



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## TALKABOUT

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**Term 3 - Week 3**

**Wednesday 8 August 2018**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**Education Week:** this week we celebrate Education Week. The theme for this year is "Today's schools - creating tomorrow's world". This is something that we do everyday of the school year in our classrooms. We support our students in developing the skills and knowledge they need to become contributing members of the future. We ask them to think creatively and problem solve. These are important skills for the future as many of our students will be employed in jobs and industries that are yet to be developed.

We held our annual Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off as part of Education Week yesterday. Despite the windy afternoon all students had a great time and received a free skipping rope. It has been great to see students practicing their skipping and learning new tricks and skills with both short and long ropes. Skipping is a great fitness activity and easy to do. We hope all students use their ropes regularly and build their skills for next year.

**District Athletics Carnival:** Good luck to those students competing at this Friday's District Athletics Carnival at Shoalhaven High School. The high jump event is being held on Thursday. We wish you all well and know you will try your best. Don't forget to return your notes and money to school.

**Connecting Country Schools:** Our wireless upgrade was completed last week. We now have 6 internal wireless hubs and 2 external hubs for students to access the internet. This major upgrade will also ensure a successful transition to online NAPLAN assessments.

**NAPLAN online readiness test:** As I mentioned in our last Talkabout Years 3 and 5 will be participating in online NAPLAN assessments in week 6 of this term. 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. My office day is on Friday.*

*Nicole*

## **K/2 BLUE**

This week we have welcomed a new student to our class. Toby started in Year 1 on Monday and everyone in the class is making him feel welcome. I know he's going to enjoy his time here at our great school.

We have started our History unit comparing past family life to how we live today. Thank you to those parents who helped their children complete their family tree. Everyone enjoyed sharing their family tree and we were able to discuss how families are the same and different. We have started talking about how families today spend their leisure time and go for holidays and comparing this to 'the olden days'.

This week we are learning more about addition for maths and also working on our narrative writing.

*Nicole*

## **3/6 PURPLE**

This week in Maths 3/4 are completing work on 3-digit addition without trading whilst 5/6 are adding and estimating.

In English we are discussing the purpose of informative writing and learning about the text features found in this writing form. We are also watching a video on informational writing and completing an informative text sorting activity.

Each week students are encouraged to present their homework by Friday and put a sticker on the homework chart next to their name. Unfortunately there are few stickers on the chart to date!

Well done 3/6 on the massive gardening task achieved last week in tackling the asparagus fern in the garden near the carpark. We are certainly on top of this invasive weed due to your hard work.

Good luck to Liam Henkel for entering his drawing of the Pied Oystercatcher in the Threatened Species Children's Art Competition. Finalists will be announced soon!

*Susan Porteous & Dion Lalor*

## SPORT

Good luck to those competing at the District Athletics Carnival this week.

At the recent FISST Athletics Carnival our school placed third! Well done to all who tried their best. Congratulations also to Kaleb Flear for being named the 11yrs Boys Champion at the carnival. He is competing in every event at the District Carnival!

I want to personally thank Rochelle Flear and Tara Malone for transporting students to the FISST Athletics Carnival. Their support of our students is greatly appreciated and ensures we don't have to cover expensive bus hires to get our students to events.

*Yours in sport , Dion*

## Ms Cullen

**Shoalhaven Music Festival** - Audience tickets can be purchased from our office for \$10 each. Our next rehearsal is Wednesday 5th September and our performance is Thursday 6th September 2018. Both of these will be at Bomaderry High School.

### Jump Rope For Heart

Our students had a fantastic day yesterday at our Jump Rope for Heart 'Jump Off' Day. Sponsorship forms need to be handed into the office by Thursday. As of today our school has raised over \$1500.



Congratulations to our Jump Off Challenge champions - Zai, Jai, Destaney, Vimbai, Torlea, Declan, Casey, Blake, Klho and Kizac.



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Presented at assembly Wednesday 1 August 2018

### MERIT AWARDS

K/2 Blue - Elyssa Haskins, Ryleigh Wild and Jackson Xuereb.

3-6 Purple - Declan Flear, Evia Wild, Emily Sammut and Torlea Blume.

Ms Cullen - Destaney Butfield, Mason McNab and Courtney Daley.

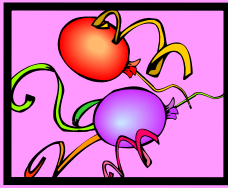
**BRONZE AWARDS** - Destaney Butfield, Ryleigh Wild and Abigail Findlay

**SILVER AWARDS** - Lexie Biggs.

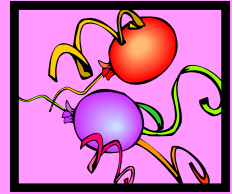
**GOLD AWARDS** - Errol Malone.







# Happy Birthday!



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

Chloe Chilby - 4 August  
Toby Bate - 10 August  
Audrey Waller - 24 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.



**PULSE**  
made alive in Christ

**Fridays 5pm - 6:30**

Year 6 ONLY  
Fun and Games  
NBC Church Hall  
Free

Contact: Bessie Weissel  
0416 197 664

This is a group to help bridge the gap between Holiday Kids Club and attending Pulse (Youth group) in term 4.

Past attendance at Kids Club is not a requirement, all are welcome.

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**