



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Term 2 - Week 9**

**Wednesday 21 June 2017**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Can you believe that it is week 9 already? The last day of term is Friday 30th June and will be Year 6 Fundraiser Mufti Day. Students wearing mufti are asked to bring a gold coin donation. Staff return to school on Monday 17th July and students will return to school on Tuesday 18th July. As this is the last newsletter for the term, I wish everybody a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Our teachers have all been busily writing **Semester One Reports**. They have worked very hard to provide you with information about your child/children's progress at school so far. We encourage all families to make an appointment to meet or talk with your child's teacher before the school holidays. Reports will be sent home on Monday 26th June and all teachers are available for **Parent-Teacher interviews** from 3-5pm on Wednesday 28th June. To book your spot, please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/tJNYof4di1N5Rsgh2> or see Mrs Cavill. Please arrange an alternate time with your child's teacher if you are unable to make it on Wednesday.

Staff are currently involved in professional learning around the **School Excellence** Framework which supports all NSW public schools in their pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of high-quality practice across the three domains of learning, teaching and leading. Early next term, we will have our self-assessment validated against the Framework by a panel made up of two highly experienced principals. This process ensures that we continually monitor our progress and drive further improvement to make Falls Creek Public School the best school we can.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported, donated and/or participated in our annual Jump Rope For Heart charity event. Thank you Ms Cullen for organising such a great event, it was a lot of fun for everyone. Together, we raised an astounding \$3600. Well done! That's an achievement to be proud of and shows the STAR spirit.

***"Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can."***

## PBL NEWS

Our STAR focus for the coming week is "ASSEMBLIES". 3-6 Purple made posters to remind us what it looks like to be safe, trustworthy and respectful to achieve our best during school assemblies. Our playground Super Stars have been watching for students who respect our school by putting rubbish in the bin. It is great to see so many students showing respect for our school by wearing their school uniform every day. Although it is not always hot and sunny during recess and lunch, students are required to wear their school hat in order to play on the oval.

**UPDATE - CANBERRA EXCURSION:** Students in Years 4,5 and 6 have previously received a Expression of Interest note (available on the school website) for the Canberra excursion to be held in Week 5 Term 4 this year. The cost of the excursion is going to be higher than anticipated due to price increases. Allowing for subsidies we are now estimating the cost to be \$300. If you have not already done so could you please fill in the note and return it to the office with the \$50 deposit. Any parents/carers needing further assistance are asked to contact the office.

## SPORT NEWS

A reminder this Monday 26 June is the FISST Athletics Carnival held at Shoalhaven High School. All permission notes and money need to be returned to the office by this **Friday 23 June** please. This Sunday the 25 June I'll be holding a training session for high jump between 1.30pm and 3.00pm at school. If your child is 8 years or older this year and is keen to train please feel free to join us on the back oval. Parents are required to stay during the training session.

*Dion Lalor*

## CANTEEN ROSTER

We have a new menu beginning Term 3, a copy is attached to the newsletter and is also available on the website.



Thursday 22 June - Leah Ryan and Kristy Robinson

Thursday 29 June - Tegan Fisk and Leah Ryan

## ENVIROMENTAL PROGRAM

The students and Lane are establishing a bush tucker garden around the totem poles. Ranger Deidre will be providing plants from the Booderee National Park nursery.

*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 14 June 2017

#### MERIT AWARDS

Kindy Blue - Piper Ryan, Bradley Braddick and Sam O'Dowd.

1-2 Red - Mason McNab and Jaya Braddick.

3-6 Purple - Torlea Blume, Emily Sammut, Lani Attard and Liam Henkel.

#### STAR AWARDS

Bronze - Dejan Sankovic, Indy Robinson and Jaya Braddick.

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Luke Robertson, Jai Henkel and Thomas Russell.

#### PLAYGROUND STARS WINNERS

Dejan Sankovic, Lani Attard, Jaya Braddick, Piper Ryan, Indy Robinson and Kiana Bowling.

*Are you a school STAR?*



**S**afety  
**T**rust  
**A**chieve  
**R**espect

*Be in the right place at the right time  
Do the right thing  
Try your best in everything  
Care about yourself and our school*





## Jump Rope for Heart



## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART - "JUMP OFF"

Wow, Falls Creek PS! What an awesome effort you all put into our Jump Rope for Heart 'Jump Off' day. Thank you to all of the sponsors, our small school has raised an amazing total - \$3600! A new record for our school. All funds go to the Heart Foundation, a charity dedicated to fighting the single biggest killer of Australians – heart disease.

More pictures and videos are available on our school Facebook page.

*Bonnie Cullen*

# Parent Information Sheet

It will come as no surprise to many parents that head lice infestations in children appear to be on the rise. Reasons for this increase are not clear although there is evidence from research conducted in Queensland schools that some head lice are becoming resistant to the common chemical head lice treatments available.

**The Nitbusters School Head Lice Project** is a joint project between NSW Health, NSW Department of Education and Communities, Federation of School Councils and the Federation of P&C Associations. The project aims to educate schools, children and parents about head lice and how to treat them as a community and within the home.

In order for **Nitbusters** to be successful in your school, every child should be involved. It takes just one infested head to infest the whole class. One of the key messages of the project is that anyone and everyone can contract nits, regardless of your age, sex or background. Treatment needs to be community-based and ongoing.

The project involves the entire school community working together to coordinate and run a **Nitbusting Day** on the school premises, in an effort to treat the entire student body for head lice at one time. The school's parent body organises the day by providing helpers to screen and treat all children for head lice. The screening is done by parent/guardian volunteers on a class by class basis, with the youngest children treated early in the school day. The project employs the use of the comb and conditioner method for treating the presence of head lice, which is a safe, non-chemical treatment, involving the mechanical removal of head lice through combing.

Each child is encouraged to participate and requires a signed [Parent Consent Form](#) before they can be screened. No child should participate without a signed consent form, nor be penalised in any way for not participating. Parents/guardians and/or children can withdraw from the screening at any time. Those children not participating, however, can learn how to identify and remove lice and eggs.

The [Parent Consent Form](#) is to be returned to the school before the Nitbusting Day. A separate consent form must be filled out for each child and can be returned to the school office by either the children or their parents/guardians. On Nitbusters Day, each child will have their hair inspected to determine if there is an active infestation. Parent helpers will wear disposable rubber or latex gloves for both the screening and treatment process. If nits (the eggs) or lice are found then regular hair conditioner will be applied to the dry hair and combed through. When the tangles are removed with a large comb, a fine lice comb will be used to remove the lice and nits. Gloves should be changed between treatments for each individual child. If a child's head shows signs of an infection or evidence of lesions or psoriasis, the child will not be screened or treated.

Upon completion, the child's hair will be combed and tidied (braiding is advised for long hair). Rinsing off the conditioner in the schoolyard is difficult to manage and not advisable. Therefore, because the conditioner will not damage the hair, it will be left on and can be rinsed off when they return home. Children will be encouraged to watch and help detect lice on their classmates.

The lice and detangle combs are cleaned between each treatment in hot soapy water and rinsed in running hot water. Since, head lice cannot survive at 60 degrees Celsius, hot water is an effective way of killing and disposing of them. A note will be sent home to all parents indicating whether lice or nits were detected on your children. All parents/guardians, regardless of whether their children participated in the program, will receive an information sheet on how to treat for head lice.

The school P&C is encouraged to run a **Nitbusters Day** each term and use the school newsletter to promote regular head checks by parents. **Nitbusters** urges parents and schools to remain vigilant when it comes to monitoring and treating for head lice—remember they can be managed!

## CANTEEN MENU TERM 3 2017

### HOT FOOD

SPRING ROLLS	\$0.50
GARLIC BREAD	\$0.50
CHICHEN BREAST NUGGETS	\$0.50
MINI PIE OR SAUSAGE ROLL	\$1.00
PIE OR SAUSAGE ROLL	\$2.50
FRIED RICE	\$2.00
PIZZA & GARLIC BREAD	\$4.00
CHICKEN BREAST SCHNITZEL BURGER	\$4.00
(HOME MADE CHICKEN SCHNITZEL, MAYO, LETTUCE & TOMATO)	
TOASTED SANDWICH	\$2.50
(HAM, CHEESE, TOMATO, BAKED BEANS, SPAGHETTI, CHICKEN SCHNITZEL ETC)	
HOMEMADE LASAGNE & GARLIC BREAD	\$4.00
SLOW COOKED BEEF AND GRAVY ROLL	\$4.00
TOMATO AND BBQ SAUCE	\$0.30 EACH

PLACE YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND ORDER ON THE FRONT OF A PAPER BAG AND PUT IN THE GREEN BOX IN THE FRONT OF THE CANTEEN BEFORE THE MORNING BELL ☺

### MEAL DEALS \$3.50

- TOASTED SANDWICH & DRINK
- SAUSAGE ROLL OR PIE & DRINK
  - 6 NUGGETS & DRINK
- FRIED RICE, 2 SPRING ROLLS AND DRINK

### MEAL DEALS \$5.00

- LASAGNE, GARLIC BREAD & DRINK
- PIZZA, GARLIC BREAD & DRINK
  - CHICKEN BURGER & DRINK
- FRIED RICE, CHICKEN SCHNITZEL & DRINK
  - BEEF AND GRAVY ROLL & DRINK

FRESH SNACKS AND ICEBLOCKS SOLD AT RECESS AND LUNCH TIME  
PRICES VARY BETWEEN \$0.50 - \$2.00

### DRINKS

JUICE- APPLE, TROPICAL, ORANGE & APPLE AND BLACKCURRENT  
\$1.50  
WATER \$1.00  
  
PLAIN, STRAWBERRY OR CHOCOLATE MILK  
  
HOT CHOCOLATE \$1.50