



# FALLS ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHALLENGE THE PRESENT—CREATE THE FUTURE

TERM 1  
ISSUE 5

27 March  
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

#### Thursday 28 March

- Dance Lessons
- Easter Hat Parade

**Friday 29 March**  
Good Friday

**School resumes  
for Students on  
Tuesday  
16 April**



### Term 2

#### 16 - 19 April

- School Photos

#### Thursday 18 April

- Term 1 Good Standing Reward Day

#### Friday 19 April

- Assembly with Lesmurdie SHS performance

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Flag Pole

At last we are gaining some traction in our quest to move the flag poles. Thanks to the people who have offered suggestions and assistance.

### Harmony Day

Thank you to our Harmony Week committee who organised the Cultural Infusion incursion, and to our P&C who funded much of it. Staff and students were excited to be involved in some Bollywood dancing and Zimbabwe drumming and singing and were intrigued by the Indonesian puppet show.

Well done to those who wore orange as a sign of listening and living harmoniously, and to those who reflected their own ancestry in their dress. There was some great sharing of information in classes.

### Term 1

Well, that went by very quickly.

I am very proud of our swimming team who won the Endeavour Shield and placed second overall last week at the Stirk Interschool Swimming carnival.

Thanks to all our Year 3 and 5 students, and their teachers, for working their way through NAPLAN with very little fuss. Well done to all.

Thanks also to our wonderful staff who jumped straight into their teaching program with passion and purpose. I have seen students produce high quality work throughout Term 1.

### Term 2

Next term brings us Photos, Swimming Lessons, Cross Country, a couple of winter carnivals, and an Italian Puppet Show. Plenty to look forward to, as we grow and learn together.

### Protective Behaviours

Please read carefully the letter which is attached, and the accompanying Handbook, regarding the Protective Behaviours which will be taught across the school in Term 2 as part of our Health curriculum.

### Finally

For now, please enjoy the time that you get to spend with your families, enjoy the break and we'll see everyone with their clean uniforms and hair cuts for school photos when we return to school on Tuesday, 16 April.

Best wishes to all.

Bruce Fraser  
Principal

## DEPUTY NEWS

It has been an extremely active and busy term for our students at Falls Road. Students have had the opportunity to take part in a range of educational, artistic and sporting experiences throughout the term which all help to develop the 'whole child.' We look forward to many more of these experiences across the rest of the year.

### Easter Hat Parade

Our annual Easter Hat Parade is happening on the Senior Basketball Court this Thursday morning starting at 8.45am. Each of the classes will get to parade around and show off their Easter Hat creations. After the parade, we will do the P & C Easter raffle with all students having the opportunity to win some fantastic prizes, all of which have been donated by generous members of the Falls Road school community.

### In-term Swimming Lessons

Our in-term swimming lessons will take place in Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 2. This year we will be doing lessons in 2 x 5-day blocks with classes doing a double lesson each day. 6 of the classes will do their lessons in Week 4 and the other 5 classes will do their lessons in Week 5. This helps to keep the cost of the in-term swimming lessons down.

Information about swimming lessons has been sent home via Consent2Go along with a **Swimming Lesson Nomination Form** (also attached with this newsletter). Each child participating in swimming lessons needs to have one of these forms which have to be returned to school **prior to the lessons starting**.

### Stirk Interschool Swimming Carnival



What an outstanding effort by the Falls Road Interschool Swimming Team in winning the Endeavour Shield and coming second overall out of seven schools behind Gooseberry Hill PS in the Championship Shield at the Stirk Interschool Carnival last Thursday, 21 March.

It was quite cool and windy at Bilgoman Pool, but that did not stop the 22 students who made up the Falls Road team from performing to their very best. As we have come to expect, our students competed hard, showed fantastic sportsmanship and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Congratulations to Charlie W who was the Year 4 Boys Champion and Theo B who was the Year 5 Runner-up Boys Champion.

My thanks to Iain and Trina Thin who continue to volunteer as the Starter and the Scorer / Recorder for Falls Road Primary despite their children leaving Falls Road several years ago. Thank you also to Mrs Burns who supervised the Falls Road team and the four Year 6 Leaders, Lily, Billie, Jacob and Owen who helped out with different jobs during the carnival.

## Harmony Day celebrations



All students from Pre-Primary through to Year 6 got to take part in our Harmony Day celebrations through their participation in different multicultural celebrations during our Harmony Day activities yesterday. Many students had come along dressed in orange which signifies social communication and meaningful conversations and relates to freedom of ideas and encouraging mutual respect. Students had done a range of activities around the idea of harmony in the lead-up to the day and will continue exploring them through the last week of term.

The activities included a Bollywood dance infusion activity, a traditional Javanese puppetry performance using traditional hand-carved shadow puppets and a performance by a Zimbabwean musician playing on the 'Mbira' or thumb piano which has been played by the Shona people of Zimbabwe for 1000s of years.

Students were fully engaged in these activities and had a really enjoyable time finding out about the origins of these activities and then taking part in the activities through dancing, performing and playing.

Our thanks to the P & C for subsidising the cost of these activities and to our Harmony Week committee who organised the program and helped inspire the students throughout the week.

### Term 1 Faction Sausage Sizzle

Congratulations to GOLD Faction who have earned the most Faction points throughout Term 1. The students in **GOLD Faction** enjoyed a 'sausage sizzle' lunch today.

Final tallies for the term were:

**GOLD - 691**

**BLUE - 632**

**RED - 615**

### NAPLAN

Well done to all of our Year 3 and Year 5 students who took part in the NAPLAN testing over the last 2 weeks. They all did their best and we look forward to seeing how they have performed when we receive the results later on in the year.

### Term 2

We have lots of things to look forward to in Term 2 including:

- The ANZAC Day service on Friday, 26 April
- Room 5, Room 8 and Room 10 assemblies
- In-term swimming lessons in Weeks 4 and 5
- The Dockers (football) and Fever (netball) Cups for our Year 6 students
- The Faction Cross Country
- The Poetry Eisteddfod
- The Stirk Interschool Cross Country
- An Italian Incursion, and
- The Year 4 and Year 5 Soccer and Netball Carnival

**Year 6 Leavers tops**

There was much excitement yesterday with the arrival of the Year 6 students ‘Leaver’s Class of 2024’ graduation polos and jackets. Here they are proudly wearing them.



**School Photos**

All students have been given an envelope with information on how to order your school photos. A schedule is attached with the newsletter. Please no faction shirts to be worn. Year 6 can wear their leavers tops.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing holiday with their children and get to enjoy some family time together over Easter.

Kind regards,

**Simon Docherty**

**MERIT CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS**  
 Congratulations to our Merit Certificate Award winners who were presented with their Certificates on Friday, 22 March

Year	Student	Awarded for:
PP	Finn	Being an interested learner who makes positive contributions to all class discussions and your amazing CVC reading skills.
PP	Isla	Your fabulous cutting out of your Easter egg! Keep up the great work!
PP	Imogen	Her impressive shape knowledge and her shape filled picture. Keep it up, Imogen!
PP	Kieran	Working hard when forming his letters. You are making awesome progress, Kieran.
1	Ava	Always listening carefully and completing work to the best of her ability.

1	Harry	Consistently completing spelling homework which has resulted in wonderful progress in his end of term spelling test.
1	Matilda	Your amazing recount writing. I love how you used paragraphs and adjectives! You are a star!
2	William	The pride and effort you have been applying to all learning tasks. Keep up the amazing work.
2	Billie	Your focus and determination to learn a variety of addition strategies. You worked hard to apply these independently. Well done!
2	Lincoln	The extra effort you are putting into writing tasks! You work hard to write neatly, add detail and use interesting words. Keep it up!
3	Charlie	Sound results on his Sound Waves content review. Keep up the fantastic work, Charlie!
3	Reuben	His super use of dialogue conventions and upgrade words for 'said', when writing a conversation between two friends.
3	Samson	Successfully applying a range of addition strategies to solve calculations with accuracy.
4	Olivia	Independently writing an alternative version of Cinderella, including new vocabulary learnt in class.
4	Lara	Her high levels of achievement in all literacy activities.
4	Madeline	Achieving great results in reading comprehension assessments.
4	Baden	Making significant improvement in your focus and effort, particularly during handwriting and writing activities.
5	Daniel	Using the Talk4Writing process effectively to produce a well-written narrative with much improved handwriting.
6	Lily	Her determination and enthusiasm towards her learning. Your confidence continues to blossom.
6	Kayden	Consistently challenging yourself and completing all set tasks. Your sense of accountability to your learning blows me away!
6	Leon	His efforts to improve his work focus, organisation and independence during learning tasks. Super work!
6	Ava	Her efforts to critically analyse and share interesting ideas about characters and events from our class novel. Great work!

### Aussie of the Month



The winner of Aussie of the Month for this assembly is Eloise from Year 6, Room 8. Eloise was nominated for showing honesty and integrity at the Faction Swimming Carnival. **Eloise** has shown the Bounce Back values of honesty, fairness and responsibility. Congratulations to **Eloise**.



## P & C

### Uniform Shop

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

**April 22 and 29**

Open days will then be every fortnight starting:

**May 13 and 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



The early childhood years from Kindy to Year One are pivotal for literacy development. Exposing children to new words, language, and stories, is especially important during these foundational early years as it is when the brain is experiencing a significant period of growth, change and development.

During this time children are extending their reading skills, and the positive experiences children learn to associate with reading at these ages can have a significant impact on their future reading habits. The Knight Owl Quest has been developed to encourage children in Pre-Primary and Year 1 to develop their love for reading by building connections with their local libraries through obtaining their own membership and discovering the magical world of books through our children's book collections and children's library school holiday programs. Knight Owl Quest participants are entitled to special membership rewards and giveaways including a small gift on their fifth visit to the library and a free book to keep on their tenth visit. Please contact your local library either Kalamunda, Forrestfield, Lesmurdie, or High Wycombe library for more information about the club.

Yours sincerely, City of Kalamunda - Children's Services Librarian Team

[libraries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au](mailto:libraries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au)

## Lynwood Senior High School Specialist Programs

### **SOCCER ACADEMY SPECIALIST PROGRAM**

Lynwood Senior High School **Soccer Academy** is holding trials for Year 6 students only on **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 in Term 2.**

We welcome interested Year 6 2024 students to apply **now.**

Parents/Carers can find our application through our website [www.lynwood.wa.edu.au](http://www.lynwood.wa.edu.au) under Specialist Programs.

**All applications can be emailed to [Bree.Faranda@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Bree.Faranda@education.wa.edu.au) along with the student's most current school report.**

**Application Closing date is 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

### **ENVIRONMENT AND LIFE SCIENCES SPECIALIST PROGRAM**

Lynwood Senior High School **Environment and Life Science (EaLS) Program** is holding testing on **25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in Term 2.**

We welcome interested Year 6 2024 students to apply.

Parents/Carers can find our application through our website [www.lynwood.wa.edu.au](http://www.lynwood.wa.edu.au) under Specialist Programs.

**All applications can be emailed to [Bree.Faranda@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Bree.Faranda@education.wa.edu.au) along with the student's most current school report.**

**Application Closing date is 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**



## The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things you need for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten and primary school student

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\$250

For each secondary school student

To help ease cost-of-living pressures on families with school-aged children, the State Government is offering the WA Student Assistance Payment.

This payment is to help you get the things you need for your kids. From new school shoes, backpacks and sports equipment to uniforms, healthy meals, school excursions and more.

**Get ready to claim**

Download the **ServiceWA app** to your mobile device. Available from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Locate the student's 8-digit WA student number (WASN). You'll find it on:

- school reports
- previous NAPLAN results
- secondary student's SmartRider

If you have trouble locating the number, contact your school for assistance.

**Claims open Monday 15 April**

For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment and how to claim, go to [education.wa.edu.au/wasap](http://education.wa.edu.au/wasap)

Claim on the ServiceWA app





## Outdoor Adventure Program

Our Specialist Program is open for Year 6 students to apply for Year 7 entry in 2025. It is best suited for students who are enthusiastic about the outdoors and want to enrich their understanding in this context. Students will participate in a range of outdoor pursuits include hiking the Bibbulmun and Cape to Cape tracks, mountain biking along the Munda Biddi, abseiling at local quarries, Wilyabrup cliffs and The Gap in Albany as well as snorkeling and fishing on Rottnest Island.

Year 6 students wishing to apply for the Specialist Program can download an application form and see more information on the Kalamunda SHS website or contact the school. Applications close Friday 19th April 2024.





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**Canteen Supervisor**

The LSHS Canteen, run by the P&C, is looking to employ a Canteen Supervisor to manage the canteen effectively and safely. The position is a full time or part time shared position from 7.30am until 3.00pm Monday to Friday.

The full ad is available at <https://www.lesmurdie.wa.edu.au/.../Canteen-Supervisor.pdf>

Please contact Hannah at [parent\\_citizenlshs@outlook.com](mailto:parent_citizenlshs@outlook.com) for further information.



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Secondary College  
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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and want to develop their skills?

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**SPECIALIST PROGRAMS**

give students the opportunity to be part of  
an exciting program in their chosen sport under  
the guidance of professional coaches

**Trial Dates (for Year 7, 2025):**

<b>Cricket</b>	Already held
<b>Tennis</b>	Date: Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 Time: 3:30pm Venue: John Forrest Secondary College
<b>Netball</b>	Date: Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May & Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 Time: 8:45am - 10:30am Venue: Morley Sport and Recreation Centre

**Register your interest**  
by phoning 9473 4000 or emailing  
[JohnForrest.SC.SpecialistPrograms@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:JohnForrest.SC.SpecialistPrograms@education.wa.edu.au)

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**Teamwork and Leadership skills**



**MU Murdoch University**

**After School Program in  
Mathematics and Physical Sciences**  
for students age 10 and up

**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 for Physics and/or the Open Universities Australia units *General Physics* and/or *Principles of Physics*.

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**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 for Chemistry and/or the Open Universities Australia unit *Fundamentals of Chemistry*.

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**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.

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, and require a scientific calculator. 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](mailto:AfterSchoolProgram@murdoch.edu.au)

Payment may be made online:  
[payments.murdoch.edu.au/PrepCourses](https://payments.murdoch.edu.au/PrepCourses)

or phone 0427 864 740 (afternoons and evenings).

Free your think



**Kanyana**  
WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTRE

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

READY TO PLAY?  
**8TH JUNE**  
7PM - 10PM

**TICKETS**



**TRIVIA Night**

Join us for some fun and test your  
trivia skills. Tickets \$25pp  
Door Prize, Quiz prizes, Raffle & Bar

**SATURDAY 8th JUNE**  
7.00pm - 10.00pm

Woodlupine Family & Community Centre  
88 Hale Road, Forrestfield

TICKETS [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)



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