



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 4 - Week 1

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to school, I hope everyone enjoyed the break. Term 4 is always one of the most exciting terms as we can really see our learning progress and we get to celebrate our achievements at the end. Key events happening this term include, Swim Scheme, Canberra Excursion, Men's Shed, School Reports, Presentation Assembly and other fun activities. The P&C are preparing for another Family Fun Night by holding a Disco on Friday 27/10. There will be food, face painting and of course lots of dancing.

We need 800 more Dojo points to reach our target of 10 000 points. We are planning a Family Colour Run to celebrate. The students with the most Dojo points in term 3 are Jackson Xuereb, Vimbai Dickson and Kiana Bowling. Congratulations on being Falls Creek STARS.

This term, all staff will complete their training in TEN (Targeting Efficient Numeracy) and we will collaborate to develop a three-year plan for our next steps towards school improvement. I will be asking for parent input and ideas at the next P&C meeting (19/10). Please come along and help us decide on the future directions for our school.

This year's Kindergarten Transition program will take place on Tuesday 31/10, Tuesday 7/11 and Tuesday 14/11. A parent information session will be held on the first visit (31/10). All students enrolled for Kindergarten 2018 should already have received this information. Please contact us if you have missed out or know someone who may have missed out.

Our expected enrolments for next year indicate that we will be forming two classes, K-2 and 3-6 in 2018. At this stage, it is unknown whether Ms Humphreys or Mrs Brown will be returning. It is hoped that we will have definite information before the end of this term.

Finally, Internationally World Teachers' Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However,

as this is during our school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year. This year it will be on Friday 27th October. This is an opportunity to thank our teaching staff and show our appreciation for the work they do. Teachers don't expect gifts and rewards for the work they do but a heartfelt Thank You lets them know you appreciate them and their dedication to our school and our students. I am sure I will find some yummy treats to share with them on the day to demonstrate my appreciation of their efforts!

SPORT NEWS

Our sport this term commences next week with students from **Grades 2 - 6** participating in the **School Swimming Scheme** from Monday 16th until Friday 27th October at the Bay and Basin Leisure Centre. A humongous thankyou to the P&C who have covered all costs including bus and pool entry. Thankyou P&C.

On Wednesday 1st November (Week 4) **Stage 3** students will be able to participate in **MILO T20 Cricket Gala Day** held at Lyrebird Park. This will be an all day event and we will require assistance with transport. Permission notes will be sent home next week.

Students in **Stage 2 and 3** will also have an opportunity to participate in the **Dragon Tag Gala Day** on Thursday 23rd November (Week 7). Talia has once again offered her support to come and assist with training before the event.

Finally, students have decided they would like to develop their **cricket skills** this term, preparing for a summer of beach cricket perhaps? We will once again be organising a coach through sporting schools and will commence later in the term.

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ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

This term staff are encouraging students to fill their lunch boxes with Nude Food. Nude food is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging and is stored in re usable containers. Students will be encouraged to bring their food – nude! This reduces the amount of rubbish that goes into the bins, that goes into the ground, that pollutes our planet.

Next month there will be a Shoalhaven City Council Waste Management educational performance of The King and Queen of Green *Say NO to Plastic which will be* offered free to our school.

Be prepared for a splash of bright red colour in the kinder garden bed as the Gallipoli poppies will be flowering soon.

Susan Porteous

P&C NEWS

Upcoming Events:

- Friday 27 October - Family Fun Disco. We will be selling drinks and snacks at the canteen on the night as well as the sausage sizzle. If you would like to donate a plate of food to help raise funds, please bring it in on the night.
- Saturday 28 October - Shoalhaven River Festival Parade. We have entered the festival this year and would like students and parents to join us on the day. The parade commences at the Showground at 11am. Could you please let the office know if you are participating. We will send out more information before the day.



BOOKCLUB

Issue 7 was handed out today. Please return your order to the office by Wednesday 25 October.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 18th October

Home Baking - Volunteer needed

Aldi Shopping - Sandra Xuereb

Canteen - Sue Lightowlers and Micha James

Wednesday 25th October

Home Baking - Volunteer needed

Aldi Shopping - Jo O'Dowd

Canteen - Sue Lightowlers and Jo Velder

Nowra Hill Public School
Celebrating 150 years



14th October
10am—3pm
382b BTU Rd, Nowra Hill



COUNTRY FAIR

History
Rides
Displays
Games
Petting Zoo
Food

14th October 2017

Talent Quest
Vintage Cars
Entertainment
Market Stalls



COLOUR RUN

Bay and Basin
MyTime
Supporting parents of children with disabilities



Term 4, 2017

19 October Carers Week Spa Day
\$20 per person. Limited to 10.
No childcare. Bookings essential.

21 October* Spring into SP Cake Stall

26 October Francis Ryan Reserve 10 am - 1 pm
DIY Hanging Plant Holder
SP Connect - 9.30 - 11.30 am

2 November Coffee & Chat
SP Connect - 9.30 - 11.30 am

3 November* SPECIAL EVENT - MYTIME SIBS TIME
Cosmic Bowling. Siblings Only. 6 pm

9 November Have an Emergency Ready Plan
SP Youth & Comm Centre
9.30 am - 12.30 pm

16 November Coffee & Chat
SP Connect - 9.30 - 11.30 am

23 November Coffee & Chat
SP Connect - 9.30 - 11.30 am

30 November Coffee Catch Up
SP Connect - 9.30 - 11.30 am

2 December* END OF YEAR CELEBRATION
Matty's Playtime Nowra 2 - 4 pm

MyTime groups provide support for mothers, fathers, grandparents and anyone caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition (0-18 years). It's a place for you to unwind, make connections, get advice and talk to people who understand.

Bay & Basin MyTime meet at Sanctuary Point Connect located in the grounds of Sanctuary Point Public School.
Contact Heidi on 44443 0520 or via email at facilitator.spmytime@gmail.com for more information
www.mytime.net.au | www.sanctuarypointconnect.org

CanTeen National Bandana Day We will be selling Bandanas (\$5 each) at the office from Monday 23 October to celebrate Bandana Day on Friday 27th October.



Fruit & Veg Month 2017

Thank you Woolworths Vincentia!

We would like to say a BIG thankyou to Woolworths Vincentia for their kind donation of fantastic range of fruit and vegetables for our Fruit and Veg week activities today. The students enjoyed it very much!



Bunnings Excursion

Kindy Blue and 1/2 Red would like to thank Stephen, Pirate Pete and the team from Bunnings Warehouse for an exciting excursion last term. They explored the many different forms of recycling that takes place within the store and also had the opportunity to work on their gardening skills and face painting



IMPORTANT

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

For the safety of our students the staff car park is NOT to be used for dropping off/ picking up students from school or parent parking in general. It is for staff parking only.

Children getting on and off the bus need to walk through the car park and it makes it very dangerous if there are cars driving in and out. We appreciate your support in this matter with keeping our students safe at all times.



Student Behaviour Response Plan

Teachers demonstrate a calm, consistent, brief, immediate, respectful and private response.

Safety
Trust
Achieve
Respect

Appropriate Behaviours

- following instructions, staying on task
- showing school values: Safety, Trust, Respect
- achievement in learning, achievement in sport
- being polite, caring for others
- working together, school pride

Response

Classroom Teacher / Principal

- behaviour specific praise: *I like the way you ...*
- acknowledge effort: smile, thumbs up, stamp, sticker
- free and frequent rewards: praise, Dojo points, playground stars
- positive parent feedback: phone call, Dojo, awesome slip
- merit award or principal award at assembly

Low Level Behaviours

- off task
- disturbing others
- not completing work
- noises, calling out, mimicking
- out of bounds
- messy work, littering

Response

Classroom Teacher / Principal

- redirection, revise task, stay in 5 mins, last to leave
- miss out on play, shadow teacher in playground
- give two clear choices: this OR that, allow take-up time
- verbal or non-verbal warning
- visual warning: Peg System
- 1st warning: reminder, 2nd Warning: time out/buddy class

Medium Level Behaviours

- lateness to task/class, refusal
- inappropriate language, disrespect
- mild disruption: multiple low level behaviours
- non-compliance, not following instructions
- physical contact: pushing, tapping, nudging
- property misuse: breaking pencils/throwing object
- teasing, being unkind

Response

Classroom Teacher / Principal

- 3rd warning: detention slip to office
- principal conference, detention
- restitution
- recorded in ebs4
- teacher contact parent: face-face, phone call

High Level Behaviours

- absconding, truancy
- abusive language: swearing at someone
- continued disruption
- defiance, refusal to listen or follow instructions
- physical aggression: fighting, kicking, punching
- property damage: breakage, vandalism
- harassment, bullying

Response

Classroom Teacher / Principal

- immediate notification to principal, recorded in ebs4
- principal conference, detention
- restitution
- principal contact parent: face-face, phone call, warning letter
- parent interview
- suspension
- expulsion

Live Life Well @ School



Our school promotes fruit and veg month



Enjoyment in healthy eating and physical activity is encouraged



Our school realises that Healthy eating + Physical activity = A+ learning



Students learn about healthy eating and physical activity



Sports equipment is available at recess and lunch



Water is our school's drink of choice



Teachers have updated skills in nutrition and physical activity education



Our school promotes healthy fundraising



Our canteen is consistent with NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy



'Crunch and Sip' or similar is implemented at our school



Fundamental movement skills are taught and assessed in all years



The school provides food growing experiences or a food garden

Family Disco Fundraiser

Friday 27 October

Falls Creek Public School

5.30pm to 7.30pm



FUN for the whole family! Dancing, Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Fun Games & Prizes, Sausage Sizzle, Drinks & Snacks.

