



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 - Week 8

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Easter Hat Parade: This is fast approaching. The Parade 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 know students have started planning their creations and I look forward to seeing some fantastic eggs with some creative decorations.

School Photos: Carol Linnane from Rainbow Photographics will be taking our school photos next Thursday, 24 March. Order forms were sent home a few weeks ago. Please return them to the office. All orders are handed directly to Carol on the day. Students will need to wear their summer uniform. If you have any questions, please contact the office. There are some extra order forms available from the office.

New library system: Our library will be moving to a new operating system in the middle of next term. This will provide some great benefits for both students and teachers in searching for books and borrowing. As part of this upgrade we need to complete several tasks first. One of these is to ensure all overdue books have been returned. If you have any overdue books or books that were lost but have now been found please return them to school.

Pedestrian Crossing: I ask for your support in keeping our students safe by using the pedestrian crossing each morning and afternoon to drop off and collect your children each day. We have had several instances where students have not used the pedestrian crossing and have walked in front of or behind cars. This is dangerous and I would hate for students to be hit by a car or

the school bus. *Please walk your children across the road, using the pedestrian crossing.*

To further ensure the safety of our students we ask that you park on the side of 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.

Absences: Please make sure you are writing a note or contacting the school when your child is away from school. Absences that are not explained after 7 school days are recorded as unexplained and these occurrences are what the home school liaison officer (HSLO) looks at. He will be visiting the school in the next week or so to do a roll check and look at our absences for this year.

P&C Meeting: Don't forget the next P&C meeting is tomorrow night at 6.15pm. We hope to see you there.

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

Nicole

K/2 NEWS

It seems many students have made or started to make their Easter hats. Many are excited and busy describing their hat to others. Don't forget students can wear mufti to school for the day. However, I ask that students don't wear thongs as these are not safe when playing at recess and lunch. Ideally, students should wear covered shoes.

This week Kinder are learning about the letters u and c while Years 1 and 2 are exploring words with the 'ot' sound in them. Kinder are learning to identify and write some more sight words and Years 1 and 2 are working on their editing skills to improve their writing.

In Maths we are learning about fractions. Kinder are learning that halves must be the same size while Years 1 and 2 are exploring halves and quarters of shapes and groups of objects.

It's great to see the home readers being returned regularly by Years 1 and 2. Kinder will start home reading next week.

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

Nicole

BOOK CLUB

Don't forget to get your order into the office before this Friday 18 March.



3/6 NEWS

Unfortunately Mrs Brown will be absent this week due to sickness. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

This week in Maths the students have commenced work on fractions and decimals. Students continue to study persuasive techniques such as advertisements and arguments in English. In our PDHPE unit students are learning how to build interaction skills and use courage to build friendships. In games and sport 3/6B are enjoying the challenge of refining their throwing and catching skills using a variety of passes.

Ms Porteous

MS CULLEN

This week 3/6 are studying whether being camouflaged could be beneficial for plants and animals to survive within the desert. During music activities, they are exploring the importance of traditional music within indigenous communities throughout the world. K/2 are exploring one of the life cycle transitions that our meal worms have finally made this week ...we now have many young beetles! K/2 are also continuing to work with dynamics (loud and soft) and simple beat patterns with percussion instruments.

SPORT NEWS

We are still receiving notifications about trials for different sports. As these come in we are discussing the sports with students.

Rheya trialled for the district Netball team last week. She tried her best but unfortunately didn't make the team.

Cross Country is coming up - we have started some training at school.

Nicole

CANTEEN NEWS

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

CANTEEN ROSTER



Tuesday 22 March - Sue Lightowlers and Kristy Robinson

Tuesday 29 March - Leah Ryan and Kristy Robinson

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nowra Athletics Club



Our family friendly cross country season starts with an open day
Saturday 26 March 2016 at Willandra, Brown's Mountain Rd, Tapitallee.

Registration 1:30pm - 2:15pm prior to the first event at 2:30pm during March and April. 1km, 2km, 3km 4km and 8km races for all ages and abilities. For more information visit www.nowraathletics.org.au or find us on Facebook.

Bunnings Easter Family Night - FREE

Thursday 17 March 6pm - 8pm Bring the family along for a great night of fun! • Easter D.I.Y. Workshops • Visit from Easter Bunny • Fun Easter egg hunt • Easter activities for the whole family • Light refreshments provided **Bookings recommended** – *for more information or to book speak to a team member in-store or go to www.bunnings.com.au and locate your nearest store.*

P & C NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE Thank you to those students/parents who have donated items for our Easter Raffle. To help make this another successful fundraiser keep your eyes out for stuffed toys, chocolate eggs, chickens etc. and bring them into the office. Remember, the more donations the more prizes! If you need more raffle tickets please contact the office. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat /Crazy Hair Parade on Tuesday 22 March, which commences at 9.30am.



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