



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 3 - Week 1

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to school. We hope everyone has had an enjoyable and restful break. There have been some wonderful holiday stories from students.

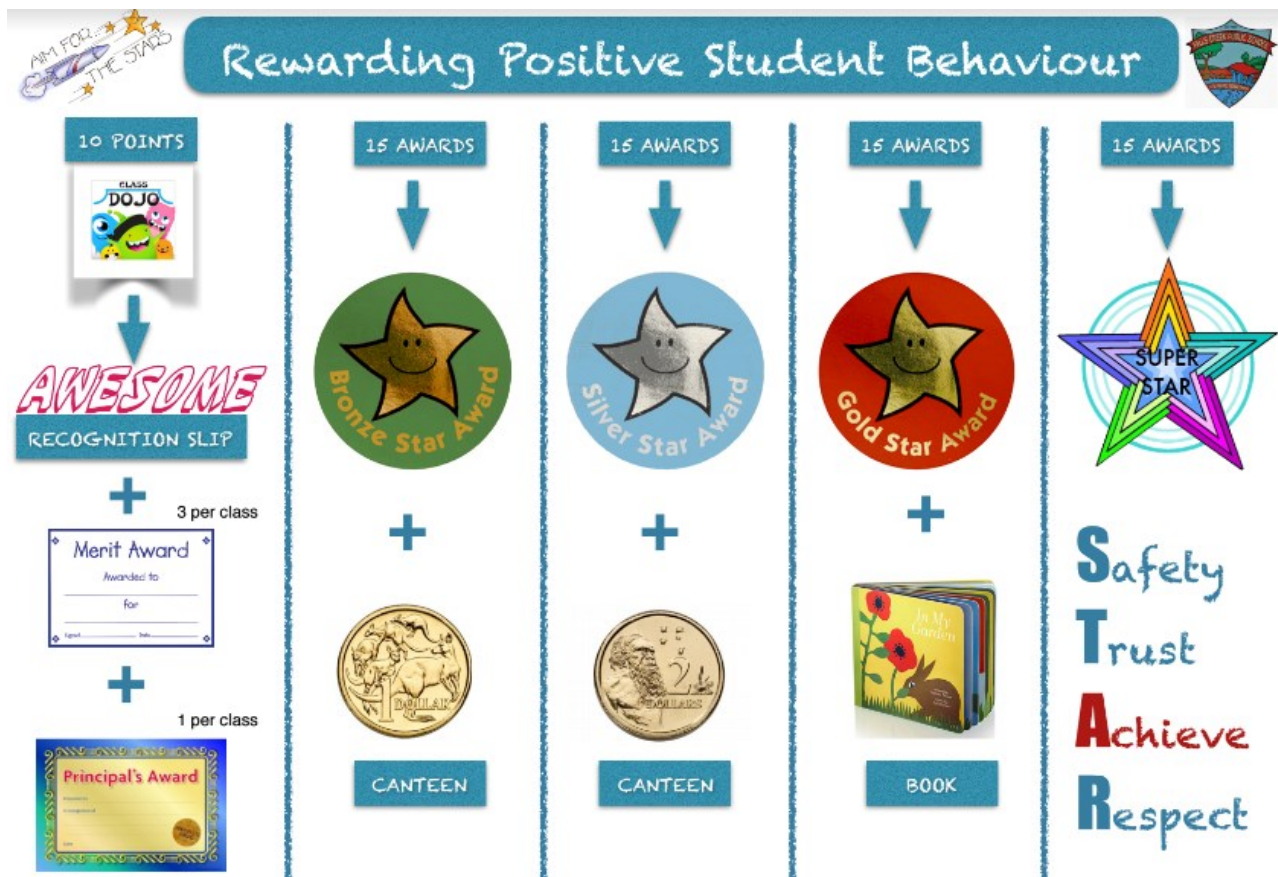
Staff spent the first day of term engaging in collegial discussions and participating in **professional learning** on managing student behavior. It was very informative and we are grateful for Shoalhaven Heads allowing us to join them for part of the day. Ms Humphrey's sends a big HELLO to everyone. We were also very fortunate to work with Ms Waugh, Assistant Principal Learning Support, who shared her vast knowledge and experience with us.

As always, we have a lot happening at school during Term 3. I have attached a **Term Calendar** that you may find useful to keep track of events. Our school Facebook Page, Skoolbag and Class Dojo are also places where school information and upcoming events are shared. Today, all students have participated in a range of activities in celebration of **NAIDOC** week. We acknowledge and promote Aboriginal identity, culture and history. We celebrate the wonderful contributions and success of Aboriginal people from the past, the present and those of the future. We are very fortunate to have the expertise of Lane to guide us through the development of a Bush Tucker garden. Thank you!

Our school is one of 441 schools selected to participate in the Department of Education's **External Validation** process. Through this process we will be submitting evidence of school practices to demonstrate the quality of our practice in the domains of learning, teaching and leading using the School Excellence Framework. Participation in external validation is an important part of school excellence in ensuring the delivery of high quality education to all students in NSW public schools. It is also a time to evaluate school practice.



Do you have a student starting school in 2018 or know anybody else who does? Call in to the office to pick up your enrolment package with all of the necessary information and forms required prior to starting school. Leave your name, phone number and address so we can contact you about our Kindergarten Orientation.



SPORT NEWS

Welcome back parents carers and students to another sporty term. Our first event in term 3 is our own Falls Creek Athletics Carnival on Friday 28 July (week 2). This event will start after recess at 11:30am with age races. After these races primary students (and infants aged 8 years or older) will continue with field events on the back oval while infant students will participate in novelty events. Towards the end of the day we will try to reconvene for relay races. Any assistance on the day will be greatly appreciated.

At the completion of Term 2, our students 8 years and older participated in the FISST Athletics Carnival. Our small team of students tried extremely hard and we placed 5th overall. Congratulations to Kizac, Haiden, Kiho, Dejan and Chrystel who all made the Shoalhaven District Carnival for various individual events. These students will be awarded with their place ribbons at our next assembly. Congratulations also to our Junior Boy relay team (Haiden, Dejan, Blake and Kiho) who placed 2nd and will also be attending the District Carnival.

The PSSA District Athletics Carnival will be held on the Thursday 10 (High jump only) and Friday 11 August in week 4. Permission notes will be sent home next week.

Our weekly sport this term is tennis. We have Coach Kevin coming to our school to help us learn and play tennis and we are hoping to conduct 2 whole school excursions to the Erowal Bay Tennis courts.

Dion Lalor

1/2 RED NEWS

Sorry for any inconvenience caused by the cancellation of parent/teacher interviews last term. Any parents wishing to reschedule may do so by calling Karen in the office 44478243. I will be available tomorrow, Thursday 20 July from 12.30pm to 5.00pm. If this time is unsuitable please let me know and I will arrange a suitable time with you.

Susan Porteous

HELPER NEEDED!!



We are in need of someone to take over the student banking from Tamie Harvie. If you have a spare hour 1 day per week please contact the school or Tamie on 0423 389 827 for further information. Tamie is happy to train anyone interested in helping out.

FROM THE OFFICE

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. 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.

BOOK CLUB: Issue 5 has been handed out to the students today, please have all orders back to the office by Friday 4 August.

REMINDER: 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.

CONTACT UPDATE: Please do not forget to let the office know of any change of address, emergency contacts and contact phone numbers. It is essential we have the correct information so you can be contacted quickly in emergency situations.

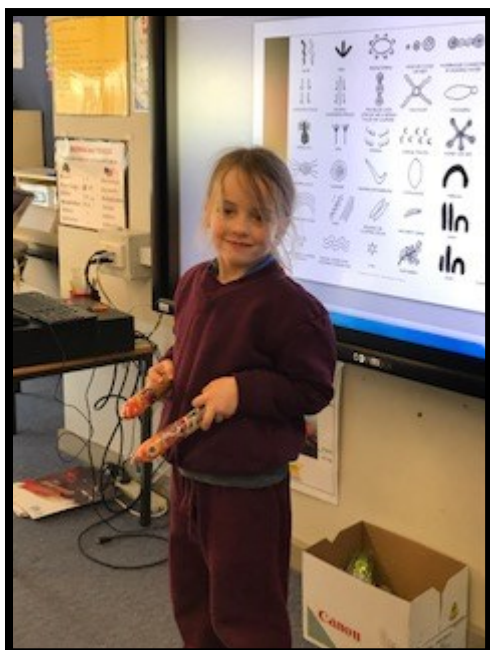
Karen Morison

P & C MEETING

Our next P & C meeting is on Thursday 27 July at 6.00pm. All welcome!

NAIDOC Activities

Elke sharing her clapping sticks and Torlea sharing her Aboriginal art. There will be more photos in the next newsletter.



Free 2 day workshop
for parents & carers of
school-aged students
on the autism
spectrum!

Nowra
1- 2 August 2017

Register your place:

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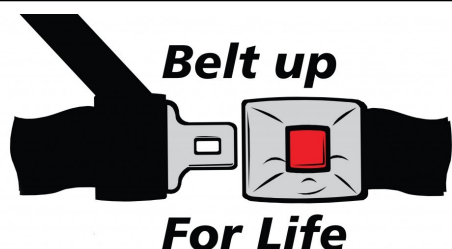
Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn



SEATBELTS FOR ALL REGIONAL SCHOOL BUSES!



I am so pleased to be able to advise that **all** regional school buses will have seatbelts four years ahead of schedule, thanks to funding announced in the recent NSW budget.

All 43 buses in the Kiama electorate will now have seatbelts because of this commitment. This is an important funding announcement that will make sure our kids get to and from school safely.

The installation of seatbelts on the rural and regional bus fleet will be fast tracked to ensure the safety of regional public transport.

The fast tracking of the seatbelts on regional school buses will ensure all regional students can travel on buses with seatbelts by December 2019 – four years ahead of schedule.

This is something residents within my electorate have been crying out for and I'm committed to making sure kids across the Kiama electorate can travel to and from school safely.

Gareth Ward MP
Member for Kiama

Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 July	STAFF DEVELOPMENT 17	Students Return 18	NAIDOC celebration GARDENING 19	20	21
2 July	24	SMF Rehearsal 25	Assembly 26	P& C MEETING 27	School Athletics K- 6 28
3 July Aug	Education Week S2 Book Week Excursion 31	1	GARDENING 2	3	P& C Movie Night 4
4 Aug	Book Week 7	8	Assembly 9	District Athletics 10	District Athletics 11
5 Aug	14	15	GARDENING 16	P& C MEETING 17	18
6 Aug	21	22	Assembly 23	24	25
7 Aug Sep	28	SMF Rehearsal School Validation 29	Shoalhaven Music Festival Night GARDENING 30	31	P&C Father's Day Stall Raffle 1
8 Sep	4	5	Assembly 6	P& C MEETING 7	8
9 Sep	11	12	GARDENING 13	14	15
10 Sep	18	19	Assembly 20	21	22