



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## TALKABOUT

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**Term 3 - Week 7**

**Wednesday 30 August 2017**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Good luck to our students in 3-6 Purple, performing at the Shoalhaven Music Festival. Thank you Mr Lalor and Ms Cullen for your determination in getting them ready.

Our self-assessment report against the **School Excellence** Framework was validated this week. This means that our judgement of how our school performs in the domains of learning, teaching and leading have been determined as evident in our practice. More information regarding this, will be explained at the next **P&C meeting on 7th September**. The next phase of this process is to use this information to guide future planning for our school.

All students in Year 3 and Year 5 have received their NAPLAN results and we are very pleased with the information we gain from this about our teaching and learning strategies. In 2018, the NAPLAN assessment will take place online. In order to test the software and the implementation process a 'mock' NAPLAN assessment will be conducted with Year 3 and Year 5 students in week 9. There will be no results from this assessment as it is purely to check that the system works. **ALL Year 3 and Year 5 STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR OWN EARBUDS FOR THE ASSESSMENT.** Please send these to school in an envelope/bag with your child's name clearly marked as soon as possible by the **8th September**.

**CANBERRA EXCURSION:** The Year 4/5/6 excursion is coming around quickly, there are only 10 weeks to go! As advised in Talkabout (Term 2 week 9) the full cost of the excursion is \$300 which needs to be paid by Friday 3 November. This can be paid off online through the school website or at the office. We will be sending a full itinerary and medical form home with the students shortly.

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Last week, students were introduced to **robotics and coding**. They explored technology and innovative thinking. Students learnt how to work as a team, share ideas and be creative in their designs. It was a great experience for all students K-6 and we hope to continue experiences like these in the future. It was very



encouraging to see students using their growth mindset to help them when faced with various challenges. Check the photos on Facebook and Dojo. Go to [www.ggvancouver.com.au](http://www.ggvancouver.com.au) to find out more.

*Whatever you can do, or dream you can , begin it!*

*Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.*

*Jacqui Cavill*

## SPORT NEWS

Next Wednesday, 6th September students in stage 2 (Grades 3 and 4) will be participating in Milo Cup at Lyrebird Park Nowra East. Transport is by private vehicle to the grounds and we plan to arrive at 9:15 for a 9:30 start. We will leave the grounds at approximately 2:15pm. Please let myself or Mrs Morison in the office know if you can assist with transport.

Last Thursday we attended the Erowal Bay Tennis Courts for our tennis session with Coach Kevin. Students had an awesome time and are looking forward to our return to this awesome venue on Thursday 14th September in week 9.

*Dion Lalor*

## SHOALHAVEN MUSIC FESTIVAL

3-6 Purple worked very hard yesterday at the final rehearsal for the Shoalhaven Music Festival. The doors open tonight at 6:30pm and the show will begin at 7pm at Bomaderry High School. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$8 each. Students need to be there at 6.30pm and are to wear their summer uniform please (as it gets warm in there).



*Bonnie Cullen and Dion Lalor*

## ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Falls Creek School would like to extend a big thankyou to Phil Hansen, Team Leader Noxious Weeds, who provided a team from the Shoalhaven City Council, to spray the bindis on the oval and netball courts on Thursday 24th August.

It was voted number 1 priority on the student's list for this year.

Also, thanks to Kerry Thompson, Natural Areas Operations Officer, who provided the school with plastic guards and stakes to protect the ground covers and small shrubs that have been planted on the verge.

Thanks again Shoalhaven City Council for your support!

Week 7

Gardening activities include:

- Placing guards around shrubs on verge
- Mulching indigenous garden
- Weeding asparagus fern

*Susan Porteous*



## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Wednesday 30th August

Home Baking - Cliff Williams and Sue Lightowlers

Aldi Shopping - Sandra Xeureb

Canteen - Micha James, Precious Masunda 8:30am and Tara Malone 12:30pm

### Wednesday 6th September

Home Baking - Tara Malone

Aldi Shopping - Jo O'Dowd

Canteen - Jo Velder and Micha James

### Wednesday 13th September

Home Baking - Elke and Ross James

Aldi Shopping - Sandra Xeurub

Canteen - Sue Lightowlers and Micha James

### Wednesday 20th September

Home Baking - Volunteer needed

Aldi Shopping - Jo O'Dowd

Canteen - Jo O'Dowd and Micha James

*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.*



## FATHER'S

**Friday 1 September**  
(this Friday!!)



## DAY STALL

**\$5 per gift**

## P&C NEWS

**NEXT MEETING:** 7th September 2017

### Upcoming Events:

- Friday 1st September - Father's Day Stall
- Wednesday 20th September - Spring Working Bee
- Friday 27 October - Family Fun Disco

### SPORTS SHIRTS:

The P&C will be placing an order for school sports shirts to wear to school on sports days and special sports events. The cost of each shirt is \$40 and the P&C will subsidise this first order by paying \$20 per shirt. Payment is strictly **CASH ONLY** and may be paid to the canteen on Wednesday mornings. All orders must be made by Wed 20 Sep.



FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of shirts: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each (future shirts will be \$40)

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

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# IMPORTANT

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

For the safety of our students the staff car park is NOT to be used for dropping off/ picking up students from school or parent parking in general. It is for staff parking only.

Children getting on and off the bus need to walk through the car park and it makes it very dangerous if there is cars driving in and out. We appreciate your support in this matter with keeping our students safe at all times.



### **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**

Phone 44230571 / 0412928095 / 0432274244

[www.shoalhavenmobilepreschool.com.au](http://www.shoalhavenmobilepreschool.com.au)

We are a registered Preschool not a Long Day Care facility



## 1/2 Red 'World's Best Dad'

My dad is the world's best dad because he takes me to fun places like the pool.

He tucks me in at night and he gets me gifts.

I love my dad.

*By Fletcher.*

My dad is the world's best dad because he plays mine craft with me and we make new worlds.

We watch football games together and our team is the Dragons.

*By Elira.*

My dad is the world's best dad because he takes me for ice-cream and bike rides and tucks me in at bedtime. He plays Lego with me and takes me to the skate park.

I love my dad.

*By Kimberley.*

My dad is the world's best dad because he takes me fishing at Huskisson and he gives me really yummy desserts.

We do craft together and he helps me make pancakes.

*By Chloe.*

My dad is the world's best dad because when we go to Sydney, he stays home and feeds the horses. My dad is the best because he makes me laugh when he pulls a funny face.

I love my dad.

*By Abigail.*

My dad is the world's best dad because he takes me fishing at Woollamia. When we go home after fishing we have ice-cream.

Dad takes me on lots of adventures.

*By Thomas.*

My dad is the best dad because when he plays his guitar he pretends to smash it like a rock star. It is so funny that it makes me laugh.

I play with him a lot.

*By Vimbai.*

My dad is the world's best dad because he takes me to cool barbers in Sydney and gets me the best hair-cuts. He takes me shopping and gets me cool clothes and sometimes he takes me to Cronulla Beach and gets me surf lessons we also have ice-cream at the beach together.

*By Dejan.*





# SHOALHAVEN *Baseball*

## TRY T-BALL & JUNIOR BASEBALL DAYS

**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPT.** LIGHTHOUSE OVAL DEERING ST. ULLADULLA

**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPT.** ISON PARK HILLCREST AVE. SOUTH NOWRA

**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPT.** WOOL LANE SPORTING COMPLEX  
CAMMARAY DR. SANCTUARY POINT

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCT.** ISON PARK HILLCREST AVE. SOUTH NOWRA  
12pm – 2pm

AGES 4 YEARS TO 14 YEARS  
CANTEEN FACILITIES AVAILABLE  
SEASON INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

**-THIS IS A FREE EVENT-**

Children are invited to try T-Ball & Baseball, playing a range of games based around the skills of hitting, catching, throwing and base running with the Shoalhaven Mariners Baseball Association.

**Contact: Gabe Tate 0410 544756**

shoalhaven.marinersbc@gmail.com

[www.shoalhavenmariners.baseball.com.au](http://www.shoalhavenmariners.baseball.com.au)



## NOWRA "GIRLS ONLY" AFL AUSKICK

Every Thursday afternoon at 4.15 on the West St AFL field for 1 hour.

Greg Stephenson runs AFL Auskick for girls 4 to 11 years old.

Fun games, skills development and lots of fun is guaranteed.

Cost is \$50.00 and all girls get AFL pack (RRP \$65), insurance and 4 week program.

Call Greg on **0478 225 352** for more.

**WE NEED YOU**

**BECOME A CARESOUTH FOSTER CARER**

Vulnerable kids don't need a hero. They need you. Being a foster carer is one way you can help.

We currently need NEW carer families for children and young people in the Shoalhaven. We provide ongoing training and 24/7 support.

Call us today on 1300 554 260.

[www.caresouth.org.au](http://www.caresouth.org.au)

**EVERYDAY CareSouth**

**Father's Day Family Night**

**FREE**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 6-8pm**

Bring the family along for a great night of fun!

- Make a gift for dad
- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments will be provided
- Activities for the whole family
- Free gift wrapping

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book ask one of our team in-store or visit [www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au)

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