



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 4 - Week 7

Wednesday 28 November 2018

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Stage 3 Berry Sport and Rec Camp: I took the opportunity to visit the Stage 3 students on Monday night and spent some time with them during the night activities. They all seemed to be having a great time and I'm sure will be very tired this afternoon when they arrive home.

I'd like to thank Ms Porteous and Tania Lingard for accompanying the students on camp and also Mr Lalor for helping out on Monday afternoon. I'd like to offer a further thank you to the parents and grandparents who provided transport for our students to get to and from camp.

Presentation Night: this is being held on Monday 10 December at 6.00pm here at school. All students are expected to attend the night. They will all be performing on the night as well as receiving an award. Our school captains and vice captains will be leading the assembly. Students are required to wear full summer uniform.

Year 7 2019 Orientation: Some of our Year 6 students are attending further orientation days at their new high schools in the coming weeks. This is a great chance for them to meet some new friends and get to know the layout of their new school. I am sure that those students attending the days at Vincentia HS and Shoalhaven HS will have a great time.

Semester 2 reports: These will be sent home with students on Friday 14 December. Teachers are currently finalising comments ready for printing.

PBL Reward Day: This will be held on Wednesday 19 December here at school. The activities are yet to be finalised.

The last school day for students in 2018 is **Wednesday 19 December**.

Students in **Years 1 - 6 return to school** in 2019 on **Wednesday 30 January** and Kinder students

start school on Thursday 31 January.

“The String Family”: The students enjoyed the performance and the chance to participate in dancing with the String Family last Wednesday. Mrs Cullen has also uploaded a video to Facebook.

FISST Swimming Carnival: We would like to give parents/carers prior notice regarding the FISST Swimming Carnival which will be held on the Monday 4 February 2019 (2nd week back to school). We will be sharing a bus with Terara PS and notes will be sent home the first day back when we have confirmed the cost. Students in Years 3 to 6 are eligible to attend and any Year 2 student who turns 8 in 2019. They must be able to swim 50 metres to compete.

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

Nicole

K/2 BLUE

This is the last week of library borrowing for students. All books will need to be returned to school by next Thursday 6 December so that we can complete the annual stocktake of library resources. Please have a good look around at home for any overdue books as you may be charged a fee to replace them.

We are very busy finishing up work for the year and some of us are even learning some of next year’s maths concepts!! We’ve also had fun with Stage 2 students joining us this week and have enjoyed opening the doors up between our room and Mrs Cullen’s to share some learning.

Home readers and homework will finish in week 9. Please have a look around at home for any unreturned home readers and send them back to school with your children. If they are lost we ask for a small donation.

Nicole

3/6 PURPLE

Our Stage 3 students have had a great time at camp and have plenty of great stories to share. They will need to rest up tonight and be ready to learn for the rest of this week.

Students are participating in a virtual excursion on Friday to learn more about State Parliament.

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Susan Porteous & Dion Lalor

P&C NEWS

Just to let you know that unfortunately we were unable to hold the P&C meeting last night as we failed to meet the quorum requirements for a membership of less than 50 (we require no less than 5 members in attendance).

The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 5th February 2019 at 5.30pm. If we fail to meet quorum at this meeting then the P&C Federation needs to be contacted to have a discussion about increasing parent engagement. I guess at this point we run the risk of the P&C being dissolved which would be a shame for the school and students.

Unfortunately the response to our request for volunteers for the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser in January 2019 has not gone well as the only volunteers were myself and Nicole. There were a couple of other people who spoke to me and may be able to volunteer but at this stage have not been able to commit to the day. Ideally we would have at least a dozen if not fifteen volunteers to cover the shifts during the day, so we fell well short. I will email Bunnings to tell them we do not have enough volunteers for this date and cancel this fundraiser. I will also ask if they could allocate a date later in next year, and hopefully we will be able to encourage enough volunteers for a future date.

Deb Waller

Secretary

Canteen Opening - Lunch Time!!

Wednesday 5 December 2018

Ice Blocks: 50c

Water bottles: \$1

Poppa Juices: \$1

Packets of chips: \$1

Continuing to sell off remaining ice blocks, water bottles, poppa juices and packets of chips - once they are gone we are sold out!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Presented at assembly Wednesday 21 November 2018

MERIT AWARDS

K/2 Blue - Ryleigh Wild, Simba Dickson and Elira Malone.

3-6 Purple - Kiho Luke, Casey Lalor, Liam Henkel, Kizac Bowling, Kaleb Flear, Chrystel Buckley, Angus Findlay and Steven Blume.

Ms Cullen - Casey Lalor and Jai Henkel.

BRONZE AWARDS - Jackson Xuereb and Lexie Biggs.

SILVER AWARDS - Zai Roberts and Audrey Waller.



"The String Family"
performing last
week.



Assembly Award winners!!





CREATIVE KIDS PROGRAM A STEP CLOSER

Families across NSW will soon be able to access the new **\$100 Creative Kids voucher** unlocking the creative abilities of a new generation across the State **from 1 January 2019** when the program takes effect.

All relevant providers have been asked to register with Service NSW so they can participate in the program.

Parents will be able to use **one voucher for every school-age child per year** to help meet the cost of structured creative and cultural activities, such as **music lessons, languages, coding, drama and theatre, photography and graphic design**.

So far more than \$200 million has been returned to households this calendar year through various cost of living incentives. Creative Kids will provide parents with even more hip pocket relief.

There are thousands of organisations out there who could be eligible for the program. I am calling on them to register with Service NSW so that parents can claim their \$100 vouchers with them in the New Year.

This is a fantastic initiative that is only made possible because of the strong economic position of the NSW Government.

We can afford to deliver real savings that help the working families of NSW and reduce barriers to healthy activity.

This program compliments the hugely popular Active Kids voucher and for a family with two children, Creative and Active Kids combined will save them \$400 a year.

Creative Kids is one of a raft of NSW Government initiatives helping to ease cost of living pressure for households. Others include cheaper Green Slips and refunds, free car registration for regular toll users and the FuelCheck app.

Further information including guidelines for providers is available at www.service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids. I encourage parents to speak to the providers of their children's creative activities and ensure that they register.

GARETH WARD MP
Member for Kiama
Parliamentary Secretary for Education