



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## TALKABOUT

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**Term 1 - Week 5**

**Wednesday 28 February 2018**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**District Swimming Carnival:** Congratulations to Kiho Luke, Miah Campbell and Declan Flear who all represented our school at last Friday's district swimming carnival. While they did not qualify for the regional carnival all students displayed great sportsmanship and gave their best in the pool.

**Attendance:** I attached a flyer for parents in our last edition of Talkabout that explained the Department's procedures about attendance and the importance of sending your child to school every day, unless they were sick. Ensuring your child is punctual to school every day helps to ensure that they do not miss any learning in the classroom. Of course, if children are genuinely sick it is important to keep them at home until they are well. However, some children will say they're sick when they don't want to come to school, especially if there are any issues with friends or classmates. It is important that parents and teachers discuss these matters and ensure children are attending school.

Congratulations to our new **P&C Executive for 2018**. Office bearers are as follows:

President: Mrs Vanessa Fisher

Secretary: Mrs Debbie Waller

Treasurer: Ms Kendall Roberts

Canteen co-ordinator: Ms Micha James

Vice President: Mr Matthew Cochrane

Executive: Ms Karoline Rabey

I want to thank the 2017 for their work and effort and look forward to working with this year's executive.

**Parking / driving on Vidler Road:** I have noticed some parents performing u-turns in front of the bus at home time on several occasions over the last few weeks. This is illegal and attracts heavy fines. We do have the council rangers and police patrol Vidler Road without notice and I would hate for parents to be fined. The u-turn bay at the southern end of Vidler Road should be used by all vehicles at all times.

**Bushfire Safety:** As we are classed as being in a high risk bushfire zone the Department has arranged for some of the undergrowth and tree canopy around the school to be thinned out and or removed to help prevent the spread of fire at our school. This will occur before the end of the term and will be carried out over several days. Any trees or shrubs close to buildings will be trimmed so as not to be overhanging buildings. Some trees on the eastern and western sides of the school will be cut back or removed.

**Evacuation Drills:** As part of our WHS practices at the school we are supposed to carry out regular evacuation and lockdown drills to prepare staff and students for an emergency. We are due to have an evacuation drill and to make it as realistic as possible only myself and Mrs Kelly in the office will know when the drill is occurring. It will be merely a practice and will assess our response time to the evacuation signal.

**School Photos:** These are on Thursday 15 March. Please ensure all order forms are returned in the photo envelope by photo day. Students are expected to wear full summer uniform. Please come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

*Nicole*

### **3 -6 Purple**

This past fortnight 3/6 purple have been working on addition strategies in mathematics as well as perimeter and area. We are starting to watch 'Behind The News' and practising notetaking in English. Students are practising their typing skills on 'Typing Tournament'.

We have had a slow start to home work being returned which will hopefully improve as the term continues.

### **Sport**

Congratulations to Kiho, Miah and Declan who represented Falls Creek P.S. at the District swimming carnival on Friday. They all did well in their heats but didn't quite make it to the regional carnival.

Congratulations again to Miah who was selected in the Zone AFL team. Good luck on Wednesday Miah at the district trials.

In week 7 we are planning to take junior and senior mixed teams for the Rod Wishart and Paul McGregor Cup. We have commenced training at school and are getting some assistance from the Dragons next week.

### **K – 2 Blue:**

**Library Day:** Our library day is on Monday. Please make sure your child brings in their library book (in a bag) every Monday so they can borrow a new book each week.

**Home Readers:** It's great to see quite a few Year 1 and 2 students returning their home readers every day. It would be even better if students returned them daily. For those students who are becoming more independent in their reading and are borrowing chapter books from the library it is okay to record these in the home reading diaries each night. Children will read books that interest them and these books are usually a bit more engaging than home readers, especially at the higher levels. Kindergarten will start borrowing home readers in a few weeks.

**Maths:** This week we are learning about multiplication and making equal groups and will be learning about division next week. We're building our knowledge about numbers each day by thinking of number sentences that equal the day's date. For example, on Monday students in Year 1 and 2 had to think of number sentences equalling 26. It's great to see so many of the students using their knowledge about numbers to think of more complex number sentences.

I am away today and won't be here on Thursday either. Mrs Howell has taught the class today and Ms Cullen will have the class tomorrow.

*Ms Humphreys*



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS Presented at assembly Wednesday

### **MERIT AWARDS**

K—2 Blue - Lexie Biggs, Josie Russell, Elke James, Jackson Xuereb, Destaney Butfield, Errol Malone

3—6 Purple - Courtney Daley, Torlea Blume, Evia Wild, Kizac Bowling, Miah Campbell, Thomas Russell

### **STAR AWARDS**

Bronze - Abigail Findlay

Gold - Keira Forster



## Autumn fruits

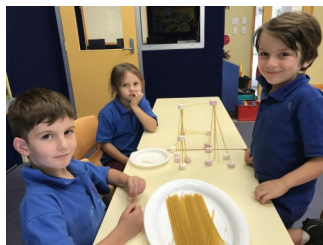
Autumn brings delicious fruits and salad vegetables for students to enjoy during Crunch&Sip<sup>â</sup>. Crunchy cucumber, crisp snow peas, sweet cherry tomatoes and delicious plums are all in season at the moment and they taste great!

A mini salad of chopped cucumber, snow peas, cherry tomatoes and carrot sticks makes a tasty and colourful Crunch & Sip<sup>â</sup> snack. Small plums are great for small hands, or give your child a kiwifruit that has been sliced in half and wrapped in plastic film.

Ms Cullen

During science this term K/2 have been very busy using their senses to observe and explore changes to everyday materials such as ice, spaghetti strands and chocolate. During their upcoming experiments they will also be studying the effects of heating and cooling.

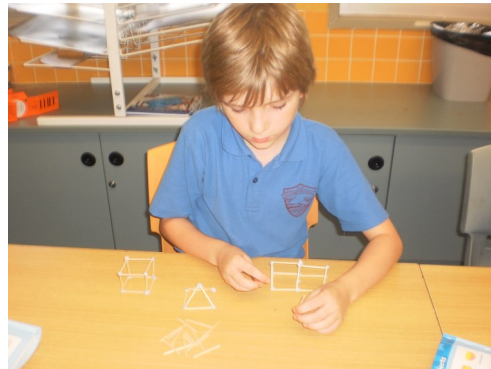
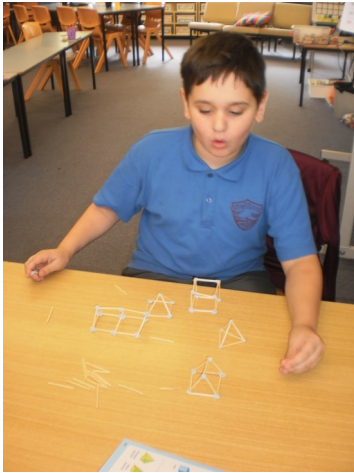
3/6 are exploring the life cycle of flowering plants. They are observing the similarities among different plants and investigating relationships between the stages (seed, seedling, adult plant, flower and fruit) and the processes of germination and pollination.



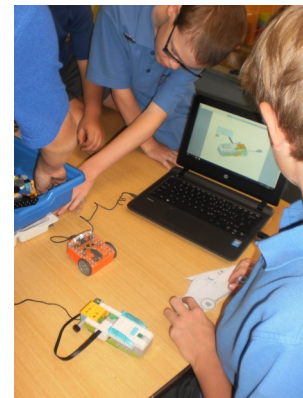
K/1/2 exploring the properties of cooked and uncooked spaghetti

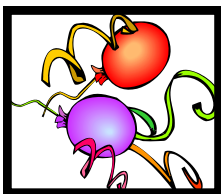


## STAGE 2 EXPLORED 3D OBJECTS

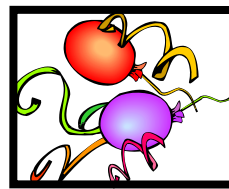


## STAGE 3 CONSTRUCTED A LEGO ROBOTIC HELICOPTER USING CODING ON THE COMPUTER





# Happy Birthday!



**Happy Birthday to the following students who  
celebrate their birthday in March**

15 March—Emily Sammut



## **VACANCIES AVAILABLE**

The Central Shoalhaven Mobile Preschool is a Community Based not for profit organisation operating for 41 years in the Shoalhaven area.

We provide educational programs designed for preschool children aged between 3 - 5 years, by fully qualified staff in a caring environment. Allow your child to make new friends within the local area. **Subsidy available.**

We operate from Falls Creek Public School Hall on Tuesdays of the school term.

**PRESCHOOL HOURS:** 9.00am - 3.00pm

**ADDITIONAL HOURS:** 8.00am - 9.00am

All enquiries please phone our office on **44230571/0432274244** or call in at our venue.

# Reinforcing safety in school zones



## Seven new school zone traffic offences

1. Stopping in intersection - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.

To help schools keep the school zone safer for all pedestrians and drivers there are seven new traffic infringements with new fines.

2. Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.

None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but in a school zone they each come with two points.

The changes are:

3. Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.

All updated school zone offences can be located through Roads and Maritime: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>

4. Stop near bicycle crossing lights - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.

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5. Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.

6. Not parallel park in the direction of travel - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.

7. Parallel park close to dividing line - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit

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# CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to Jo Velder, Shelly Flear, Tara Malone, Micha James and Jo O'Dowd for volunteering to be on the Canteen Subcommittee that will meet once a term.

The purpose of this group is to work with the Canteen Coordinator to organise and control administration of the Canteen, to write a report and a financial statement to present at a P&C Meeting and ensure the Canteen is meeting the mandatory guidelines under the Nutrition In School Policy. If you have any feedback, questions or suggestions, please speak to one of the Canteen Subcommittee members so we can discuss it at our next meeting. The Canteen Coordinator, Micha James, can be contacted on 0413046557 or at [fallscreekpscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:fallscreekpscanteen@gmail.com)

## Canteen Roster

Wednesday 7th March

Food Shopping - Sandra Xuereb

Canteen - Tara Malone and Micha James

Wednesday 14th March

Food Shopping - Jo O'Dowd

Canteen - Shelly Flear and Micha James

We're still looking for volunteers for Fridays, so we can consider opening a second day again. Please don't hesitate to volunteer because you may have to cancel Canteen when offered casual work at short notice as we can work around that. Even volunteering once a term and as little as an hour is still a great help.





## P & C NEWS

Thank you to all the parents and Ms Humphreys for attending our AGM last week. Tara Malone, Ross James and Tamie Harvie have all resigned from their roles and I would like to thank them all for volunteering their time in 2017 and for the first few weeks of this term.

The volunteers for 2018 are Vanessa Fisher as President, Matt Cochrane as Vice President, Kendal Roberts as Treasurer, Debbie Waller as Secretary, Karolyn Rabey as an Executive Member, Micha James as Canteen Coordinator and a 5 member Canteen Subcommittee.

The P&C have voted to again subsidise our students \$43 sports shirts so that families will only have to pay \$20 per shirt. This subsidy applies to all shirts ordered, not just the student's first shirt as previously stated. Order forms will be sent home with students and the money and form can be returned on a Wednesday to the Canteen. Once the order is made, these shirts take 6-8 weeks to be delivered.

### 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 \$43 and the P&C will subsidise ALL orders by paying \$23 per shirt.**

**Payment is strictly CASH ONLY and may be paid to the canteen on Wednesday mornings.**

**All orders must be made by Wed 14 March 2018.**

**The order form is attached to the newsletter or available from the office**

### Shoalhaven High School Information Evening

For students coming to Year 7 in 2019 and parents/carers

**Monday 5th March 2018 6.00 to 7.00pm**

Shoalhaven High School Hall, 60 Park Road NOWRA EAST

- Come along and find out about the school
- Start the learning journey your child will be on with us from 2019 to HSC Year 2024
- Meet your child's Year Adviser who will help guide your child through the next 6 years
- Find out about the different subjects and take a tour of the school
- Learn about why we are proud to teach at Shoalhaven High School

Our range of courses provides a rigorous academic suite of custom programs to suit university candidates, as well as courses that cater for early career starters, trade and practical options.

For more information please call the SHS Transition Co-ordinator, Jocelyn Fox on 4421 8022





## BERRY DISTRICT PARK Children's Consultation

**Sunday, 25 March 10am - 12pm**  
**North St Park, Berry**

Refreshments will be served.

**Ages 0-18 welcome**

For more information: 4429 3111 - Liliana Hutchinson

**Rotary**  
Club of Berry



Department of  
Primary Industries



Recreational  
Fishing Trusts

## Kids' fishing workshop



Kids 8–14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for *best release techniques*.

**COST is \$40 PER CHILD**, and includes \* rod and reel combination  
\* shirt \* hat \* tackle box  
\* show bag—all to take home!

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.**  
Maximum 25 participants.

### Locations and Dates

Batemans Bay	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	April 2018
Tuross Head	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	April 2018
Merimbula	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	April 2018
Lake Illawarra	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	April 2018
Greenwell Point	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	April 2018

**To book:** e-mail [stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au) or ring Stephen Thurstan, 0438 245 190

**Web details:** <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/workshop>

NSW DPI fishing workshops are run with the assistance of the Fishcare Volunteers and are supported by funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts

# SPORTS SHIRTS ORDER FORM

## 2018

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

Total number of shirts: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each

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

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

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_