



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

TALKABOUT

Phone: 4447 8243 Fax: 4447 8023

E-mail: fallscreek-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Web: fallscreek-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Term 2 - Week 3

Wednesday 16 May 2018

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAPLAN: Students in Years 3 and 5 are currently completing NAPLAN assessments. They completed assessments for Writing and Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) yesterday. Today is the Reading assessment with the Numeracy assessment to be completed tomorrow. Results will be sent to schools in August.

Sydney Symphony Orchestra Excursion: We have been given the opportunity for all students to attend the schools performance by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra next Wednesday, 23 May at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre. The school has paid for the tickets so that all we are asking parents to pay for is the cost of the bus. Permission note is on the back page.

This is a unique opportunity for students to see how an orchestra works and hear some great music. All students are expected to attend as tickets have been purchased for the whole school. Please return notes and money to school by next Monday 21 May.

Uniform: Please make sure your child is wearing a school jumper to school now that the weather is cooler. Jumpers are available to purchase from the school office. Second hand uniforms are also available to purchase.

Please make sure all jumpers are labelled with your child's name so that we can return them when they are left on the oval or not put in school bags correctly.

Behaviour: Teachers have noticed over the last few weeks that some students have not been following our school values as well as they normally do. We have had several instances where primary students are not doing the right thing or setting a good example for our younger students. I have spoken to individual parents about their children, where necessary.

We expect all students to follow our school values: safety, trust, achievement and respect (STAR).

Please come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Nicole

K/2 BLUE

Happy Mother's Day to all our mums for last weekend. I hope you enjoyed receiving your hand painted original designed vase from your children. Just a reminder - they cannot hold water!

In maths this week we are learning about different strategies for addition and building our knowledge of addition facts.

We are continuing to learn how to write information reports and Year 2 are learning more about taking notes from reference books to write information reports.

Ms Humphreys

3/6 PURPLE

In English this term we are revising the text structure and language features of narrative writing.

In maths we are estimating, measuring and calculating volume and capacity.

We are continuing our geography unit and taking our focus beyond Australia and investigating how different climates can influence the vegetation and animals in different parts the world.

Susan Porteous & Dion Lalor

SPORT

FISST Cross Country 2018

Congratulations to all of our students that participated in the FISST Cross Country Carnival last week. The following students are now proceeding to the District Cross Country Carnival - Declan, Liam, Chrystel, Kiho, Kaleb, Casey, Tatum and Steven. Kizac also made it through but unfortunately due to an injury cannot compete.

Good luck everyone!

Sporting Schools Program

This term (commencing this Friday) the students will be receiving coaching in golf as part of the Sporting Schools Program.

Yours in sport , Dion



This week during Health K/2 are learning how to identify hazardous substances and the safe keeping and use of medicines. 3/6 are studying how to deal with a varied range of emergency situations and contact the required services.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

The PBL focus for this fortnight is:

After school we display:		
Safety	Trust	Respect
<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Walk in bus line with the teacher★ Stay in your seat on the bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Have your bus pass ready★ Ask the teacher before going to the toilet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Sit and wait★ Listen to the bus driver
★ Achieve ★		



Rainy day activities

Keeping kids active and occupied during wet days can be challenging. Here are some active play ideas for children indoors:

- build a cubby house with sheets, chairs or cardboard boxes
- play hide and seek
- play basket softball and see how many times you can throw a foam ball into a washing basket
- keep increasing the distance to make it more challenging
- have a dance competition or disco at home
- set a limit on the amount of time children spend in front of a screen (tv, computer etc).



Stewart House LAST CHANCE TO ENTER!

Win a \$4000 Holiday to a destination of your choice.

Your donation supports the 1800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and ACT.

Please place \$2 in the envelope provided with the last newsletter and return to the school office. Fill in your contact details on the back of the envelope. You may enter as many times as you like. More envelopes are available from the office. Entries must be returned to school by Thursday 17 May. The draw will take place on Friday 25 May.

Seven new school zone traffic offences

February 2018

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

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:

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.
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.
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.
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.
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 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>

Information for parents on changes to the SkoolBag App

Changes to the SkoolBag App

Instructions for parents

SkoolBag is in the process of upgrading your school's mobile app to give you greater control over the notifications you receive and the content which is shown to you.

This process is managed by the school and you do not need to upgrade your app. However, when your school instigates the upgrade, you will notice some changes.

User Registration

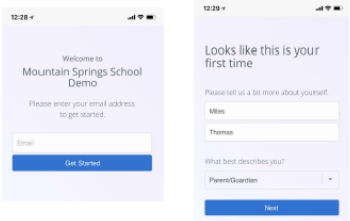
You will be prompted to register with a username and password. This will enable users to save their Group Subscription settings across devices.



You will be sent an email address to verify your account. These details will be saved to allow for quick access in the future.


Your account details allow you to log into the SkoolBag app on different devices and see the same groups and subscription settings.

After logging in, you will be prompted to subscribe to groups.

You'll see these registration screens after your school upgrades. If you have any issues when registering, please refer to this [article](#).








Changes to the SkoolBag App

Instructions for parents


Notifications



Once you login, you will be able to personalise your group and notification preferences. All recent, unseen notifications can be found by clicking the bell icon in the top right corner of the app.




Groups

Notices sent to the whole school will still appear in the 'Home' section. However, information published to Content Groups will appear in the Groups Tab. You can modify your Group Subscriptions at any time.

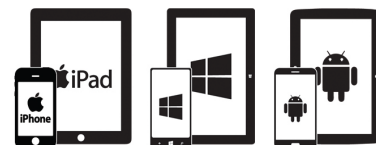






SkoolBag is a great way to keep up with what's happening at our school. Alerts and reminders are sent out regularly to keep parents up to date as well you can receive the newsletter each fortnight. If you would like to download the App there are instructions on the following page.

EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

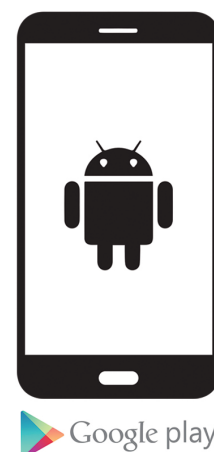
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

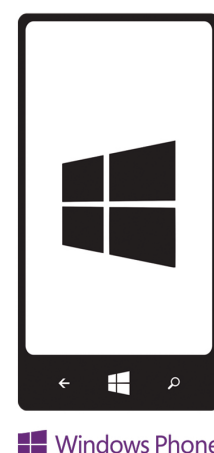


Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

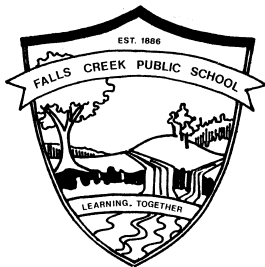
Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.



FISST CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Look at our amazing cross country athletes in the final stages of their run as they take on 'heart break' hill.





Falls Creek Public School

26 Vidler St

Falls Creek 2540

Phone 02 44478243 Fax 02 44478023

email: fallscreek-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

N. Humphreys: Principal

Sydney Symphony Orchestra - Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

Wednesday 23 May 2018

On Wednesday 23 May, 2018 the whole school will be attending the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre to watch and hear an orchestral performance by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. You would normally need to travel to the Opera House for a concert like this, but they are touring regional areas to give students the opportunity to experience the delight of an orchestra. These Schools Concert performances are created specifically with school children in mind, designed to be educational and interactive.

The concert will include:

- Polka Dots and Moonbeams
- **Beethoven** Symphony No.5, Movement 1
- **Elgar** Sea Pictures, Where Corals Lie
- **Shostakovich** The Golden Age, Movement 111
- **Smetana** Overture from The Bartered Bride

COST: The school is covering the cost of the concert and we asking **\$6** per child for the cost of the bus.

The bus will leave school at 9:15am and return to school at approximately 1pm.

Children need to be in school uniform and will need to bring a packed recess and lunch, along with a water bottle as we will be having lunch in the park before returning to school.

Nicole Humphreys
(Principal)

Please fill in the permission note and return it to school before Monday 21 May 2018.

Sydney Symphony Orchestra - Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

Wednesday 23 May 2018

I GIVE / DO NOT GIVE permission for my child/children.....to attend
the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre on Wednesday 23 May, 2018.

I understand transport will be by bus and have included the \$6 fee.

Signed.....
Parent/Guardian