



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## TALKABOUT

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**Term 1 - Week 2**

**Wednesday 3 February 2016**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to everyone for 2016. I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break with their families and friends. There seemed to be many happy parents last Thursday when their children returned to school.

I would also like to welcome our new students and their families to our school: Dominic Innes and Cameron Loader in Year 6, Angus Findlay in Year 4, Rory Brady-Edwards in Year 3 and Tylar Malone in Year 2.

Our Kinder students started on Friday and have settled in well to school. Their photos are included in today's Talkabout.

2016 promises to be a very busy year. Students will be engaged in both academic and sporting activities. We will be encouraging our students to love learning and think creatively in all areas of school.

**School App:** If you haven't already, don't forget to download the school app to your mobile device or phone. We use this app to send out reminders about school events and alerts if information about events has changed. Instructions on how to download the app are attached to this newsletter.

**P&C:** The AGM for the P&C will be held next Thursday, 11 February at 6.15pm in the RFF room (the old 5/6 room). The meetings are child friendly if you need to bring your children. I hope to see many of you there next Thursday.

Meetings for the P&C are held twice a term. The P&C does great things for the school to support our students, including the running of the school canteen. Without a P&C this great service cannot run.

**Canteen:** This starts next week. *Canteen will be open every Tuesday.* A menu is attached.

**Term Calendar:** This year you will find a term calendar included in our newsletter, please check

for upcoming activities. We will be updating regularly as new events are scheduled.

My office day will continue to be every Friday. I am available for meetings on most Fridays but please make an appointment with Karen in the office. However, if you have an immediate issue or concern please come and see me before school starts each day or when school finishes.

*Please come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.*

*Nicole*

## **K/2 NEWS**

Welcome back everyone! We welcomed our new Kinders to the class last Friday. Students in Years 1 and 2 have been very eager to make friends with the Kinders and help them settle in to class and school routines.

Homework started this week for everyone and is due back to school on Friday. Home Readers will start next week for students in Years 1 and 2. Kinder will start borrowing home readers in the next few weeks.

We have Tania, a school support learning officer (SLSO), in our class 4 days a week. She works in our class on Mondays and Thursdays after recess and in the mornings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Tania provides extra support for students during Literacy and Maths activities. Once we are more settled into our class routines I will be asking parents to come and help in the classroom, if you can. We would love to have you in the classroom to help out and see how and what your children are learning.

Library borrowing will start tomorrow. We will visit the library every Thursday and students can borrow a book. Please ensure that your child has a library bag to place their book in.

*Please come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.*

*Nicole*

## **3/6 NEWS**

I hope everyone had a terrific holiday. The children are ready for a very eventful year. We welcomed 4 new pupils to our class— Rory in Year 3; Angus in Year 4; Dominic and Cameron in Year 6.

This Term in English we are starting with persuasive texts and the comprehension skills of predicting and using connections. We will also be looking at books by the author John Marsden.

In Maths we will be focussing on place value in larger numbers and Year 6 will be also including negative numbers.

Homework started this week and it is due back at school on Friday. School library borrowing will start on Thursday and children will need a library bag.

**\*\*I would like every child to buy an A5 student diary so we can set up a communication system and they can remember items or research topics .\*\*** They can be bought at numerous places and do NOT need to be fancy or expensive. Thank you for your help with this.

Please see me if there are any problems.

*Keep in touch,*

*Lyn.*

## **MS CULLEN**

Welcome back to an exciting new year! This year I am teaching Science and Technology and Creative Arts to the students. At the end of last term, a group of students selected a piece of their artwork that they would like to enter into the 2016 Nowra Show. I submitted the art this week and they will be on display in the pavilion this weekend. The students that have a piece of art on display are Chrystel, Sealisha, Ryan, Kaleb, Rheya, Kiho, Blake, Bailey, Liam, Torlea, Markus and Lani.

## **SPORT NEWS**

Yesterday we had a development officer and a couple of players from the NRL Dragons come and talk to our students about the importance of looking after ourselves and doing things that were fun. The emphasis was on physical activity and getting along with our peers and friends. Students enjoyed the session and the players signed a couple of footballs for us. Unfortunately, we didn't get to do any drills or games.

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 17 February at Bomaderry Pool. All children in years 3-6 are invited to attend as well as year 2 children who turn 8 this year. **Children need to be able to swim 50 metres to attend.** Notes will be sent home shortly.

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

The canteen will be opening on Tuesday 9 February (next week). The menu is attached to Talkabout. If you would like to help out in the canteen please leave your name and contact number with Karen at the office. The more volunteers we have the more days we can open, so please help if you can (even if it's only once a term, it all helps).

## P & C NEWS

Please note this in your diary - The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 11 February, 2016 (Term 1 Week 3) at 6.15pm in the old 5/6 classroom. All welcome!

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### KITTENS

### FREE TO GOOD HOME!!

Male and female, around 4 weeks old. Please contact Donna on 0474 700 515.

### Shoalhaven Netball Association

2016 Netball Season Registrations are now **OPEN** with all clubs in our association

Let's Play Netball !!

Contact your nearest club to register your and your child

5yr - 7yr

8yr - 10yr

Juniors 11yr - 17yr

Seniors 18yr and over

#### CLUBS

SAINTS - [saintsnc.nsw.netball.com.au](http://saintsnc.nsw.netball.com.au)

REBELS - [rebelsnc.nsw.netball.com.au](http://rebelsnc.nsw.netball.com.au)

NORTH NOWRA BOMADERRY - [nnbnc.nsw.netball.com.au](http://nnbnc.nsw.netball.com.au)

LYREBIRD - [lyrebirdnc.nsw.netball.com.au](http://lyrebirdnc.nsw.netball.com.au)

JERVIS BAY - [jervisbaync.nsw.netball.com.au](http://jervisbaync.nsw.netball.com.au)

GEMS - [gems.nsw.netball.com.au](http://gems.nsw.netball.com.au)

ALBATROSS - [albatrossnc.nsw.netball.com.au](http://albatrossnc.nsw.netball.com.au)

### Jervis Bay Netball Club - Registration Day

Saturday 6 February 2016 at Vincentia Public School 9.00am – 12pm

5yr – 7yrs	\$65	8yr – 10yrs	\$110
Juniors 11yr – 17yrs	\$130	Seniors 18yrs & over	\$180
Non-Players	\$50	2 <sup>nd</sup> Registrations	\$30

**ONLINE REGISTRATIONS CAN BE MADE ANYTIME BEFORE THIS DATE**

More details available [jervisbaync.nsw.netball.com.au](http://jervisbaync.nsw.netball.com.au)

For more details contact Vicky 0439 896 134

Or Sue 44418548 or 0402007381

### St Georges Basin Football (Soccer) Club

Registrations Open online Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**ONLINE PAYMENTS AVAILABLE AND PREFERRED!**



Register and pay online at:

[www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)



The Club House at the STGB Sports Field, Wool Road, will be open **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 10am – 2pm** for general enquiries, uniform purchases and manual payments of registrations if you are unable to pay online (please note we only accept cash or cheque if you are paying in person)



Fees: 5 – 8 yrs \$105

9 – 12 years \$125

13 – 17 years \$135

17 (working) \$185

18 + (Full time students) \$185

Seniors \$235

Registrations are only valid after full payment has been received, we cannot guarantee a spot in a team without full payment. Please register your child in packages according to their birth year (eg Born 2008), not the age you want them to play. If you have a special request (eg to play up or down) please contact the club (see below). Kids registering in the U6's age group must turn 5 by 31 December.

Further information can be found at [www.basinsoccer.com.au](http://www.basinsoccer.com.au)

You can contact the club by email [basinsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:basinsoccer@gmail.com) or by calling:

Tracy Mandavy (for ages 5 – 11 enquiries) 0423846194

Renee Brown (for ages 12 + ) 0448523296



## VACANCIES AVAILABLE!!!!

The Central Shoalhaven Mobile Preschool is a community owned, not for profit organisation. University and TAFE trained staff provide an educational program for children aged between 3 and 5 years, in a motivating setting to enhance each child's preparation for school.

We visit Callala Beach, Cambewarra, Falls Creek and Huskisson weekly.

Preschool hours are from 9am - 3.00pm,  
extended hours available from 8am.

Come along and give your child the opportunity to make new friends within the local area. Subsidies are available.



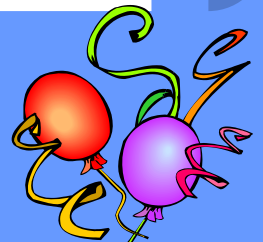
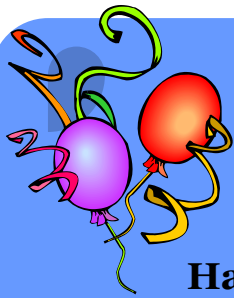
All enquiries welcome

Phone: 44230571 /0432274244 /0412928095

We are a registered Preschool not a Long Day Care facility



# Happy Birthday!



**Happy Birthday to the following students and staff who celebrated their birthday in January**

<b>1 January</b>	<b>Layla Ryan</b>
<b>12 January</b>	<b>Marcus Macfarlane</b>
<b>17 January</b>	<b>Kaleb Flear</b>
<b>19 January</b>	<b>Declan Flear</b>
<b>24 January</b>	<b>Rheya Luke</b>
<b>26 January</b>	<b>Dominic Innes</b>
<b>31 January</b>	<b>Elira Malone</b>

# Falls Creek Public School - Term 1 2016

Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	25 Jan Holidays	26 Jan Australia Day Public Holiday	27 Jan School Development Day	28 Jan Yrs 1 – 6 students return	29 Jan Kinder starts	30 31 Jan
2	1 Feb	2 Feb 1.40pm: NRL visit for the whole school	3 Feb	4 Feb Library borrowing starts	5 Feb	6 7 Feb
3	8 Feb	9 Feb Canteen starts for 2016	10 Feb	11 Feb P & C Annual General Meeting 6.15pm	12 Feb	13 14 Feb
4	15 Feb	16 Feb	17 Feb Yrs 3 – 6: Small Schools Swimming Carnival	18 Feb Assembly 2.10pm	19 Feb	20 21 Feb
5	22 Feb K/1/2: Responsible Pet Program 12.20pm	23 Feb	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 28 Feb
6	29 Feb	1 March	2 March	3 March	4 March	5 6 Mar
7	7 March	8 March	9 March	10 March	11 March	12 13 Mar
8	14 March	15 March	16 March	17 March	18 March	19 20 Mar
9	21 March	22 March	23 March	24 March	25 March Good Friday	26 27 Mar
10	28 March Easter Monday	29 March	30 March	31 March	1 April	2 3 Apr
11	4 April	5 April	6 April	7 April	8 April	9 10 Apr
Hols	11 April	12 April	13 April	14 April	15 April	16 17 Apr
Hols	18 April	19 April	20 April	21 April	22 April	23 24 April

## CANTEEN MENU – SUMMER 2016

### SALADS

Crunchy Salads .....\$4.00  
Choices of;  
Plain, Chicken Schnitzel , Ham  
Egg, Tuna  
Mayo or Dressing cup \$0.50

**Specials: Greek, Haloumi, Cesare look out for specials in Talkabout in the new school app.**

### WRAPS

Salad \$3.50  
Choice of: Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber,  
Carrot, Capsicum, Cheese, Egg,

Salad and Egg & Meat \$4.00  
Choices of: Ham, Tuna, Chicken Schnitzel,  
Egg

### HOT FOOD

Sausage Roll ..... \$2.50  
Meat Pie ..... \$3.00  
Toasties..... \$3.50  
Chicken Burger..... \$4.00

Sauces - Tomato or BBQ .....30c ea

SEE TALKABOUT ON APP. FOR  
SPECIALS COMING UP

### MEAL DEALS \$5

Salad and Drink, Chicken Burger and  
Drink or Wrap and Drink

PLACE ALL LUNCH ORDERS WITH CHILD'S  
CLASS NAME AND ORDER ONTO A PAPER  
LUNCH BAG IN THE LOCKED GREEN WOODEN  
BOX IN FRONT OF CANTEEN BEFORE MORNING  
ASSEMBLY.

THANK YOU

### DRINKS

Smoothies of the day ...\$3.00  
Banana, Mango and Berry

Juice popper \$1.50  
Orange, Apple, Apple/Blackcurrent  
Bottled Water ..... \$1.50

Flavoured Milk ..... \$1.50  
Strawberry or Chocolate

### SNACKS

**Range of fresh homemade snacks  
such as:**

Muffins  
Slices  
Cabanossi and cheese with crackers  
Carrot and celery sticks  
Fruit kebabs  
VEGI Juices

Ranging from 50cents to 2.00

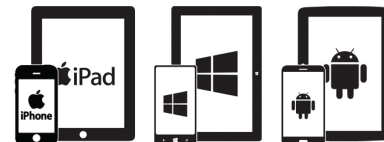
**Fresh Fruit FREE**

**Made by volunteers each day**

*Falls Creek school canteen is a member of the  
Healthy Kids Association..*

*Our canteen is run by 100% volunteers and is  
committed to providing healthy & nutritious  
food at reasonable prices..*





## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### For iPhone and iPad users:

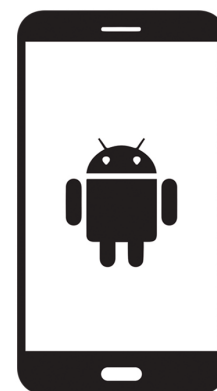
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



### For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

### For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.





# **“Zero Tolerance” to protect your child**

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance.

If you’ve heard the expression “It’s only a matter of time until someone gets hurt” then you understand why it is important for everyone to obey the road rules.

**When an offence is detected – you will be fined!**

## **Illegal parking around schools endangers children’s lives**

### **FACT**

When a child is hit at an impact speed of 30km/hr, they have a 99% chance of surviving. At 70km/hr, that child’s chance of survival is less than 7%. \* \*Source Australian Transport Safety Bureau

### **FACT**

Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need you to take extra care when driving and parking around schools zones.



#### **What does this mean?**

You cannot stop in this area for any reason.

#### **Why is it there?**

To keep sight distance clear for drivers, children and other pedestrians to avoid crashes.



#### **What does this mean?**

You can stop in this area to drop off or pick up passengers for a maximum of 2 minutes. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

#### **Why is it there?**

To provide safe places for children to be picked up – usually associated with Kiss and Drop Off zones

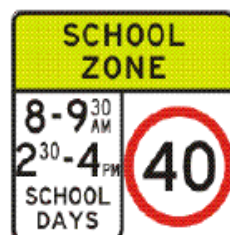


#### **What does this mean?**

You cannot stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

#### **Why is it there?**

To provide a safe place for buses to set down & pick up passengers



**40km/hr School Zones** are provided to increase the safety of all pedestrians, but especially children, who are walking in the vicinity of schools. Obey the limit and be aware of the time of day.

**Enforcement is required around schools to save lives.**

**A message from Shoalhaven City Council Rangers and Road Safety Officer.**

## KINDERGARTEN 2016



Abigail



Jaya



Elira



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