



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

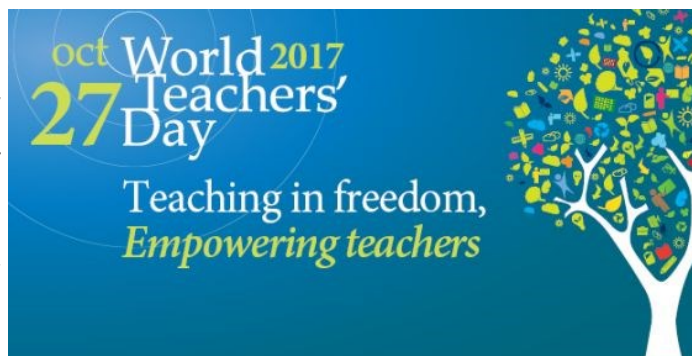
Swim School has been going very well. It is very encouraging to see the students improving their skills and water safety knowledge each day. And to see them all enjoying it so much. We are very appreciative of our school P&C for funding this important life skill for us this year. Thank You to

all parents and carers who support the P&C through the canteen and fundraising throughout the year. Your contributions directly benefit the students of our school. Don't forget the **P&C Family Fun Night** is on **THIS** Friday. It sounds like it will be a lot of great fun. I am very disappointed that I will not be able to make it due to family commitments on the same night. Mr Lalor and Ms Howell will represent our school staff on the night, thank you both very much.

I must apologise for the delay in the **sports shirts**, there has been a little confusion around the ordering process and we are now holding off so parents of our new kindergarten students may be able to order ready for 2018. If you haven't ordered, but would like to, please speak to Mrs Morison in the office or Ms James in the canteen. Each shirt costs \$20 (the rest will be subsidised by the P&C).

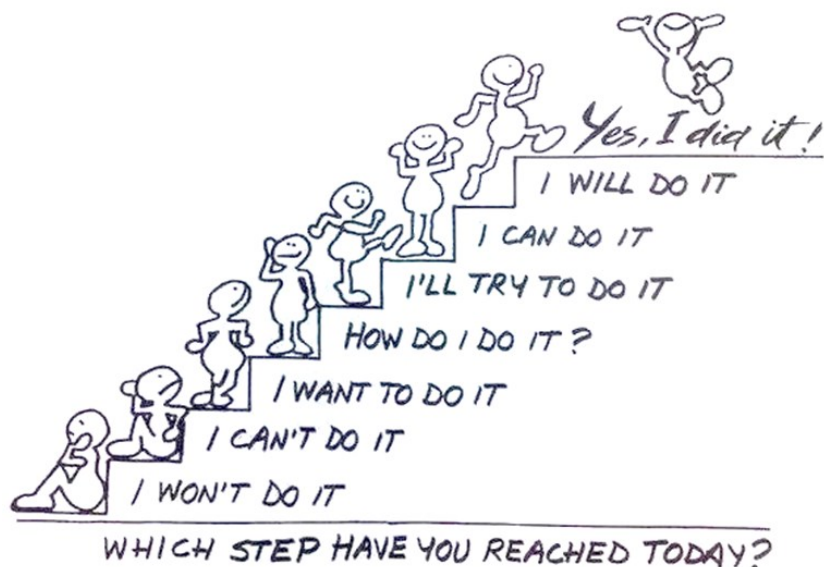
Our **Kindergarten Transition Program** starts next Tuesday 31/10. Children will visit the classroom and parents are invited to a short information and Q&A session from 10am to 11am. Following this, children will visit from 1:40 to 2:40 on the 7/11 and 14/11. We look forward to meeting the new students and their families.

Stage 2 and Stage 3 students have been invited to participate in workshops at the **Bay and Basin Men's Shed** over the next few weeks (2 visits per stage). They will be working on the repair and rebuilding of a picnic table for our playground area. There is no cost to students for this event but permission notes **MUST** be received before the first workshop on 1/11.



Our end of year **Presentation Assembly** will be held on Wednesday 13/12. More information to come as soon as details are finalised.

Internationally **World Teachers' Day** is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However, as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year. That makes this Friday **TEACHER'S DAY**. Unfortunately, they don't get the day off to celebrate, but we will mark the occasion in recognition and appreciation of the dedication, care and commitment that our teacher's show each and every day. **THANK YOU ALL!**



Fixing the flag pole was a big problem but instead of giving up we asked some friends from the Men's Shed to help us out. They shared some ideas and then Trevor went off to see if he could use these ideas to come up with a plan. He did and it worked!!! A great example of using a growth mindset in our everyday life. When things are challenging, sharing our ideas and perseverance helps us get through. We can now proudly fly our flag each day thanks to our industrious GA, Trevor.

I would like to thank Tara Malone for distributing the Falls Creek school information flyer around the area. We appreciate you giving up your own time to do this.

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.



Justifiable absences include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

SPORT NEWS

Next Wednesday 1 November is the Milo T20 Gala Day for Stage 3 students. Permission notes for this were sent home Tuesday this week. This is a free event but we will require some parental assistance with transportation. If you are able to assist could you please let me or Mrs Morison know. We commence our Sporting Schools Program this week on Friday. This term students have selected cricket as our sport.

Dragon Tag is still on in week 7 on Thursday 23 November.

A proposal has been put forward for a soccer gala day that we have been invited to attend. I have nominated Falls Creek as an entrant but whether we will be able to attend will depend on the date and number of school entrants.

Yours in sport

Dion Lalor

CanTeen National Bandanna Day

Don't forget to buy a bandanna this week and support CanTeen. Available at the office for \$5 each from Monday 23 October to celebrate Bandanna Day on Friday 27 October.



ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Our 'Gallipoli' poppies are blooming beautifully in the Kinder garden providing interest as each day the new flowers are counted by students. Year 1/2 Red have a display of some of the native birds who share our school grounds. Students are learning to name these birds and recognise their calls. Work continues on weeding the pesky asparagus fern.

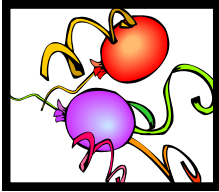


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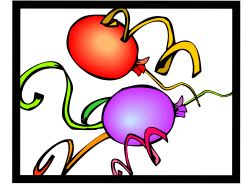


FRUIT AND VEG WEEK

All of our students “got loud” and celebrated the final week of fruit and veg month with a fun event recently. All students dressed in the colour of their favourite fruit/vegetable and they all looked good. The students participated in a range of activities including fruit/veg taste testing, which was created by the school’s canteen volunteers and played games like carrot relay and apple apple orange (duck duck goose). Thank you to our canteen for preparing our fantastic food samples. Woolworths Vincentia made a large donation of fruit and vegetable for the day which the students appreciated.



Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday in October

17 October - Jackson Xuereb

20 October - Elke James



ONE SONG YOUR SCHOOL MORE MUSIC

COUNT US IN

MUSIC AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MUSIC EDUCATION CELEBRATION. REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL NOW!

Music: Count Us In (MCUI) is Australia's largest music program, supporting teachers from more than 3000 schools to deliver inventive, creative and enjoyable music lessons in the classroom.

Each year, MCUI brings more than half a million people together in song, with a Celebration Day that reaches into every corner of the country. From Bendigo to Bourke, Dubbo to Darwin, Halls Creek to Hobart, Port Augusta to Port Douglas, young people sing the song that stops the nation.

The song is written by student songwriters from across Australia, collaborating with MCUI's celebrity mentors. The song is then distributed to participating schools with weekly, classroom-ready education plans and resources to help teach the song to your students.

AS PART OF THE PROGRAM SCHOOLS WILL:

1. Receive weekly, step-by-step, classroom ready education resources to teach the song to your students.
2. Have the opportunity to showcase your school to Australia by hosting your own MCUI event.
3. Participate in face-to-face or live streamed professional development workshops to further develop your skills teaching music.
4. Be part of Australia's biggest music education program and celebrate in song with the MCUI community on Celebration Day!

MCUI welcomes all schools to take part including primary and secondary, state, religious and independent, metropolitan, regional and remote.

CELEBRATE IN SONG WITH THE MCUI COMMUNITY!
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Percentage of schools registered for MCUI in 2016* How many schools are registered for your state?



*Percentages are based on the number of schools in each state.

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Music: Count Us In is supported by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Presented at assembly Wednesday 18 October 2017

MERIT AWARDS

Kindy Blue - Simba Dickson and Isabella Barker.

1-2 Red - Keira Forster, Vimbai Dickson, Chloe Chilby and Fletcher Hall.

3-6 Purple - Kiho Luke, Kiara Skinner, Blake McDonald and Markus Macfarlane.

STAR AWARDS

Elke James

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Sealisha Buckley, Kiana Bowling, Simba Dickson and Kizac Bowling.

HEALTHY CHOICE AWARDS

Errol Malone, Steven Blume and Kimberley Williams.



Canberra Excursion - Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school will soon be undertaking, an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 1 November

Shopping - Sandra Xuereb

Canteen - Tara Malone & Micha James

Home Baking - Elke & Ross James



Wednesday 8 November

Shopping - Jo O'Dowd

Canteen - Micha James & TBC

Home Baking - Volunteer needed

From Friday 17 November, the canteen will be open both Wednesday and Friday. Contact the Canteen Coordinator on [0413046557](tel:0413046557) if you would like to volunteer for a few hours or a whole day either Wednesday or Friday.

The new SUMMER MENU starts next week and will be sent home with students later this week. This menu needed to be approved by the Health Promotion Officers from NSW Health at the Canteen Network Meeting that was being held today and attended by our Canteen Coordinator. All schools are now following the NSW Health guidelines in the Healthy Canteens Strategy to promote healthy eating choices to students.

See <https://healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au> for more information.

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.

