



FALLS ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHALLENGE THE PRESENT—CREATE THE FUTURE

TERM 2
ISSUE 8
24 May 2023

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 25 May

- Dockers / Fever Cup
- Whiteman Park Rooms 9 & 10

Friday 26 May

- Room 8 Assembly
- Sorry Day

Monday 29 May

- Uniform Shop open

Tuesday 30 May

- Free Dress Day—Neon

Monday 5 June

- Western Australia Day Public Holiday

Friday 9 June

- Room 7 Assembly

Monday 12 June

- Uniform Shop open
- P&C Meeting

Friday 16 June

- Faction Cross Country

Monday 19 June

- School Board Meeting

Friday 23 June

- STIRK (interschool) Cross Country

Monday 26 June

- Uniform Shop open

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, the school was hit by a graffiti attack on Friday night. Fortunately, our cleaners along with Department of Education staff were able to get the majority of the graffiti cleaned off by lunch time on Monday.

I would like to thank all of those students, parents and community members who alerted us to the graffiti early on Saturday morning, allowing us to start the clean-up process as quickly as possible. We really appreciate the support of our parents, students, ex-students and community members in monitoring what happens at Falls Road Primary School when we are not here. This is a great example of the wonderful community that we have at Falls Road Primary School.

We ask that you continue to be vigilant in looking after our school.

Volunteer Week

Last week was National Volunteer Week and I would like to acknowledge all the volunteers who make Falls Road Primary such a wonderful school.

We have so many volunteers that give up their time throughout the year to help out at our school. These include our wonderfully supportive P & C, our Uniform Shop coordinators, in-class parent helpers, judges at our carnivals, parents who help out with coaching at carnivals, excursion helpers and special event helpers, to name just some of them.

On behalf of the school, students and teachers, **THANK YOU.**

Mother's Day

Well done to the Pre-Primary staff, Nonie, Michelle, Jodie and Amanda who put on another wonderful Mother's Night event for the mums of our Pre-Primary students. All the mums and some grandmas / nannas looked like they had a great time and I know the students loved it. See some of the photos below.





Thank you also to the P& C for organising the Mother's Day stall on the Friday before Mother's Day, which allowed students to get something special for their mums. We hope all the mums had a lovely day and got spoiled rotten by their children.

Assembly

Room 8 will be hosting the assembly this week. This assembly will commemorate National Sorry Day when we recognise the Stolen Generations, their families and communities, and celebrate their strength and survival and share the process of healing and reconciliation.

Students are learning about this in the History Unit as part of the Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) Curriculum.

Cyber Safety

As many of you will know, the effects of social media, both positive and negative, are having an increasing impact on children and the community in general. At Falls Road, the teachers and students have discussions around on-line safety regularly and continuing these discussions at home is extremely beneficial in increasing on-line awareness.

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is committed to empowering all Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online. The Office was established by the Australian Government with a mandate to coordinate and lead the online safety efforts across government, industry and the not-for-profit community.

I would encourage you to discuss staying safe online with your children and talk about some of the things that might come up when they are using the internet. The website which is available via the link below, provides a wealth of information and strategies for students and parents to discuss around using the internet safely.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Whiteman Park - The Year 1 students from Rooms 9 and 10 will be going to Whiteman Park on Thursday, where they will ride on the train and take part in some old-fashioned games as part of the History unit they have been studying from the Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) curriculum.

Long Weekend

Monday, 5 June is Western Australia Day and the school is closed for the public holiday. Students return to school on Tuesday, 6 June.



'Smiling Minds' Program

This term, we have been fortunate in receiving funding from the City of Kalamunda allowing us to access the 'Smiling Minds' Program for the next 12 months.

The 'Smiling Minds' Program is designed to upskill and support educators in implementing social and emotional learning. The program provides explicit teaching and learning strategies which engage the whole school community. The learning content is mapped to the Australian Curriculum and supports the learning of fundamental skills that are proven to positively impact learning and mental well-being outcomes.

This program will be gradually implemented over the next 12 months with the aim of equipping our students with strategies that allow them to effectively manage their mental well-being and will complement the "Bounce Back" Program that we have been using over the last 8 years, which has had a focus on resilience.

Reminders for Parents

After School Supervision - If you are on school grounds after school has finished, you are responsible for *actively supervising* your children to ensure their behaviour and safety. The same rules for equipment use also apply after school.

Rear Access Road - The entry road at the back of the school is not for parents and students to enter and exit the school. Please use the paths around the boundary of the school as they are there to provide a way to safely enter and exit the school.

Kiss and Drop - The carpark on Falls Road isn't a Kiss and Drop zone. The Kiss and Drop zone is on the left hand side of Burma Road, as you head towards Connor Road.

Simon Docherty

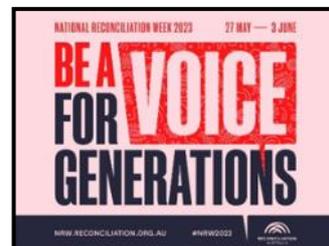
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week

This Friday, 26 May, is National Sorry Day and then continuing into Reconciliation Week from the 27 May-3 June. The theme for this year's Reconciliation Week is '**Be a Voice for Generations**'.

Students across the school have been discussing the significance of this time and participating in a whole school activity, decorating hands that represent their understanding of National Sorry Day. This activity will be displayed during Room 8's Assembly this Friday, 26 May.



School Chaplain

We have been fortunate this year in beginning a school chaplaincy program within our school. A school chaplain provides non-denominational pastoral care services to support the social and emotional wellbeing of students.

Helga Lobaugh, our school chaplain, will commence targeted group sessions that focus on developing social skill strategies and our school 'Bounce Back' values which promote well-being, resilience and social-emotional learning.

Free Dress Day

Tuesday, 30 May the P&C has organised a **neon free dress** day to raise money for our Moonlight Markets, being held later this year. Students wearing free dress are asked to donate a gold coin.

Dockers & Fever Cup – Stirk Football (AFL) and Netball Lightning Carnival

On Thursday, 25 May, Falls Road students from Year 6 will be participating in the Stirk Football and Netball Carnival at Ray Owen Reserve in Lesmurdie. We have 1 football team and 2 netball teams representing Falls Road. On the day students will play games against other schools in the Stirk Sports Association. Information for the day, along with permissions for this carnival were sent out via Consent2Go.

Students are encouraged to wear football/soccer boots and netball court shoes (if they have them) or enclosed shoes. Football players should also bring a mouth guard on the day of the carnival.

What's happening in Term 2

Year 1 Excursion - Whiteman Park Thursday, 25 May

Dockers & Fever Cup Excursion - (Stirk Football/Netball Carnival) – Thursday, 25 May

Room 8 Assembly - Friday, 26 May

National Sorry Day - Friday 26 May

Reconciliation Week - Saturday 27 May — 3 June

Free Dress Day - Moonlight Markets Fundraiser Tuesday, 30 May

Faction Cross Country - Friday, 16 June

Stirk Cross Country - Friday, 23 June

Room 7 Assembly - Friday, 9 June

Year 4 and Year 5 Soccer and Netball Carnival Excursion - Wednesday, 28 June

Erin Burns & Clare Miller

Deputy Principals – Term 2

MERIT CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our Merit Certificate Award winners who were presented with their Certificates on Friday, 12 May

Year	Student	Comment for:
PP	Boston	Trying hard to listen and follow instructions the first time.
PP	William	His wonderful sense of humour and willingness to participate in all class activities.
PP	Shelby	Her fabulous detailed drawing of her Mum and the effort and concentration she puts into daily writing.
1	Ethan	His awesome start to his new school. Well done for your polite, kind and can-do attitude!
1	Luke	His well written recounts this term. Keep up the interesting writing!
1	Jasmin	Confidently using counting on and basic facts to solve addition problems.
1	William C	Working hard to add detail to his recount writing and for sounding out words carefully.
2	Thomas R	The way you enthusiastically participate in our vocabulary activities. You always master the new words we learn!
2	Leila	Your helpful and kind nature! You always look for opportunities to help around the classroom. Thank you.
2	Charlie	Challenging himself in his learning, demonstrating his abilities. Keep it up!

3	Summer	Being an exceptional role model to her peers, demonstrating dedication and responsibility towards her learning.
3	Ayla	Being a hardworking member of our class who sets goals and works towards them with perseverance.
3	Alyssa	The thought and care she put into her recount writing and pictures. You're such a hard worker, Alyssa!
4	Cooper	Participating in our assembly rehearsals with energy and enthusiasm.
4	Elwood	Working independently and finishing tasks in a timely manner to a high standard.
4	Evelyn	The positive contribution she makes to class discussions.
5	Owen	Achieving great results in maths problem solving.
5	Nate	A significant improvement in your participation in class, starting with your ANZAC soldier profile.
5	Lily Mc	Consistently improving from almost every Maths pre-test to post-test, including an excellent end-of-term review.
5	Kira	Consistently displaying an excellent, responsible attitude to all her learning.
5	Chloe	Setting an example of excellence in behaviour and academics. Chloe consistently tries her best and always helps others. You are a star!
6	Easton	A big improvement in his ability to focus and be more attentive in class. Keep up the good work, Easton!
6	Elijah	Your confident and dedicated approach to Term 2. Keep up the awesome effort.
6	Chloe	The patient and gentle approach you had in supporting your Pre-primary buddy before and after each swimming lesson.

Aussie of the Month



The winner of the 'Aussie of the Month' award for Term 2, Week 3 was Reeve from Room 7, Year 6. Reeve was nominated for helping teachers with equipment for lessons and helping a friend find a missing item so they could play. **Reeve** has shown the Bounce Back values of support, kindness and friendliness. Congratulations to **Reeve**.



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

P & C

Uniform Shop

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

May - 29

June - 12 and 26

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



**AUTISM
AWARENESS
FOR FAMILIES
WORKSHOP**

**Saturday 17th June,
10:30AM - 2:30PM**

Details

When: Saturday 17th June, 10:30am - 2:30pm
Where: LT Block, Fremantle Hospital
Cost: \$110 per person (including refreshments)
Facilitators: Ana Palacios & Louise Sheehy