



## School Times

8.40am—3.00pm

Tuesday early close  
2.30pm

## Recess

10.25am-10.45am

## Lunch

12.30pm-1.15pm

## Dates to Remember

### Thursday 17 March

- Constable Care Shows

### Friday 18 March

- Assembly Room 8

### Monday 21 March

- P & C Meeting
- Uniform Shop

### Tuesday 22 March

- Stirk Swimming Carnival

### Thursday 24 March

- Easter Hat Parade

### Friday 25 March

- Good Friday

### Monday 28 March

- Easter Monday

### Tuesday 29 March

- School closed

### Wednesday 30 March

- School resumes

### Friday 1 April

- Kalamunda SHS Assembly

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

### FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Faction Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March and was very well supported by parents. It was an excellent carnival and the Tabloid Games contributed to the level of participation and enjoyment of all the students. Congratulations are extended to Mr Docherty for coordinating this.

Thank you also to all the staff who contributed to the successful running of the Carnival and we congratulate all students on their sportsmanship and Gold Faction on winning the shield.

### PARENT INTERVIEWS

The parent interviews were very well attended. The range was from 70% to 100% across the classes with an average across the school of 85%. This is the best attendance rate since we commenced this process six years ago and is indicative of how valued this process is to the parents and staff.

A huge **Thank You** to staff for their facilitation of this form of reporting to parents. It is a very intensive day. If there are any parents who were unable to see a teacher on the day, staff are very willing to organise a time to meet. This can be organised directly with the teacher or through the office.

### UPGRADE

The school will be undergoing a major computer and infrastructure upgrade. The program is called Standard Operating Environment 4 (SOE4) and when completed all Education Department schools across the state will be operating this system.

The work will commence on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March and is scheduled for completion by the following Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be major disruptions in our access to communication through our computer network and the internet during this time.

Please be aware that as email access will not be available, you will need to phone the school regarding absences etc during this week. This also means that there will be no Newsletters during Week 9 and 10.

### STUDENTS MISSING SCHOOL OR ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

We sometimes think students missing the odd day of school here and there or occasionally being late doesn't matter. The table attached with the email shows that the cumulative effect of missing school or being late to school on a regular basis can add up over time. We recognise that students get sick or miss school for other reasons, but it is important that they attend regularly and are on time so that they get the full benefit of school.

### MORNING PROCEDURE

Please ensure that students do not come to school before 8.00am in the morning when they can participate in 100s Club. We have had a number of students arriving before 8.00am which is far too early. Students who arrive between 8.00am and 8.25am are to go to the oval for 100s club and are not to hang around the classrooms as the morning supervision is provided at 100s Club on the oval.

Thank you for your support with this.

### SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS

Our Speech Pathologists are continuing their screening of our Kindergarten students in the areas of Comprehension, Articulation, Phonological Awareness and Oral Narrative. This is part of our ongoing focus on early identification and provision of support where required.

Where students require some additional focus in any of the above areas, parents will have an opportunity to support their children using information provided to them. This will complement the work being carried out in class. A date for the parent meeting will be advised once the screening is completed to provide parents with this information.

### MICHAEL GROSE ARTICLE

Included with this newsletter is information for parents on Teaching Children to Persist. This is another article from the series by Michael Grose and has some excellent suggestions and information for parents to support their children in this area. This also aligns with the Bounce Back Program which the school is using to focus on developing resilience in our students.

### P & C MEETING

The P&C meeting is on next Monday night at 7.00pm in the staff room. All are welcome.

### ASSEMBLY

Year 6, Room 8 are hosting the Assembly this Friday 18 March. We look forward to seeing you there.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The Interschool Swimming Carnival is scheduled for Tuesday 22 March at the Bilgoman Pool. Mr Docherty has forwarded information home with participating students. Please return slips to the office.

The next Burger Day is on Wednesday 23 March.

The Easter Hat Parade is on Thursday 24 March and then we have an extra long Easter weekend with the **students returning to school on Wednesday 30 March.**

Regards,  
David Ingle  
Principal

## DEPUTY NEWS

### Faction Swimming Carnival

We had a great day up at Kalamunda Swimming Pool for our Faction Swimming Carnival on Friday, 4 March.

There were some excellent performances in the swimming races and everyone had a good time getting wet and running around in the tabloid events. Congratulations to Gold Faction on winning the faction shield for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row as well as the individual champions and runner-up champions. Please see a list of these below along with the final points scores. The final points tally was a combination of the tabloid events and the swimming races.

**Gold – 349**

**Red – 262**

**Blue – 257**

Year Level	Boys		Girls	
	Champion	Runner-Up	Champion	Runner-Up
Year 4	Angus Thin	Charles Sherrington	Clancy Daly	Abby Letts
Year 5	Toby Lawler	Oliver Devenish	Grace Camp	Harper Martin
Year 6	Callum Pearce	James Schussler	Megan Gulley	Saige Lawler



Year group Champions & Runners-up



Victory for GOLD

**Year 6 Cricket Lightning Carnival**

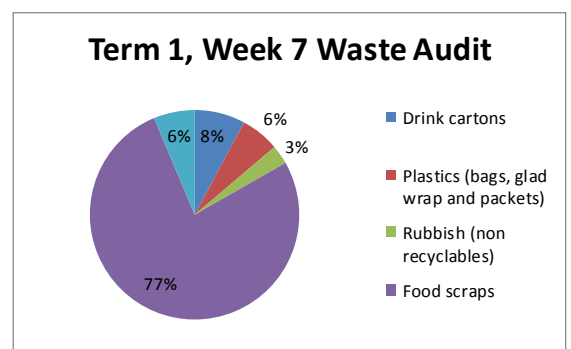
The Year 6 students had a good time at the Year 6 Cricket Carnival last Friday down at Maida Vale Reserve. On a hot day, the girls and boys teams from Falls Road represented the school really well. The girls’ team won 3 out of their 4 games and the boys’ team won 2 out of their 4 games. There were plenty of wickets as well as big hits and students had a great chance to work on their batting, bowling and fielding skills.



**‘Trash Free Tuesday’ and ‘Waste Free Wednesday’**

Miss Bunter and the Year 3 class did their first ‘waste audit’ of the year yesterday, to find out how much waste we are creating in our lunch and recess. See the graph for more detail.

On Wednesday, Miss Bunter will be looking for 2 or 3 students that have healthy, waste-free lunches and they will get to choose a prize from the waste-free prize box.



### Waste Free Lunch Tips

Get children to help pack their lunches with healthy foods and only pack as much food as your child will eat.

Use a re-usable lunch bag/box for carrying a lunch (Label all containers).

Use a refillable bottle for drinks or use a thermos for cold drinks or hot soups.

Put sandwiches, muffins, in re-usable containers, instead of plastic bags or cling wrap.

Avoid pre-packaged, single-serving portions of snacks or drinks

Put re-usable cutlery and napkins in your child's lunch box.

Minimize the morning rush and pack lunches the night before and refrigerate overnight.

Include fresh fruit and vegetables for a healthy lunch!

### Falls Road Primary Book Swap

We are interested in starting up a **Book Swap Program** at Falls Road Primary to allow students access to different books. It will allow them to swap some of the books that they have either finished reading or no longer read. **This is separate to the Junior Reading Room.**



It would involve students bringing in books from home and swapping them with books that other students have brought in. You would only be able to swap the number of books that you have brought in (eg. If you bring in 2 books, you can swap them for 2 different books).

We would be looking at starting up this Book Swap Program in the last couple of Weeks of Term 1. The Book Swap would only operate one day a week. Details on where and when the Book Swap will happen will be published later in the Term.

We are still looking for **BOOK DONATIONS** that students would be able to swap through our Book Swap Program. Books can be aimed at students from Kindergarten right through to Year 6. We would ask that books are in reasonable condition. Books can be dropped off to either Inger Johnston or myself .

**Simon Docherty**  
Deputy Principal

**Art Room**

The Art Room would like your old shoe boxes. They can either be left at the office or dropped into the Art Room.

### A note from the Dental Therapy Centre

The School Dental Officer will visit the school next term for a brief screening of the Pre-primary, Year 3 and 6 students. This screening is a legal requirement for all children enrolled in the School Dental Service and mainly looks at development of the children's bite with a view to any orthodontic treatment that may be required.

After this session you may be sent an appointment to come to the Kalamunda clinic, with your child, for a consultation with the Dental Officer. Alternatively, you may be sent a referral letter to enable you to seek advice from a specialist Orthodontist, should you wish to, regarding your child's jaw development or crowded teeth.

If you have any queries once you have read these letters, please telephone the Dental Therapy Centre on 9293 2801. This screening does not involve a thorough examination of the teeth and does not replace your child's regular visits to see the Dental Therapist, which will continue as normal.

## P & C NEWS

### P & C Meeting

Our next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday, 21 March commencing at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

### Burger Day

Urgent help required with Burger Day prep next Wednesday 23 March. We require approximately four helpers on the day. Your kids love having their parents helping at school!



### Easter Raffle

A gentle reminder that we would love any donation of Easter eggs to make our Easter Hat Parade and raffle the best yet.

If you can leave them in the school office it would be so appreciated.



### Moonlight Markets 2017 - Plant stall

In preparation for the Moonlight Markets next year, we would love Frangipani cuttings - any size. Cuttings can be left at the back of the school near the shade houses or contact Katie on 0408 882 156

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will 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.

### 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>

If your child is absent please phone the school on 9291 8200 or email us at [fallsroad.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:fallsroad.ps@education.wa.edu.au).

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**Lesmurdie Little Tackas 3 Year Old Kindy** offers a child centred, play based program that follows the principles and practices of the Early Years Learning Framework. Our environment boosts children's development while encouraging them to explore and create. Enquiries to [lbc@iinet.net.au](mailto:lbc@iinet.net.au) or phone 9291 9866.

### **Kalamunda Show**

All colouring in competitions entries for the Kalamunda Show must be returned to the office by Wednesday 6 April. Show information is available at: [www.kalamundashow.com.au](http://www.kalamundashow.com.au).

### **Hills Hockey Association**

Games: Sundays from 12pm

Rotation of Venues:

Lilac Hill Park, Chidlow Oval and Bob Blackburn Reserve

Seasonal fee: \$90 per player (includes insurance, Association and Shire fees)

May until September 2016

Ages: Girls and Boys, 10 to 14 years of age

Nominate single player, small playing group or team

Required: uniform and protective equipment

### **To Register**

### **Hills Junior Hockey**

Tara: 0428550133 Penny: 0432970524

[hillsjuniorhockey@gmail.com](mailto:hillsjuniorhockey@gmail.com)

### **2005 & 2006 DOB Girls WABL Try-outs and Pre-season Training**

We are currently seeking 2005 & 2006 DOB girls to trial for WABL selection representing the Kalamunda Eastern Suns in 2016.

Training is on Sunday afternoons from 5.00pm to 6.30pm and Thursday afternoons from 4.15pm - 5.30pm. All sessions are held at Ray Owen Stadium - 96 Gladys Road, Lesmurdie.

We welcome both beginner and more experienced players.

This will be the last opportunity to get your daughter involved in our WABL program and possible squad selection for 2016.

Players are to wear black shorts and either a black top or a white top (or reversible singlet if you have one). This is a great opportunity to get quality coaching by experienced WABL Coaches.

The cost is only \$5.00 per session. Please contact Nicole Moyle on 0419 310 327 or email [nicolemoyle@yahoo.com.au](mailto:nicolemoyle@yahoo.com.au) for more information.