



FALLS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

TALKABOUT

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This is our final Talkabout for 2018.

The last day for students is next Wednesday 19 December.



Presentation Night: Thank you to everyone who attended on Monday night. I want to congratulate Kizac, Chrystel, Kaleb and Tatum for the great job they did hosting the assembly. Congratulations again to all students for their work this year and to those who received major awards.

Principal position update: the advertisement for the new principal closed last week and shortlisting has occurred. Interviews will take place soon. We may not be able to inform you of the successful candidate before the end of the school year but she/he will be announced at the beginning of next year.

PBL Reward Day: This will be next Wednesday 19 December. Students can wear mufti on the day. As part of the planned activities we will be having a whole school end of year party at lunchtime. Students will receive a separate note asking them to bring some food or drink to share with everyone.

2019 School Year: Students in Years 1 - 6 return on Wednesday 30 January and Kindergarten students start on Thursday 31 January.

I want to wish Year 6 well as they leave us next week for the last time and start the next exciting chapter of their life that is high school. We will all miss you greatly and wish you all the best. We would love to hear from you so please drop in occasionally to say hello!

On behalf of the staff of Falls Creek Public School I want to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that you all get time to unwind and relax with your families and enjoy a well deserved break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2019.

Finally I want to thank the P&C for my flowers on Monday night. They were an unexpected but welcome surprise. I have enjoyed working with everyone over the years and I wish you well in the future. I have been rather nostalgic writing my final report for this edition of Talkabout.

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

Nicole



K/2 BLUE

We have made it to the end of the year! What hard workers we have all been in K/2. It has been great to see the progress everyone has made throughout the year.

We have started making some craft to take home next week. Most students are eager to complete them and take them home to hang on the tree.

Home readers will finish this week so please return them to school by Friday. Students will only bring their reading record booklet home on Friday.

Students will be bringing home all their books and artwork next Monday so please send them to school with another bag to put all this work in.

Thanks for your support this year. It has been great to get to know you all as well as your wonderful children.

Nicole

3/6 PURPLE

Mr Lalor and Ms Porteous would like to wish all students in 3/6 Purple a safe and Happy Christmas. Enjoy your well earned break everyone. Year 6 students we wish you well in your endeavours at high school next year.

Susan Porteous & Dion Lalor



P&C NEWS

The first meeting for 2019 will be on Tuesday the 5th February at 5.30pm. If we fail to meet quorum (we require no less than 5 members in attendance) 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.

Deb Waller

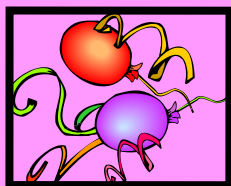
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Canteen Opening - Recess Only!!

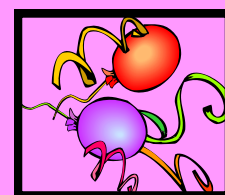
Tuesday 18 December 2018

**We will be selling the last of our poppas with a couple of
homemade biscuits**

for \$2



Happy Birthday!



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

Lani Attard - 8 December

Presentation Evening 2018



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Presented at assembly Wednesday 5 December 2018

MERIT AWARDS

K/2 Blue - Abigail Findlay and Keira Forster.

3-6 Purple - Chloe Chilby, Courtney Daley and Evia Wild.

Ms Cullen - Zai Roberts.

BRONZE AWARDS - Tatum Randall, Elyssa Haskins and Abigail Findlay.

SILVER AWARDS - Tobias Bate.

GOLD AWARDS - Zai Roberts.

PLAYGROUND STAR AWARDS - Lani Attard, Angus Findlay, Zai Roberts, Jackson Xuereb, Blake McDonald and Evia Wild.

Berry Sport and Rec Recount

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by Casey Lalor

Last Monday Years 5 and 6 arrived at Berry Sport and Rec to combine with Greenwell Point School in four main activities which were archery, rock climbing, paintball balloon combat and rafts.

Our instructor's name was Nic and he got us to hop into groups of 5 then he gave us a map and a piece of paper and we had to hunt around the grounds and find 10 camp mottos on signs and fill in the answers on the sheet.

After that we were ready for paint balloon combat. We grouped up with Greenwell Point to make up the numbers as we only had 10 students from our school. Now we had 29 students when our groups combined. The part of the activity I enjoyed most was the free for all.

We then went to the back oval with Mr Lalor and played a game where we had to run as far as we could with one breath and screaming as loud as we could. Kizac won that game. We headed

back to our rooms, had showers and changed our clothes then went to the dining hall for dinner which was a meat pasta with vegetables. That night we did mini games in the hall then finished up with milk and cookies then back to our rooms where we watched some TV. Lights went out at 9pm but everyone wanted to stay up a bit longer.

The next day we all woke up feeling tired. We changed out of our pj's and went down to the dining hall for breakfast which was baked beans, eggs and toast. We then went with Nic down to the creek and got into groups of five or six. Soon we were paddling our biscuits on the water. The people in my group were Blake, Evia and Chrystal and we versed Kaleb, Kizac, Kiho, Liam and Steven in a relay.

We returned to our rooms to change out of our wet clothes then we went to the hall where we did rock climbing. Our rock climb teacher was called Rob. First we had to put on a harness which was really hard to do and I had to get help. Next went on the helmet which I also had trouble with. I was in a team of 7 and the first activity was a ladder climb and I made it to the 4th rung from the top. On the rock wall climb I almost made it to the top and on the second climb I did and I was really happy. I didn't do the crates climb because it looked really hard.

After this activity we went to the cola area and had free time until dinner was ready. For dinner we had crumbed chicken, potatoes, carrots and peas. After eating we cleared the tables and stacked our chairs then we went to the hall again and played mini games. Some of the games were stack the blocks as high as you could and if they fall over you need to restart again. Shoot hoops from a blanket which was funny as the ball kept hitting the light above us. Throw yellow balls into a

bucket and I think I got 44 balls in. Wall sits where the group almost made a new record and bounce a ping pong ball into a bucket. Throw a basketball into the hoop whilst standing backwards and stepping up and down off boxes as fast as you could. That was funny as there was a guy there called Jack who was doing nothing. The last activity was a frisbee game where you had to hit the bullseye and I think Liam and Kaleb got one. I came really close and got yellow which was second closest.

After milk and cookies we went back to our rooms and played Uno with Tania. We all went to bed after the game but I had trouble sleeping. In the morning it didn't feel like a long sleep but we had to pack our bags and put them outside with spare clothes on the top. After watching some cartoons we were ready for kayaking but it was cancelled because it was flooding. We did archery instead which was really fun because I hit two balloons.

Finally we went back to the basketball court and Nic opened the souvenir shop where they sell all different types of things. I bought a shirt, a ball and a hacky sack which I put straight in my bag. We then all lined up for lunch which was nachos with meat and cheese.

After lunch we waited for our parents to arrive and pick us up. Kiho's mum drove Kiho, Kizac and myself back to Nowra and back to our homes.

Camp was great fun!

5/6 Camp by Liam Henkel

Last Monday Years 5 and 6 arrived at Berry Sport and Rec for a school camp. After saying good bye to our parents we did free play for about half an hour then we did a treasure hunt in groups of 5 or 6 where we had to find posters that stated the camp rules and mottos.

Next we walked down to the dining room where we ate hamburgers and watermelon for lunch. Not long after that we put our bags in our rooms and set up our beds.

In the afternoon we did water balloon combat with year 5 and 6 students from Greenwell Point School. We had to put water in a bucket with paint then get squishy bottles and squeeze the water into a balloon until it was full then tie it off. Then we walked down to the bottom of a hill and did a water balloon run. After that we did capture the flag and that was the best activity cause it was fun. Not long after we had to clean up the area then we got the remaining balloons and had a big war.

About 10 minutes after that we walked to the rope maze with Greenwell Point students and followed the rope with our eyes closed. Mr Lalor arrived and we did a scream test where we had to run as far as we could screaming using one breath. It is not true that girls can scream the loudest because Kizac won.

The next day we all walked down to the canoes shed and put on life jackets. We got into teams of 5 then paddled our biscuits up stream. There were thousands of jellfish and Kaleb and Steven got stung on the legs.

The best activity at camp was the biscuits because we tried to race all the other groups. In my group were Kaleb, Kiho, Kizac and Steven and we came second in the races.

5/6 Berry Sport and Recreation Camp

By Kiho Luke

On Monday morning Falls Creek students arrived at school then our parents drove us to camp at Berry. Our instructors gave us an activity that involved finding the camp mottos using a map. I had five people in my group and we found all the answers. Then we had some free time under the cola, in the tennis courts or on the grass areas. Soon lunch was ready which was hamburgers and slices of watermelon.

We then went to our rooms, made our beds, got dressed into our swimmers then lined up under the cola again for our next activity which was paint and water balloon combat. Nic our instructor put us into two groups and told us the rules.

First we started making up the balloons then we went over to the hill area and walked to the bottom. Each team had to run up the hill to grab a cone without being hit with a water bomb. If you were hit with a bomb you were out. Then we did another game called cannonball run where one team had to run between a row of cones without being hit.

That night for dinner we had pasta, vegetables and meat and jelly for dessert. We then had night activities and Ms Porteous's favourite game was cockroach because the teachers could hit the cockroaches with a noodle then the 'dead' cockroaches had to be carried by 4 students and placed on a mat. After the night games we had cookies and a glass of milk and were in bed by 9pm.

The next morning we got dressed and headed off to the dining room for breakfast where we had baked beans on toast. Then we met up with Nic and he took us down to the creek where we put on life jackets and hopped on our biscuits and paddled up stream for about 1 or 2 kilometres. We saw a lot of jellyfish in the water so we had to be careful not to be stung. On the return trip we raced the other Falls Creek teams back to the wharf. Then we had free swimming time and we jumped off the wharf, swam to the boat ramp then did it over and over again.

That afternoon we went rock climbing and our School and Greenwell Point School were mixed up into teams of 5 or 6. First we did the ladder climb then the rock wall and finally the crates climb. That evening for dinner we ate chicken schnitzel, carrots and potato.

On the third day we had pancakes for breakfast then found out kayaking was cancelled because of the heavy rain. We ended up doing archery instead because it was under some cover. I found it hard to pull the arrows out of the target.

When we returned to the cola it was time to go home with our parents.

