



FALLS ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHALLENGE THE PRESENT—CREATE THE FUTURE

TERM 1
ISSUE 2

14 February
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 14 February

- PP-Year 6 Dance Lessons

Thursday 15 February

- PP-Year 6 Dance Lessons

Monday 19 February

- Uniform Shop
8.20am - 8.50am
- Board Meeting 7.00pm

Wednesday 21 February

- PP-Year 6 Dance Lessons

Thursday 22 February

- PP-Year 6 Dance Lessons

Friday 23 February

- Assembly Room 6

Monday 26 February

- Uniform Shop
8.20am - 8.50am

Wednesday 28 February

- PP-Year 6 Dance Lessons

Thursday 29 February

- PP-Year 6 Dance Lessons

Monday 4 March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Dear Parents/Carers,

Uniforms

The Falls Road PS uniform policy was developed some time back in consultation with the community and ratified by the School Board. Following my observations, there are a couple of expectations which need to be reiterated.

1.7.1 Stockings, leggings and Bicycle shorts are not to be worn by themselves. They must be worn under the tartan skirt, dress, skorts or shorts. We currently have several students wearing bicycle shorts solely, and mostly of a length shorter than their school uniform t-shirt.

1.7.3 All students are requested to maintain hair cleanliness and keep it tied back (when beyond collar length), so that sight is not impeded, and general tidiness is maintained. This includes all boys and girls in our school.

1.7.5 Thongs and sandals are inappropriate for school, even in hot weather, as they do not provide sufficient support and protection.

1.7.6 Students should not be wearing jewellery, especially dangling earrings. 'Stud' or 'Sleepers' earrings are allowed. Other piercings are not permitted.

1.7.7 Wearing of make-up is not permitted, this includes nail polish. Performance make-up or face painting when a part of a school activity is an exemption.

Non-adherence to this policy will be communicated to parents. We look forward to your cooperation with this.

Quarantined Week

I am very conscious of my Staffs' well-being, so this year we are trialling one quarantine week per term in our school. The intention is not to run events, conduct meetings or impact upon the teachers' main job of teaching, so they can concentrate solely on their classes. We intended this week to be our first Quarantined week however school life has gotten in the way and there are many parent meetings and information sessions.

We will try again in Week 5 of this term. Parents if you could please support teachers and refrain from making appointments for the week of 26 February – 1 March.

Parent Information Sessions

Staff have been inviting parents into our school to see and hear about their children's classrooms. As teachers tell you about their classroom expectations, and what the learning programs will look like, you should notice considerable consistency from class to class. This is to ensure that our students do not become overloaded at the commencement of each year having to learn new routines and adjust to different teaching delivery.

Parent Interviews

Monday, 11 March is locked in for individualised, 15-minute, parent interviews with your child's teacher. **School will close earlier this day (11:30 am)**, with meetings commencing at 12:00 pm. The emphasis of this meeting is for the teacher to describe your child's performance in their early year testing and assessments, and to share how they will support your child. Where a student requires additional support and a lengthier discussion between teacher and parents, another meeting will be scheduled following these brief meetings. It is imperative that everyone adheres to the 15-minute limit so that the day can run smoothly.

An email will be forwarded home tomorrow, with a link to access the SOBS (School Online Booking System).

School Carpark

It is very important that parents do not use the staff carpark for drop-off and pick-ups. We reserve the carpark for our staff, but more importantly this is also for the safety of families. Please do not walk through any of the carparks – always use the footpaths.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to those families who have paid their voluntary contributions towards school resources and the P&C. I encourage those who are yet to pay, to do so as soon as you can.

Upcoming Payments

Thanks to so many who have valued the Dance program and covered their child's cost for this. Payments which will be requested this term include the Faction Swimming Carnival for Year 3 – 6 and the Year 6 Cricket Carnival.

P&C

Our P&C conducted their first meeting on Monday, and once again there was plenty of enthusiasm for the year ahead. With the huge commitment and success of 2023, particularly the revitalised Moonlight Markets behind them, they have some plans for low key events in 2024 and have committed to supporting the costs of some exciting projects and resources for the school.

School Board

Our School Board meets next Monday and will be looking through our Operational Plan and budget for 2024. We will also be discussing which school policies we will review in 2024, and how the Board can support our school priorities. Should you ever wish to discuss school matters with a Board member, please let us know, and we can pass on your details to them. The Board Members are Liam Lynch, Lorraine Sheridan, Vanessa Rando, and Nathan Reid.

Staff representatives are Simon Docherty (Deputy Principal), Megan Leeming (Classroom teacher) and myself.

Finally

I think that we are still going to be experiencing some very hot weather, so I still encourage sunscreen and lots of water, and of course hat wearing.

All the best

Bruce Fraser

Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

What's happening this Term

Dance lessons each Wednesday and Thursday in the Moonlight Hall.

Room 6 Assembly - Friday, 23 February at 8.45am

Kalamunda SHS Assembly - Friday, 8 March at 8.45am

Faction Swimming Carnival – Friday, 8 March, 12.15 – 3.00pm (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)

Leaders' Assembly



SEMESTER 1 LEADERS (L – R) – Isa, Amelie, Tami, Ysabella, Jacob, Owen, Lily, Emily, Kira and Chloe

The Semester 1 Leaders did a great job at our first assembly last Friday and we're looking forward to them being fantastic student representatives throughout the year. We also re-introduced our 2024 Faction Captains at this assembly. Both the Leaders and the Faction Captains have also taken on responsibility for a range of tasks around the school that they do on a rotational basis throughout the week.



GOLD
Arliese & Aarik



RED
Seb & Billie



BLUE
Isaac & Eloise

Faction Swimming Carnival

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 while the Year 4 – Year 6 students will have the opportunity to swim in either 25 metre or 50 metre races. Students can nominate for Breast stroke, Freestyle or Back stroke events. Only students that swim in the 50 metre races will be eligible to be selected for the Stirk Interschool Swimming Carnival.

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

More information about the carnival along with permissions and nomination forms for the swimming races will be sent out via Consent2Go.

Year 6 Cricket Carnival

The Year 6 students will have the opportunity to take part in the Stirk Association Cricket Lightning Carnival on Tuesday, 12 March (Week 7). The carnival will run from 9.30am – 1.30pm. The Upper Primary students are doing cricket as part of their PE Program for the first half of this term to prepare them for the carnival.

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.

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.

Chaplain Chat

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, Mrs Helga Lobaugh is again our chaplain for 2024. 'Chaplain Chat' forms are available from the office and must be signed by parents. **A new 'Chaplain Chat' form is required for 2024** even if students spoke to the chaplain last year.

Regards

Simon Docherty

Aussie of the Month

Staff, students and parents may nominate students for the Aussie of the Month Award. Nomination forms are available from the Office. The nominee writes the reason for the nomination and then indicates which of the Bounce Back Values the nomination relates to.

Bounce Back Values are: Honesty; Support & Kindness; Respectfulness; Fairness and Responsibility; Cooperation and Friendliness.



The Aussie of the Month is presented with a certificate and a badge at assembly and all nominees are also recognised.

The winner of the 'Aussie of the Month' award for Term 1, Week 2 was **Jensen**, from Year 6 Room 8. Jensen was nominated for always volunteering to help out whenever he can, both with students and staff. Jensen has shown the 'Bounce Back' values of responsibility, cooperation, friendliness and support. Congratulations to Jensen.



MERIT CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our Merit Certificate Award winners who were presented with their Certificates on Friday, 9 February

| Year | Student | Awarded for: |
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| PP | Jasper | His beautiful mat manners and his incredible recommendation for the 'Magic School Bus', to end the day. |
| PP | Molly | Her enthusiastic attitude towards class activities. Great start to Pre-primary, Molly. |
| PP | Ollie | Trying his hardest to be brave and being a kind and caring friend. |
| PP | Eleanor | Your fabulous sound knowledge and being a keen and interested learner who makes positive contributions to class discussions. |
| 1 | Riley | Drawing detailed pictures about topics in class and having a go at writing words. |
| 1 | Emma | Always completing her work with thought and care and to the best of her ability. |
| 1 | Helen | Being so confident in sharing her thoughts and ideas during mat sessions! |
| 2 | Tom | The detailed and interesting recount you wrote about your holidays. The punctuation you used was excellent! |
| 2 | Darcy | The phenomenal start to Year Two you have had! I particularly love the kindness you always show to others. |
| 3 | Nicholas | His enthusiastic approach and reflective thinking in Mathematics. |
| 3 | Edward | Consistently showing care and respect during whole class and individual activities. |
| 3 | Taylor | Creating a beautiful detailed self-portrait illustrating her inner and outer self. |
| 4 | Zara | Tapping into and applying her knowledge of addition strategies to solve number problems. |
| 4 | Eliza | The perseverance she demonstrated when making her self-standing paper structure. |
| 4 | Summer | The positive contribution she makes to the life and learning of the classroom. |
| 4 | Clodagh | Consistently taking risks in class and sharing well-considered ideas during discussions. |
| 5 | Alastair | Consistently sharing insightful observations about the way we work together during Health Games. |
| 5 | Mia | Your confident and enthusiastic approach to all tasks. Your positive start to Year 5 has blown me away. |
| 6 | Harry | The smooth transition you have made to Falls Road. You are a great addition to Room 7. |
| 6 | Isabella | The wonderful effort she has made to settle into the classroom. She is trying her best and having a go. Welcome to Falls Road. |

P & C

Uniform Shop

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

February - 19 & 26

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>



COMMUNITY INFORMATION



After School Program in Mathematics and Physical Sciences

Study Skills Primer for School Students For students age 10 and up

Fridays 4:30 - 6:30pm

\$225 per student each term

Students attend sessions on Fridays beginning in the second week of school term. Through analysing written material and writing reports and essays students develop scientific comprehension and critical thinking skills for present and future studies.

Places are limited. Enrolments are required as soon as possible. Course will only run if sufficient students enrol by the Friday of Week 2.

Email AfterSchoolProgram@murdoch.edu.au for information.

Parking is available in carpark 4.
Building 450, Floor 3 (one floor up from entry), Room 001.

All sessions are at Murdoch University, South Street Campus, Building 450, Floor 3, Room 001. Parking available in carpark 4. Sessions are tailored to each individual student and students may begin at any time during the term. Refund will only be given if course is cancelled by our Program.

Sessions commence the second week of each school term and do not run on public holidays. All subjects require pen or pencil and notebook. Bottled water is permitted in classrooms and students should bring a healthy snack.

To obtain enrolment forms provide the age of the student and email:

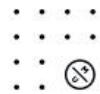
AfterSchoolProgram@murdoch.edu.au

or phone 0427 864 740 (afternoons and evenings).

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



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Physics Primer

Mondays 4:30 - 6:30pm

\$225 per student each term

Students perform calculations to solve problems of motion, including gravity and then other forces in the universe. Students may also train for the Australian Science Olympiads in Physics and/or the Open Universities Australia units *General Physics* and/or *Principles of Physics*.

Chemistry Primer

Thursdays 4:30 - 6:30pm

\$225 per student each term

Students perform calculations to learn about atoms, molecules, elements and compounds and progress to calculations in topics such as gases, specific heat and chemical solutions. Students may also train for the Australian Science Olympiads in Chemistry and/or the Open Universities Australia unit *Fundamentals of Chemistry*.

Mathematics Primer

Fridays 4:30 - 6:30pm

\$225 per student each term

Students consolidate their Arithmetic and will be introduced to Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry followed by Calculus and other areas when required. Mathematical topics are taught at each student's pace and students learn mathematical conventions and techniques.

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Kalamunda Senior High School Academic Excellence Program

Kalamunda Senior High School prides itself on offering opportunities for students to extend and enrich their academic studies. The Academic Excellence Program has been running in the school since 2004 and is designed to support our top academic students in achieving excellence in all areas of study. It not only develops academic talent but also leadership, resilience and persistence, all to enhance each individual student's ability to achieve success at school and beyond.

Students are streamed together for English, Mathematics, Science and Society and Environment so that they are able to work at a pace more suited to their needs.

Excursions, guest speakers, special programs and links to University programs are all available to these students.

In addition the Academic Excellence Program Coordinator works closely with the Student Services team, in particular the School Psychologist, in running a wellbeing program for these students. Part of the program aims to help students deal with the stress and pressure sometimes experienced by high achievers.

Parents can find information about the Academic Excellence Program and our other specialist programs on this link: <https://kalamundashs.wa.edu.au/specialist-programs/#focus-3>.

The due date for applications the Year 7 2025 intake for the Academic Excellence Program is due soon on **Monday, 26th February**.

KIWALES
NETBALL CLUB

REGISTER NOW FOR THE WINTER 2024 SEASON

 **NET SET GO Competition - PP to Year 5**
(date of birth within the range Dec 2019 to June 2014)

 **JUNIORS/SENIORS Competition - Year 6 onwards**
(date of birth within the range July 2014 onwards)

SCAN THE QR CODES TO REGISTER AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON FEES OR VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
<https://www.facebook.com/Kiwaalesnetballclub>

KIDSPORT vouchers of up to \$300 are now available for eligible players!

Registrations close 29th February

Email: kiwaalesnetballclub@gmail.com Phone: Julia (Club President) 0428 559 987

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATECHISM CLASSES

Registration is now open for classes for Catholic students in grade 2 and up, who wish to make the **Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation**.

Please email preplesmurdie@gmail.com for information and registration forms.

Classes are every Monday during school term 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Parish Centre, 207 Lesmurdie Road Lesmurdie.

For further information please email preplesmurdie@gmail.com