



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

Friday 12 February

- Leader's Assembly

Monday 15 February

- Uniform Shop

Monday 22 February

- P&C Meeting 7.00pm

Friday 26 February

- Leaders Assembly

Monday 1 March

- Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 2 March

- School Photos all week
- School Board
- Early Close

Monday 8 March

- Year 6 Cricket

Friday 12 March

- Room 6 Assembly

Tuesday 16 March

- Parent Interviews - School closes at 11.30am

Friday 19 March

- Faction Swimming (PM)

Monday 22 March

- P & C Meeting 7.00pm

Wednesday 24 March

- Whole School Photo

Dear Parents,

WELCOME

Welcome back to those returning to the school from 2020 and a very warm welcome to all our new families. We were really keen to meet you at our New Parent's Morning Tea however, due to the current Covid situation we are going to postpone this until a later date.

PARKING

We have received numerous complaints from neighbouring homes regarding parents parking on footpaths and driveways along Falls Road and Connor Road when dropping off and picking up students. Students have been seen running across Falls Road to waiting cars. This is an extremely dangerous situation and if it continues we are concerned that it is only a matter of time before one of our students is involved in a serious accident.

The City of Kalamunda has been notified and will be increasing their patrols of the area.

2021

We have started 2021 with 320 students in K – 6 this year with the following class structure.

Kindergarten, Kindy / Pre Primary, Pre Primary, Year One x 2, Year Two, Year Two/Three, Year Three/Four, Year Four, Year Five and Year Five/Six x 2.

We welcome Mrs Taylor to our staff for 2021. Mrs Taylor will be teaching Physical Education this year and we look forward to her contribution to our school.

Thank you also to parents for the manner in which the students have presented at school this week, particularly after the disruption of no school in Week 1. 100% of the students are in school uniform and they have settled in so well. We really appreciate the way parents have supported the transition of students into school by waiting patiently and physically distancing outside the rooms. This strong partnership is what makes our school such a special place and teachers really appreciate it.

We held a brief welcoming assembly just before recess on Monday and reminded students about a range of things including: walking on the concrete, No hat No play, not sharing food, student allergies and nuts, and complimented them on how they have been playing cooperatively and fairly in the past and how this has been recognised by parents and visitors to our school.

The School Board will be meeting in Week 5 to discuss the options for our Year 6 Camp in 2021 and the potential considerations we will need to take into account for future years.

Following this we will organise a meeting with parents to progress the relevant planning.

We will also communicate with Year 5 parents and organise a date and time to provide them with information about the possibilities for 2022.

With the extremely hot weather and increased levels of ultra violet radiation, please ensure students bring their hats every day as per the "No Hat No Play" Policy at Falls Road.

They also need to bring a water bottle to school every day as they are not allowed to drink from the fountains.

We have had an absolutely brilliant beginning to the year and I would like to congratulate and thank all staff, teaching, non-teaching, office and ancillary for their comprehensive preparation which involved many hours of organisation and planning in facilitating such a smooth start, particularly with the disruption to Week 1.

Thank you! It has been a real team effort, well done everyone.

SCHOOL BOARD

The first School Board meeting is on Tuesday, 2 March commencing at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Music & ICT	Ms Johnston — Tuesday - Friday - Year 1 – 6
Art	Miss Bennett – Thursday & Friday - Year 1 – 6
Phys Ed & T&E	Mrs Taylor - Monday & Tuesday - Year 1 – 4 Mr Docherty – Wednesday & Thursday - Year 5 - 6
LOTE and Health	Mrs Schubert & Miss Ferraro – Monday and Wednesday - Year 1 – 6

We are extremely fortunate to be able to offer this level of specialist teaching and also in the calibre of our staff who deliver these programs.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

The Department of Education continues to support schools to enhance their **formal reporting to parents** and have approved school closures for two half days a year to support this. As in previous years we will continue this in 2021 and our half day closure will be on **Tuesday, 16 March**. The school office will set up an online booking system as per last year and communicate to parents when this is live to take bookings.

Please note School will finish at 11.30am for students on this day.

In Term 3, the school will not close for half a day. Teachers will contact parents that they would like to talk to and organise a time within the first three weeks of Term 3 to discuss their child's progress. Parents may also request an interview to meet the teacher to discuss their child's progress.

READING TO CHILDREN

We have had a lot of students return their Reading Records to the front office. Students have until Friday to return their signed Reading Record. The office will then collate the returns and organise for these students to receive their 5 Faction Points.

So get your Reading Records back by this Friday.

One of the best ways parents can continue to support their children's education is to read with them at home. We often get requests from parents on how to support their children to improve their reading. The process of repeated reading supports students to improve reading fluency, their understanding of the text, develops increased expression and has a flow on benefit to spelling as students are seeing words with the correct letter sequences which helps with "does it look right?" when editing their writing.

Repeated reading is where the student reads the same piece of text a number of times, experimenting with different voice, expression and developing fluency.

PAYMENT TO SCHOOL

Please note that all payments, contributions, incursions and excursions go directly to the box located outside the library in a sealed envelope with the student's name reason/s for payment and room number. Please do not leave envelope/s in the classrooms.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES

All students have been given a school photo order envelope today (this envelope is for your own record and not to be returned to school). Please note, online ordering only, late orders may incur a fee. All orders must be in by Wednesday 3 March.

NEXT ASSEMBLY

As per last year, Assemblies will be split into Senior and Junior to enable us to continue to meet the Stage 4, Physical Distancing requirements. This requires a restricted amount of seating and we will space the chairs out at the back of the hall for parents who attend.

There will be a short assembly on Friday, 12 February to present our newly elected Leaders with their badges commencing at 8.45am. This will be a Senior Assembly with students from Year 3 to Year 6 attending.

EARLY CLOSE

A reminder to our new parents that every Tuesday is an early close at 2.30pm.

100s CLUB

Students should not arrive at school until 8.00am when supervision is provided down at the oval through **100s Club between 8.00am and 8.25am**. All students should go to the oval if they arrive before 8.25am – Classrooms will open at 8.30am. This is supervised by Mrs Burns, Mr Docherty and myself. It provides an opportunity for students to socialise in a supervised area and walk or jog laps. Students are recognised for the distances they cover at assemblies. It also means that they are not hanging around classrooms waiting for them to open at 8.30am.

AFTER SCHOOL

After school, we would ask that parents **vacate the school grounds immediately after the siren**, unless there is an organised activity taking place (eg. netball training, football training).

There is an expectation that normal school rules are followed by students before and after school and that parents are actively supervising their children.

PARENT ISSUES/CONCERNS

If there are any concerns or issues that parents may have regarding school, please come up to school so that we can address the issue/concern as quickly as possible. If the issue is classroom-based, the first point of contact should always be the class teacher. If there are other issues or concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to see either David Ingle (Principal) or Simon Docherty (Deputy Principal) through the office.

GETTING TO CLASS ON TIME

With the beginning of the school year, we would like to remind parents about the importance of getting students to class on time. The beginning of the day is very important for students and teachers to start off the day in an organised and effective manner. At the start of the day, teachers take the opportunity to greet students, let them know what is happening throughout the day and generally organise students for the day ahead. When students are late to school, it can have a negative effect on the rest of the class.

Missing the first 5 or 10 minutes of the day can add up over the course of the year.

Classes are open from 8.30am and this allows students to change their home readers if required; get their pens, pencils and books ready for the day; and prepare themselves for the start of class at 8.40am.

We look forward to your cooperation in getting your child/children to school on time throughout the year.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

The Department of Education has nominated that there will be six School Development Days in 2021. Three of these are standard across the State, (Jan 28 and 29 and December 17) three have been kept the same within our Bibbulmun Network of Schools (April 19, July 19, & Oct 11). This will provide consistency in our local area.

Schools in the Bibbulmun Network are:

Falls Road Primary School

Gooseberry Hill Primary School

Kalamunda Primary School / Kalamunda Primary School Education Support Centre

Kalamunda Senior High School / Kalamunda Senior High School Education Support Centre

Lesmurdie Primary School

Lesmurdie Senior High School

Maida Vale Primary School

Pickering Brook Primary School

Walliston Primary School

P&C

The first P&C meeting is on Monday, 22 February starting at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.

Regards,
David Ingle
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

Welcome back to what has been a slightly belated start to Term 1, 2021. We have got a range of things happening around the school this term and I will aim to keep you updated on what is happening.

What's happening this Term

Dance lessons each Wednesday and Thursday (from 11.30am) in the Moonlight Hall (starting Wed 10/12)

Leaders Assembly (Year 3 – Year 6 students only) - Friday, 12 February

Year 6 Cricket Lightning Carnival – Monday, 8 March, 9.30am – 1.30pm (Maida Vale Reserve)

Parent Interviews – Tuesday, 16 March – 12pm - 6pm

Faction Swimming Carnival – Friday, 19 March, 12.15 – 3.00pm (Kalamunda Aquatic Centre)

Easter Hat Parade – Thursday, 1 April - 8.45am (Moonlight Hall)

Stirk Swimming Carnival – Wednesday, 31 March (9.30am – 12.30pm at Bilgoman Aquatic Centre)

Leaders' Assembly

The Semester 1 Leaders will host the assembly this Friday, 12 February. The Leaders and Faction Captains will be presented to the rest of the school and receive their badges. They will also tell us a bit about what they do around the school. We will also be presenting the first Merit Certificates for the year.

Faction Shirts

Students will be given a faction point for **wearing their faction shirt on Fridays in 2021**. Students are also able to wear their faction shirt on carnival days or if their PE lesson falls on another day, **but faction points will only be given on a Friday**. The Faction Captains will go around and count students in each class wearing their faction shirt on a Friday and pass these on to Mr Docherty. These points are added to the faction points tally for each assembly and go towards the end of term sausage sizzle.

Year 6 Cricket Lightning Carnival

The Year 6 students will have the opportunity to participate in a Cricket Lightning Carnival on Monday, 8 March. Falls Road Primary will be represented by girls' and boys' teams (number of teams will be dependent on interest) and will participate against Year 6 students from Gooseberry Hill PS, Kalamunda PS, Lesmurdie PS, Maida Vale PS and Walliston PS. The Year 5 and Year 6 students will be doing cricket as part of their PE Program for the first half of Term 1. Information and permission forms will be sent out with the Year 6 students closer to the carnival.

Falls Road Primary Book Swap

The Book Swap Shop is open on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.00 – 3.15pm.

We are located at the back of the library and access is via the back door of the library directly opposite Room 9 at the top of the steps – see the sign on the door. Miss Archbold (Room 9) will again be coordinating the Book Swap Shop.

School Psychologist Service

This year, Alexandra Graham is continuing as our School Psychologist. Throughout 2021, she will be here on **Wednesday of odd weeks (Week 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9)** and **Thursday of even weeks (Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10)**. She will start in Week 1.

School Psychologist Process

If parents have any academic, behavioural or social concerns about their child, please follow the process outlined below:

1. Discuss concerns with teacher – they may already have strategies in place
2. If required, the class teacher will fill out a School Psychologist referral and speak to the Deputy.
3. Deputy Principal discusses referral with School Psychologist and Class Teacher, and if required, arranges a case conference with parent, teacher and School Psychologist.
4. Decide on agreed plan of action (eg. observations, teacher consultation, testing etc...)
5. Carry out Action Plan
6. Deputy reviews Action Plan throughout the year in consultation with parent, teacher and School Psychologist

Alex has a number of students reviews scheduled in Term 1.

Regards

Simon Docherty

Deputy Principal

P & C NEWS

Annual General Meeting

This is a reminder that the P&C AGM will be held at 7.00pm on Monday, 22 February in the staff room. The first meeting of the year follows immediately after the AGM. All welcome to attend.

School Banking

School Banking will resume in Term 2

Due to Covid restriction unpredictability combined with construction work at the school, we have decided to resume school banking in Week 2 of Term 2.

If you can spare an hour once a week and would like to join the school banking team then please advise school administration.

Thanks so much

Tara

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following Mondays:

February 15, 22

March 8 and 22

Remember orders can now be placed online using <http://www.fallsroadpandc.org.au/>.

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

KEEN TO PLAY SOCCER?



To Register, please visit:
www.kufc.net.au/registration

Mathematics and science primers for primary and secondary school students

For age 10 years and above



Chemistry Primer

Thursdays, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Students are introduced to problem solving and when older are able to study the Open University Australia subject Introduction to Chemistry. Students also have the opportunity to train for the Australian Science Olympiads Examination for Chemistry.

media.murdoch.edu.au/chemistry-pupils-make-top-21-in-australia
media.murdoch.edu.au/bright-minds-bound-for-russia
media.murdoch.edu.au/chemistry-success-an-olympic-feat

Cost: \$199/student/term

Mathematics Primer

Fridays, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Students consolidate their Arithmetic and are introduced to Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry.

Cost: \$199/student/term

Physics Primer

Mondays, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Students wishing to study Physics must have sufficient Mathematics.

Cost: \$199/student/term

All classes are at Room E52.059A Environmental Sciences Building, Murdoch University, South Street Campus.

Classes commence second week each school term. All subjects require a scientific calculator. Students may start any time. Bottled water is permitted in classrooms.

To enrol and obtain registration forms please contact:

Adjunct Professor Jennifer Searcy
 Email: jsearcy@murdoch.edu.au
 Phone: 0427 864 740

Early payment to Murdoch University cashier is essential.

Postal address for payments:
 The Cashier, Murdoch University, South Street, Murdoch WA 6150

Payment may also be made online:
payments.murdoch.edu.au/PrepCourses

*Each student must email AltSchoolProgram@murdoch.edu.au at the start of each session.

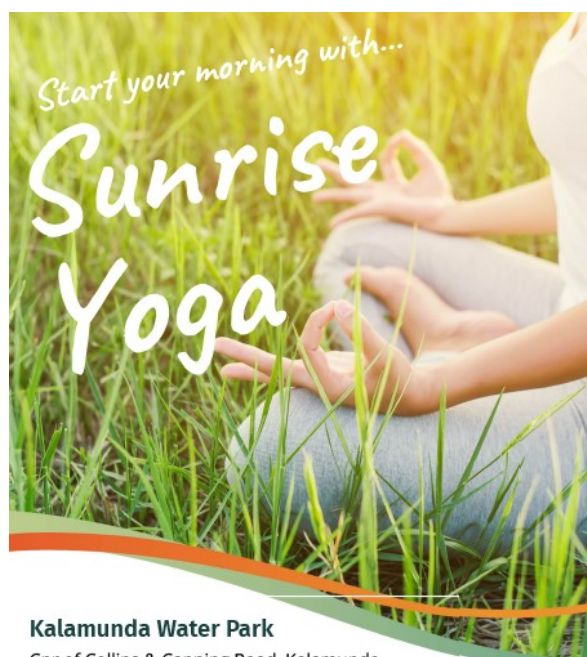


ONLINE FROM MARCH 2020*



Free your think

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Kalamunda Water Park

Cnr of Collins & Canning Road, Kalamunda
 Wednesdays 7am-8am
 Commences 2 December 2020 - 24 February 2021



For more information please call our friendly staff at
 Hartfield Park Recreation Centre on 9359 1700 or visit
www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/recreation



After School Arts enrolment is on Thursday, 4 February 4.00-5.00pm at St Barnabus church Hall in Kalamunda. Vacancies exist in all classes of Pottery, Painting and drawing and Hooked on Hessian. Classes commence Thursday, 11 February from 4.00-6.00pm for 8 weeks. Please phone Norma 0491634235 with bookings and enquiries. Ages from 6 years up.

FAMILY FUN PLAYGROUP

A playgroup aimed at families with young children providing a play-based program run by an experienced Playleader.

A safe, stimulating group play experience designed to meet the social, linguistic, creative, physical, imaginative and emotional needs of each child.

Play, Learn and Grow... Together!

Wednesdays 9.30am to 11.30am (during school terms)
 Attendance is \$5.00 per family (1 child). Additional children \$2 ea.

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