



FALLS ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHALLENGE THE PRESENT—CREATE THE FUTURE

TERM 1
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2024

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 13 March

- NAPLAN
- Dance Lessons

Thursday 14 March

- NAPLAN
- Dance Lessons

Friday 15 March

- NAPLAN

Monday 18 March

- NAPLAN
- Uniform Shop
- P&C Meeting

Tuesday 19 March

- NAPLAN

Wednesday 20 March

- NAPLAN

Thursday 21 March

- NAPLAN
- STIRK (Interschool) Swimming Carnival

Friday 22 March

- NAPLAN
- Assembly

Monday 25 March

- Uniform Shop

Tuesday 26 March

- BBK's party

Dear Parents/Carers,

Faction Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our staff and students, with support from parents, on our swimming carnival last week. Congratulations to the individual winners and to Red faction. Mr Docherty has always done and continues to do a huge amount of behind the scenes work to ensure that the events run very well. He has included all the results in this newsletter.



Flag Poles

I am still desperate to hear from anyone who can provide advice or work on relocating our flagpoles. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Parent Interviews

I applaud our teachers who spent 6 hours 'speed dating' style, sharing with parents the early year assessments and 2024 aspirations for their children. A tough gig trying to keep each conversation to 15 minutes. Thank you to all the parents for being so connected and involved with your children's education. If you missed this opportunity, our teachers' doors are always open; just make an appointment and they will be very obliging.

P&C

In the short space of time this term, the P&C have committed finances to supporting many of our online learning programs, our upcoming Harmony Week incursion, the painting of educational murals around the school in a couple of the undercover areas, and to an Aboriginal designed Interschool shirt.

They also funded the swimming carnival medals and ribbons, which were presented by Ashlee Gibson, P&C President, at the carnival last week.

The next P&C meeting is this coming Monday, 18 March, at 7.00pm in the Staffroom. It is always such a vibrant atmosphere, and they promise that this one won't be a late meeting.

Harmony Week

Harmony Week is next week, however our big Harmony event will be on Tuesday, 26 March. We will have a fantastic 'Cultural Infusion' event (for Pre-primary - Year 6) with visiting performers. Students are invited to wear the colour orange for the day as this signifies social and meaningful conversations, freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Alternatively, students are permitted to wear clothing which represents their cultural or ancestral background. More details will be forthcoming shortly.



Finally

NAPLAN is ticking along over the next fortnight, and we are participating in the Interschool Swimming Carnival next week. As we rapidly approach the end of Term 1 we still have our end of term behaviour acknowledgements and the universally recognised Easter Hat parade.

Happy St Patricks day this Sunday (17th) to all our Irish friends and families.

Regards

Bruce Fraser
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

What's happening this Term

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)



Year 6 Girls Champion Kira
(right) and Runner-up
Champion Arliese



Faction Swimming Carnival

The Year 3 – Year 6 students had a very enjoyable afternoon down at the pool last Friday afternoon on what was a perfect day for the swimming carnival, with a bit of cloud cover, some heat and humidity and a nice cool pool to dive into along with a good crowd of parents to cheer the students on. There were 50m and 25m races for students from Year 4 to Year 6 and the Year 3 students along with those Year 4 – Year 6s not participating in the races, got to take part in a range of novelty games in the smaller pool and on the grassed area nearby. There were plenty of close races in both the 25m and 50m events with the 50m races deciding who would be going to the Stirk Interschool Carnival to represent Falls Road. The eventual winners were:

Red Faction on 281 points, followed by **Blue Faction on 255 points** and **Gold Faction on 201 points**.

Congratulations to the champions in the different year groups (see below) along with all of the other students who participated actively in race events and gave their personal best for their faction. Well done also to the students who took part in the novelty events and had a great time.

My thanks to the teachers for their supervision of the students in the bays as well as those teachers who carried out a range of jobs throughout the day. A special thank you to the parents who helped out with the judging of the races and the P&C who provided all the ribbons and trophies for the carnival.

Year Level	Boys		Girls	
	Champion	Runner-Up	Champion	Runner-Up
Year 4	Charlie W (24 points)	Logan M (8 points)	Bethany G (18 points)	Summer M (13 points)
Year 5	Theo B (24 points)	Daniel G (15 points)	Lotte W-L (19 points)	Olivia F (12 points)
Year 6	Cooper V (24 points)	Isa I (12 points)	Kira H (18 points)	Arliese W (14 points)

Year 6 Cricket Carnival

The Year 6 students enjoyed taking part in the Stirk Cricket Carnival yesterday at Maida Vale Reserve. 3 Boys' teams and 1 Girls' team played games against students from Gooseberry Hill, Lesmurdie, Kalamunda, Maida Vale, Roleystone CC and Walliston primary schools. Congratulations to the boys' Team 1 who won four out of five games including the 3rd Vs 4th playoff and the Girl's team who won three out of five games including the 5th Vs 6th playoff. All of the students had a fun and enjoyable day, with lots of the students playing organised games of cricket for the first time at this carnival.

Congratulations to the students on their sportsmanship and behaviour at the carnival, with all students once again being wonderful ambassadors for our school. A big thank you also to the Year 9 and Year 10 students from Roleystone Community College who umpired the games at the carnival and did a great job.



NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) started today and will run through until Monday, 25 March. Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be assessed in Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Language Conventions (Spelling and Grammar & Punctuation). If students are absent on the day of a test, we will endeavour to catch them up. See the timetable below along with some tips for parents and students.

Tip 1: Be positive – it's a new opportunity and challenge – but it isn't high stakes.

Tip 2: Encourage your child to talk about concerns so you can help alleviate them (but don't feed the anxieties). Ensure your child understands that you aren't concerned about the tests.

Tip 3: Help them to relax – provide them with some relaxation strategies, eg. take 3 deep breaths, have a drink of water, re-read the questions.

Tip 4: Prepare – have a good night's sleep and a good breakfast.

Tip 5: Encourage them to have a go, focus on doing their best and the results will take care of themselves.

Year 3 / Room 1 (Mrs Miller)	Wednesday 13 th	9:00 am	Writing
	Thursday 14 th	1:15 pm	Reading
	Monday 18 th	11:00 am	Spelling & Grammar
	Wednesday 20 th	9:00 am	Maths
Year 3 / Room 2 (Ms Bunter)	Wednesday 13 th	9:00 am	Writing
	Thursday 14 th	9:00 am	Reading
	Monday 18 th	9:00 am	Spelling & Grammar
	Thursday 21 st	9:00 am	Maths
Year 5 / Room 5 (Mr Carter)	Wednesday 13 th	9:00 am	Writing
	Friday 15 th	11:00 am	Reading
	Tuesday 19 th	11:00 am	Spelling & Grammar
	Friday 22 nd	11:00 am	Maths
Year 5 / Room 7 (Miss Ferguson)	Wednesday 13 th	11:00 am	Writing
	Friday 15 th	9:00 am	Reading
	Tuesday 19 th	9:00 am	Spelling & Grammar
	Friday 22 nd	9:20 am	Maths

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>

Kind regards,

Simon Docherty

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

MERIT CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our Merit Certificate Award winners who were presented with their Certificates on Friday, 8 March

Year	Student	Awarded for:
PP	Kora	Her kindness and flexibility when communicating with her peers. Keep it up!
PP	Zion	His hard work and persistence during his handwriting lesson. Well done, Zion.
PP	Eloise	Her enthusiasm and participation in dance lessons. Your enjoyment is infectious to those around you!
PP	Ayla	Her ability to identify a pattern and to continue the pattern as well as creating her own patterns. You're a star!
1	Kohl	Breaking up numbers into their parts in a systematic way to find all combinations.
1	William	Working carefully to sound out words when reading and writing.
1	Charlotte	Your wonderful knowledge of expanded form into the hundreds! You are a superstar!
2	Piper	Your engagement in our soundwaves lessons. Your chin walking and segmenting of words is amazing to see!
2	Ragnar	Always looking for opportunities to challenge yourself during Mathematics lessons. Your enthusiasm is contagious!
2	Greyson	Consistently making exceptional behaviour choices. You always do the right thing and are a role model to your peers.
3	Leila	Her attention to detail when drawing two views of her boat design. It is great to see your design coming to life!
3	Kieran	The wonderful way he has been settling into his work and approaching learning throughout the day. Keep it up, Kieran!
3	Amelie	Being a kind and considerate class member, always offering assistance to others when needed.
3	Xavier	Consistently staying focused and working hard to achieve his best across all learning areas.
4	Avril	Her great use of imagination in creative writing.
4	Abby	The dedication and enthusiasm she shows for learning.
5	Indigo	Improving in every Maths post test so far this year, often by impressively large margins.
5	Woody	Enthusiastically contributing interesting words to build our collective vocabulary and applying them to your writing.
5	Olivia	Her thoughtful and informative contributions to classroom discussions.

6	Arliese	Consistently giving 100% in all learning activities and seeking opportunities for feedback to improve her learning.
6	Jai	Referencing data and clearly explaining his observations when writing his Scientific conclusion, for our class experiment.
6	Kira	Her detailed research on dragon culture and her wonderfully creative representation of her dragon, for our Lunar New Year viewing task.

Aussie of the Month



The winner of Aussie of the Month for this assembly is Aarik from Year 6, Room 8. Aarik was nominated for always offering to help out whenever needed and being a good friend. Aarik has shown the Bounce Back values of support, kindness, helpfulness and friendliness. Congratulations to Aarik.



P & C

Uniform Shop

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

March 18 and 25

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

Nearer to Nature at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre has partnered with Kings Park botanic gardens to bring the Zippy's Bush Kindy Program to the Perth Hills starting Monday 29th April.

Big adventures for little nature lovers aged 3 to 5 years!

Join Zippy Dragonfly on an early learning adventure in his new forest location at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre in Mundaring. Set in the beautiful Beelu National Park, with one 45-minute session per week over an 8-week term (cost of approximately \$13 per session) this interactive program will ignite your child's curiosity and strengthen their connection to nature.

Each term provides new experiences with Zippy and his forest friends that nurture children's confidence to explore, question and make discoveries. The program is also designed to reflect different themes, the changing seasons, and introduce new skills through nature play activities. Watch your child bloom as they learn at their own pace and grow in confidence and knowledge, with time to play, create, share stories and care for the natural world.

More info: <https://www.bgpa.wa.gov.au/zippys-bush-kindy>

Zig Zag Community Arts | Kalamunda Night Market | Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce | City of Kalamunda | Community Bank Forresterfield Bendigo Bank

HARMONY IN THE HILLS

Everyone belongs

FRIDAY
22 March 2024
5pm to 9pm
Stirk Park, Kalamunda

IT'S HARMONY WEEK

Join Zig Zag Community Arts for an evening of performance and workshops presented by various cultural groups based in Perth, whilst enjoying international cuisine and market stalls organised by the Kalamunda Night Market.

www.zigzagcommunityarts.org.au

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

Academic Excellence Program

The due date for the Year 7 2025 intake for the **Academic Excellence Program** application forms has been extended until **Friday, 22 March**. Further information about the program and application forms can be found here: <https://kalamundashs.wa.edu.au/specialist-programs/#focus-3>.

Programs offered include:

- Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs (Visual Arts)
- Endorsed Outdoor Adventure Program
- Academic Excellence Program
- Performing Arts Program (General and Music Streams)

These programs form part of the elective courses for the students in these years and also include extra activities such as camps, expeditions, productions, excursions and special guests. Please note that extra charges apply.

Receive up to \$500 from ANZ for your 2025 back to school costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Terms and conditions apply.

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