



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## TALKABOUT

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**Term 4 - Week 7**

**Wednesday 22 November 2017**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Due to the tragic accident recently at Banksia Road Public School I am mindful of our staff car park and the safety of our students. Some parents are using the car park to drop off and pick up children before, during and after school. **Please DO NOT use the staff car park** under any circumstances unless given permission for one off use in an emergency. I have also passed this information on to the Preschool. Students who catch the bus to and from school must walk through the carpark making the risk of accidental injury much higher. I would also like to remind parents and carers that children are great imitators and will follow their footsteps when crossing the road. Please use the designated crossing to **cross safely** and reinforce this behaviour with all children of our school.

Through the self-evaluation process, we have been evaluating what we do well and what we need to work on next as we plan our directions for the next three years. We value your input and would like to know what you want Falls Creek Public School to look like in 2020. Parents and community members are invited to an **open discussion on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 5:15pm**. Please join us to let us know what's important to you and help shape the future of our beautiful school.

Our wonderful students have surpassed **10 000 Dojo points** for the year and we are rewarding them with a **Fun Colour Run** next Tuesday 28 November. The obstacle course will run from 9:30 to 11:00am. Please join us for this celebration and stay for a picnic recess/lunch in our playground.

Next week's assembly will be the final one for 2017. Please check if your student has enough awards to gain their **bronze, silver or gold certificate**. They need 15 awards for each certificate. Awards include Awesome/Dojo slips, merit awards, principal awards and dojo certificates (it does not include birthday or lost tooth certificates). Anything that is dated 2017 counts.

Our **2017 Presentation Assembly** will be held Wednesday 13 December. This year, the assembly will start at 12:45 following an early lunch at 12pm. Student reports will be handed out at the end

of this assembly. We apologise if holding the assembly during the day is inconvenient for some parents, however, it was necessary to accommodate staff family commitments. As a working parent, I do understand how difficult it can be to arrange time off and I know it is upsetting to not be able to make it (I miss all of my children's assemblies and fun school events). We hope that we have given you enough notice to be able to make suitable arrangements in order to attend. We will of course take many photos and share them with those that are unable to attend.

As we are nearing the end of term, we are busily preparing for the new school year. Please assist us to prepare by letting us know if you know of people who are moving to the area or if you intend leaving Falls Creek in 2018. We have more Kindergarten students enrolled to start school than the number of Year 6 students leaving, but it will not be quite enough to form three classes. It has been lovely to see next year's Kindy students feeling excited about coming to big school with some even wearing their school uniform. **Thank you, Ms Cullen** for coordinating the transition visits.

I have been advised that **Mrs Brown** will not be returning to Falls Creek Public School in 2018 as she is retiring. We thank her for her hard work and commitment to students of Falls Creek Public School over the years and wish her the very best in her retirement. We know she will be kept busy by grandchildren. If you would like to offer your thanks or a message of farewell, please drop a message or card to the office before the end of the year and we will ensure that she receives them. I am waiting on advice on how her position will be filled.

*"Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can" ~ Arthur Ashe*

## **SPORT NEWS**

Dragon Tag is on tomorrow, Thursday 23 November. Thank you to the parents who will be helping with transport your help is greatly appreciated.

Yours in sport

*Dion Lalor*



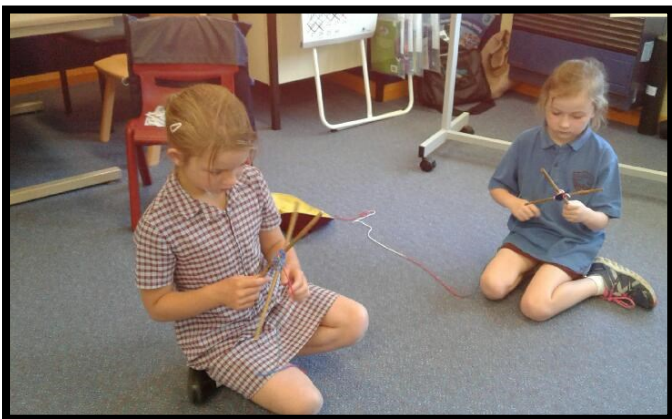
## ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Students from K-6 enjoyed the educational free performance at our school yesterday of *The King and Queen of Green Say NO to Plastic* provided by the Shoalhaven City Council Waste Management.



1/2 have been busily creating artworks using natural plants and fibres.

*Susan Porteous*







## Reduce-Reuse-Recycle



# Lunch Boxes

## WHAT TO PACK

### Crunch & Sip

→ Pack some veggie sticks or fruit & water for a quick refuel



### Morning Tea

- Fresh fruit
- Wholemeal crackers with cheese
- Yoghurt tubs
- Homemade muffins
- Air popped corn
- Boiled egg

### Lunch

- Pick & mix with veg sticks, hommus & tzatziki
- Sandwiches & wraps with lean meats & salad fillings
- Leftovers

### Drink

- Always pack water
- Light milk

### QUICK TIPS:

- ✓ Involve kids in packing their lunch box.
- ✓ Keep it simple and fresh.
- ✓ Use left overs.
- ✓ Plan ahead and save.
- ✓ Provide healthy afternoon tea and some time outside to play.

# SAY NO TO PLASTIC BAGS



YESTERDAY ALL OF OUR STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN AN EXCITING SHOW THAT HIGHLIGHTED **THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS THAT PLASTIC BAGS HAVE UPON MARINE LIFE.**

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Roster

**Wednesday 29 November**

Canteen - Tara Malone & Micha James

**Friday 1 December**

Canteen - Tamie Harvie & Sue Lightowers

**Wednesday 6 December**

Canteen - Micha James & Sue Lightowers

**Friday 8 December**

Tamie Harvie & TBC



## CENTRAL SHOALHAVEN MOBILE PRESCHOOL

If you know of any 3 - 5 year olds wanting to attend this great little preschool, enrolments are now open for next year. Contact numbers are below or contact the school office for information.



### ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR 2018

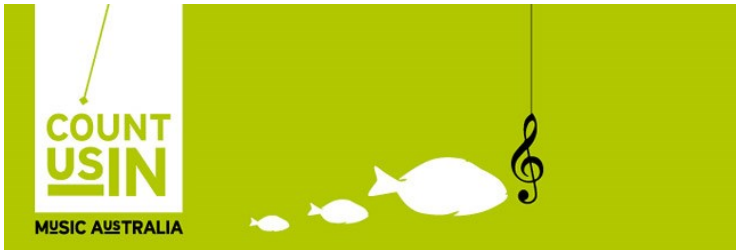
The Central Shoalhaven Mobile Preschool is a community owned, not for profit organisation. University and TAFE trained staff provide an educational program for children aged between 3 and 5 years, in a motivating setting to enhance each child's preparation for school. Proudly servicing the Shoalhaven area for over 40 years.

**We visit Callala Beach, Cambewarra, Falls Creek and Huskisson weekly**  
We offer before school care commencing at 8.00am and finishing at 9.00am.  
Preschool hours are from 9am - 3pm  
Come along and give your child the opportunity to make new friends within the local area.  
Subsidies are available.

**All enquiries welcome**  
Phone 44230571 / 0412928095 / 0432274244  
[www.shoalhavenmobilepreschool.com.au](http://www.shoalhavenmobilepreschool.com.au)  
We are a registered Preschool not a Long Day Care facility



**EVERY**  
**SCHOOL DAY**  
**COUNTS**



**THAT'S A WRAP!**

Hello parents

Thank you for a wonderful Celebration Day on the 2/11/17. Falls Creek Public School were part of a national event where over 650,000 people sang 'Shine Together' with 3000 schools around Australia. It was a record for Music Count Us In organisation to have so many schools involved this year. Thank you for being involved in whatever way you were and helping to make the celebration song a success for 2017!

If you want to relive the event you can go to the Facebook page at [Watch Celebration Day Live Stream](#) and see clippings from events around the country both large and small. Thank you to all who joined us on the day and we hope you will be back again in 2018.

*Donna Bowell*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>NOVEMBER 2018</b>				
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5	6	7	8	9

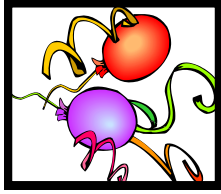
**SAVE THE DATE - 1 NOVEMBER 2018**

Music: Count Us In Celebration Day will return on Thursday 1 November 2018. Put the date in your diaries, now, and start planning for the big day!

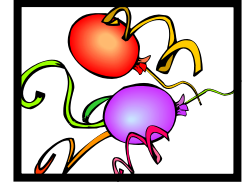
**REMINDER!!**

Please make sure you have returned all your library books as we are doing a stocktake.





# Happy Birthday!



**Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday in November**

16 November - Thomas Russell

17 November - Abigail Findlay



**Assembly  
15 November**