



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

### WELCOME

Welcome back to those returning to the school and a very warm welcome to all our new families. We are really keen to meet you and invite you to attend a New Parents Morning Tea on **Thursday 16 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.



### 2017

We have started 2017 with 308 students in K – 6 this year with the following class structure.

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

We welcome Mrs Keeffe, teaching Year 3/4 in Room 5, Mrs Schubert, teaching LOTE and Mrs Miller who will tandem with Mr Winter on Friday and also providing DOTT for some teachers on a Monday.

We look forward to their contributions to our school.

We have had a brilliant beginning to the year and I would like to congratulate and thank staff for their comprehensive preparation and 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.

We held a brief welcoming assembly just before recess today 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.

We have organised a meeting for the 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 2018.

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.

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.

### 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 3 February

- Leaders Speeches

#### Monday 6 February

- Uniform Shop Open

#### Wednesday 8 February

- Dance Lessons
- Camp Meetings

#### Thursday 9 February

- Surf Safe Online information sessions

#### Friday 10 February

- Leaders Assembly

#### Monday 13 February

- P & C Meeting

#### Wednesday 15 February

- Dance Lessons

#### Thursday 16 February

- New Parents welcome Morning Tea

## SPECIALIST TEACHERS

<b>Music</b>	Ms Johnston – Thursday & Friday - Year 1 – 6
<b>Art</b>	Mrs Dupont – Monday & Tuesday - Year 1 – 6
<b>Phys Ed</b>	Mr Bennett - Thursday / Friday Year 1 – 4 Mr Docherty – Tuesday / Friday Year 5 - 6
<b>LOTE</b>	Mrs Schubert – Wednesday - Year 3 – 6
<b>Health</b>	Mrs Miller - Monday

We are extremely fortunate to be able to offer this level of specialist teaching and also in the calibre of the 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 2017 and our half day closure for Semester One will be on **Monday 13 March**.

**Please note School will finish at 11.30am for students on this day.**

In reviewing our Reporting to Parents we have decided to make a change to the structure of the interviews in Term 3.

In Term 3, the school will not close for half a day. Teachers will contact parents that they would like to talk to and organise a time within the first three weeks of Term 3 to discuss their child's progress. Parents may also request an interview to meet the teacher to discuss their child's progress.

## READING TO CHILDREN

One of the best ways parents can support their child'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. The 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 a number of times, experimenting with different voice, expression and developing fluency.

## 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. Payments can also be made to the following account:

Payments can be made to the school using the Pay Anyone option through your online bank account.

The account details are as follows:

BSB: 633 000

Account: 154 725 592

Falls Road Primary School – School Account

Please clearly state student's surname, initial and reason for payment in the description. (e.g. Smith J- Swimming)

**Please DO NOT make Uniform payments in this account.**

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

A student medical information form for 2017 has been sent home today. Please complete the form and return to the office by **Friday 10 February**. Students are unable to attend excursions if this form has not been completed. Parents of students with medical conditions are asked to complete a Medical Action Plan. If their child has an Asthma diagnosis, the Medical Action Plan needs to be signed by their doctor.

**PARENT HANDBOOK**

The 2017 Parent Handbook can now be accessed from the school website and hard copies are available from the office. Please refer to the handbook for important information such as collecting children, hours of instruction, in-term swimming, school uniform and tidiness.

We would welcome any suggestions for additional improvements for 2018.

**NEXT ASSEMBLY**

There will be a short assembly on Friday 10 February to present our newly elected Leaders with their badges commencing at 8.45am. All welcome to attend.

**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 six School Development Days in 2017. Three of these are standard across the State, (Jan 28 & 29, and Dec 15) three have been kept the same within our Bibbulmun Network of Schools (April 24, July 17, & Oct 9) This will provide consistency in our local area.

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

**SURF SAFE ONLINE - Thursday 9 February**

We are having a visit from Paul Litherland an ex police officer who is now working in the area of online safety. He will be speaking to students to make them aware of some of the dangers associated with being online. Paul will also be presenting a parent session covering some of these issues from a parent perspective. Please let the office know if you wish to attend this parent session.

**SCHOOL BOARD**

The first School Board meeting is on Monday 27 March commencing at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.

**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 David Ingle (Principal) or Simon Docherty (Deputy Principal) through the office.

**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 look forward to your cooperation in getting your child/children to school on time throughout the year.

Regards,  
David Ingle  
Principal



## FORMS

Internet Usage Agreements and Media Permission forms have been sent home with students today. Please complete these and return to the office as soon as possible.

## DANCE LESSONS

Dance lessons commence for all students in Pre Primary to Year 5. Information and payment advice has been sent home with students today. The cost of the 8 lessons is \$29 per student.

# 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

- Dance lessons each Wednesday in the Moonlight Hall (starting week 2)
- Surf Safe Online (Paul Litherland) - Thursday 9 February - Parent session 7.00pm (RSVP to office)
- School Leaders Assembly – Friday 10 February
- New Parents Morning Tea – Thursday 16 February
- Faction Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 7 March, 12.30pm – 3.00pm (Kalamunda Aquatic Centre) – Years 3 - 6
- Year 6 Cricket Lightning Carnival – Friday 10 March, 9.30 – 1.30 (Maida Vale Reserve)
- Parent Interviews – Monday 13 March – 12pm - 6pm
- Stirk Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 22 March 9.30am – 12.30pm (Bilgoman Aquatic Centre)
- 'World of Maths' Incursion – Monday 27 March
- School Social – Thursday, 30 March
- Easter Hat Parade – Friday 7 April - 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, 3 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 2017 Faction Captains will be presented with their badges at our first assembly on Friday 10 February, starting at 8.45am.

## World of Maths Incursion

On Monday, 27 March, the 'World of Maths' will be coming 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. We had this activity last year, but the activities will be different for 2017.

### 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 2017 Faction Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 7 March starting at 12.15pm. It will take place at the Kalamunda Pool. The Year 3 students will be again take part in the novelty events this year, but will not have any swimming races. Swimming races in freestyle, breast stroke and back stroke will be held for students in Year 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 closer to the carnival.

### Year 6 Cricket Lightning Carnival

The Year 6 students will have the opportunity to participate in a Cricket Lightning Carnival on Friday 10 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. More information and permission forms will be sent out closer to the carnival.

### School Psychologist Service

This year, we are fortunate to again have Alexandra Graham as our School Psychologist. 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. If required, the class teacher will fill out a School Psychologist referral.
3. Deputy Principal discusses referral with School Psychologist and arranges a case conference with parent, teacher and School Psychologist if required
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 School Psychologist.

Regards

Simon Docherty  
Deputy Principal

### READING ROOM

The Junior Reading Room is located in between Rooms 10 and 11. Students in Years 1-3 will be borrowing readers from this collection for home practice. The room is open each morning from 8.20am - 8.40am and is run by parent volunteers. New helpers are always needed and greatly appreciated. Please see Catherine Beck (Year 2 and Year 4 parent) if you are able to help.



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).

## P & C NEWS

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open each Monday from 8.20am until 8.50am for the month of February. Then March 13 and 27.

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

Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 13 February at 7.00pm followed by the General Meeting. All welcome to attend.

### School Banking

School Banking operates every Wednesday 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

### Slalom Kayaking Intro Weekend Course Ascot Kayak Club

Fauntleroy Ave, Garvey Park

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> February 9.30-12.00 and Sun 12<sup>th</sup> February 9.30-12.00


Be introduced to basic paddling skills and most importantly have a heap of fun on the river! Suitable for boys and girls aged 10 and above (must be able to swim 50 metres). Boats and equipment provided. Wear your bathers, shorts and a rashy, a cap and suncream. Morning tea provided.

**Enquiries to Jenny Vogel 0427 449 824.** \$50.00 per person, includes 2 mornings of coaching, a club drink bottle and a cap. **Register at [ascot.canoe.org.au/club-activities](http://ascot.canoe.org.au/club-activities).** Numbers limited so book early to avoid missing out!

### After School Arts News

After School Arts enrolment is on Thursday February 9 from 4.00 - 5.00pm at Jorgenson Park in Kalamunda. Vacancies exist in all classes of Pottery, Painting and drawing and Hooked on Hessian. Classes commence Thursday February 16 from 4.00pm - 6.00pm for 8 weeks. Please phone Norma on 9293 4486 with bookings and enquiries. Ages from 6 years up.

## DRAGON JUDO PERTH



**BOYS & GIRLS AGES 4-12**

**TUESDAYS**  
 5:30pm (45min Classes)

VENUE: LESMURDIE BAPTIST CHURCH  
 1 Varley Steet, Lesmurdie

\$12 p/class  
 or \$100 p/term  
(sibling discounts available)

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Head Coach Joe Carter is a black belt, qualified judo instructor and qualified teacher, he holds both working with children and police clearance certificates.

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