion! Falls Creek students were well behaved and well mannered throughout the excursion and were totally absorbed in the fantastic range of activities over the two days. From ferry rides and exploring Goat Island, assuming the identity of an actual convict from the Colony of New South Wales and sleeping, as they did, in hammocks in the very building where they slept, to exploring the fabulous exhibits at the Sydney Aquarium, including a "boat ride to Macquarie Island" - Falls Creek PS students were interested and involved and learnt a great deal about Australian history and Australian Sea life and environment.

Our school teamed up with Greenwell Point PS on this excursion to make bus costs more

economical. Students from both schools mixed well together and got along well with each other, making it a valuable social learning situation as well.

Kids will be kids, however, so despite all the great learning that was going on, when asked what they liked best about the excursion, many of them said, "The FOOD"!!! (Which was very good!)

Mrs Deb Sansom

(Relieving Principal)

K/2 NEWS

K/2 have been doing some great work with Mrs Porteous while I have been attending finance training and the 4/6 excursion this week. They have produced some very impressive pieces of writing, based on the Tashi stories, and have continued their work on place value in maths.

Deb Sansom

3/6 NEWS

A very busy assessment period for the reports has finished, however, we still have plenty of work to cover, so the break in Sydney for the excursion was well timed.

Looking forward to sharing all our experiences now we have returned.

Keep in touch, Lyn

MS CULLEN

5 cent Challenge



All you need to do is bring in your 5c pieces to school. Your child's teacher will have a jar where you can donate your 5c pieces. Each class's \$ will be counted and recorded, with the class who raises the most in the 4 weeks winning a free Quelch stick on the last day of the challenge. This event is organized by the Falls Creek Public School P&C. The winning class and total collected will be announced at the talent quest on Wednesday 30 November.

BOOK CLUB

Please return your order to the school office by Monday 28 November NOT the 27 November as I incorrectly stamped on the pamphlets. Whoops!



Karen Morison

CANTEEN ROSTER



Tuesday 29 November - Leah Ryan and Kristy Robinson

Tuesday 6 December - Sue Lightowlers and Kirsten Crowell

5/6 FUNDRAISER GUESSING COMPETITION.

You can win a box full of goodies for just \$1!

1. Check out the box and pick the number of things you think are in the box.
2. Pay \$1 and you can have that number if it isn't already taken.
3. When the competition closes the person who has guessed the correct number wins the
WHOLE box full of treats.
4. You can have more than 1 guess.

ONLY \$1 PER GUESS

Falls Creek's



It's that exciting time of year again!

Do our students have secret talents in dance, singing, jokes, magic tricks or other areas? Well now's their time to shine! We will be holding our annual school talent quest on Wednesday 30 November. Students are encouraged to start planning their performance ideas and give Ms Cullen the details. We look forward to seeing them perform!



HYDE PARK BARRACKS EXCURSION



BRIDGE BUILDERS

To achieve your:

BRONZE Bridge Builder you will need 20 x certificates. (Students will receive a certificate plus a \$1 canteen voucher.)

SILVER Bridge Builder you will need 1 x Bronze Bridge Builder plus 15 additional awards.

GOLD Bridge Builder you will need 1 x Bronze Bridge Builder, 1 x Silver Bridge Builder plus 15 additional awards. At this level, students receive a Book Award. When students have collected enough certificates at each level, they need to be handed in at the office. All certificates are returned after the award is presented at the assembly.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2016-2017 BUSH FIRE SEASON

Dear parent or carer

I am writing to let you know about arrangements for our school for the current bush fire season. Our school has been identified as a school at increased risk if a bush fire were to break out on a day when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the NSW Department of Education has determined that on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current and alternative learning arrangements will be put in place. This is based on information obtained through a bush fire assessment of our school arranged by the Department.

A Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is likely to occur on a very small number of days during the bush fire season, if at all. To ensure that we continue to support student learning on these days, I have put the following arrangements in place:

CATASTROPHIC DAYS

The State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) notifies the department at approximately 4.30pm each day when there are catastrophic fire danger ratings predicted for the following day.

Falls Creek Public School will temporarily cease operations during periods when there is a 'catastrophic fire danger rating' issued for the area in which the school is located.

The school will only receive notification of a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating after school hours the day before the forecast is issued. To assist me in contacting all parents please ensure that you have provided the school with up-to-date home or after hours contact details, subscribe to our facebook page and download our skoolbag app.

Information for parents and carers provided by the Department about these arrangements is attached. Up to date bush fire information will also be available to you on the Department's bush fire safety website. The link for this site is as follows:

NSW Public Schools Safety website:

<http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news-at-det/bushfire-safety>

Please contact the school on telephone 44478243 if you would like any further information about this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Deborah Sansom

Relieving Principal

This brochure provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the bush fire season. **This information is only relevant for schools that are on the bush fire register.**

Introduction

The NSW Department of Education has conducted bush fire assessments for NSW government schools in bush fire prone areas. These results have been validated by an independent external expert and have been reviewed in consultation with the NSW Rural Fire Service.

A small number of schools have been identified as a school at increased risk if a fire were to break out on a day when a catastrophic fire danger rating is issued for the area that the school is located in. **This includes the school your child attends.**

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the Department has determined that on days when a catastrophic fire danger rating is issued for the area the school is in, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current and alternative learning arrangements will be put in place.

What is a Fire Danger Rating?

A fire danger rating is the expected fire danger on a particular day and is determined by considering a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought. The ratings range from Low – Moderate through High, Very High, Severe, Extreme and Catastrophic.

What is a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating?

A catastrophic rating means that if fires broke out they would be uncontrollable, unpredictable and very fast moving with very aggressive flames extending high above tree tops and buildings.

When will I know if my child's school won't be operating the next day?

The State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) notifies the Department at approximately 4:30pm each day when there are catastrophic fire danger ratings predicted for the following day. This means that the school will only receive notification of a catastrophic fire danger rating after school hours the day before the forecast is issued.

Your school will notify you as soon as possible. You will be notified by telephone or other communication, depending on when the school is advised that the catastrophic fire danger rating has been issued. The school will not receive this information until after school has finished on the day before the rating takes effect. The school will contact all parents and carers and, where appropriate, issue advice through local media.

Please provide your current home or after hours contact to your school. Parents and carers should also watch or listen for local media as information may be provided through these outlets.

What educational arrangements will be in place if the school isn't operating?

Talk to your school about the arrangements that will be put in place in the event of the school temporarily ceasing operations due to a catastrophic fire danger rating being issued. Schools will be undertaking advanced planning to ensure that, if schools do need to cease operations on some days, they will have alternative educational arrangements in place such as re-locating to another school, where practicable, or providing take home work for students.

Will my child's school be affected by severe or extreme fire danger ratings?

During the bush fire season, including days of severe or extreme fire danger rating, schools will continue to operate as normal unless advised otherwise by emergency services. During the bush fire season schools will be vigilant and monitor local conditions, particularly on days when severe or extreme fire danger ratings are issued.

Plan and prepare

The NSW Rural Fire Service has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bush fire season. It is important that you consider the safety of your own home from bushfire. Please find more information and resources at:

<http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare>. See also the My Fire Plan website for resource.

Further information

We appreciate your cooperation during the bush fire season. For further information about fire danger ratings and the bush fire season, please refer to the NSW Rural Fire Service website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

The Department's [School Safety website](#) has also been established to provide up to date information during bush fires and other situations such as floods or storms.