



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 - Week 5

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

With the hot temperatures we have already had this week and the high temperatures expected to continue this week we are reminding students to wear their hats, drink plenty of water and rest rather than running around. We ask that you ensure your child has their hat and their water bottle to keep on their desk during the day. Hopefully next week is cooler!

Tell Them From Me Survey: I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students this week. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Friday 4 March**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Bus Behaviour: I want to remind students and parents that student behaviour on the bus must be exemplary at all times. Students must remain seated on the bus at all times and be

respectful to others. Already this year there has been some unacceptable behaviour on the bus with students hurting younger students and unacceptable and inappropriate language being used. I will investigate these matters and students may find themselves on detention at school. The bus company is also within their rights to suspend students from the bus.

Evacuation Drill: Yesterday we conducted an evacuation drill. We are required to carry these out regularly (usually once a term). The scenario for our drill was that the school had received a bomb threat and we needed to evacuate. Everyone on site (including our canteen volunteers and the pre school) evacuated to the bus shelter. All students responded immediately and calmly and listened to teacher instructions.

In the case of a real emergency we evacuate the school, contact police and remain with the students until the all clear is given or we are allowed by police to contact parents and have them collect their children.

We hope that we never have to put this practice into action for a real emergency.

School Leaders: Students voted on Monday for our 2016 leaders and they will be announced at next week's assembly. Year 6 were very nervous as they gave their speech.

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

We have had some very tired students over the last two weeks. Four went to sleep in class on Friday! Please make sure your children are getting plenty of sleep! Tired students do not perform at their best in the classroom.

Responsible Pet Program: On Monday, Nina and her pet poodle Tinkabell, came to visit our class. Nina talked with students about how to care for our animals and pets and how to behave around scared and angry dogs. She also discussed with students about asking permission of the owner before patting a strange dog. Students then practiced this with Nina and Tinkabell.

Well done to everyone yesterday for listening carefully to teacher instructions during our evacuation drill.

This week Kinder are learning about the letters d and r while Years 1 and 2 are exploring words containing 'it'. We are learning more about explanations and will start writing some of our own – hopefully this week.

In Maths we are learning about subtraction and have started to use the ipads in our rotational activities.

Due to the warm weather lunch boxes are going into the fridge at the beginning of the day. Please make sure your child has a water bottle so that they can have it on their desk during the day.

Library is on Thursday – please make sure your child has a library bag to put their books in. Students cannot borrow a new book until they return the one currently on loan.

Don't forget our Easter Hat Parade is on Tuesday 22 March. Students wear a hat made at home.

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

Nicole

3/6 NEWS

I was very impressed with the effort the small 3/6 swimming team made last week.

Our Persuasive Text posters are completed and on display. They are very effective - I know I want to go out and buy some of the bargains. They will be editing their arguments for or against their chosen topic. Next week we will be working on a negative response - topic choices have been limited.

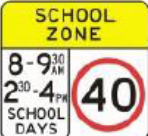
More children handed in their Homework last week. Children should be doing the LCWC with their problem words. Many mistakes are made when they rush and don't focus on individual words, some of the class will be doing Home Reading from next week.

Student banking is on Thursday and everyone took home information last week about opening an account.

Library is also tomorrow so please hunt out those books. If your child does not have a borrowing card for the Town Library they can get the form to apply for one at school and then I can hand them in at the Bookmobile.

Keep in touch,

Lyn.

	SPEEDING OFFENCES There has been an increase to the monetary fine applicable to Speeding Offences in School Zones.	Maximum Penalty \$3740 + 7 Demerit Points
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MS CULLEN

This week K/2 will be continuing to study life cycles. A note was previously sent home asking for a **baby photograph** and if possible weight and height details at birth of each child to be brought to school. We will be exploring these images and details **tomorrow**. During Science, 3/6 are studying surface drying and condensation within desert environments.

SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to our Swimming Team. Falls Creek Public School came 3rd with Kangaroo Valley Public School – 1st and Nowra Hill Public School coming 2nd. Both those schools are much larger than us, so a terrific effort !!! Kiho and Rheyra Luke are heading off to the District Swimming Carnival tomorrow as members of the Small School's Team. We wish them luck - I know they will make us proud. Thanks again to the parents who transported children to and from the school and helped on the day.

Lyn Brown

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 1 March - Leah Ryan and Kristy Robinson

Tuesday 8 March - Sue Lightowlers and Kirsten Crowell

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.

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 today, 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.

Shoalhaven High School Information Evening

For parents and carers of students coming to Year 7 in 2017

Wednesday 9th March 2016 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Shoalhaven High School Library, 60 Park Road Nowra



Come along and find out about the school

Start the learning journey your child will be on from 2017 to HSC

Year 2022

Find out about uniforms, timetables, school values and more

Learn about why we are proud to teach at Shoalhaven High School

Our range of courses provide a rigorous academic suit of custom programs to suit university candidates, as well as courses that cater for early career starters, trade and practical options.

For more information please call the SHS Transition Coordinator Mrs Jocelyn Fox on 4421 8022

*Shoalhaven High School is a Success High School offering value-added learning through:
High Achieving Key Learning Areas; Talented Sports Program; Professional Hospitality Training;
Innovative Industrial Arts; Leading Creative and Performing Arts and All-Inclusive Support
Faculty*

Nowra High School Information Evening

For parents and carers of students entering Year 7 in 2017

Tuesday 1 March 2016

4pm to 6pm

Nowra High School Multi Purpose Room

Come along to our information session to find out about the school and also have a tour of the grounds.

For more information phone 44214 977