



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Term 3 - Week 3**

**Wednesday 2 August 2017**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our **K-6 Athletics Carnival** last Friday was a huge success, thanks to Mr Lalor with the support of all staff and the wonderful parents, carers and grandparents who came to assist or cheer students on. Results will be shared and presentations made in the coming weeks.

This week, we have been celebrating **Education Week** in a wide variety of ways. All staff have been involved in professional learning in improving numeracy and shared some of their wonderful learning during open classrooms. A very big THANK YOU to the amazing support and commitment shown by parents and carers who are able to attend. It is great that you are able to support your child/children but it is also very rewarding to see the care and support you extend to those students whose parents/carers are unable to make it. As a working mother who misses out on these events, I am very grateful to the parents who are able and do attend for the benefit of all children. Thank you once again.

The celebrations of learning continue next week with **Book Week**. All students will participate in a Book Week Colouring Competition and will be involved in class activities around discussing authors, writing book reviews or creating artworks of favourite characters. Student work will be shared and displayed during the week.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned our participation in **External Validation**. Our due date is fast approaching and staff are working very hard on gathering evidence that demonstrates what happens at our school on a day to day basis. The information is then evaluated and assessed against the School Excellence Framework. Once complete, we will present our findings to a panel. Information from this process will be shared with the P&C later in the term.



*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

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.

Last week we commenced our term sport which is tennis. We will be participating in tennis weekly and are planning two visits to the tennis courts at Erowal Bay during the term.

Good luck to our district representatives who will be attending the Shoalhaven District PSSA Athletics Carnival next Thursday and Friday (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>) in week 4 at Shoalhaven High School. Permission notes and time tables went home on Tuesday. Tammie has very kindly offered to supply our students with the minibus to transport to and from the event.

There is a Shoalhaven district hoodie available to purchase for any students who have represented the Shoalhaven at a district level this year.

*Dion Lalor*



## FROM THE OFFICE

**BOOK CLUB:** 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.

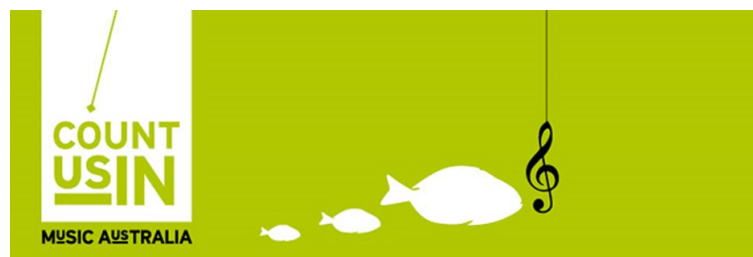
**CONTACT UPDATE:** Please do not forget to let the office know of any change of address, emergency contacts and contact phone numbers. It is essential we have the correct information so you can be contacted quickly in emergency situations.

*Karen Morison*

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Thursday 3 August - Kristy Robinson

Thursday 10 August - Leah Ryan & Tegan Fisk



## **MUSIC NEWS**

3-6 Purple attended their first rehearsal for the Shoalhaven Music Festival last week. They presented themselves as wonderful representatives of our school, demonstrating what fabulous students we have at Falls Creek Public School. Well done!

An initiative run by Music Australia every year that involves around 8000 teachers and more than 3200 schools within Australia is happening again this year! It is a program where each school that registers with Music Count Us In can join in along with all the other schools to sing basically one song at the same time on the same day and altogether via a video link which connects each and every school.

I have done this with other schools and the students have really enjoyed learning the song and singing it together with the rest of Australia on the Celebration Day in November. The 2017 Program song is called 'Shine Together' which you can listen to at any time on the program's Youtube channel. This song links well with our school motto "Learning Together" and our Star Values. The whole school is involved and will learn the song well before the Celebration Day when we invite parents and carers to join in and sing along or just watch as we celebrate with song along with the rest of Australia.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students, parents and carers, teachers, and all the community to be involved in as we build up to the Celebration Day. If you would like to know more stay tuned and I will regularly update how our progress with the song is going and you may even catch it at Assembly.

*Donna Bowell*

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**  
**Presented at assembly Wednesday 26 July 2017**

**MERIT AWARDS**

Kindy Blue - Isabella Barker and Jackson Xuereb

1-2 Red - Abi Findlay and Elira Malone

3-6 Purple - Declan Flear, Angus Findlay and Gemma Burcher-Hearne

**DOJO AWARDS - Term 2**

Ella Fisk, Lincoln Taylor and Kizac Bowling.

**HELPER FOUND**

Tamie Harvie would like to say a big thank you to Kelly Sammut and Micha James who have volunteered to take over the running of the student banking.

We would like to thank Tamie for all her hard work and dedication doing the job thus far, much appreciated.



**MOVIE NIGHT**  
**Friday, 4th August, 2017**  
**6.00pm**

Come in your PJ's, bring a pillow and a plate of food to share. The movie is "SING". Parents are reminded they need to stay with their child/children. Siblings are welcome.

## Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

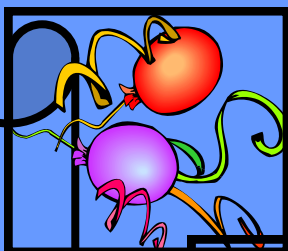


Dear Parents,

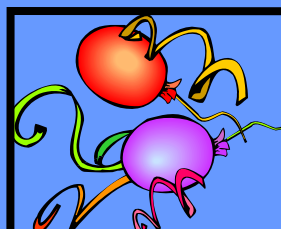
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)



# Happy Birthday!



**Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthday in July & August**

4 July - Mason McNab  
8 July - Aliyah Taylor  
18 July - Ella Fisk  
24 July - Kizac Bowling  
28 July - Steven Blume  
29 July - Jai Henkel  
1 August - Chloe Chilby  
15 August - Sam O'Dowd

## PBL

This week every class have been actively participating in PBL lessons, focussing upon the expected behaviours while using the toilets and attending assemblies.

Thank you to 1-2 Red for their fantastic assembly item last week, demonstrating how to **Achieve** the goals by displaying **Trust, Responsibility** and

**Safety**. Our focus area next week will be pathways and ramps.

*Bonnie Cullen*

## ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

A big thank you to Kerry Thompson, Natural Areas Operations Officer, who has provided the school with native ground covers and small shrubs for the embankment at the front of the school. Kerry also organised a contractor to bag invasive weeds and dig holes in the embankment ready for planting. Parent volunteers are always welcome to join students and staff on these projects.

*Susan Porteous*



Health

## NITBUSTERS

### Parent Consent Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being the legal parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) give my consent to their participation in the Nitbusters School Head Lice Project.

- I acknowledge that I have received and read the Parent Information Sheet, which explains the aims and procedures involved in this project. I understand that my child's participation in this project is entirely voluntary and that they can withdraw at any stage.
- I also understand that I can withdraw my consent at any time for my child's participation.
- I also understand that the information relating to my child's participation in the project is strictly confidential. I agree that the results of of the project may be published, provided that my child cannot be identified.

I hereby give my consent to my child \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_ participating in the project.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_