



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Times

8.40am—3.00pm

Tuesday early close
2.30pm

Recess

10.25am-10.45am

Lunch

12.30pm-1.15pm

Dates to Remember

Friday 5 February

- Leaders Speeches

Friday 12 February

- Leaders Assembly

Monday 15 February

- P & C Meeting 7.00pm

Thursday 18 February

- New Parents Morning Tea

Wednesday 24 February

- World of Maths incursion

Friday 26 February

- Assembly

Friday 4 March

- Faction Swimming Carnival

Monday 7 March

- Labour Day Public

Dear Parents,

WELCOME

Welcome back to those returning to the school from 2015 and a very warm welcome to all our new families. We are really keen to meet you and there is a New Parents Morning Tea on **Thursday 18 February** in the Staffroom, starting at 9.00am. Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

We look forward to seeing you there and getting to know you.

2016

We have started 2016 with 286 students in K – 6 this year with the following class structure.

Kindergarten x 2, Pre Primary, Pre Primary / Year 1, Year 1, Year 1/2, Year 2, Year 2/3, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

We welcome Mrs Leeming, teaching Year 2/3 in Room 12, Miss Collodel, teaching LOTE and Miss Graham, School Psychologist. We also welcome back Mrs Holt who is working in Pre Primary with our Early Childhood Staff.

We also welcome Mrs Aitken and Mrs Bonnefin, new Education Assistants helping in Room 12 and Kindy respectively.

We look forward to their contributions to our school.

THANK YOU

We have had a fantastic beginning to the year and I would like to recognise and thank all staff, teaching, non teaching, office and ancillary for their many hours of organisation and planning in facilitating such a smooth start, thank you. It was a real team effort, well done everyone.

I would like to congratulate and thank parents for the manner in which the students have presented at school this week. 100% of the students are in school uniform and this has set a fantastic tone around the school. I have been into every class and the students have made a wonderful start. This strong partnership is what makes our school such a special place.

WELCOME ASSEMBLY

We held a brief welcoming assembly just before recess on Monday and reminded students about a range of things, including, walking on the concrete, no hat, no play, using sunscreen, Leader and Captain elections, out of bounds areas and playing fairly.

SYDNEY CANBERRA CAMP MEETINGS

We have organised a meeting for the Year 6 camp to Sydney and Canberra next Wednesday in Room 8 commencing at 5.30pm.

We will also be meeting with the Year 5 parents at 6.00pm on Wednesday in

Room 7 to gauge the level of interest for the Camp in 2017.

NO HAT NO PLAY

With the increased levels of ultra violet radiation and the extremely hot weather we have reminded students that they need a broad brimmed / bucket hat which covers the neck, ears, nose and face. Please remind them to bring their hats every day as per the “No Hat No Play” Policy at Falls Road.

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Music Ms Johnston – Monday & Friday - Year 1 – 6

Art Mrs Dupont – Wednesday & Thursday - Year 1 – 6

Phys Ed Mr Bennett - Thursday & Friday Year 1 – 4

Mr Docherty – Tuesday & Friday Year 5 - 6

LOTE Miss Collodel –Tuesday - Years 2/3 – 6

We are extremely fortunate to be able to offer this level of specialist teaching and also in the calibre of our staff who deliver these programs.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

The Department of Education continues to support schools to enhance their **formal reporting to parents** and have approved school closures for two half days a year to support this. As in previous years we will continue this in 2016 and our first half day closure will be on **Monday 14 March** and our second half day closure will be in term 3 on **Friday 12 August**.

In reviewing our Reporting to Parents we have decided to continue the focus for the second half day on Friday 12 August. These interviews are based on teacher requests and parent requests and not all parents will need to attend these interviews.

Please note School will finish at 11.30am for students on these days.

READING TO CHILDREN

One of the best ways parents can support their children’s education is to read with them at home. We often get requests from parents on how to support their children to improve their reading. This process of repeated reading supports students to improve reading fluency, understanding of the text, develop increased expression and has a flow on benefit to spelling as students are seeing words with the correct letter sequences which helps with “does it look right?” when editing their writing.

Repeated reading is where the student reads the same piece of text experimenting with different voice, expression etc.

PAYMENT TO SCHOOL

Please note that all payments, contributions, incursions and excursions go directly to the front office in a sealed envelope with the student’s name reason/s for payment and room number. Please do not leave envelope/s in the classrooms. These payments can also be made online using the following bank details:

BSB: 633 - 000 Bendigo Bank Forrestfield

Account: 154 725 592

Please do not use this account for Uniform Orders.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

A student medical information form for 2016 has been sent home today. Please complete the form and return to the office by **Friday 12 February**. Students are unable to attend excursions if this form has not

been completed.

Please supply the office with current Asthma and Anaphylaxis plans for your children.

After your child has received any immunisation please ensure that you contact the school to update these records.

PARENT HANDBOOK

An electronic copy of the 2016 Parent Handbook is included with this Newsletter. Please refer to the handbook for important information such as collecting children, hours of instruction, in-term swimming, school uniform and tidiness. A paper copy is available from the office.

We would welcome any suggestions for additional improvements for 2017.

NEXT ASSEMBLY

There will be a short assembly on Friday 12 February to present our newly elected Leaders with their badges commencing at 8.45am. All welcome to attend.

BAHAI & SRE

As advised last year per the results of the survey, Bahai and Scripture will be run as Lunch time Clubs from now on.

Bahai will commence their club in Week 3 on Tuesday 16 February. The club will run until Week 9 for Term 1 from 12.45pm to 1.15pm and will be held in the T&E Room.

There were 8 parents who nominated their children for this club. These students can make their way to the T&E Room when they finish eating their lunch.

SRE will also be starting their Club early this term and further information about when it will be starting etc will be included in the next Newsletter.

If you wish your child to participate in the lunchtime club please send an email confirming this.

EARLY CLOSE

A reminder to our new parents that **every Tuesday** is an early close at 2.30pm.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

The Department of Education has nominated that there will be seven School Development Days in 2016. Three of these are standard across the State, (Jan 28 & 29, and Dec 16) three have been kept the same within our Bibbulmun Network of Schools (April 26, July 18, & Oct 10) This will provide consistency in our local area.

We have scheduled our seventh on Friday 26 August.

Schools in the Bibbulmun Network are:

Falls Road Primary School
Gooseberry Hill Primary School
Kalamunda Primary School
Kalamunda Primary School Education Support Centre
Kalamunda Senior High School
Kalamunda Senior High School Education Support Centre
Lesmurdie Primary School
Lesmurdie Senior High School
Maida Vale Primary School
Pickering Brook Primary School
Walliston Primary School

PARENT ISSUES/CONCERNS

If there are any concerns or issues that parents may have regarding school, please come up to school so that we can address the issue/concern as quickly as possible. If the issue is classroom-based, the first point of contact should always be the class teacher. If there are other issues or concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to see either myself or Simon Docherty (Deputy Principal) through the office. Airing grievances on Social Media such as Facebook etc, is not helpful, and does not facilitate a resolution as you are not communicating with the people who can assist you in resolving your concerns. We are always available to discuss any issues or concerns that parents have and our open door practice supports this.

GETTING TO CLASS ON TIME

With the beginning of the school year, we would like to remind parents about the importance of getting students to class on time. The beginning of the day is very important for students and teachers to start off the day in an organised and effective manner. At the start of the day, teachers take the opportunity to greet students, let them know what is happening throughout the day and generally organise students for the day ahead. When students are late to school, it can have a negative effect on the rest of the class.

Missing the first 5 or 10 minutes of the day can also add up over the course of the year.

Classes are open from 8.30am and this allows students to change their home readers if required; get their pens, pencils and books ready for the day; and prepare themselves for the start of class at 8.40am.

We have been very impressed with the number of parents who are bringing their children to school on time and look forward to your continued cooperation with this throughout the year.

SCHOOL BOARD

The first School Board meeting is on Monday 4 April commencing at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.

Regards,
David Ingle
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

Welcome back to everyone for what will once again be a busy and exciting year at Falls Road Primary School. There will be plenty of educational, sporting and social events happening throughout the year for students at Falls Road and I will endeavour to keep you well informed as these events take place.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM

School Leaders Assembly – Friday 12 February

New Parents Morning Tea – Thursday 18 February

'World of Maths' Incursion – Wednesday 24 February

Faction Swimming Carnival – Friday 4 March, 12.30pm – 3.00pm (Kalamunda Aquatic Centre) – Years 3 - 6

Year 6 Cricket Lightning Carnival – Friday 11 March, 9.30 – 1.30 (Maida Vale Reserve)

Parent Interviews – Monday 14 March – 12pm - 6pm

Constable Care Incursion - Thursday 17 March

Stirk Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 22 March 9.30am – 12.30pm (Bilgoman Aquatic Centre)

Easter Hat Parade – Thursday 24 March - 8.45am (Moonlight Hall)

SEMESTER 1 LEADERS AND FACTION CAPTAINS

All the students in Year 6 have been invited to nominate for Semester 1 School Leaders and Faction Captains and they are busy preparing their speeches. Students who have nominated for School Leader

or Faction Captain positions will present their speeches this Friday, 5 February in the Moonlight Hall starting at 8.45am. Parents are invited to come along and watch. The students who are elected as Semester 1 School Leaders and the 2016 Faction Captains will be presented with their badges at our first assembly on Friday 12 February, starting at 8.45am.

WORLD OF MATHS INCURSION

On Wednesday, 24 February the 'World of Maths' will be coming along to Falls Road Primary to give students from Pre-Primary through to Year 6 the opportunity to take part in some hands-on maths problem solving. Students will be divided up into 3 groups and will take part in age appropriate maths activities. A note has gone home with this newsletter outlining the incursion and the costs. Money can be paid to the office.

FACTION SHIRTS

Students will be given a faction point for **wearing their faction shirt on Thursday**. Students are also able to wear their faction shirt on carnival days or if their PE lesson falls on another day, but faction points will only be given on a Thursday. These points are added to the faction points tally for each assembly and go towards the end of term sausage sizzle.

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2016 Faction Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, 4 March starting at 12.15pm. It will take place at the Kalamunda Pool. This year, we will be including the Year 3 students in the novelty events that take place while the race events are happening. Swimming races in freestyle, breast stroke and back stroke will be held for students in Years 4 – Year 6. These will all be 50 metre events. We will also be having novelty events for those students who do not participate in the swimming races. More information and nomination forms will be sent out during Week 3.

YEAR 6 CRICKET LIGHTNING CARNIVAL

The Year 6 students will have the opportunity to participate in a Cricket Lightning Carnival on Friday 11 March. Falls Road Primary will be represented by a girls' team and a boys' team and will participate against Year 6 students from Gooseberry Hill PS, Kalamunda PS, Lesmurdie PS, Maida Vale PS and Walliston PS. The Year 5 and Year 6 students will be doing cricket as part of their PE Program for the first half of Term 1. Information about the Year 6 Cricket Carnival will be sent home by the end of Week 2.

School Psychologist Service

This year, we will have a new School Psychologist, Alexandra Graham. In Term 1, she will be here on Wednesday of even weeks (weeks 2, 4, 6 & 8) and Thursday of odd weeks (week 3, 5, 7 & 9) starting in Week 2.

School Psychologist Process

If parents have any academic, behavioural or social concerns about their child, please follow the process outlined below:

1. Discuss concerns with teacher – they may already have strategies in place
2. Complete School Psychologist referral form with teacher (if required)
3. Deputy Principal arranges a case conference with parent, teacher and school psychologist
4. Decide on agreed plan of action (eg. observations, teacher consultation, testing etc...)
5. Carry out Action Plan

Deputy reviews Action Plan throughout the year in consultation with parent, teacher and psychologist.

School Psychologist referral forms are available from the Deputy Principal.

Simon Docherty
Deputy Principal

PEAC AND GIFTED AND TALENTED

PEAC courses will now be starting in WEEK 4 **NOT** WEEK 3 as previously advertised. We will send letters advising class dates, times and location to you next week.

Also please be advised that applications are now open for students seeking placement to Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance schools and programs in 2017. Applications close 8 February 2016. Anything that you can do to raise awareness is appreciated.

FALLS ROAD NETBALL CLUB

Registrations open Friday February 5 and will close Saturday March 5. Registration information is attached with this newsletter and available from the office. Any queries please contact Jo Letts or Chrissy Camp at school or email fallsrdnetballclub@gmail.com.

READING ROOM

The Junior Reading Room is located next door to Mrs Allen's class (Room 10). Students in Years 1-3 will be borrowing readers from this collection for home practice. The room is open each morning from 8.20-8.45am and is run by parent volunteers. New helpers are always needed and greatly appreciated. Please see Catherine Beck (Year 1 and Year 3 parent) if you are able to help or put your name on the roster in the Reading Room.



P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open each Monday from 8.20am until 8.50am for the month of February. The shop will then be open on Monday 21 March.

Don't forget that orders with full payment can be left in the office at any time. You can also pay online to the Falls Road P&C Account (number is on the order form) and leave the order form in the office.

Please use the following bank details for uniform orders paid online:

BSB: 633 000 Account: 155 063 613

Please note that ALL orders take a minimum of 3 days to be filled. For online deposits, orders will be filled only after confirmation that funds have been received has been given to me by our Treasurer.

P & C Meeting

The first **P&C Meeting for 2016 will be held on Monday, February 15 commencing at 7.00 pm** in the staffroom. This meeting will include the AGM and all positions will be declared vacant. More information will be sent home with the next P & C Matters.

School Banking

School Banking operates every Monday morning from 8.15am - 8.40am. New Bankers always welcome!

On occasion, we have senior students who assist with School Banking. It would be greatly appreciated if all deposit slips could be completed in full with name, amount and bank account number to assist these students.

Did you know Falls Road Primary School P&C is on Facebook - join us at
<https://www.facebook.com/fallsroadprimaryschool>

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Catholic Sacraments: Classes for Catholic students in grade 2 and up, who wish to make the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion or Confirmation, will start on Monday February 8th at 4.15 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, 207 Lesmurdie Road. Any questions call the Parish office on 9291 6282 or Catechism Co-ordinator Rosemary Miller on 9291 3516 or 0407 006 580 or by email to preplesmurdie@gmail.com.

Ascot Kayak Club is having a "Come & Try Morning" - Sunday 14th Feb 2016, 9 am to 12 noon

Introducing: **Our Paddle Passport Course for Term 1 - incorporating all Ascot Kayak Club - Canoe/Kayak Disciplines**

We will be recruiting for our Paddle Passport Course \$100 for Term 1 of school - Starting Wednesday 17th February 2016 at 5 pm. (the course doesn't run during school holidays).

All equipment is supplied and there are change rooms and showers on site, as well as a park with BBQ and playground.

To Register for Free Come and Try Day - Ascot Canoe Website – (Pay/Register for AKC Courses) - [http://ascot.canoe.org.au/club-activities/...](http://ascot.canoe.org.au/club-activities/) scroll to bottom of page

Contacts: Ascot Kayak Club Admin – Kylie – akcadministration@gmail.com

Slalom Representative - Jenny Vogel—Slalom WA Secretary - 0427 449 824 - Email – akcslalom@gmail.com

Children's School of Contemporary Art

Creative classes for kids aged 5 – 15 years, in: Fashion, Building, Drawing & illustration, Painting, Sculpture, and Craft. ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR TERM ONE 2016 For more information or to enrol, visit www.csoca.net.

Apex Tutoring

Primary and Secondary tuition, support, consolidation, extension. Individual and Small group tutoring.

Contact Rob Roper on 0400 237 925 or email apextutoring@hotmail.com.



Kalahockey

JUNIOR CLUB OPEN DAY

Kalamunda Districts Hockey

Saturday 13th February 2016 9am – 12pm





Like to try Hockey?
Come down and meet our junior coaches and players and have a go.
All equipment supplied,
Please wear enclosed shoes

Time
Saturday 13th Feb 2016
9am -12pm

Location
Kalahockey Clubrooms
Morrison Road, Hartfield Park Forreestfield

Contact
BJ O'Reilly 0409 170 664
Clubrooms 9453 2860

Be one of the first 25 new H2H members and receive a new hockey stick, Shin pads & ball free & ½ membership fee

Bouncy Castle
Sausage Sizzle

