FALLS ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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12 October 2016



CHALLENGE THE PRESENT—CREATE THE FUTURE

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 14 October

- Wear Red for Dyslexia **Awareness**
- Police Pipe Band

Wednesday 19 October

· IPS School Review

Thursday 20 October

IPS School Review

Friday 21 October

- Room 7 Assembly
- Fun Run
- Kalamunda SHS Transition Day

Monday 24 October

- Uniform Shop
- P & C Meeting 7.00pm

Friday 28 October

Stirk Athletics Carnival

Friday 4 November

- Room 4 Assembly
- Quiz Night

Monday 7 November

Uniform Shop

Tuesday 8 November

2017 Pre Primary

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents.

Welcome back to what promises to be a very busy final term for the year. It was great to see all of the students return in full school uniform. They are keen and refreshed and have started the term off really well.

We had a very productive day on Monday. The majority of staff attended Professional Learning on Coding with staff from other schools in the Bibbulmun District. This was facilitated by Adrian Bertollini from Intuvu Consulting.

Other staff were engaged in reviewing the National Quality Standards and planning for the IPS External Review which is on next Wednesday and Thursday.

IPS REVIEW

Kevin Pilkington, Lead Reviewer and John Latham will meet with staff, students, P&C and School Board members at the school over these two days. They will be validating our Self Review process and the documentation we provided to them at the end of last term.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Our camp to Sydney and Canberra at the end of last term was a great success. Students really enjoyed the range of activities and learnt a great deal about early settlement in Sydney at the Big Dig Centre through a range of activities including classification of artefacts, sequencing of events on a timeline, a tour through the excavated areas and the history of the area through the program titled 'Cesspits and Old Rubbish'. They were also able to see and experience some of the well-known Sydney landmarks on a Captain Cook Ferry Cruise around the harbour, and walk across the Sydney Harbour Bridge.





Canberra was amazing. The first activity was a bike ride around Lake Burley Griffin which gave everyone a great chance to stretch and loosen up after the coach journey from Sydney. Students were impressed with the 'National' scale of the Canberra sites we visited including the National Gallery, Dinosaur Museum, Reptile Park, Government House, Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), CSIRO, Questacon, both the Old and New Parliament Houses and the Deep Space Centre which was a highlight. Students were engaged participants and active listeners in all the activities undertaken.

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One of the definite highlights was visiting the National War Memorial where students participated in a wreath laying ceremony to commemorate the opening of a new section in the War Memorial which recognised the contributions of Aboriginal Service men and women.

This was a major media event with thousands of people in attendance including the leader of the opposition, Mr Shorten. They conducted themselves with respect and pride, representing their school and their parents with distinction.











The students were once again outstanding ambassadors for our school.

We received many unsolicited comments from a range of members of the public, the places we visited, our bus driver, and the staff and passengers aboard our flights on the exemplary behavior of our students. They maintained the high standards which have been set over the preceding years and it was a pleasure to accompany them.

Thank you to Mrs Harris and Mrs Burns for their fantastic support of the students over the 6 days, it was a tremendous team effort.

PACER REBATE

Students from our school have undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$260 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

POLICE PIPE BAND

The Police Pipe Band will be visiting the school this Friday morning. They will perform for the students from 9.50am to 10.25am in the Moonlight Hall. They will have morning tea with staff and after recess each member of the band will briefly visit a classroom and talk about their instrument.

BUSHFIRE PLAN

Each year we review our Bushfire Plan and update as necessary. We have included some information about Bushfires in this Newsletter and as part of our preparations we will be having a practice at the school in the near future and early next year.

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UNIFORM REMINDERS

With the days warming up rapidly a reminder also that we have a 'no hat no play' policy. Your support with this is appreciated. Application of sunscreen at least 20 minutes prior to exposure provides the best protection. Year 5 students will be continuing to support Sun Smart awareness throughout the term.

We remind parents that closed in shoes are part of our school uniform and provide the best support and safety for children's feet when running around on the grassed areas and playing at school. Mr Bennett has also requested that a reminder regarding appropriate footwear be included as he has noticed some students wearing inappropriate footwear during Physical Education on Thursdays. This restricts the students from participating fully and is also dangerous as students can sprain their ankles or suffer other injuries if they trip over. We appreciate your cooperation in supporting this.

NEXT ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for this term is on Friday, 21 October. Room 7, Year 5 are hosting the assembly. We look forward to seeing you there.

Students receiving Merit Awards at our assemblies will also receive a congratulatory letter from Mr Ken Wyatt MP the Federal Member for Hasluck as special recognition of their hard work and dedication.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- The parent meeting for parents who will have a student in Pre Primary in 2017 is on Tuesday, 8 November, commencing at 9.00am in the Moonlight Hall.
- The parent meeting for parents who will have a student in Kindergarten in 2017 is on Friday 11 November, commencing at 9.00am in the Moonlight Hall

SCHOOL SOCIAL

The School Social last term was a wonderful evening. Students really enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their dancing skills and it was great to see parents grooving along with their children. Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted in what is one of the highlights of the school calendar.

ROAD SAFETY REMINDER: SPEEDING IN SCHOOL ZONES

The Road Safety Council and School Drug Education and Road Aware have urged us to remind our local communities to slow down and travel at safe speeds when dropping off and picking up children from school.

Hitting a vehicle or object at 50 km/h is equivalent to dropping a car from a three-storey building. This shows the importance of travelling at 40 kilometres an hour when driving in school zones. Further information about speeding is <u>online</u>.

Regards

David Ingle

Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

Wear Red for Dyslexia Awareness



Dyslexia is a learning difficulty characterised by trouble with reading despite normal intelligence. Problems may include difficulties in spelling words, reading quickly, writing words, "sounding out" words in the head, pronouncing words when reading aloud and understanding

what one reads. Often these difficulties are first noticed at school. We have a number of students across the school who have Dyslexia, so this **Friday**, **14 October**, we are having a **Dyslexia Awareness Day** to make people more aware of this learning difficulty.

We are asking students to wear red on the day and bring in a gold coin donation which will go to the Dyslexia Foundation of WA. We look forward to seeing lots of red this Friday.

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Interschool Athletics

The Stirk Interschool Athletics Carnival is taking place at Gooseberry Hill PS on Friday, 28 October. The jumps, throws and long distance events will be held in the morning from 9.30-11.30 am and the sprints, team games and relays will take place from 11.45am -2.45pm. Only students from Year 3-Year 6 take part in the jumps, throws and long distance events. There will also be a cheerleading display at approximately 11.45am.

An explanation of how students are selected for the Interschool Athletics Carnival is attached with this newsletter.

Training for the Interschool Athletics will be held before school on Tuesday to Friday from 8.00am – 8.30am during Weeks 1 - 3 (See schedule below). The team games events will be practised during school time.

Students only need to come to practice for the events that they are competing in.

Term 4		
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
NO School	Mon - No Training	Mon – No Training
Tues -	Tues - Turbo Jav/ball throw	Tues - Long/Triple Jump
Wed - Turbo Jav/Ball Throw	Wed - Starts and Relays	Wed - Turbo Jav/ball throw and Jumps
Thurs - Starts/Long Distance and Relays	Thurs – Long/Triple Jump	Thurs – Starts and Relays
Fri - Long/Triple Jump	Fri - Turbo Jav/ball throw	Fri – Stirk Athletics Carnival

Information about the carnival and permission slips will be sent home with students by the end of the week. Teams will be posted on the noticeboard by the end of this week.

Falls Road Primary Book Swap.

The Book Swap Shop is now open on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.00pm – 3.15pm. Students will be reminded just prior to the siren signalling the end of the day. If you can't make it at this time, let me know and I can swap the books at another time.

We have a range of books from Kindergarten right through to upper primary level, so come and have a look to see if you can find something you like. We have lots of different individual books as well as some book series. Some of the book series we have include:

Captain Underpants - Hello Kitty - Pony Pals - Go Girl Angels - Dr Seuss - The Tiara Club - Harry Potter - Enid Blyton - The Magic Fairy - EJ 12 Girl Hero

What's happening in Term 4

Friday 14 October
 Friday 28 October
 Room 7 Assembly / School Fun Run
 Stirk Interschool Athletics Carnival

Friday 4 November
 Pre-Primary/Room 4 Assembly / Falls Road Quiz Night

Wednesday 9 November Year 1 - 4 Cricket Clinics

Friday 11 November
Friday 18 November
Friday 2 December

Friday 2 December

Friday 11 November

Room 6 Assembly / Loud Shirt Day

Room 3 Assembly / Spelling Bee

Thursday 8 December
 Friday 9 December
 Tuesday 13 December
 Thursday 15 December
 Year 6 Graduation Dinner
 Year 6 Graduation Assembly
 Sharing a Hills Christmas
 Falls Road's Got Talent

Regards

Simon Docherty

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P & C NEWS

Fun Run

Please read the important information attached with this newsletter regarding the Fun Run being held on Friday 21 October. All sponsorship forms and money must be returned to the office by **Thursday 20 October**. Parent helpers will be required on the day, please let the office know if you are able to assist. Tanya McGrath - Fun Run organiser

Quiz Night

Get your tables together for our Quiz Night being held on Friday 4 November. Tickets are now available from the office for \$15 each with tables of 8. **Cash and correct money only please!** Dress Up encouraged. Prizes for best dressed table. Order forms for Pizzas will be sent home next week.



Burger

We are holding a Burger Day on Wednesday 19 October. Order form is attached.

Historical Society

A big 'Thank You' to all of the families that helped out during the Historical Society Food Stall at the weekend.

It was a new experience for us making sandwiches to order but I think we nailed it. Excellent sandwiches was the word we heard.

Thank you to the families who helped with preparation prior to the day, during the day, on Tuesday and those who baked delicious goodies to sell.

We are privileged to have such a great support network within our School and without it our fundraising efforts would not be as successful as they are.

Thanks Again

Trina

P & C Meeting

Next P and C meeting is scheduled for Monday 24 October 7pm in the staff Room. New members always welcome.

Committee Members

The P and C are looking for volunteers to take over roles on the Committee next Year. These roles are Treasurer, School Banking Co-ordinator and Uniform Shop Co-ordinator.

The current members will be able to shadow these positions to help with transition. If you are interested or have a friend whom you think could job share, please let us know via the Office.

School Banking

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



Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open at 8.15am on the following Mondays:

24 October, 7 & 21 November and 5 December.

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 only:

BSB: 633 000 Account: 155 063 613

Did you know Falls Road Primary School P&C is on Facebook? Join us at: https://www.facebook.com/fallsroadprimaryschool



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Kalamunda Out Of School Centre is a community based, not-for-profit centre located in Walliston servicing schools in the local area. We currently have placements available for Term 4 2016 Before & After school care. Call 9291 0088 or contact kosc@bipgond.net.au to enrol your child now!

ARTS NEWS

After School Arts enrolment is Thursday 13 October 4.00pm - 5.00pm at Jorgenson Park in Kalamunda. Vacancies exist in all classes of Pottery, Painting and Drawing and Hooked on Hessian. Classes commence Thursday 20 October from 4.00pm - 6.00pm for 8 weeks. Please phone Norma 9293 4486 for bookings and enquiries. Ages 6yrs +

KALAMUNDA DISTRICTS HOCKEY CLUB - WE WANT HOCKEY EVERYWHERE!

Summer Social Hockey

Hartfield Park - Families, Juniors, Parents (Beginners Welcome)

Everyone is welcome. Suited to all ages and fitness levels and has a social focus. It's the ideal opportunity to try out hockey (loan equipment is available)

Day: Every Friday

Dates: 14 October - 9 December

Time: 5.30pm-6.30pm

Location: Kalamunda District Hockey Club - Hartfield Park Clubrooms - Morrison Road, Forrestfield

Cost: \$20 per person (9 sessions)

Social Events: Pizza Night - Friday 28 October (\$5pp includes pizza and drink)

Sausage Sizzle / Movie Night - Friday 18 November (\$5pp includes sausage sizzle, drink and popcorn)

Contacts: Andy Vincent (Email - Andrew.vincent@metso.com or Mobile: 0418 946 722) or Caron Macneall (Email -

Caronmacneall@gmail.com or Mobile: 0432 645 556)

TRIPLE P PROGRAM

One of the major challenges for parents of teenagers is knowing how to encourage them to develop the skills they need to be independent and responsible. The transition into high school is often the start of these challenges. This time can sometimes be a difficult time for both teenagers and their parents.



Triple P offers a series of 3 seminars aimed at providing parents support and strategies to make this transition into high school and adolescence as smooth as possible.

The seminar series is offered over 3 evenings. The first seminar provides strategies to parents to manage the change within the home, the second seminar looks at how to help your teenager make the most of their time at school and the final seminar examines ways to encourage your teenager to become connected with the wider community.

The seminars will begin Term 4, week 6 and will be run over 3 weeks. They are being offered to parents of Year 6 children and will be conducted on Tuesday evenings 15/11, 22/11 and 06/12 at 5:30 - 7:30pm. These will be hosted at Lesmurdie SHS in the community library.

Refreshments are provided. Numbers are limited to 30 so RSVP is essential.

To RSVP email Lisa Pesick at <u>lisa.pesick@education.wa.edu.au</u>. For more information call Lisa Pesick on 9291 1278.

KIDZ KARATE

Kalamunda Kidz Karate classes are structured to provide a balanced mixture of physical activity, self-defence training and fun. Beginner class times are: Monday - Friday 3.45pm - 4.30pm and Saturday 11.30am - 12.15pm (School Terms only). For further information please phone 6293 1633 /email: info@kalamundakickboxing.com.au / www.kalamundakickboxing.com.au.

GIFTED AND TALENTED SECONDARY SELECTIVE ENTRANCE PROGRAMS

All Parents/Guardians of students interested in 2018 entry (Years 7, 9, 10 and 11) are invited to attend an information session regarding the application, selection and placement processes for Gifted and Talented Programs in 2018 on Wednesday 16 November at Kalamunda SHS between 6.00pm - 7.00pm.

These will be presented by the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit from the Department of Education and the full schedule is available on the website.

If you believe Gifted and Talented Programs are suitable for your child, you can apply at www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented.

Applications will open online from Monday 10 October 2016 and close on Monday 6 February 2017.

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