



## FALLS ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHALLENGE THE PRESENT—CREATE THE FUTURE

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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

#### 14 - 17 August

- Science Week

#### Friday 18 August

- Pre-primary Assembly
- Athletics Practice
- National Day of Action against Bullying
- One Big Voice 6.15pm

#### Monday 21 August

- Book Week begins
- Uniform Shop open

#### Friday 25 August

- Book Week Parade
- Athletics Practice

#### Thursday 31 August

- Parent Night 6.00pm - 7.30pm

#### Friday 1 September

- Room 1 Assembly
- Father's Day Stall
- Athletics Practice

#### Monday 4 September

- Faction Athletics—Jumps and Throws
- Uniform Shop Open
- P&C Meeting

#### Tuesday 12 September

- BBK Party for selected students

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy last 2 weeks we've had at Falls Road with a number of events taking place. On Friday, 4 August, twenty of our Year 6 students took part in the Bibbulmun Network Italian Day with Mrs Schubert, Miss Gozzi and other students and teachers from the different Bibbulmun Network schools (See Kassie's report later in the newsletter). A team of Year 4 students and a team of Year 6 students also took part in the Bibbulmun Robotics Showcase last Friday, 11 August. They were accompanied by Mrs Burns, Ms Johnston and Mrs Robinson and got to participate in a range of engineering and STEM challenges (See the report in the Deputy News) at Kalamunda SHS which they really enjoyed. Yesterday, all classes got a close-up look at some snakes and reptiles in a Reptile Incursion as part of Science Week, which is taking place this week from 14 – 18 August.

In the next two weeks, we have the One Big Voice Concert at Perth Arena for the choir this Friday, 18 August; Book Week activities from the 21 – 25 August with the Book Week Parade on Friday, 25 August and our Parent Open Night on Thursday, 31 August. Students are really looking forward to all of these events and teachers have been working extremely hard in preparation.



Italian Day

### 'Joseph' Production

As you may have heard, we have had to re-schedule the performances of 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat' due to it being too close to the Moonlight Markets. The new dates for the performance are **Thursday, 2 November and Friday, 3 November**. The students involved along with Ms Johnston and Mrs Dupont, as well as many other teachers, have been practising extremely hard for this performance since midway through Term 2. It promises to be a spectacular show!

### Parent Open Night

**The Falls Road PS Parent Open Night is happening on Thursday, 31 August from 6.00pm – 7.30pm.** The Open Night provides a great opportunity for parents, grandparents and other community members to come in and look at the great work that students have produced throughout 2023.

The P & C will be running a 'Sausage Sizzle' for this event by **online ordering only**. All orders for drinks and food must be done **online by Wednesday, 23 August** at <https://www.fallsroadpandc.org.au/> - choose shop to place your order.

### Stranger Danger

We have had a report of a student feeling unsafe when they were riding home from school yesterday. Below are some suggestions to help your children stay safe when they are coming to and from school each day:

- always travel in a group if possible
- walk, ride, scooter on the right hand side of the road to face oncoming traffic
- wherever possible, leave space between you and the roadway
- stay in areas that are well lit
- stay in view – avoid going into areas that are hidden (such as parkland bush or behind shopping centres)
- be alert – earphones and headphones can reduce your awareness considerably
- if you have a mobile phone, have it turned on and ready to dial an emergency number
- if a passing car stops nearby, never get too close
- run from a situation if you feel at risk
- give this advice to your brothers and sisters, especially if they are younger
- report suspicious behaviour to your parents, school and the police
- if you can get it safely, try to photograph or remember the number plate of the car
- report number plates of cars and the clothing or distinguishing features of individuals to police.

### Medical Action Plans

Each student that has a medical condition (Anaphylaxis, Severe Allergy, Asthma etc...) that impacts them while at school must have an up-to-date Medical Action Plan that is signed and dated by a medical practitioner. The Action Plans generally have to be updated every 2 years.

Any medication a student requires during the school day must be left with the classroom teacher or office. You also need to supply us with a signed Administration of Medication form, which is available at the office. Thank you for your support with this.

### School Sports WA Cross Country



Congratulations to Bethany (Year 3), Audrey (Year 4) and Eloise and Isa (Year 5) who represented Falls Road at School Sports WA Cross Country Championships on Thursday, 3 August. Each of the races that they competed in had fields of 260 – 350 students. They all did extremely well with Bethany finishing 98<sup>th</sup> out of 262 students in the Year 3 Girls, Audrey finishing 159<sup>th</sup> out of 332 students in the Year 4 Girls, Isa 23<sup>rd</sup> out of 320 students in the Year 5 Boys and Eloise finishing 149<sup>th</sup> out of 352 students in the Year 5 Girls race.

### National Day of Action against Bullying

This Friday, 18 August is National Day of Action against Bullying. The NDA is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative for schools, encouraging whole-school communities to work together to implement evidence-informed positive and proactive solutions to prevent and address bullying. Classes will be raising awareness through different in-class activities on this day.

### VacSwim swimming lessons

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and summer school holidays.

VacSwim offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations across WA. It's a great school holiday activity that teaches valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Your children can start as young as five years old. Places are limited, so get in early. Enrol your children in VacSwim now at [education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](http://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim).

### After-school activities

A reminder to parents that if your child is participating in after-school sport and other siblings or children are staying behind, they need to be **actively supervised**. The school has an expectation that the same rules apply after school when playing as they do during the school day. A number of 'bases' have been destroyed by students playing after school in the nature play area which has been very upsetting for the students that have worked hard to build them during the school day.

### Kiss and Drop Area

Please remember that the carpark on Falls Road is not a Kiss and Drop area.

Parents need to pull into a bay, let the students out and then exit the bay and the carpark. Not only can this be inconsiderate of other users / parents but it can be a safety issue with cars banking up on Falls Road having to wait. Shire Rangers regularly monitor this. In addition, parents should not be using the staff carpark for this purpose.

**There is Kiss and Drop area along the left-hand side of Burma Road** which parents can use which has a path directly into the school and is a safe place to drop students.

Regards

Simon Docherty

Principal

## DEPUTY NEWS

### Faction Athletics Carnival

The Faction Athletics carnival is on Friday, 8 September (Friday, Week 8). In the week leading up to the carnival, we run the jumping and throwing events. Each student from Year 1 to 3 take part in long jump and Year 4 to 6 take part in long jump and triple jump. All students from Year 1 - 6 participate in the throwing events. Attached with this newsletter is a timetable for the jumps and throws along with an explanation of how students are chosen for individual events.

Each Friday, we have been practising for the carnival and teachers have been running students off in their factions and year groups. This allows us to put them in races against students of similar ability. For the team games, students are chosen for a minimum of 2 team games and 1 novelty event. Depending on numbers for each faction and year level, students may participate in more of the team games and novelty events. The Faction Athletics Carnival is all about encouraging participation of all students.

Students will only be eligible to be selected for individual events at the Stirk Interschool Athletics Carnival if they take part in these events at the Faction Athletics Carnival. This carnival will involve selected students from Year 2 to Year 6.

### Bibbulmun STEM Robotics Showcase

On Friday, 11 August selected students in Year 4 and 6 attended the Bibbulmun STEM Robotics showcase at Kalamunda Senior High School with Ms Johnston and myself (Mrs Burns). The theme of the day was 'Survivor'. Students applied their coding, teamwork and problem-solving skills to complete challenges involving tsunamis, bushfires and volcanoes, to name a few. They also worked in teams to complete an Engineering challenge that involved building a structure that would withstand a simulated earthquake which they tested on shaker tables. Students had a fantastic time and enjoyed meeting other students from the 8 participating schools. Well done to all the students for their persistence and outstanding behaviour. Thanks also to Mrs Robinson and work experience student Abby, for helping on the day.





### Science Week

This week is National Science Week. The school theme for 2023 is Innovation: **Powering Future Industries**. The theme incorporates the advancement in technology in all industries, especially using artificial intelligence (AI).

On Tuesday, 15 August we were lucky enough to experience a reptile incursion for all year groups. Amongst these reptiles were snakes, a turtle, lizards, a frog and a glow in the dark scorpion. The students had a great time (if not at times a little nervous) immersing themselves in this incursion. Thank you to Lisa Harrap from Perth Reptile Company for her wonderful presentation to the students and for sharing her extensive knowledge about these special creatures.



### One Big Voice - Friday 18 August

One Big Voice is Australia's largest children's choir. Open to all schools, public or private (Year 3-7), OBV culminates annually in 2 massive concerts at RAC Arena in Perth, Western Australia. This Year, the Falls Road Primary Year 4-6 choir will be participating in this epic event. Thank you Ms Johnston for all your hard work and dedication in preparation for this concert.

### Book Week Parade

Book week this year runs throughout Week 6 - **Monday 21, August - Friday 25 August**. The theme for this year is **'Read, Grow, Inspire'**. Book week is about celebrating Australian children's authors and illustrators and embracing the joy of reading. During this week we will see classes participating in book week activities and end the week on **Friday, 25 August** with our annual book parade. So, it's time to break out the craft and dig out the costumes as students are encouraged to dress as a character from their favourite book that they will parade on this day. A reminder that costumes need to be related to a book and it's also a good idea to bring your book along with you on the day.



If the weather is good, the book parade will be held on the Senior Basketball Court. If it looks like it will be wet or windy, we will hold it in the Moonlight Hall.

### Father's Day stall

The P&C will be holding a Father's Day stall on Friday, 1 September. All gifts are either \$5 or \$10. Please send students in with cash on the day for them to purchase a gift.

Kindy Green will be able to purchase gifts from the stall on Thursday, 31 August.

Erin Burns & Clare Miller  
Deputy Principal – Term 3

### Bibbulmun Network Italian Day - Una Gita in Italia (A trip around Italy)

by Cassandra (Year 6)

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> August a group of 20 selected Year 6 students participated in the Bibbulmun Network's Italian day. Students went to Lesmurdie SHS to learn about different places in Italy such as Siena, Rome, Sicily, Verona, Milan and Naples. The Italian teachers from the different schools did activities about the city including mosaics (Rome), portraits made of fruit (Archimbaldo from Milan), the Italian card game Scopa (Naples), the Palio di Siena horse race where we made finger puppets (Siena), sketching the famous ancient monuments (Sicily) and absolutely humiliating ourselves by re-enacting Romeo and Juliet (Verona). During lunch and recess, students got to participate in a raffle to win gelato vouchers and Ferrari Lego sets as well as enjoy some Italian food. We spent the day collaborating with students from other schools including Walliston, Pickering Brook, Lesmurdie, Wattle Grove as well as Italian exchange students and Year 10 Italian students from Lesmurdie SHS who talked to us a lot about high school.



## MERIT CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our Merit Certificate Award winners who were presented with their Certificates on Friday, 4 August.

Year	Student	Awarded for:
PP	Hunter	Working hard with persistence at learning his letter sounds and numbers. Keep up the great work, Hunter!
PP	Lila	Her fabulous sounding out whilst writing an apology letter to the Three Bears from Goldilocks. Well done, Lila!
1	Brandon	Working hard to improve his presentation of his writing . Keep it up, Brandon.
1	Bridget	Always taking thought and care to complete class activities.
1	Zoe	Working hard to build her sound knowledge and carefully applying her skills to her writing.
2	Kieran	The extra detail and vocabulary you have been adding to all your work. Keep up this effort - well done!
2	Annabel	All of the strategies you are beginning to use when spelling words during writing tasks. You are a star!
2	Oliver	Your awesome sizzling start to your narrative. I can't wait to read the rest!
2	Elliot	Your wonderful brainstorm of adjectives to describe inside and outside character traits.
3	Olivia	Her imaginative and descriptive ideas when creating different dragon egg profiles.
3	Lawson	The hard-working approach he has shown with all learning opportunities this term. You're a star!
4	Aaliyah	Always working diligently to achieve her personal best across all learning areas. Keep it up, Aaliyah!
4	Clara	Being a kind and considerate class member, always willing to help others. You are a fantastic role model for others!
4	Jesse	Consistently achieving great results in mental maths.
4	Siena	Her fantastic use of descriptive language in her writing.
5	Seb	Participating more frequently in class discussions and putting greater detail into your independent tasks.
5	Luan	Making significant progress with the quality of your handwriting and overall work quality through more consistent practice.
6	Disha	Working hard to apply feedback to her writing and maintain a consistent tense. Fantastic work, Disha!
6	Jacob	His enthusiastic and engaged approach in STEM, designing a go-cart.
6	Max G	His insightful and respectful contributions made in class discussions.

## Aussie of the Month



The winner of the 'Aussie of the Month' award for Term 3, Week 3 was **Abbie** from Year 4. Abbie was nominated for being a good friend. She is kind and helpful and there to support her friends when needed. Abbie has shown the Bounce Back values of support, kindness and friendliness. Congratulations to Abbie.



## P & C

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open from 8.20am - 8.50am on the following **Monday** in Term 3:

21 August, 4 September

Please note the change of date for Week 10 - **FRIDAY** 22 September

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>

**BAKE  
STALL**

**DONATIONS &  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**FRIDAY 8 SEPT**

Calling for donations of **cakes, pies or anything baked and delicious, (sweet or savoury)** for our Faction Athletics Carnival Bake Stall.\*

Goods can be dropped off at the Office on Thursday 7 Sept before 3.30pm or **Friday morning 8 Sept** outside **room 10**.

PLUS we are also calling for **volunteers** to help run the Bake Stall during the Carnival.

If you can help for an hour or two, please get in touch.

\*Please include a list of ingredients with your donation for allergy/dietary purposes.

To volunteer, email us at: [fallsroadparents@gmail.com](mailto:fallsroadparents@gmail.com)

**SUBWAY**

*Delicious*

**ROLLS &  
WRAPS**

**\$7.50**

Order a Subway roll or wrap with drink for the Faction Athletics Carnival

Please complete and return envelopes with the **correct money** by 3pm Tues 5 Sept (no change given).

**Spectators can order too!** Extra envelopes available from the Office, one order per envelope. Please use your child's room number for spectator orders and ensure correct money is in each envelope.

Part proceeds go to Falls Road Primary School.

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3PM TUE 5 SEPT**