



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 - Week 4

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

FISST Swimming Carnival: Good luck to our students attending the Swimming Carnival today. I'm sure they will all be trying their best and having fun. We will get a full report next week.

P&C: Congratulations to our executive for 2016:

President: Mr Shaun Russell

Vice President: Ms Leonie Myers

Treasurer: Mrs Sandra Spencer

Secretary: Ms Donna Wyatt

Correspondence Secretary: Ms Bonnie Cullen

Canteen Co-ordinators: Ms Tamie Harvie, Mrs Leah Ryan, Ms Suzanne Lightowlers.

I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Easter Hat Parade: This will be held on Tuesday 22 March at 9.30am. Infant students are encouraged to make and wear an Easter hat while students in Years 3 – 6 can wear crazy hair for the day. Students can wear mufti. All parents are welcome to attend.

Once again, Years 3 – 6 will also be involved in an egg decorating competition and display. All students in Years 3 – 6 are invited to decorate a hard boiled or blown egg. Certificates will be awarded for the best decorated egg in each year. Students also have to give their egg a name which must include the word egg. For example an egg's name could be Eggosaurus. I look forward to seeing some fantastic eggs with some creative decorations.

School Leaders: Year 6 students will be asked to consider standing as a school leader and if so will make a speech to the students next week about why they would like to be a school leader and what qualities they possess. Students will vote after this and the new leaders will be announced at the assembly in Week 6.

School Photos: Carol Linnane from Rainbow Photographics will be taking our school photos on Thursday 24 March. Order forms will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Early drop off of students: Can I remind parents that teachers are not officially on duty to supervise your children until 8.30am. If your child arrives before that time they will be asked to sit under the COLA until 8.30am.

Likewise, if you are picking up your children from school and are running late please call the school and let us know.

I would also like to remind parents that the school car park is not to be used by parents for dropping off their children. To ensure the safety of our students we ask that you park on the road, drop your children off and then travel south on Vidler Road to the turn-around bay. U-turns are illegal in school zones and carry large fines. The council rangers and police do patrol the area at times and I would hate to see parents booked. Let's work together to ensure your children are safe travelling to and from school.

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

Nicole

K/2 NEWS

Responsible Pet Program: We will be having Nina and her dog visit the school next week to talk to the class about how to behave around dogs, both our own and strange dogs. Students will be involved in practicing how to pat a dog. If your child is scared of dogs, or allergic, please let me or Karen in the office know ASAP.

Homework: we had lots of homework returned last week. It was great to see. Keep it up everyone!

This week in Spelling Years 1 and 2 are learning about words containing 'ip' while Kinder are learning about the sounds 'i' and 'f'. We are learning about addition in Maths while Kinder are also consolidating their knowledge and understanding of the numbers 1 – 10.

Ms Porteous has asked if all students can bring in something that has special significance for them on Friday. Students will be sharing with the class their special thing and why it is special to them. We thank you for your assistance with this.

We are beginning to get into our routines for reading groups with all students now participating in small group reading lessons with myself.

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

Nicole

3/6 NEWS

We had a split class today as I headed off to the pool with our swimmers.

This fortnight our focus is on addition in Maths and we are beginning to use Mentals booklets in group work.

We are looking at persuasive writing in advertising and some of the “tricks of the trade” used to encourage us to buy. The class has also been planning and writing a text from a set list of topics.

Good effort with Spelling and Homework. Thank you for your support.

Keep in touch,

Lyn.

MS CULLEN

This week during Science, 3/6 are studying solar energy and investigating condensation while K/2 are continuing to explore the life cycles of beetles and humans. Rhythm and beats are being explored in Music activities. K/2 are exploring these skills on percussion instruments.

SPORT NEWS

We headed off to Bomaderry Pool today with a small group to participate in the FISST Swimming Carnival. I'm sure all the children will do us proud participating in as many events as they can. Results will follow.

Cross Country is coming up and it's good to see some children already practising. Dates will be added to our calendar shortly.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is up and running! 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).

Please make sure orders are put in the green box outside the canteen **BEFORE** the morning bell.

CANTEEN ROSTER



Tuesday 23 February - Sue Lightowlers and Tara Malone

Tuesday 1 March - Leah Ryan and Kristy Robinson

COMMUNITY NEWS

Youth Drug & Alcohol Workshops

Peter Slattery has worked with individuals, families and communities for 30 years. Peter's passion is to find or develop new, exciting and ever more useful ways of helping people explore what troubles or inspires them. He draws on theatre, storytelling, drawing, humour and indeed anything at all that might help in this process.



Young People & Drug Use

This workshop is about making sense of young people's action, and why they do what they do, MORE importantly it's about what parents can do to help their children be safe and how to help them grow healthily and happily in a world where drugs legal and illegal, whether we like it or not, do exist and show no signs of going away.

Shellharbour Wed 24th Feb
12:30pm-2:30pm Centenary Hall, Tongarra Rd, Albion Park

Nowra Wed 24th Feb
9:30am-11:30am Nowra Showground Pavillion, West St, Nowra

Wollongong Wed 24th Feb
3:30pm-5:30pm Centre for Health Initiatives,
Innovation Campus UOW, Building 233 (ITAMS) Squires way, North Wollongong
(Paid parking is available)

Drug Use ~ Choice & Change

The workshop is for people who work with young people where substance use is a concern. This workshop is not about drugs - it's about understanding both a young person's inner and outer worlds, and what drives drug use in terms of who a person is and the world they personally live in.

\$5 Donation for all workshops
Will support activities that reduce Youth drug & alcohol related harm

Bookings Essential: Book directly by pressing the BOOK NOW link beside the event you wish to attend alternatively - contact (02) 4254 2794 or email Donna.forknall@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au.



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday in February

1 February
8 February
25 February
28 February

Tylar Malone
Liam Henkel
Brayden Cullen
Bailey Cullen

P & C NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE We are having our Annual Easter Raffle and would like to start collecting items to help make this another successful fundraiser. Keep your eyes out for stuffed toys, chocolate eggs, chickens etc. Please bring any donations to the office. Raffle tickets are being sent home with the children next week, if you need more please contact the office. Our Easter Hat /Crazy Hair Parade is on Tuesday 22 March.

Easter Raffle

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5



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VACANCIES AVAILABLE

The Central Shoalhaven Mobile Preschool is a Community Based not for profit organisation operating for 38 years in the Shoalhaven area.

We provide educational programs designed for preschool children aged between 3 - 5 years, by fully qualified staff in a caring environment. Allow your child to make new friends within the local area. Subsidy available.

We operate from [Falls Creek Public School Hall](#) on [Tuesdays](#) of the school term.

PRESCHOOL HOURS: 9.00am - 3.00pm

ADDITIONAL HOURS: 8.00am - 9.00am

All enquiries please phone our office on
44230571/0412928095 or call in at our venue.

KINDERGARTEN 2016



I've got it right this
time! Apologies
Keira and Elira
Mrs Morison