



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## TALKABOUT

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**Term 3 - Week 5**

**Wednesday 16 August 2017**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 3 is always an exciting term as students start to see the progress they are making from their hard work. Seeing students excited about their learning and wanting to learn more is such a rewarding time. **Thank you** to our teachers for their persistence and dedication to helping every student achieve their best. Term 3 is also a time where students are rewarded for their efforts through excursions and fun events.

In the coming weeks, there are quite a few exciting things happening. K-3 are going to visit **Shoalhaven Zoo**, 3-6 will perform at the **Shoalhaven Public Schools Music Festival**, all students will visit the **tennis centre** to be able to use their skills learnt in school sport. Next week, we celebrate **Book Week**, students are asked to dress as their favourite book character on Tuesday. A gold coin donation will go towards Year 6 fundraising. Remember, costumes don't have to be fancy. Next Wednesday, all students will participate in **STEM** activities involving games, gadgets and robots.



Parents and carers are invited to come and observe on the day (**K-2 9am - 11am** and **3-6 11:30am - 2:30pm**). The cost of this introductory event is being covered by the school and we will seek feedback to see if it's something we wish to pursue in the future. Our **Dojo** points are adding up, and we expect that we will reach 10 000 points before the end of term, so that will be another exciting reward.

**NAPLAN** results will be sent home this week with students. If you wish to discuss the results please contact the office.

On 29th August, our school will participate in **External Validation**. In preparation for this meeting, all staff have been involved in a rigorous self-assessment process to compare our school systems and processes against statements of excellence. We have evaluated Literacy, Numeracy, Data, Wellbeing and Community Engagement. This body of evidence will be presented to a panel for validation. Information from our evaluation will be shared at the P&C meeting on Thursday 7th September. This process is very useful for guiding future directions and initiatives at our school for the next planning cycle 2018-2020.

**Our next P&C meeting is tomorrow, Thursday 17th August at 6pm in the library.**

***“Do what you know until you know better, then do better.”***



*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**

Our weekly sport this term is tennis. We have Coach Kevin coming to our school to help us learn and play tennis. We have sent a permission note home for the whole school excursion to the Erowal Bay Tennis courts on Thursday 24 August and Thursday 14 September. Please return this along with payment by Monday 21 August.

Well done to our District Athletics competitors Blake, Dejan, Kiho, Luke, Haiden and Kizac. The boys did their best on the day and should be proud of the effort they put in.

*Dion Lalor*

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

**NIT BUSTER NOTE:** I have placed the permission note at the end of the newsletter again for those parents/guardians who have yet to return it to the office.

*Karen Morison*



## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Welcome and thank you to Micha James who has taken over the running of the canteen. The canteen is now open on Wednesdays instead of Thursday. We are in desperate need of more volunteers. Please contact the office [44478243](tel:44478243) or Micha on [0413 046 557](tel:0413046557) if you are able to help out.

## **PBL**

This fortnight, each class has been focussing upon the PBL values expected while using paths, ramps and visiting the office. It has been very pleasing to see the increase in students that have been using the PBL values for the playground and sandpit areas. Great Work!!

*Bonnie Cullen*

## **ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS**

### **Gardening Program**

Thank you to the Mobile Pre-School for lending us their wheelbarrows

This week students will be;

1. Mulching garden beds. (K/1/2)
2. Weed target asparagus fern on verge (3/4/5/6)

### **1/2 RED**

Thankyou to those parents who returned the homework survey for Term 3. For those parents who requested a combination of numeracy and reading tasks I will be sending home with your child a numeracy booklet. Your child may choose to complete one page per week or continue on at their own pace. These students will still be required to hand in homework each Friday to be marked. Could all students continue to read nightly. Thankyou for your co operation.

*Susan Porteous*

## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Presented at assembly Wednesday 9 August 2017**

### **MERIT AWARDS**

Kindy Blue - Elke James and Cliff Williams.

1-2 Red - Chloe Chilby and Aliyah Taylor.

3-6 Purple - Sealisha Buckley, Steven Blume and Haiden Taylor.

**STAR AWARDS** - Vimbai Dickson, Keira Forster and Lincoln Taylor.

### **PLAYGROUND STAR AWARDS**

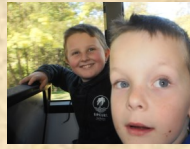
Sealisha Buckley, Dj Sankovic, Kiana Bowling, Lani Attard, Jai Henkel and Lincoln Taylor.

### **PRINCIPALS AWARD**

Sam O'Dowd, Vimbai Dickson and George Williams.



## BOOK WEEK AT BUNDANON



## DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



## ATHLETICS AWARD WINNERS







## **ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR 2018**

The Central Shoalhaven Mobile Preschool is a community owned, not for profit organisation. University and TAFE trained staff provide an educational program for children aged between 3 and 5 years, in a motivating setting to enhance each child's preparation for school. Proudly servicing the Shoalhaven area for over 40 years.

**We visit Callala Beach, Cambewarra, Falls Creek and Huskisson weekly**

We offer **before school care** commencing at 8.00am and finishing at 9.00am.

Preschool hours are from 9am - 3pm

Come along and give your child the opportunity to make new friends within the local area.

Subsidies are available.

**All enquiries welcome**

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**We are a registered Preschool not a Long Day Care facility**



## **NITBUSTERS**

### **Parent Consent Form**



**Health**

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 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 \_\_\_\_\_