



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

TALKABOUT

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Term 2 - Week 7

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last Friday our students attended a performance here at school. Tapstar is a water conservation show sponsored by Shoalhaven City Council. Teachers reported that all students enjoyed the show and they should be hard at work helping to conserve water at home and school.

Semester One Reports: These will be sent home on Friday 29 June with all students. At the same time an invitation to attend parent/teacher interviews on Wednesday 4 July will also be sent home. You will be asked to return a slip to school on Monday 2 July listing 3 preferred times for an interview. Teachers will send a confirmation slip home on Tuesday with the scheduled time for the interview on Wednesday. We will attempt to accommodate parents with students in each class, where possible. Interviews will be 15 minutes. If more time is required parents and teachers can arrange a suitable time on another day to meet.

Wireless upgrade: Our school's wireless network is being upgraded. Department staff have planned for where the new wireless hubs will go (including 2 external hubs) and some of the hardware has already arrived. I have approved the scope of works and the department has put the job out to tender. Once this is decided then work will be able to start.

This upgrade will ensure that all wireless devices (laptops and ipads) successfully connect to the internet and should help with our ability to complete NAPLAN testing online.

NAPLAN online: We will be completing an online readiness test again next term for students in Years 3 and 5 this year – it will be only used to judge our readiness of technology. As per last year, no student results will be released.

I am attending training for this in Week 1 of next term.

Attendance and absence slips: Please make sure your children are attending school every day. If they are sick, please contact the office or complete the absence note through the school app. Appointments for such things as dentists should be made outside school hours where possible. Every absence builds up and can make a big difference to the amount of learning at school that your child misses.

The legislation is very clear that all children between the ages of 6 and 17 must attend school daily, unless sick.

Student Banking: Will cease at the end of this term due to lack of participants. We can not expect our volunteer helper (Mrs Sammut) to give up her time to process the deposits and then drive in to Nowra for 1 or 2 students using the program. Students/parents will still be able to deposit money at the bank themselves. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause and wish to thank Mrs Sammut for all her help.

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

Nicole

K/2 BLUE

For the last 2 weeks in maths we have been learning about multiplication and division. Students have been busy organising hands on materials into equal groups and making equal shares. Relating division to sharing out lollies or food children love helps them to grasp the idea of sharing a lot quicker!

In spelling Years 1 and 2 are learning about blends that are usually found at the beginning of words. They are having a great time trying to think of more words than are on their weekly list. Kinder are now learning about phonemes (sounds) that are not made with a single letter. They have been learning about th, sh, ch, ai and will also be learning about ow, oo, ee, ck, ar and oi. This will take their learning about sounds to the end of the term.

It's great to see almost all of Kinder returning their home readers daily. This regular practice and reading at home is helping their reading progress in class. Its also great to see the Kinder students practicing their new list of sight words each night. Revising older lists would also be helpful for them with their reading.

Unfortunately, Year 1 and 2 students aren't changing their home readers as regularly. Regular reading does make a difference to students confidence and skill development.

Ms Humphreys

3/6 PURPLE

This week students are working in pairs on their narratives paying attention to appropriate text structure, language and features. They are using a narrative writing checklist during the writing process. In quick maths each morning students race the clock to complete units that revise space, measurement, position number, chance and data concepts.

Susan Porteous & Dion Lalor

This week during science, K/2 are examining the features, habitat and behaviour of snails.

3/6 are continuing to explore earthquakes. This week they are further investigating the role of a seismologist and the use of a seismometer to record the size of waves produced by earthquakes.

During PBL this fortnight we are focussing upon the positive behaviour expected after school (home time and bus).



TURN OFF SCREENS + get active!

Screens can be great! For learning, recreation and communication, but too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to find a balance between inactive time and active play.

HOW MUCH SCREEN TIME EVERYDAY?		
0-2 years	❌ NO screen time	Increase active play and limit sedentary activities to less than 1 hour at a time
2-5 years	🕒 Less than 1 HOUR per day	A reduction in screen time can improve sleep patterns and physical development
5-12 years	🕒 Less than 2 HOURS per day	Excluding homework time

** Based on Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines 2014

**MAKE
HEALTHY
NORMAL**

This resource has been developed by Western Sydney Local Health District, published October 2017

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 ★

SPORT

This term the students will be receiving coaching in golf as part of the Sporting Schools Program. The FISST athletics carnival is on Thursday 28 June. More information will be sent home shortly.

Yours in sport , Dion

BOOK CLUB

Issue 4 - please return orders to school by Friday 15 June.

P & C NEWS

Thank you to everyone for supporting our cupcake day, it was a great success. Don't forget to return the note (attached to newsletter) for the Movie Night on the Friday 22 June.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Presented at assembly Wednesday 6 June 2018

MERIT AWARDS

K/2 Blue - Destaney Butfield, Lacey Fisher, Jai Henkel, Errol Malone, Eliza O'Dowd, Zai Roberts and Jackson Xuereb.

3-6 Purple - Steven Blume, Torlea Blume, Kizac Bowling, Oscar Gregg, Kiho Luke and Evia Wild.

BRONZE AWARDS - Lacey Fisher, Zai Roberts, Audrey Waller, Jackson Xuereb, Eliza O'Dowd and Lexie Biggs.

GOLD AWARDS - Abigail Findlay, Sam O'Dowd.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Based on the classic Australian children's story by Ethel C. Pedley, this modernised version explores the habitat and conservational challenges of the Shoalhaven's local flora and fauna.

Starring local adult and child performers, this 1 hour production is suitable for all ages, from the very young, to the young at heart. An educational, as well as entertaining, production, which will teach you more about your local area and its furred and feathered inhabitants.

DATES:

Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, Nowra

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June

Tickets: shoalhavenentertainment.com.au

Livewire Studios, Ulladulla

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June

Tickets: livewiretheatre.com



TAPSTAR



GOLF COACHING





SAVE THE DATE!!

Friday 22nd June 2018 - Commencing at 6.30pm

Cost: \$10 per person / \$25 per family
Sausage sizzle and dessert included



Attendance numbers and payment required by Friday 15th June 2018



Family Name:	No. of People Attending:	No. of Sausage Sandwiches Required:	Payment Amount \$10pp or \$25 Family