



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Term 2 - Week 7**

**Wednesday 7 June 2017**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Winter has definitely started! With the cold weather, we have noticed a number of non-school uniform jumpers, jackets and trousers are being worn to school. Our school values RESPECT, this includes proudly wearing the **Falls Creek Public School Uniform** to school each day. Our school colours are maroon and blue (black track pants and jeans are not appropriate). In addition, boys may wear grey shorts/pants and girls may choose to wear the school tartan tunics. All students are allowed to wear hoodies, beanies, scarves or jackets that are in school colours (maroon/blue). Uniforms are available for purchase/order from the office.

Our school takes inappropriate behaviour from students seriously and responds to that behaviour consistent with the school's student discipline and welfare procedures. Certain laws around **privacy and student information** prevent staff from discussing students with anyone other than their parent or carer. I have added more information about these laws in today's newsletter, for more information about student wellbeing please see our school webpage.

**Thank you** to parents/carers and community members who have placed suggestions and compliments in the box in our front office. We love hearing new ideas and it is very heart warming for staff to receive compliments about the work they do. We value your input.



From time to time parents express concern that their child may be subject to bullying. All concerns are taken seriously. Bullying requires schools and families to look beyond the observable behaviour of students to what is going on behind the scenes and this process takes time. Identifying whether a situation is bullying or something else helps to determine the most appropriate response. Useful information for parents and carers can be found on the **Bullying. No Way! Website** ([bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://bullyingnoway.gov.au)).

Our students are well on the way towards achieving their next **Class Dojo** goal of 10 000

points!! A great effort by everyone. Dojo points are transferred to Awesome slips, 15 of these slips and/or merit awards are exchanged for **bronze, silver and gold STAR awards**. Please remember that STAR awards are prepared the day before assembly. It is great to see students currently achieving their Bronze Star awards.

**BOOK FAIR:** A big thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. We sold over \$800 worth of books and merchandise which allowed us to keep books to the value of \$160 for the school. A great effort for a small school.

**CANBERRA EXCURSION:** Students in Years 4,5 and 6 have received a Expression of Interest note for the Canberra excursion to be held in Week 5 Term 4 this year. The cost of the excursion will be approximately \$260. Could you please fill in the note and return it to the office as we need to know the number of students attending to determine the final cost.

*"Shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you'll land amongst the stars!" ~ Les Brown*

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Wow! A fantastic effort Falls Creek Public School. We are still 13 sleeps away from our exciting Jump Rope for Heart 'Jump Off' Day and \$1621 has already been raised! Students can be sponsored via the Jump Rope for Heart website or the sponsorship forms they were each given. Also, thank you to Fletcher from 1/2 Red for being the current #1 on the fundraiser ladder with \$639 already raised!!



## SPORT NEWS

Our next event is the Jump Rope for Heart on Tuesday 20 June followed by the FISST Athletics Carnival on Monday 26 June at Shoalhaven High School. We would like to use private transport on the day to keep costs down to entry fee only (\$3) if not an additional \$5 per student will be required for the bus. Note will be sent out shortly. PLEASE return ASAP so we can work out if a bus is needed.

*Dion Lalor*

## The National definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)

not liking someone or a single act of social rejection

one-off acts of meanness or spite

isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved. Please arrange a time to talk with your child's teacher or the principal if you have concerns around student conflict or bullying.

## CANTEEN ROSTER



Thursday 8 June - Leah Ryan and Kristy Robinson

Thursday 15 June - Tegan Fisk and Sue Lightowlers

Thursday 22 June - Leah Ryan and Kristy Robinson

## ENVIROMENTAL PROGRAM

On Wednesday 14 June all parents are invited to join us in activities provided by local rangers at the school. The activities will commence at 9am and finish at 11am.

*Susan Porteous*

## OFFICE NEWS

With the introduction of the new LMBR system at schools there is a change in the time frame of when payment needs to be finalised at the school for all excursions, sports events and incursions. I am therefore notifying all parents and carers that all notes and money needs to be at the office **2 DAYS PRIOR** to the event. **NO** money or notes will be accepted after this date. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but it is the way it needs to be done for a smoother process.

*Karen Morison*

## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Presented at assembly Wednesday 31 May 2017**

### **MERIT AWARDS**

Kindy Blue - Elke James, Rubi Dansey and Elyssa Haskins.

1-2 Red - Liam Fisk, Keira Forster and Abigail Findlay.

3-6 Purple - Miah Campbell, Kiana Bowling and Chrystel Buckley.

### **STAR AWARDS**

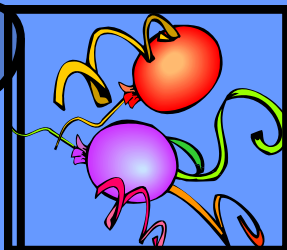
Bronze - Rubi Dansey, Sam O'Dowd and Elyssa Haskins.

### **PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

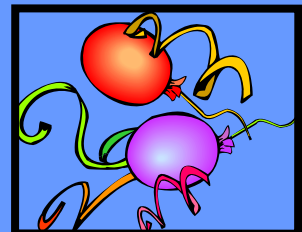
Luke Robertson, Jai Henkel and Thomas Russell.

### **PLAYGROUND STARS WINNERS**

Cliff Williams, Dejan Sankovic, Sam O'Dowd, Sealisha Buckley, Elyssa Haskins and Bijin Chaudhary.



# **Happy Birthday!**



**Happy Birthday to the following students who  
celebrated their birthday in June**

3 June - Torlea Blume

5 June - Vimbai Dickson

21 June - Luke Robertson

22 June - Kiara Skinner

28 June - Charlie Wilson