



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 3 - Week 6

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Waste Warriors Show

The students have been privileged to see a free show today, called Waste Warriors. It is all about illegal dumping in our bushland and the damage it causes to our environment and wildlife. This links well with the environmental education program we are running this term and assists students to see the links with real world events. Don't be surprised if they are on the lookout for illegally dumped rubbish in the future. They know just the number to call - 131 555!

New School Captain

Congratulations to Dominic Innes who has just become our new school captain. Our previous captain, Ryan Browne, has moved interstate. We wish him and his family well in their new home. Dominic was presented with his new badge at today's assembly. We are sure he will be a great leader for Falls Creek Public School students.

Book Week Parade & Raffle Draw

A reminder that the Book Week parade will be held next week on Tuesday, 30/8/16. Students have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. Come along and watch the parade which will commence at 10am. We will also draw the P&C raffle at this event. If you haven't returned your sold tickets, please send them in ASAP.

Laptop Computers

We have just commissioned 10 laptops for classroom use and have ordered 10 more through the department's computer roll-out program (these will arrive in Term 4). This will provide a great deal more access to technology for students at our school who already have use of iPads and desktop computers. This provides a very engaging learning environment and up to the minute information for students.

NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN results for Years 3 & 5 were sent home with students this week. These results provide

valuable information for teachers to assist in identifying particular strengths and areas of need for student learning. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss your child's results.

AFL Skills Program

This program was scheduled to start this week but has been postponed due to the wet weather. The three week program will now commence next week (weather permitting!).

Mrs Deb Sansom

(Relieving Principal)

K/2 NEWS

The students in K/2 have been very busy reading and listening to the Children's Book Council short-listed books for this year's awards. They have really enjoyed this year's picture books and have created some great artwork to accompany them. We have many budding artists in our class. They have been consolidating their number skills in addition with a variety of maths games and Kindergarten are consolidating their knowledge of numbers from eleven to twenty. Homework standards continue to improve with some very neat and thorough work being handed in each Friday. Keep up the good work!

Deb Sansom

3/6 NEWS

Well first I have to apologise for the temperature. When I was preparing this week's homework I told the class to get out and enjoy the great weather

Homework is due at school on Friday and I'm sure all the class is busy working on completing their activities and they will remember to actually hand them in.

This week in maths we are continuing to work on multiplication and division.

The research each child is doing on their Olympic country is powering on with many interesting facts being discovered and we are looking at different ways to record and present this information.

Remember banking, library books and home readers are due on Thursday.

Keep in touch,

Lyn

MS CULLEN

During science this week, 3/6 are studying Galileo's thoughts and evidence about the earth orbiting the sun. K/2 have had a great time preparing for their assembly item this afternoon.

Bonnie

SPORT NEWS

We finished up our School Athletics Carnival on Thursday with the 800m races, the finals of the 200m and some very interesting relays. Each house had to have mixed teams at each level - it was certainly non-competitive and a lot of fun.

The children are still using the line markings on the oval to race each other at lunchtime which is great to see.

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 30 August - Kristy Robinson and Kirsten Crowell

Tuesday 6 September - Leah Ryan and Sue Lightowlers

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.

* Our next P & C meeting is in week 8, Thursday 8 September at 6.15pm.

BOOK CLUB

Please return Issue 6 orders to the office by Monday 5 September.



COMMUNITY NEWS

NOWRA CRICKET CLUB REGISTRATIONS

Junior & Senior players Sunday 28th August – 10 am to 12 noon

West St Oval, Nowra Enquiries – Shannon [0422 090 881](tel:0422 090 881) or David [0425 204 276](tel:0425 204 276)

In2 Cricket (Milo) – 4 to 9yrs Starting 6 October 2016

5pm to 6.30pm at Nowra Added Area Cost \$75

Register on www.playcricket.com put in 2541 or Nowra then select Nowra Cricket Club

T20 Blast 8 -12 yrs

Starting 4 November 2016 for 6 weeks

5.30pm to 7pm at Nowra Added Area after Christmas will be at Berry Sporting Complex

Register on www.playcricket.com put in 2541 or Nowra then select Nowra Cricket Club

WASTE WARRIORS SHOW





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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