



# FALLS ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHALLENGE THE PRESENT—CREATE THE FUTURE

TERM 2  
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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 23 May

- Dockers/Fever Cup

#### Friday 24 May

- Room 10 Assembly
- P&C Day

#### Monday 27 May

- Uniform Shop

#### Wednesday 29 May

- Year 6 Transition Day

#### Monday 3 June

- WA Day holiday

#### Thursday 6 June

- Faction Cross Country
- Dental Screening PP, Years 3 and 6

#### Friday 7 June

- Room 8 Assembly

#### Monday 10 June

- Uniform Shop
- P&C Meeting

#### Thursday 13 June

- Poetry Eisteddfod

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Early Childhood Area Out of School Hours

I thank parents for supporting my request to vacate the Early Childhood area promptly after school. This has allayed our concerns for children's safety, and it has been a great relief to staff the following day, not having to deconstruct potentially dangerous structures.

### Pre-primary Mother's Night 'Op-Shop Glam'

It was humorous to watch and the Pre-primary students were very excited to pamper their Mums with massage and make-up, amongst many other activities last Thursday evening. Thank you to our Pre-primary staff for making this memorable experience possible for Mums and children. A belated Happy Mother's Day to all, for last weekend.



### Playground Equipment

We have received a report from Programmed Facility Management which has indicated some concerns with the 'falls' area around some items of our playground equipment.

Specifically, the two blue climbing walls and the Roman Triangle (Monkey Bars) on the Connor Road side of the oval. We have placed 'Caution' tape on these items and require students not to use them until we can acquire softfall.

### Noongar Acknowledgement

I thank the community for 117 responses to our survey. The proposal to co-name Factions was supported at 69%: approximately 1/3 of people surveyed who said 'no' indicating this was only because they felt that the word for Gold was difficult to say or develop a good chant for. Many students agreed and after some fantastic research and collaboration, some student leaders (mostly Faction Captains) presented me with the proposal that the following names be adopted; Red – Kaarla meaning Fire, Gold – Doodjar meaning Sunlight, Blue – Bilya meaning river.

Support for branding our Administration block with 'Wandjoo bandang, Wandjoo babin (Welcome all, Welcome friend) was strong at 83%.

Following the survey and some of the feedback provided, and following further conversations with staff and students, these changes will then need to be ratified by the school Board.

In response to some of the common points raised in the survey.

- There is no consideration to rename the Moonlight Hall. We recognise the important history, and strong connection with the P&C. The only conversation was to consider reflecting the Noongar words for Moonlight and meeting place in co-naming it. However, this was not included in the survey as it requires further conversation.
- Whilst teaching the Noongar language does occur in many schools and it is a worthy suggestion, we do have a firmly entrenched Italian program not only in our school but also within our southern network of hills schools. Accessing Noongar teachers is also a work in progress across the southwest of our state.
- Acknowledging First Nations people, in our case Noongar people, is a part of educating our children, particularly in sharing the stories of our recent history. The Australian Curriculum provides integration of First Nations and multicultural perspectives, which our teachers do. This year there has been a focus upon providing teachers with resources and knowledge in this area.
- Any change to Faction shirts would be very gradual. Once decisions are made, these will be phased in as children grow and require new uniforms.

### Teacher and School Leader Action

The State School Teachers Union of WA and The Principal's Federation of WA have agreed in principle to the government's latest offer regarding work conditions, well-being, and salary. Whilst ballots are still to be conducted with members, they have agreed to lift the bans which have been in place.

### Literacy and Numeracy at Falls Road PS

In 2024 the staff of Falls Road PS are undertaking a thorough, collaborative review of everything that we do in Literacy and Numeracy. We are considering which programs or approaches have proven to work best across our school, and how we ensure consistency from K-6.

Teachers are lifelong learners and are undertaking some professional learning in these areas throughout this year.

### NAPLAN Results Update

Our school has received some of the collective results from the 2024 Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN testing. These results support our teachers' views of student performance, indicating that our staff judgements are accurate.

These preliminary results are incomplete and therefore are not available to parents. We predict that the individual student reports may be available in July/August.

### Kiss and Drop

An attachment regarding the Kiss and Drop zone on Burma Road has been included with this newsletter.

Regards

**Bruce Fraser**  
Principal

If your child is absent you can:  
email [fallsroad.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:fallsroad.ps@education.wa.edu.au)  
complete the online form <http://www.fallsroadps.wa.edu.au>  
sms:0437 705 698 (please give a reason for absence) or phone 9291 2150

## DEPUTY NEWS



### Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is happening again this year from Monday, 6 May through to Friday, 6 September.

Earlier in the term, every student received a bookmark from their class teacher with information about the Premier's Reading Challenge and a website that you can access with more information about the challenge. See the link below.

<https://www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au/>

We encourage all student to take part in this challenge with lots of great prizes on offer for those students who read.

### Endeavour Shields for Interschool Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics

CONGRATULATIONS to all the students who've represented Falls Road in Interschool Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming Carnivals over the last year. Falls Road Primary now holds the Endeavour Shield for all 3 of these carnivals after winning the Endeavour Shield at the Interschool Swimming Carnival in Term 1. This is a great indication of the efforts of students, parents and staff at Falls Road Primary and shows the pride that we have in competing hard, but in a very fair and sportsmanlike way in all of the carnivals that we take part in. An OUTSTANDING effort.

### Poetry Eisteddfod

Over the next 5 weeks, we will be running our Poetry Eisteddfod competition for students in Year 1 – Year 6. This is an opportunity for students to first present a poem to the students in their class as part of a class competition with a chance to be chosen for their year level final. The year level finals will be held on Thursday, 13 June in the Moonlight Hall (see information attached with this newsletter).

### Swimming Lessons

Well done to all those students who've already completed their in-term swimming lessons. We have had great feedback from the swimming supervisors about the effort and behaviour of the Falls Road students during lessons.

Some reminders about swimming for those parents doing lessons this week. Parents may find their children being put back into a stage that they may have already completed. This may be due to a number of reasons:

- Students may have regressed in their swimming skills from their previous swimming lessons.
- Other swimming providers may not be as stringent in their assessment of a student's skill attainment and may have passed them at a stage that the Department Swimming staff do not agree with.
- Students are not yet showing that they have the skills for that swimming level in the opinion of the swimming supervisors.

Other things to remember:

- The number on the swimming teacher's vest does not always correspond to the swimming level that they are assessing.
- Students at different levels may be grouped together in one group (especially at the higher levels – Levels 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 etc...) as there may be only 1 or 2 students at these levels.
- The swimming supervisor will send home notes to students (for the most part) that may have been put back a level explaining why they are not yet at that level.
- Students may not always pass levels at their first, second or even third attempt and this is a great lesson in perseverance and resilience.

The swimming supervisor at Belmont is more than happy to discuss concerns in person (her name is Marion and she will be wearing a **red** vest). This is the best option if you have queries about your child's swimming level. Alternatively, you can pass on a detailed message for the class teacher to pass on to the swimming supervisor along with any certificates that they may have received.

Please ensure you are respectful in any discussions with the supervisor or the class teacher.

### **Dockers and Fever Cup**

The Dockers (AFL) and Fever (netball) Cup carnivals are happening next Thursday, 23 May at Ray Owen Reserve in Lesmurdie. This is a competition for Year 6 students, but some Year 5 students may get the opportunity to participate if we do not have enough Year 6 students to fill the teams. Students taking part will play games of AFL football and netball against teams from Gooseberry Hill, Lesmurdie, Kalamunda, Maida Vale, Roleystone and Walliston Primary Schools.

Information and invitations have been sent out via Consent2Go

### **Term 2 Events**

Faction Cross Country – Thursday, 6 June

Stirk Interschool Cross Country – Friday, 14 June

Italian Incursion – Wednesday, 19 June

Semester 2 Leader Speeches – Tuesday, 25 June

The Year 4 and Year 5 Soccer and Netball Carnival – Wednesday, 26 June

Kind regards,

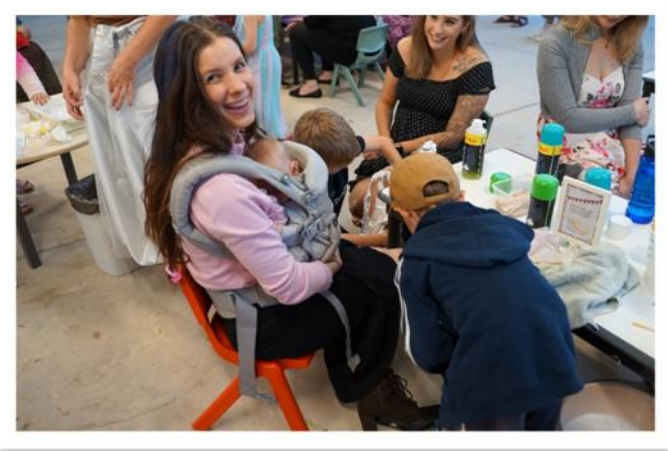
**Simon Docherty**

### **Pre-primary Mother's Night**



Last Thursday, we celebrated our Mums in Pre-primary with a special pampering evening. With a dress code of 'Op-shop Glam', Mums had make-up and nail polish applied and some even had their hair done! The Pre-primary students really enjoyed spoiling their mums and the mums really loved the pampering (as did the staff watching). After all that pampering, everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner of sushi and Nonie's homemade sausage rolls.








**Donation Request**  
Kindy and Pre-primary are looking for some dolls' prams and strollers. If your family has one that you are no longer using, we would be so grateful to take it off your hands!



The winner of the 'Aussie of the Month' award this assembly is **Olivia from Year 5, Room 5**. Olivia was nominated for making sure a younger student was okay when they became upset during the thunderstorms this week. **Olivia** has shown the Bounce Back values of responsibility and friendliness. Congratulations to **Olivia**.



## MERIT CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our Merit Certificate Award winners who were presented with their Certificates on Friday, 3 May.

PP	Hunter	His respectful and kind communication towards his peers and teachers. Keep it up!
PP	Bodhi	His clever contributions during mat times and his thoughtful response to his ANZAC Ted activity.
PP	Noah	Trying very hard to stay focused and doing his very best in all table activities. Keep working hard, Noah.
1	Wesley	Being a thoughtful and friendly student who tries his best.
1	Madeline	Carefully sounding out words, and always writing sentences with detail.
2	Isaac	Setting yourself clear goals and consistently working hard to achieve them. Keep it up, superstar!
2	Evelyn	The accurate and detailed diagrams you created during our dirty water science investigation. Well done!
2	Benjamin	His thoughtful and deep understanding of the story ANZAC Ted. I loved your reflection.
2	Jax	Always contributing during mat sessions! I love that you share your thoughts and ideas with the class.
2	Charlotte	Being a reflective thinker who shares great insights into the connections she sees between class topics and her own knowledge.
2	Dolly	Working hard to write a well developed orientation and complication in her reimagined fairy tale.
3	Austin	His thoughtful insights and sharing of knowledge. It is a welcomed addition to class discussions.
3	Fleur	The effort and care she puts into developing her individual writing style. You're a star!
4	Lara	The care and attention she gives to her work.
4	Ezra	Being a friendly class member who is always willing to help others.
4	Georgia	Consistently engaging fully in Health Games and Mindfulness activities to develop your personal and social skills.
5	Winter	Consistently participating in Maths discussions and activities. Leading to positive improvement in both post-tests this term.
5	Avery	His consistent and inquisitive approach towards all learning tasks.
5	Siena	Seeking opportunities to improve, and she always takes feedback on board.
6	Luan	Contributing great ideas and interesting theories to class discussion. It is wonderful to see Luan's positive and mature attitude to his learning.

**P & C**

**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop will be open from 8.20am - 8.50am on the following **Mondays** in Term 2:

**May 27**

**June 10 and 24**

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](mailto: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**

**CANTEEN MANAGER**

Lesmurdie Senior High School

The LSHS P&C are currently seeking expressions of interest for the following positions within the Canteen:

- Paid Canteen Manager
- Ongoing Canteen Volunteers

A copy of the position descriptions and full details of required duties can be requested in writing addressed to the P&C President at [parent\\_citizenLSHS@outlook.com](mailto:parent_citizenLSHS@outlook.com)

All successful candidates will be required to possess or apply for a current WA Working With Children (WWC) card and a WA Police Clearance, undergo any relevant Department of Education checks, and meet the required selection criteria.



**The School Dropoff SOLUTION**

Children should not be left unsupervised at school before official opening time.

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**Struggling to arrive at work on time because of school drop offs?  
Wishing to start work earlier to make the most of your work day?**

**Overcoming School Regulations**

Pachamama understands challenges parents face in the morning getting to work early. While drop off rules are for children's safety, timings can clash with work schedules. Pachamama offers a solution to meeting both work and family needs by providing a nurturing environment for children before the school day. Before School Care allows you to drop your child off at Pachamama anytime between 6:30-8:00am. We will take care of the school run for you ... and provide children with breakfast, too!

**Peace of Mind and Convenience**

Our Before School Care allows you to get to work knowing your child will arrive at school safely and timely. They won't be at risk by being left alone without teacher supervision. Our experienced educators are dedicated to providing quality care and engaging activities to start your child's day off right. Say 'goodbye' to rushing around to beat the work clock and 'hello' to a smooth morning routine.

**Make Mornings Manageable Again**

Don't let school drop-off restrictions dictate a hurried morning routine. Experience the convenience and peace of mind of Pachamama's Before School Care. Contact us today on 9291-3665 to enrol your child and take the next step towards stress-free enjoyable mornings and more productive work days.

**"Before school care isn't just about convenience and safety, it's about fostering children's independence, resilience, and the joy of learning."**  
- Rocky Beaton, Executive Centre Manager