



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Bushfire Safety Information

Falls Creek Public School is listed on the DEC Bush Fire Register. This requires the school to cease operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (FDR) is issued by the State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC). This FDR is usually issued around 4.30pm for the following day. ***Please ensure that all contact details are up to date so that we can contact you to inform you that the school is closed.*** Parents will receive a text message, phone call or notification via the school's app after 4.30pm to inform them that the school will be non-operational the following day. If the school needs to be non-operational for more than one day parents will be informed each day of this decision. If there are no further announcements the school will operate as normal the following day. See our school website for more information.

### FCPS Garden Project

Falls Creek Public School is "Going Green" every second Wednesday (odd weeks). Our aim is to teach students about sustainable environmental practices and to help maintain the beautiful surroundings of our school. Parents, carers and friends are invited to join us from 2pm on Wednesday, bring your hat! The P&C are also looking to hold a "Working Bee BBQ" at the end of this term (more information to come).

### School Leaders 2017

We look forward to great team leadership. Congratulations to our 2017 school captains, Kiana Bowling and Lachlan Hayden. School Leaders will receive their badges at next week's assembly.



President - Tammie Harvie

Treasurer - Kim Braddick

Secretary - Tara Malone

Canteen Committee - Kristy Robinson and Leah Ryan

Fundraising Committee - Tegan Fisk

### **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**

As part of our school management plan, this year, we are working on refining and maintaining PBL. From term two, we will introduce a new system of responses to behaviour (awards and consequences). **All** bridge builder certificates will need to be finalised by the end of this term before the new system starts. More information will be sent home soon.

### **Travel by Bus**

All students are required to wear seatbelts and behave appropriately on the school bus, including the use of appropriate language. Permission to travel by school bus can be revoked for inappropriate or dangerous behaviour. Please remind children to get on and off the bus safely. For more information go to: <https://www.safetytown.com.au/parents/#On-and-off-the-bus-safely>

**Wait till the bus has gone and then use a safe place to cross the road.**

### **Attendance at School**

We have strict policy & guidelines when accepting explanations for absences. A letter or verbal confirmation of an absence is required within 7 days of an absence. After 7 days, the absence is recorded as 'unjustified'.

Explanations of student absence that are accepted are:

- Sick – due to sickness or as a result of a medical or paramedical appointment.
- Leave – misadventure or unforeseen event. Participation in special events not related to the school. Domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family member.

as learning is missed.

### **School Photos**

Rainbow Photographics will be coming on Thursday 23 March to take our school photos. Students are required to wear their summer uniform on the day please. We will be sending out the order forms as soon as we receive them.

### **94.9 Power FM School Breakfast**

Sam and Todd's breakfast show is coming to our school to broadcast live on Thursday 16 March. The 94.9 Power FM crew will bring breakfast for the kids available from 7:45am - 8:45am, as well as games and a stack of fun! We are encouraging everyone (students, teachers and parents) to come dressed up as their favourite Superhero, Disney, movie or TV character. There will be a 'Best Dressed' prize announced on air with Sam and Todd. We are looking for volunteers to help serve breakfast and assist with games. Please let the Mrs Morison know if you are available.

### **ICAS Maths Test**

We are seeking expression of interest for students (Year 2 to Year 6) wishing to participate in the ICAS Maths test on 15 August. The cost is \$9.90. Please let the office know by 24 March if your child would like to participate.

## **KINDY BLUE NEWS**

Kindy Blue have settled into our daily school routines beautifully!

During English we have been very busy studying The Very Cranky Bear series by author Nick Bland. The students are enjoying identifying words that rhyme and using expression while we read together. Last week we also started our guided reading groups and the students will soon be bringing home a small list of sight words that they can continue to practise at home.

This week during our maths lessons we are studying the number of ones 1 to 12 and the students have



4 flowers



4 wheels and 4 doors



## 1/2 RED NEWS

Well done to those students who are routinely returning home readers daily and homework on Fridays. A big thanks to parents who have managed to purchase a homework book so that their child can practise writing spelling words each night. This week we are learning about words that contain 'am' and in grammar our focus is on adjectives. In maths, we are revising 2D shapes and year 2 have been studying nets of 3D objects as well as counting forwards and backwards to 100 by 1's, 2's and 5's. Our topic in geography is 'Features of Places' which over the coming weeks will include the study of natural and human features of places commencing with our school environment. Much excitement in 1-2 'racing car red' has been generated around gaining reward dojo points for hard effort within the classroom as well as responsibilities required from the jobs chart each week.

*Susan Porteous*

## 3/6 PURPLE NEWS

Hi parents and carers,

Reading journals and folders went home this week and can be returned daily if nightly reading is completed. Students who are above a level 30 reader can read chapter books from home or the library. Because these books tend to be a bit bigger than our levelled readers, students can just record the pages they have read.

In class, during maths we have been learning about division and area. We are continuing to

## SPORT NEWS

Last Tuesday 14 February we took a small team to the FISST Swimming Carnival at Bomaderry pool. Our students entered numerous events and swam well all day. We placed fifth overall. Congratulations to Declan and Haiden who both made it to the District Carnival for the freestyle event. Congratulations also to our Junior Boys relay team who also made it to the District Carnival which will be held this Friday 24th February at the Nowra Aquatic Centre. Good luck boys. Finally, a huge thank you to the parents who were able to transport children to and from the pool, your help is greatly appreciated.

*Dion*

## OFFICE

I would like to apologise to Jackson Xuereb and his family for not including his photo with our Kindergarten group in the last Talkabout. We have amended the page and published it again for you, sorry for the oversight.

If your address, phone contacts, health details or any other student details have changed please contact the office, so we can update our records.

Thank you.

*Karen*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**BEE KEEPING FOR KIDS** Gifted Families Support Group Inc support gifted and gifted learning disabled children and their families in the South Coast. We invite children in years K-8 to attend our next event, where we will have hands-on fun learning about Bee Keeping, 1-3pm on 12 March in Nowra. Please email [southcoast@gfsg.org.au](mailto:southcoast@gfsg.org.au) or see [www.gfsg.org.au](http://www.gfsg.org.au) for more info.

### **AFL "COME & TRY" DAY**

This Saturday 25 February "COME & TRY AFL" at West St Oval between 10am & 1pm and finish





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 is cars driving in and out. We appreciate your support in this matter with keeping our students safe at all times.



**Nowra Aquatic Park  
Scenic Drive Nowra**  
Sunday, 5 March 2017  
10am – 1pm  
Free entry and waterslides  
between 10 am – 1pm

Throw on your cossies or fancy pool side gear, slip on your hat, slap on the sunscreen, grab your floaties and join us for a day of fun for all ages!

- Sausage Sizzle available for purchase to support local charities
- Lucky Door Prize
- Best Dressed Pool Costumes (Age group Under 10 years, 11-17 years and Adults)
- Inflatable Floaty Race (BYO Floatation device)
- Music and Entertainment
- Sandpits for the kids
- Jumping Castle
- Clown, Tapstar and Dripette

**A special announcement  
Don't miss it!  
from the Mayor!**

This is a free event with limited tickets available from Swim and Fitness Centres and Council Administration buildings.

Children (under 10 years) are not allowed entry unless under active supervision of a person 16 years or older.

Enquiries: 4429 3251 • [www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au)

## Feel like parenting isn't working?

Talk to a professional  
Counsellor for tips to make  
life easier

Call **1300 1300 52**

or visit our web site at

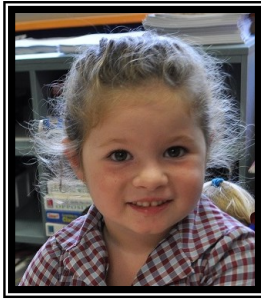
[www.ParentLine.org.au](http://www.ParentLine.org.au)



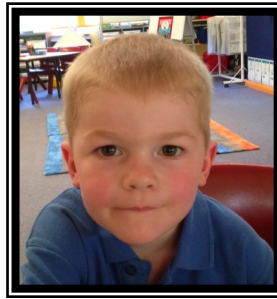
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4pm to 9pm weekends**



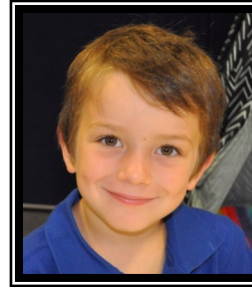
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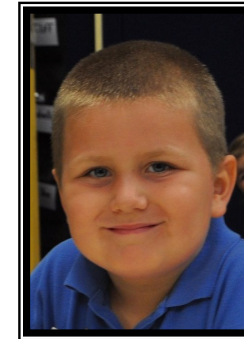
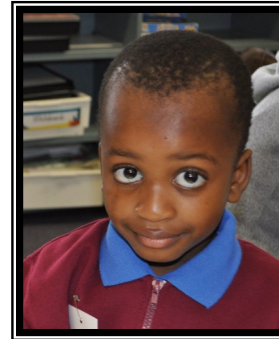
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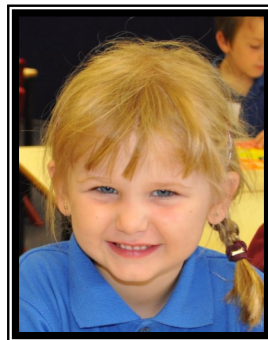
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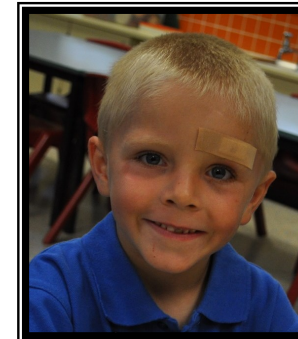
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**Isabella**



**Elyssa**



**Cameron**

