

**Term 1 - Week 7****Wednesday 8 March 2017**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through term one already. As part of our WHS mandatory requirements, we conducted an 'offsite' evacuation drill last week. The whole school, including preschool, responded quickly and efficiently to move to our offsite assembly point near the bus shelter on Parma Road. Throughout the year, we are required to perform drills to practise evacuation and lockdown procedures so they are well known by all staff and students. Any parents onsite during the drill will also be included.

On Thursday 16 March, Power FM will broadcast live from our playground between 7 and 9 am. Join us for breakfast and take part in Zumba fitness. Don't forget to come dressed as your favourite Super Hero, Disney, movie or TV character. Our P&C have kindly donated bowls and spoons and will work with staff to serve breakfast to all students and their families. It will be a fun way to start the morning.

Our P & C meeting will be held in the library from 5:30 to 7:30 on Thursday 16 March. All parents and citizens are invited to join us and be involved as much or as little as you like. It's a great way to get to know other parents and know what's happening in our school. I look forward to working with our new P & C representatives.

We have many ways to communicate with families and share our learning stories. All classes are using Class Dojo and will share photos and stories about what's happening in the classroom with all parents who sign up. We also have our school website, Facebook and the

Today we will be sending home envelopes for voluntary School Contributions. Parents are asked to give a nominal amount of money to help support the school in providing educational experiences for students. \$25 per student or \$40 family (2 or more students). This contribution is different to the additional \$20 workbook fee. Donations of tissues, hand towel, glue sticks and hand sanitiser are another way of helping to support our school. We are very appreciative of the support of parents and carers.

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who has sent in supplies for our STEM learning projects. You have been very generous and I think we have enough resources for now. I am currently looking for pipe cleaners and I am searching how best to store it all. We are very lucky to have such a supportive school community.

We have been notified that several cases of head lice have been detected among our students. Please check your children's hair daily and treat immediately if nits are seen. If everyone is vigilant in checking and treating their children's hair daily it will help stop reinfestation. Once treated children may return to school. As no treatment kills 100% of nits (eggs) a follow up treatment 7 days later is advised.

*"What you do every day matters more than what you do once in a while"*

## KINDY BLUE NEWS

During literacy we have been focussing upon the 'Diary of a Wombat' series texts by author Jackie French. Next week each we will be starting our **home reading** program. Each student will be given a book to bring home and read, to revise skills they have been practising within the classroom. More information will be sent home about this next week.

During maths we have been exploring multiplication and division. The students are



## SCHOOL CHOIR

Falls Creek Public School is looking for interested students to join our choir for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shoalhaven Eisteddfod which is in late May. Let us know if your child will be interested to come along to sing and have fun at weekly rehearsals in the school hall starting up soon. If you think you would like to join please let us know on the survey slip below and drop it into the school as soon as possible so we can get started. All students are encouraged to participate in the school choir from Kinder to Year 6! If any parents would like to come along to help out at rehearsals please indicate your interest below.

Thank you

Mrs Bowell



My child/children \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in attending weekly choir rehearsals to perform in the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod.

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I am interested in helping at rehearsals.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1/2 RED NEWS

Our spelling list this week contains words with the 'at' sound. In writing we are learning about literary recounts and in reading we are identifying rhyming words and patterns in big books. In maths we have been sharing equal amounts representing multiplication as repeated addition, groups and arrays. In visual art we painted rainbow birds with spots and stripes using acrylic paints. Congratulations to Layla who shared a recount she wrote at home about 'How the Birds got their Colours'

### 3/6 PURPLE NEWS

This week in class, students have been learning about persuasive devices that authors use in their writing. We have been trying to use these strategies in our writing with varying degrees of success. In geography, Stage 2 have been looking at the states and territories of Australia while Stage 3 have been locating countries in Asia.

Just a reminder about homework, this is handed out on Monday and collected Friday. If students are having difficulty they can bring it back to school for some assistance. Home readers can be returned daily whether students are reading school books or their own books from home.

*Dion Lalor*

### SPORT NEWS

This Friday 10 March some of our Stage 3 students will be travelling to Bomaderry to compete in the Rod Wishart Cup. Students are eager for this event and we have been practising during the dry spells the weather has been offering us. Good Luck, boys and girls .

*Dion*

### OFFICE

Bookclub brochures were handed out this week, please return them to school by 21 March if you wish to place an order.



For those parents who have not given copies of their child's birth certificate, immunisation records or medical action plans to the office please do so as soon as possible as they should be recorded on the system before your child starts school.

Reminder - School photos are now on **Tuesday 21 March** not Thursday 23 March.

Thank you.

*Karen*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### LOST DOG!!!!

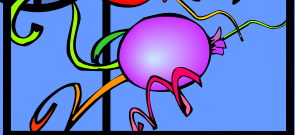
Staffy cross answers to Zues. Brindle colour with white on his chest, not aggressive. Missing since Friday 3 March from McArthur Drive. Please call Joe if you have seen this dog or know where he is. Ph: [0413 872 669](tel:0413872669)

## EASTER RAFFLE



**Easter Raffle**  
**Tickets**  
are \$2 each or  
3 for \$5

The P & C committee is asking for donations for the Easter raffle. To help make this another successful fundraiser keep your eyes out for stuffed toys, chocolate eggs, baskets, chickens etc. and bring them into the office. Remember, the more donations the more prizes! Raffle tickets will



# Happy Birthday!



**Happy Birthday to the following students who  
celebrated their birthday in February / March**

Liam Henkel 8 February  
Kimberley Williams 2 March  
Emily Sammut 15 March  
Liam Fisk 16 March  
Indy Robinson 22 March

## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Presented at assembly Wednesday 1 March 2017**

### **MERIT AWARDS**

Kindy Blue - Elke James, Bradley Braddick and Simba Dickson.

1-2 Red - Fletcher Hall and Layla Ryan.

3-6 Purple - Chrystel Buckley, Luke Robertson and Lani Attard.

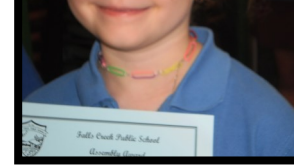
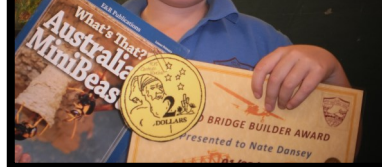
### **BRIDGE BUILDER AWARDS**

Bronze - Fletcher Hall,

Silver - Vimbai Dickson, Abigail Findlay, Jaya Braddick

Gold - Nate Dansey





Steven Blume with one of his pets.

