



FALLS ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHALLENGE THE PRESENT—CREATE THE FUTURE

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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

Wednesday 28 February

- PP-Year 6 Dance Lessons

Thursday 29 February

- PP-Year 6 Dance Lessons

Monday 4 March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 6 March

- PP-Year 6 Dance Lessons

Thursday 7 March

- PP-Year 6 Dance Lessons

Friday 8 March

- Assembly - Kalamunda SHS Students
- Faction Swimming Carnival



Monday 11 March

- Uniform Shop open
- **Parent/Teacher interviews—
Students finish at 11.30am**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Flag Poles

We are seeking to relocate our 3 flagpoles which are currently obscured by the undercover patio. **I am seeking expertise within our community** who might lead us in a busy bee to achieve this. Anyone who can assist, firstly with advice, please contact me through the front office asap. It would be fantastic to be able to conduct our ANZAC service with the flagpoles relocated. The proposal is somewhere at the front of the school, most likely near the welcome wall at the pedestrian entrance to the school.

Parent Interviews

I thank so many of you for booking into the individualised parent meeting with your child's teacher for the upcoming sessions on Monday, 11 March. I remind everyone that **students are finishing at 11:30 am on that day.**

Below is the link to access the SOBS (School Online Booking System).

<https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=1437>

School Board

The Board met on Monday, 19 February (minutes attached) and welcomed staff member Megan Leeming, whilst thanking Erin Burns for her 4 years of dedicated service.

We examined some of our school data, mainly NAPLAN, from 2023, looked at information and recommendations which came from our internal review late last year, and viewed the Operational Plans and draft budget for 2024.

Birthdays, 29th February

2024 is one of those unique years, not only for the Summer Olympic Games but for the very select few who were born on the 29th February. We have a couple of past and present students who own this privilege, so I would like to wish them a genuine and rare Happy Birthday!

ANZAC Service

Our significantly important ANZAC Service will this year be held on Friday, 26 April (time to be determined). Whilst the day before is of course a Public Holiday, Friday is a normal school day, and attendance is expected.

Student Injury

I remind families, that injuries occurring at school are not covered by school insurance. It is recommended that parents take out private insurance where feasible.

Be That Teacher – national advertising campaign

The many amazing teachers in Australia are being celebrated! The Be That Teacher campaign is a joint initiative between the Australian, state and territory

governments to promote teaching as a valued and rewarding profession and to celebrate the teachers across Australia who inspire their students every single day. The campaign features real teachers sharing real stories—their own stories of memorable teaching moments that had a lasting impact on their students. You can find out more about the campaign and the amazing teachers that are the faces of this campaign at www.bethatteacher.gov.au. Submissions for the online Teacher Gallery are now open.

Finally

I am very much looking forward to our Faction Swimming Carnival in just over a week's time. Our Assembly prior to the Carnival will see us welcome students from Kalamunda SHS to perform some music and a short skit for us.

Please enjoy your additional day off over the upcoming long weekend, and of course it is only 8 days until the AFL season is underway.

Bruce Fraser

Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

What's happening this Term

Kalamunda SHS Assembly - Friday, 8 March at 8.45am

Faction Swimming Carnival – Friday, 8 March, 12.15pm – 2.45pm (Kalamunda Aquatic Centre)

Parent Interviews – Monday, 11 March – 12pm - 6pm

Year 6 Cricket Lightning Carnival – Tuesday, 12 March, 9.30am – 1.30pm (Maida Vale Reserve)

NAPLAN Testing (Year 3 and Year 5) – Wednesday, 13 March – Friday, 22 March

Stirk Swimming Carnival – Thursday, 21 March (9.30am – 12.30pm at Bilgoman Aquatic Centre)

Easter Hat Parade – Thursday, 28 March - 8.45am (Senior Basketball Court)

Faction Swimming Carnival — Year 3 - Year 6

The Faction Swimming carnival will be held on Friday, 8 March from 12.15pm – 2.45pm at the Kalamunda Aquatic Centre on Canning Road, Kalamunda. The carnival will be for students in Year 3 – Year 6 with the Year 3 students participating in a range of novelty events.

The Year 4 – Year 6 students can nominate to swim in either 25 metre or 50 metre races for Breast stroke, Freestyle or Back stroke events. **Please ensure that you write your child's name on the nomination form, as we have had two forms returned with no names.**

If you have not yet nominated your child for swimming race events, please do so via the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/tM0547fukk>

Those students who choose not to take part in the swimming races will take part in the novelty events which will take place while the swimming races are on. There will be different novelty events for each of the swimming strokes and these will take place in the small pool and on the grassed area nearby.

If you have not yet provided permission for this carnival, please do so via Consent2Go.

Parents are invited to come along, but are reminded that there is a **\$3 spectator fee** for the carnival.

AFL Football Clinics

Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 are taking part in football clinics run by development officers from Swan Districts today and next Wednesday. This is a great opportunity for those students who've never played before to get an idea of the skills used in AFL. Those classes that took part today really enjoyed the clinics.



Assembly – Friday, 8 March

Some students from Kalamunda SHS Arts Program will be performing some items for us at the assembly on Friday, 8 March. They will also share some information about the programs available at Kalamunda SHS.

Year 6 Cricket Carnival

The Year 6 Stirk Association Cricket Lightning Carnival is happening on Tuesday, 12 March (Week 7). The carnival will run from 9.30am – 1.30pm.

There will be a girls' competition and a boys' competition. Falls Road students will play games against students from Gooseberry Hill, Lesmurdie, Kalamunda, Maida Vale and Walliston primary schools. This is a great chance for students to play games of cricket in a fun competition. They do not have to have played cricket previously to take part in this competition.

Parents are welcome to come along and watch with the carnival taking place at Maida Vale Reserve in Maida Vale at the back of the primary school. More information and permissions will come out via Consent2Go.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will take place from Wednesday, 13 March and run through until Friday, 22 March. Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be assessed in Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Language Conventions (Spelling and Grammar & Punctuation). The Year 3 and Year 5 students will complete some NAPLAN familiarisation activities in their classes over the next 2 weeks.

Parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students will have received information brochures about the NAPLAN testing program. Please contact Bruce Fraser or Simon Docherty at school if you have any queries.

3rd Party Services Consent

Please complete the 3rd Party Services Consent via the link below if you have not already done so. These programs and applications are an integral part of our teaching and learning program at Falls Road Primary School. All of these providers have reached an agreement with the Education Department of WA whereby they have shown that they are storing any student data safely and securely.

Please complete the form below if you have not already done so. Our thanks to all those parents and carers who have already returned this form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/h23geUHJRv>

Bike Riding and Crossing Roads

A reminder to students and parents about crossing roads safely at the appropriate points around the school. Students should always cross Burma Road by the crosswalk at the front of the school (bikes and scooters need to be walked across the crossing). Please take special care around the car parks on Falls Road and Connor Road where cars are coming in and out. This is especially important at the beginning and the end of the day when there are lots of cars about.

Students also need to be especially careful if they have to cross Lesmurdie Road. Students need to stop (when walking or riding a bike) and cross the road when it is safe.

Step 1 Choose the safest place to stop and cross.

Step 2 Ask an adult for help to cross the road if possible.

Step 3 Step back from the kerb and road.

Step 4 Look in all directions for traffic.

Good Standing

The Year to Year 6 students will again come under the ‘Good Standing’ Policy in 2024 (see attached with this newsletter).

All students in Year 4 – Year 6 start each term with ‘Good Standing.’ Students will receive strikes against the ‘Good Standing’ if they receive a blue behaviour slip for inappropriate classroom behaviour, a severe playground incident or repeated playground incidents.

If a student receives 3 strikes, they will lose their ‘Good Standing’ for that term which will involve exclusion from the end of term Good Standing reward and attending school excursions during that term.

Students have the opportunity to earn back their ‘Good Standing’ back if they behave appropriately in the weeks following their strike. This is done in consultation with the Administration staff and the student’s class teacher.

Kind regards,

Simon Docherty

Aussie of the Month



The winner of Aussie of the Month for this assembly is Avri in Year 4, Room 6. Avri was nominated for being kind and helpful to others and showing respect for everyone. Avri has displayed the Bounce Back values of support, kindness, helpfulness and friendliness. Congratulations to Avri.



MERIT CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our Merit Certificate Award winners who were presented with their Certificates on Friday, 23 February

Year	Student	Awarded for:
PP	Audrey	Her positive attitude towards school and trying her best. Keep it up, Audrey!

PP	Stella	Her enthusiasm towards her leaf counting activity, Well done on a beautiful piece of work!
PP	Ellery	Her fabulous simple and clear sentence, using a noun and a verb, about her skeleton. Keep working hard, Ellery.
PP	Elijah	His enthusiastic approach with our literacy and numeracy warm-ups, and always being willing to have a go!
1	Skylar	Working carefully to sound out words and blend them together.
1	Claudio	Listening carefully and sharing thoughtful ideas in class discussions.
2	Angus	Constantly challenging yourself during our Mathematics tasks, particularly when learning place value. You are a star!
2	Robyn	The excellent recounts you are producing in our Writing sessions. You extend yourself by adding extra detail.
2	Louis	How well you have settled into Year Two. You are working hard to complete all set tasks. Keep up the great work!
2	Bridget	Completing all your work to the best of your ability and to a high standard. You are a superstar!
2	Sienna	Being an eager learner who always works hard and listens to feedback to improve her work.
3	Ciara	Her super work using greater than and less than symbols to compare four digit numbers.
3	Liesel	Her fantastic boat design that included top, front and side views, as well as the boat dimensions.
3	Finn	Writing a detailed character description including actions, dialogue, emotions and lots of descriptive language.
4	Austin	Achieving great results in maths problem solving.
4	Marie	The fantastic way in which she applies herself to all tasks.
4	Elijah	Outstanding improvement in both weekly Maths post-test. Keep up the great work!
4	Bethany	Demonstrating excellent self-reflection, and taking pride in your work, during your "I lost it" activity in Health.
5	Winnie	Seeking help when needed and asking questions to improve your understanding, particularly in Maths. Well done.
6	Bodhi	Your effort to include an interesting backfill in your sizzling starts, hooking the reader into your writing.
6	Cooper	Your effort to include an interesting backfill in your sizzling starts, hooking the reader into your writing.
6	Owen	His enthusiastic approach to Writing tasks and his efforts to implement new ideas and skills, into his narrative stories. Well done!
6	Jensen	His amazing start to Year 6! Jensen is trying hard to do his best work, he is seeking feedback to improve, and challenging himself in Maths.

Design and Technology Storeroom

The below items are required to replenish our supplies in the STEM room to help with technology and engineering projects. If you have these items at home and wish to donate them, labelled tubs will be kept outside Room 1 for drop off over the next two weeks.

- Egg cartons
- Plastic bottles and containers
- Cardboard tubes (no toilet rolls please)
- Tin containers

Thank You for your Help



P & C

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open from 8.20am - 8.50am on the following **Mondays** in Term 1:

March - 11

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>

If your child is absent you can:

email fallsroad.ps@education.wa.edu.au

complete the online form <http://www.fallsroadps.wa.edu.au>

sms: **0437705698** (please give a reason for absence) or phone **9291 2150**


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Year 4-6 Parent Information Evening




Tuesday 19 March at 6.00pm
 in the
 School Cafeteria

A Year 4-6 Parent Information Evening has been organised to provide an insight into how Kalamunda Senior High School operates, including information about:

- School History
- Values
- Academic Achievement
- Specialist Programs
- Support Programs

Opportunity for discussion and questions will be an integral part of the evening.

We look forward to your attendance and meeting you at this information evening. Please book your place via our website kalamunda.shs@education.wa.edu.au or by Trybooking using the following link <https://www.trybooking.com/CPGSH>. QR Code below or via our website www.kalamunda.shs@education.wa.edu.au

Kalamunda Senior High School
 An Independent Public School

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.