



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

Wednesday 15 March

- School photos

Thursday 16 March

- School Photos
- Yr 3 & Yr 3/4 Red Cross Pillow Project

Friday 17 March

- Assembly Lesmurdie SHS
- Whole school photo
- Ride to School Day

Monday 20 March

- Uniform Shop
- P & C Meeting 7.00pm

Tuesday 21 March

- School Board Meeting

Wednesday 22 March

- STIRK Swimming

Friday 24 March

- Crazy Hair Day

Monday 27 March

- World of Maths

Thursday 30 March

- School Social

Friday 31 March

- Room 9 Assembly

Dear Parents,

Many of you would have seen the article in the West Australian on Wednesday 8 March recognising Falls Road Primary as a high gain school in last year's NAPLAN results.

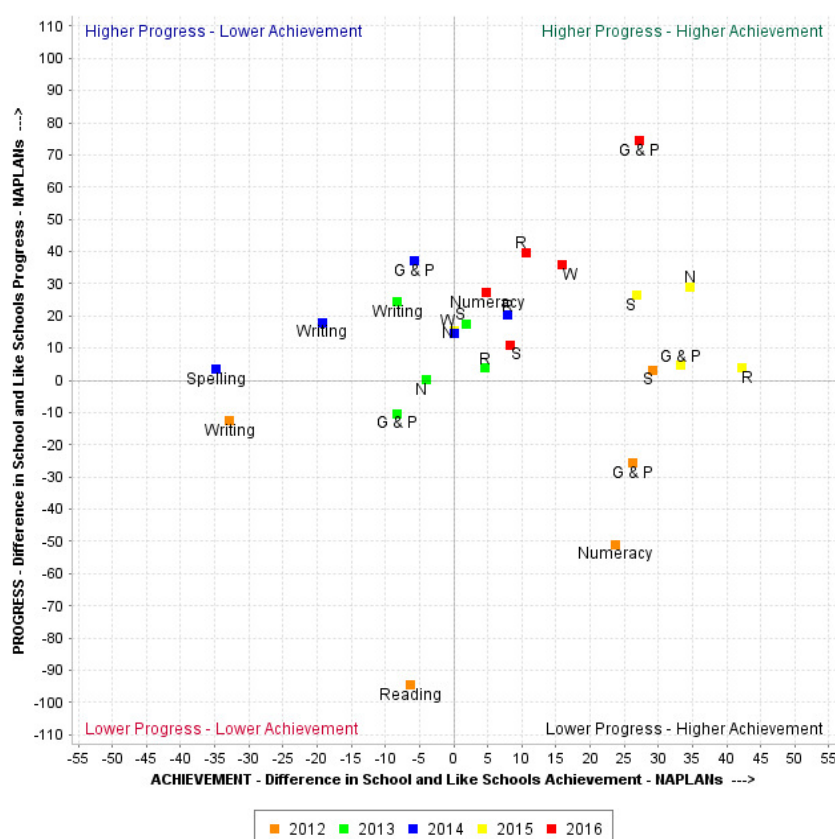
In the Drive Show interview on the ABC I acknowledged that our improved NAPLAN results are due to the high level of professionalism and valuable contribution that the teaching and non-teaching staff have made, along with the School Board, in contributing to the everyday learning success of students in the school.

The teachers have worked diligently over the last five years to apply a range of programs, resources, policies and practices in the context of their classrooms and balanced these with their professional teacher judgement.

The Progress and Achievement graph below shows the steady improvement we have achieved since 2012 and was included in the Annual Report provided to parents at the end of last year. An explanation of Achievement and Progress in relation to the graph is attached for your information.

Student Progress and Achievement Compared with Like Schools

NAPLAN Year 3 to Year 5 Longitudinal



The West Australian newspaper article highlighted our Speech Pathology Program as it is fairly unique and is a point of difference to many other high gain schools. The Speech Pathology Program is contributing to the improvement in student's Literacy in Kindergarten and Pre Primary which supports their development through the rest of the Primary years.

Additionally we have uploaded a summary overview which provides a more complete picture on our Website, which is also included here for your information.

Outstanding 2016 NAPLAN results for Falls Road PS

Falls Road Primary School has been identified by ACARA as one of the schools across Australia that has achieved substantially above expected average NAPLAN gains from year 3 to year 5 in 2016.

This is a fantastic reflection of the quality of the teachers and support staff at Falls Road, the effectiveness of the programs and strategies that we have implemented, the annual reflection and analysis of our school-based data and the continued commitment of time and resources that have been invested over the last 5 years.

This includes, but is not limited to, our early identification of students via our partnership with Edith Cowan University and the Speech Pathology Program; our Whole School English and Whole School Maths Plans which ensure connectedness across the year levels; our targeted Intensive Reading Program for year 3 – year 6 students; our small group support programs for students across the school; our in-school Talented and Gifted Students (TAGS) initiatives and last, but certainly not least, the general excellence of our teachers across the school.

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Faction Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday 7 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 and Parents who contributed to the successful running of the Carnival and we congratulate all students on their sportsmanship and Gold Faction on winning the shield.

TEACHER/PARENT INTERVIEWS

The parent interviews were very well attended. The range was from 72% to 100% across the classes with an average across the school of 83%. This is an excellent level of attendance 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Class and Individual Photos are being taken today, tomorrow and Thursday, The Whole School Photo is on Friday after the Assembly. Please contact the office for further details.

STUDENTS ARRIVING AT SCHOOL PRIOR TO 8.30AM

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 around 7.45am 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.

PARENTING IDEAS

Included with this newsletter is information for parents on rules for digital technology that every parent should know. 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.

ELECTION DAY

Congratulations to the P & C on organising a very successful food stall on election day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The P&C meeting is on next Monday night at 7.00pm in the staff room. All are welcome.
- The Board meeting is on Tuesday 21 March at 7.00pm in the staff room.

- The next Assembly this Friday 17 March will feature some music items from students from Lesmurdie Senior High School. We look forward to seeing you there.
- Our ANZAC Service is on the first Friday of Term 2, 28 April commencing at 1.30pm in the Moonlight Hall.

Regards,
David Ingle
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS



Year 6 Cricket Lightning Carnival

Congratulations to all the Year 6 students who took part in the Cricket Carnival last Friday, 10 March. It was a fun day with lots of good cricket being played by girls and boys from the Falls Road teams. There were plenty of 4s and 6s hit and there were lots of wickets including bowled, run outs and catches. Both the girls and the boys teams won 2 of their games and lost 2 of their games and everyone had a great time. Thanks to Mrs Burns for supervising the girls team and those parents who came down to cheer on our teams.

Stirk Interschool Swimming Carnival

The Stirk Interschool Swimming Carnival is taking place next Wednesday, 22 March at Bilgoman Aquatic Centre on Great Eastern Highway in Darlington. This carnival is only for students in Year 4 – 6 who came in the first 2 or 3 places at the Faction Swimming Carnival. The Year 4 students have an A & B Division and the Year 5 and Year 6 have an A, B & C Division.

Students are chosen for this carnival based on their performances in the A Division races at our Faction Swimming Carnival. There will be breast stroke, freestyle and back stroke events as well as a year level mixed relay. The carnival will start at 9.30am and will finish at approximately 12.00pm. Parents are invited to come along and support our team.

Ride to School Day

Ride to School Day is happening this Friday, 17 March. We encourage all students and parents to ride, scooter or walk to school to encourage students to have a healthier start to the day and promote a more active lifestyle.

'Crazy Hair Day'

On Friday, 24 March we will be holding a '**Crazy Hair Day**' to raise money for blood cancers such as leukaemia and lymphoma. Mrs McCarthy's daughter, Anya McCarthy, will be shaving her head for the 'World's Greatest Shave' on this day and all funds raised from our 'Crazy Hair Day' will be included as part of her fundraising efforts. She will get this done outside Room 11 at lunch time on Friday, 24 March.



We would encourage everyone to come with crazy hair for a gold coin donation. All hair spray, mousse, gel etc... should be applied before coming to school. We're looking forward to seeing lots of crazy hair (normal school uniform is worn on this day).

Falls Road Primary Book Swap

The Book Swap Shop will now open on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.00 – 3.15pm.

We have shifted to the back of the library and access is via the back door of the library directly opposite Room 9 at the top of the steps – see the sign on the door.



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.

If you have any books that you would like to donate, we are always looking for books, especially those for readers from Year 3 onwards.

Literacy Pro

Below is a link to the Literacy Pro website where students from Year 3 – Year 6 can enter the details of any books that they have read recently. Some of these books may also have quizzes that you can do that are based around the story. This helps to track books that students are reading – each book will have a lexile rating which is based around the difficulty of the text in the book (the higher the lexile, the more difficult the text).

<https://educator-slz04.scholasticlearningzone.com/auth/intl/Login/AUS7VPQ>

Each student in Year 3 – Year 6 will have a user name and password that they use to log on to the program. See you child's class teacher for these.

What's happening this Term

Dance lessons in the Moonlight Hall

'Ride to School Day' – Friday, 17 March

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

'Crazy Hair Day' – Friday 24 March

'World of Maths' Incursion – Monday 27 March

School Social – Thursday, 30 March

Room 9 Assembly – Friday 31 March

Easter Hat Parade – Friday 7 April - 8.45am (Moonlight Hall)

Simon Docherty
Deputy Principal

Junior Reading Room Update

Thank you to all families and teaching staff for your patience as we adjust to the new loan system in the junior reading room. An extra big thank you to all the parent volunteers who keep this room running every day.

Just a reminder that the reading room closes at 8.40am. This enables classes to start on time and also allows parent volunteers to leave for other commitments. Students who arrive at the reading room after the siren will be directed straight to their classroom. Reading books may be changed later in the day, at the discretion of teaching staff and if time permits. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Catherine Beck

Reading Room Coordinator

**Sibling Photos**

Medhat will be taking Sibling Photos in the Library tomorrow, Thursday 16, commencing at 8.40am. If your child is in Kindy Blue (and you have paid for a sibling photo) you are required to bring them in.

P & C NEWS**Entertainment Books are coming to our School!**

This year we're selling Entertainment Books to raise money for our fundraising...order yours today.

20% of every membership sold contributes to supporting our School. This enables us to contribute to the purchase of Educational programs such as Mathletics and Reading Eggs as well as funding Teacher's Wish Lists.

Memberships will be available in May, however, pre-order today to receive up to \$200 in Early Bird Offers that you can use straight away! Please refer to the attached flyer for more information.

Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with your Friends and Family.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/9g37388>

Thanks for your support!

Jude Longa

Election Day Sausage Sizzle – Thank You

Thanks to all our amazing families at Falls Road that made the day such a great success! Without your delicious baking, happy chickens laying eggs and countless hours over the BBQ and cake stall we would not have had such a great day. We sold out of all our Bacon and Egg rolls, Sausage Sizzle and just about all our cakes and baked goods. We even cracked a mention on the WA today website!

Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

It's that time of the year again and Term 1 is nearly over. The annual Easter Hat Parade will be held in the Moonlight Hall on Friday 7 April and as in previous years, the P&C will be running the raffle. So keep your eyes out for posters around school and a flyer in your child/s bag shortly. Any donations of Easter eggs, Easter books/toys/teddies would be greatly appreciated and can be left in the office from next Monday 20 March till Tuesday 4 April 2017.

**P & C Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 20 March commencing at 7.00pm in the Staffroom. We would love to see lots of new faces. So don't be shy, come along and see how it all works!

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 27 March from 8.20am until 8.50am:

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 our Treasurer.

School Banking

Welcome aboard Tara Abeleira and Danielle Smith as School Banking Coordinators!!

School Banking operates every Wednesday morning from 8.15am - 8.40am.

New Bankers are always welcome and information brochures are available in the office.

We've had an awesome start to the year and to help reduce the wait time, please remember to have all deposit slips completed with name, account number and amount.



Did you know Falls Road Primary School P&C is on Facebook - join us at

<https://www.facebook.com/fallsroadprimaryschool>

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Tonight

Kalamunda Senior High School An Independent Public School

Year 4 – 6 Parent Information Evening tonight at 6.30pm in the School Cafeteria

We look forward to your attendance and meeting you at this information evening. To reserve your place please call the office on 9293 6400 if you will be attending.

Friday 7 April is the Closing date for 2018 Specialist Program Applications. Contact Kalamunda SHS for further information.

The Actors Workshop

Drama Classes @ Maida Vale Primary School

Thursday 4.30 - 6.00pm - Suitable for Year 3 up

Older kids encouraged as we may create a new class if we have numbers!

Come and try out first session for free! Like it? Pay for the rest of the term!

Great confidence builder, speaking skills, problem solving, improvisation, and MUCH LAUGHTER!

Please email irma.actorsworkshop@gmail.com for more info.

School Payments

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.

Walliston Primary School
PLAYGROUP 0-4



Rainbow Day

Come and join us for.....

- *bubbles *playdough *sensory bottles
- *face painting *games *songs *sensory trays
- *story time *ANIMAL FARM ...and lots more

Please wear rainbow colours!

DATE: THURSDAY 23rd MARCH, 2017
TIME: 9:00—11:00 am
WHERE: Walliston P. S. Kindy (Dianella Rd, Walliston)
COST: \$2 per family

For more information please visit our new Facebook Page
 "Walliston Primary School PLAYGROUP"

Invite your friends and family...
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Sandra Fields (0456111680) & Sara Colombini - Playgroup Leaders



KALAMUNDA

Out Of School Centre



- Before School
- After School
- Vacation Care

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Kalamunda Night Market

6pm Friday 17 March 2017
Central Mall and Haynes St Kalamunda

A great selection of multicultural street food, desserts and local artisan food, giftware and crafts, local businesses and community groups stalls. Live entertainment, silent disco and facepainter. Fun for the whole family!



MAZENOD COLLEGE

Community Car Boot Sale

Sunday 2nd April 2017

Come to sell your unwanted treasures and grab a bargain!
All proceeds will go to the Mazenod Jazz Band upcoming tour

SELLERS
 Car bays available from 7.00am (must stay until 1pm) \$10 each
 Trybooking.com
<https://www.trybooking.com/264829>

BUYERS
 Entry from 8.00am Gold coin donation

Live entertainment!
 College Jazz Band
 Sausage Sizzle
 Tea, Coffee/Soft drinks and more ...

Mazenod College Hockey Oval, (enter from Gladys Rd, Lesmurdie - follow the signs)
 9291 1500




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