



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Term 3 - Week 5**

**Thursday 18 August 2016**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN results for students in Years 3 & 5 have just been delivered to the school and will be sent home this week. The results of these tests give a snapshot of student achievement in literacy and numeracy and help us refine and target our future teaching programs. Should you have any questions regarding your child's results, please contact the school to arrange an interview. We will be pleased to discuss them with you.

### Uniform

School uniform is a statement of pride in our school and of belonging to a team. Wearing uniform sets a tone of respect and indicates a willingness to work as part of a team. A number of students have been wearing 'non-uniform' jumpers and jackets recently, which detracts from our team ethos. Whilst we understand that exceptional circumstances arise from time to time, please work with us to ensure students are wearing school uniform to school regularly.

### The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools 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.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year. 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 us 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. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 1 October and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **31/08/16**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

### **The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey**

This Term, our school will also be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 1 October and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

*Mrs Deb Sansom*

*(Relieving Principal)*

## **K/2 NEWS**

Unfortunately, I fell victim to the flu last week and this particularly nasty strain has continued on into this week as well. Luckily, Ms Cullen and Mrs Porteous have been available to step into the breach when I have been too unwell to attend and have prevented too much disruption to our normal program. Students have been working on grouping and multiplication strategies in maths. Kindergarten are working hard on phonics skills recognising and blending sounds while Years One and Two have been identifying facts in information reports. From all reports, students thoroughly enjoyed the athletics carnival and were very pleased with their efforts.

A reminder that students change their home readers daily and should return their homework each Friday.

*Deb Sansom*

### **3/6 NEWS**

We are continuing with our Olympic vocabulary this week rather than a spelling list and our homework is all about our unit and the project each child is doing about the country they have chosen.

Homework is due on Friday when we will be having our vocabulary test.

Years 5 & 6 are looking forward to going to the men's shed this Friday after missing out last week due to the District Carnival.

Some children received overdue book notices last week so hunt out those books please.

Congratulations to the Kangaroos AGAIN for winning our class points competition however, they did only just win so .....watch this space.

*Keep in touch,*

*Lyn*

### **MS CULLEN**

Last week K/2 began being introduced to gymnastic skills. They will be continuing these activities every Thursday for the remainder of the term. They greatly enjoyed using the mini trampoline and balance beams to practise their skills. They are also continuing to learn a new song that they will be performing at the next school assembly. 3/6 this week revised the movement of the sun, moon and earth.

*Bonnie*

### **SPORT NEWS**

Last week a team of 13 children represented our school at the District Athletic Carnival.

Congratulations to all the children - they did us proud. They anxiously waited for each of their events and then put in 100% plus. I was a judge at the finishing line and believe me they looked very determined running down that track. Thank you for your behaviour and for doing such a great job representing our school.

Congratulations to Rheya who will be going to the Regional Carnival in Canberra.

We had a hot, action packed carnival on Wednesday. We will be having the 800 metre and relay

races today. Thank you again to the staff who all pitched in and helped. It was great to see so many parents cheering all the competitors along.

Thanks also to the canteen who supplied free ice blocks to help relieve our very hot athletes.

*Lyn*

## UNIFORMS

If you would like to order summer or winter girls dresses we now have a lady to make them for us. Please enquire at the office for contact name and number. Material can be purchased from the school for \$10 a metre (summer) and \$15 metre (winter).

## CANTEEN ROSTER



Tuesday 23 August - Leah Ryan and Sue Lightowlers

Tuesday 30 August - Kristy Robinson and Kirsten Crowell



## MEAL DEAL

**Tuesday 23 August**

Mini Hawaiian pizza , juice and garlic bread



**\$5**

Please fill out the pre order form and return it to the school by Friday 19 August.

**PLEASE PAY ON THE DAY!!!**

Name:.....

Class:.....

Quantity:.....

## P&C NEWS

\* The Father's Day stall is on Friday 2 September, 2016 so save up so you can buy a great present for dad or grandad. Presents will be \$5 each. We will also need helpers to man the stall. If you are able to help out please call the office and leave your name with Mrs Morison.

\* The mid year raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 30 August at the Book Week Parade so please get your raffle tickets and money back to school ASAP. Don't forget you can still get more tickets from the office to sell.

\* The school gardens are looking better thanks to the money the P&C donated to the school for plants.

\* Watch this space for news about the terrific new sport shirts that will be available for you to purchase.

## BOOK CLUB



Issue 6 has gone been sent home with the students today. Please return to the office by Monday 5 September.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### **SITEWORKS 2016 – *Ghostings***

**Free Event. Saturday 24 September.**

Come along to Bundanon to experience contemporary art, interesting conversations and great family activities.

Make some magic lantern slides, ghostly puppets and more. Sit back fireside in the evening and listen to ghost stories, maybe

share your own. Gates open 12 noon and family workshops run until 4.30pm. You can even camp on site for only \$10 per person (kids under 12 are free).

Check out [bundanon.com.au](http://bundanon.com.au) for more info.

### **BOMADERRY SUMMER MIXED TAG COMPETITION**

Registration Day is Wednesday 14 September 4.00pm - 5.30pm at the Bomaderry Sporting Complex. Cost for registration is \$5.00. Competition is open for 8 years – 16 years boys & girls.

For more information contact [Steve](mailto:Steve) on 0403591014



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*Tell Them From Me* student survey:  
Information and consent form for  
parents and carers



18 August 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, your school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students 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 them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help your school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by 31/08/16

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Mrs Deborah Sansom  
Relieving Principal  
Falls Creek Public School

Dr Jenny Donovan  
Executive Director  
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

## ***Tell Them From Me* Student Feedback Survey non-consent form**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by 31/08/16.

**I DO NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me*** student feedback survey.

Name of student/s .....

Roll class/es .....

Name of parent/carer .....

Signature of parent/carer .....

Date .....