



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 3 - Week 1

Wednesday 25 July 2018

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3 – I hope everyone had a chance to relax with their families over the holiday break. We have another jam packed term with various events occurring throughout the term.

NAPLAN online readiness test: In Week 6 of this term Years 3 and 5 will be participating in online NAPLAN assessments. Years 3 and 5 will both complete an omnibus test (a combination of literacy and numeracy tasks) and Year 5 will also complete a Writing assessment. These tests are to assess the system and online platform to ensure that it will work in 2019. Students will not be assessed on their tests and no results or reports will be issued.

If you have any questions about these online readiness tests please come and see me.

Next week our school will have installed upgraded wireless hubs in all classrooms and administration areas. We will have technicians here for the latter half of next week to install cabling and the new wireless hubs. This upgrade is being funded by the Department and will ensure our students are able to use a variety of wireless devices at school.

FISST Athletics Carnival: This is being held this Friday 27 July. We are relying on parent transport to get students to and from the venue as a bus will be expensive. Please ensure notes have been returned to school. Thank you to those parents who are able to transport students.

These are just a few of the things happening in the first few weeks of term. Education week is in Week 3 and we will be having a Jump Rope for Heart Day as part of our celebrations during this week. Please see later in the newsletter for more information.

Please come and see me if you have questions or concerns. My office day is on Friday.

Nicole

K/2 BLUE

Welcome back to everyone. I hope all the K-2 students enjoyed their holidays and listened to their parents.

For History this term we will be learning about present and past family life. As part of this we will be discussing our family trees. I will send home a sheet for students to complete with their parents asking them to list their parents, siblings and grandparents. Your assistance in completing this form is greatly appreciated.

We will be learning about imaginative texts this term so students will be writing stories and descriptions of characters as well.

Nicole

3/6 PURPLE

Welcome back to all 3/6 purple students. We're straight back into work starting with homework in week 1. Much to the delight of students!

The History topic this term is 'Australia as a Nation'. This unit of study will move from colonial Australia to the development of Australia as a nation after 1901.

Our English unit will address the informative text type; specifically, how to write a well structured text.

In 'fast' maths we are revising all operations.

The school would appreciate any donations of large sheets (boxes) of cardboard to use in our gardening program.

Susan Porteous & Dion Lalor

SPORT

The FISST athletics carnival is on this Friday 27 July. A new permission note was sent home last term with all primary students, please fill out and send back to school with payment (if you haven't already paid) by Wednesday 25 July. It is a school expectation that all students attend the carnival as it forms part of their learning.

Yours in sport , Dion

Ms Cullen

Shoalhaven Music Festival Permission Notes – Due This Friday

ALL students in 3-6 Purple are participating in the Shoalhaven Music Festival that will be performed at Bomaderry High School in Week 7 of this term.

Our **first rehearsal** will be held at Illaroo Road Public School on **Tuesday 31 July**. This is a full day rehearsal.

Permission note and payment needs to be returned to school by this Friday.

Heart Foundation

Jump Rope for Heart



Falls Creek Public School are very excited to be participating in Jump Rope for Heart.

Jump Rope for Heart has been getting little Aussies active for 35 years while raising vital funds for the Heart Foundation who fund research, education, prevention, support and other activities to stop heart disease - Australia's biggest killer.

There are heaps of benefits that come from participation in the program. Not only will the students get active and have fun, there are lots of great prizes for those who reach fundraising milestones.

A sponsorship form will be issued to each student and you can also register online so that friends and family can donate online as well.



Our Jump-Off date is Tuesday 7th August.



KINDERGARTEN 2019

If you have a child or know of a child in the area who will be attending Falls Creek PS in 2019 please contact the office with your details.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Presented at assembly Wednesday 4 July 2018

MERIT AWARDS

K/2 Blue - Isabella Barker, Lexie Biggs, Errol Malone, Aiden Butfield, Keira Forster and Sam O'Dowd.

3-6 Purple - Chrystel Buckley, Chloe Chilby, Oscar Gregg, Emily Sammut, Kizac Bowling and Mason McNab.

BRONZE AWARDS - Simba Dickson, Corey Fisher, Tatum Randall and Elyssa Haskins.

SILVER AWARDS - Vimbai Dickson, Audrey Waller, Lacey Fisher, Zai Roberts and Jackson Xuereb.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Students celebrated NAIDOC week by sharing their aboriginal stories at assembly.





Saturday, August 4th

NOWRA LIBRARY

Free Children's Festival

10am: Story time and craft

You're never too young to discover the joys of reading! Settle in and enjoy a story and some craft activities. (Age 2-5)

11am to 12: A remarkable appearance by Tim Harris

A fun writing workshop by the author of the Mr Bambuckles series for kids aged 8 and over.

1.30 to 2.30 Meet Jackie French

Jackie will be awarding some special (book) prizes for those who wear costumes. Categories are:

- Best koala or wombat* (any age)
- A 'book parade' with a difference: Prizes for the best book costume... not a favourite character from a book, but the book itself.

'Book parade' awards will be given in the following categories: Under 10, 10-16, adult, over 65.

*Kangaroos will be disqualified, but may compete in the Best Book Costume (Don't forget to register)



Meet Allison Tait



A.L. Tait is the internationally published bestselling author of two middle-grade adventure series: The Ateban Cipher and The Mapmaker Chronicles. Allison is Director of the Childrens' Festival and will be signing books and taking selfies!

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