



FALLS ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHALLENGE THE PRESENT—CREATE THE FUTURE

TERM 3
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Times

8.40am - 3.00pm

Every Tuesday
early close 2.30pm

Recess

10.25am - 10.45am

Lunch

12.30pm - 1.15pm

Dates to Remember

Thursday 18 July

- Pyjama Day fundraiser

Friday 19 July

- Athletics Practice

Monday 22 July

- Uniform Shop open 8.20am

Friday 26 July

- Room 7 Assembly
- Athletics Practice

Monday 29 July

- P&C Meeting 7.00pm

Tuesday 30 July

- Year 4 PEAC Testing

Friday 2 August

- Robotics Showcase @ KSHS
- Athletics Practice

Monday 5 August

- Uniform Shop open 8.20am

Thursday 8 August

- WAGSMS Concert

Dear Parents

Welcome back to what promises to be another busy and exciting term at Falls Road Primary School. Students from the classes I have visited over the last couple of days have had lots of wonderful stories of what they did over the school holidays, but they were also really happy to be back at school and getting to see their friends.

We have lots of things to look forward to during the term including: the Senior Choir performing at the WA Government Schools Music Society (WAGSMS) concert; Science Week; Book Week and the Book Week Parade; the Parent Open Night; Athletics Practice each Friday with the Athletics Carnival and events in Week 8; The Year 5 Hockey Carnival; and the Year 6 Camp in the last week of term.

In regards to staffing during Term 3 and 4, we have been advised by the South Metropolitan Education Regional Office that Mr Dan Watt will be coming to Falls Road Primary as the Acting Principal from Thursday, 8 August through until the end of 2024. During Term 4, the position of Falls Road Principal will be advertised and a selection process run to select a new Principal who will start at the beginning of 2025 year. We look forward to welcoming Mr Watt to our school.

As advised at the end of last term, Mrs Ronnie McNeil will be in Room 2 and Mrs Gemma Morris will be in Room 6 for Term 3 while Miss Bunter and Mr Bernardi enjoy their well-earned Long Service Leave.

A highlight of the last week of Term 2 was our NAIDOC Celebration Day where students across the school took part in different activities celebrating Indigenous language and culture. These included: learning about the Bush Medicine 'Bain' and what it's different uses were; a 'Yarn Sticks' story time activity where students created 'yarn sticks' by wrapping sticks in different coloured wool; developing class Acknowledgements of Country to be used during assemblies; and looking at and participating in a range of activities involving different Indigenous resources from the One World Centre.





Students were really engaged in the different activities throughout the day. We finished off the celebrations with a whole school campfire sing-along in the Moonlight Hall where students sang a range of different songs in Noongar and English. The Pre-Primary students were involved in accompanying the singing with some wonderful dancing. This was an extremely enjoyable way to finish off our NAIDOC celebrations and Term 2.

Bounce Back Program

During Terms 3 and 4, we will be having a renewed focus on incorporating the Bounce Back Core Values and Social Values into Health lessons and as part of our 'Aussie of the Month' program. Teachers will engage students in a range of activities where they have the opportunity to go into these Core and Social Values in more depth using age-appropriate learning activities.

The Core Values of 'Bounce Back' are:

- Acceptance of Differences
- Honesty
- Fairness, and
- Responsibility

The Social Values of 'Bounce Back' are:

- Kindness and Compassion
- Cooperation
- Respect for Others
- Self-respect, and
- Friendliness and Inclusion

In keeping with the 'Bounce Back' values, we would also encourage students to 'ask for help' from Teachers, Education Assistants, the School Chaplain or other students when they are having difficulties. **'Asking for Help'** is very different to 'dobbing' or 'snitching' and can involve students asking for help or advice to solve a problem. 'Asking for Help' can involve anything from dealing with mean behaviour, sorting out rules for games, talking or communicating with other students to solve friendship problems or providing them with strategies to help join in games. Falls Road Primary is a very friendly school, and we want to encourage students to ask for help or advice on developing strategies to solve problems or deal with different social situations.

Graffiti

Over the school holidays, we had some graffiti tagging done across the school. I would like to thank those community members and parents who became aware of this and assisted in the removal and cleaning of the graffiti. Unfortunately, some of our play equipment and buildings have also been covered in graffiti and this is much more difficult to remove. We have reported this and the graffiti removal team have been out to the school to clean what they can. Thank you for your vigilance in watching over 'our school' and we would appreciate you maintaining this to keep the school free of graffiti. A special thanks to our head cleaner, Carly Harry who spent quite a bit of time cleaning graffiti off different surfaces over the holidays.



Above is just a sample of the graffiti defacing our school.

After-school supervision

If students are on the school grounds after school while a sibling is at after-school training, parents must **actively supervise** them. The same behaviour expectations apply for students after school as during school while they remain on school grounds. Students should not be around the buildings after school as teachers are often in their classes working during this time.

100s Club

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 who arrive at school prior to 8.25am are expected to take part in 100s Club down on the oval. This is where we provide supervision before school. We appreciate your support in this.

Kind regards,
Simon Docherty

DEPUTY NEWS

Pyjama Day Fundraiser

Do you sometimes want to stay in your Pyjama's in the morning? The great news is tomorrow you can, with a gold coin donation! On Thursday, 18 July we will be celebrating National Pyjama Day!

Students are encouraged to wear their favourite PJs, Oodie, Snoogie, Onesie or Robe to school. All proceeds from student donations will help raise vital funds to support children living in foster care.



Semester Two, Year 6 Student Leaders

In the last week of Term 2, many of our Year 6 students put themselves forward for the opportunity to be considered for Student Leadership roles for Semester Two. Ten students were elected by their peers in Years 3 – 6. These students will be formally announced and presented with their Leadership badges at our next assembly on Friday, 26 July.

Congratulations to all the students who bravely stepped up and delivered a Leadership speech on the day. A thank you also to all the Semester 1 Leaders who did an outstanding job and set a great example to all the students in the school.

Year 4 Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) Testing

The PEAC testing for Falls Road Year 4 students will take place on Tuesday, 30 July. If students in Year 4 are away on this day, there will be opportunities for catch-up testing over the next week.

The PEAC testing is a South Metropolitan Education District testing program that is used to identify the top 2% of students through Mathematical Reasoning and Verbal Reasoning assessments. The students who are identified through this process will then be offered places in the PEAC Program in Year 5 and Year 6.

NOTE: If you do not want your Year 4 child to take part in the Year 4 PEAC testing, please notify the school in writing prior to Tuesday, 30 July (email or note).

Faction Athletics

Students from Years 1 to 6 will have athletics practice each Friday afternoon, starting from this week. Students will have the opportunity to practise for different events (running, jumping, throwing and team games events) on a rotational basis between now and the Athletics Carnival on Friday, 6 September (Week 8). This also provides an opportunity for faction teachers to run students off in factions (girls and boys) to ensure they are matched up against students of comparable ability in their sprint events at the Faction Athletics Carnival.

Bibbulmun STEM Robotics Showcase

Ms Johnston and I are once again preparing some of our super keen Year 4 and Year 6 students to develop their coding and robotics skills in preparation for the Bibbulmun STEM Robotics Showcase. The students will be working with Sphero, LEGO EV3 Mindstorm and LEGO Spike robots, to solve coding challenges and navigate their way through different obstacles. These sessions will provide opportunities for students to develop their coding skills with iPads and how to apply these skills, to practical situations.

Students will join together with students from other schools in the local Network, to take part in the Bibbulmun STEM Robotics Showcase on **Friday, 2nd August** at Kalamunda Senior High School. On this day, they will use the coding and programming skills they have learnt to complete courses and tasks designed by the different schools. Students will also participate in an engineering task where students will be asked to design and construct an innovative object to solve a problem using important teamwork skills such as communication and negotiation. We look forward to seeing our students rise to the challenges and interacting with like minded students at the showcase event.

Term 3 is certainly a busy one, here are some of the up & coming events -

Pyjama Day – Thursday, 18 July

Room 7 Assembly - Friday, 26 July

PEAC Testing Year 4 – Tuesday, 30 July

Bibbulmun STEM Robotics Showcase - Friday, 2 August

WAGSM Choir Rehearsal and Performance- Thursday, 8 August

Room 1 Assembly – Friday, 9 August

Bibbulmun Network Italian Day Year 6 - Friday 9 August

Science Week & Bullying – No Way Week - Monday 12 August - Friday 16 August

Book Week – Monday, 19 August – Friday 23 August

Book Week Parade – Wednesday, 21 August

Room 3 Assembly - Friday, 23 August

Book Fair- Wednesday, 28 August - Wednesday, 4 September

Parent Open Night – Thursday, 29 August

Father's Day Stall- Friday 30 August

Athletics Jumps and Throws – Monday, 2 September – Thursday, 5 September

Athletics Carnival – Friday, 6 September

RUOK Day- Thursday, 12 September

Room 11 Assembly – Friday, 13 September

Year 6 Camp – Tuesday, 17 September – Friday, 20 September

Year 5 Hockey Carnival – Wednesday, 18 September

Erin Burns

Acting Deputy Principal

School Watch is a partnership between the WA Police and the Department of Education to help protect public schools from vandalism, theft and damage.

Every year, criminal damage to schools not only costs Western Australian taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars, but also inconveniences students, their families, teachers and local residents.

While we work closely with WA Police to minimise crime at school premises, you can help too. With more than 650 public schools involved in the School Watch program, the community's role is vital, particularly after school hours and during school holidays.

Most importantly, if you live near a public school and see or hear suspicious behaviour immediately contact School Watch Security or the police.

WHO TO CONTACT

Either call:

⇒ School Watch Security on [1800 177 777](tel:1800177777)

⇒ WA Police on [131 444](tel:131444).

When you contact School Watch Security, Department security officers can quickly attend schools in the metropolitan area. The police will attend if called.

P & C

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open from 8.20am - 8.50am on the following Mondays this term:

22 July, 5 and 19 August, 2 and 16 September.

Orders can be placed online using <http://www.fallsroadpandc.org.au/>. If you place an order online, you will receive an email notifying that the items are available for collection from the office. **Please check your junk mail for notifications.**

Need to contact us?

Falls Road P&C Email address is fallsroadparents@gmail.com

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

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



COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Have you heard about the Gifted and Talented Visual Art Program at Kalamunda Senior High School?

CALLING ALL YEAR 5 STUDENTS WHO HAVE A PASSION FOR VISUAL ART!

Gifted and Talented Visual Art Program

Enrich your art talent and knowledge through this extension program where you will study with professional artists in workshops on a Saturday morning. Learn new art styles, work with different mediums and improve your skills in all forms of visual art from Year 7-12.

Register your interest NOW
www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented

Contact Zoe or Emma for more information:
Kalamunda.SHS.GATart@education.wa.edu.au



Venue: Jack Healey Centre
 21 Mead St, Kalamunda (next door to Dome Café)

*Creative Art Activities
 for Kids 6 to 14 years*

2024 Term 3
Enrollments: Thursday 25th July, 4pm to 5pm
Starts: Thursday 1st August 4pm to 6pm

Hooked on Hessian


The fun textile art of rug hooking...create wall hangings, rugs or cushions with a variety of colours and textures that will bring your designs to life.

Painting & Drawing

Develop skills moving creative ideas to paper with a variety of techniques; oil, pen, crayon, pastels and water color..

All materials provided

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Kalamunda Senior High School – enrolments

Reminder to parents and guardians that enrolments for Year 7 2025 close on 19 July 2024.

Grab an enrolment package from your primary school or the Kalamunda SHS office!

Required documentation (including proof of residential address) is listed on the front of the enrolment form.

Lesmurdie Library

Closure:
 Saturday 20 July 2024

Library reopens:
 Monday 22 July 2024



City of Kalamunda



Rostrum Public Speaking Clubs of WA invites you to...

Public Speaking Made Easy Workshop

World class trainers - Carmel Philippe and David Price
 You'll learn some valuable skills such as...

- How to look more confident without saying a word
- How to structure what you say so the audience understands your intended message
- How to get your body language congruent with your message
- And lots more...

When: Monday 22 July 2024 - Arrive 6.00pm for 6.30pm - 8:30pm Workshop

Where: Zig Zag Cultural Centre - 50 Railway Rd, Kalamunda WA 6076 (Parking available on Williams Street)

Cost Rostrum Members: Free

Cost Visitors: \$40* (* \$40 will be deducted from your joining fee if you join a Rostrum Club within 3 months of this workshop)

Dinner: included

Bookings here: <https://rostrumclubsofwa.wildapricot.org/event-5544975>

We look forward to seeing you there!

Any enquiries to Kalamunda Speakers Club President Mathew Lane - mathewlane@rostrumwa.com.au

Regular Monday night meetings can be accessed via the link: <https://www.meetup.com/kalamunda-speakers-rostrum-club-24/>