



# FALLS ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHALLENGE THE PRESENT—CREATE THE FUTURE

TERM 3  
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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

#### Wednesday 13 September

- Faction Sausage Sizzle

#### Thursday 14 September

- RUOK Day

#### Friday 15 September

- Room 12 Assembly

#### Tuesday 19 September

- Year 6 Camp

#### Wednesday 20 September

- Year 5 Hockey Carnival

#### Thursday 21 September

- Year 4/5 Good Standing Reward

#### Friday 22 September

- Uniform Shop Open
- Final day of Term 3!

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

School resumes for  
Students on Tuesday  
10 October

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy Term 3 we have had! Students and staff have been extremely active over the last few weeks with lots of different events happening. This has included the Room 11 assembly where we learnt all about positive affirmations, the Pre-Primary Fathers Night, our annual Parent Open Night, the Faction Athletics Carnival and jumping and throwing events last week and the Book Fair which was part of Book Week.

As mentioned in the Newsflash last week, Mr Bruce Fraser, who will take over as Principal of Falls Road Primary in Term 4, will be here during Weeks 9 and 10. He is looking forward to meeting the parents and students from our wonderful school community. Please introduce yourself when you see him and make him feel welcome.

### Parent Night

Our Parent Night on Wednesday, 31 August was a really successful night. The majority of our students had a parent, grandparent or both come along to have a look at what they have been doing this year. Well done to all the teachers for the presentation of work in their rooms and the students for the quality of the work that they have produced.

The school band performed at the beginning of the evening, which provided a great start to the night.

There was a huge range of student artwork displayed in the Moonlight Hall with all students displaying pieces of work that they have created this year. Classrooms across the school also looked fantastic with plenty of student work for visitors to look at.

Well done also to the P & C for organising the yummy sausage sizzle for students and their families.

Students and teachers, with the support of parents and in some cases, grandparents, have worked extremely hard throughout the term and students continue to develop and improve across all curriculum areas. We look forward to your ongoing support across the rest of the year.

### Pre-Primary Father's Night



The Pre-Primary staff held a very successful Father's Night last Wednesday, 6 September. There was a great turnout of dads and kids and everyone had taken the time to dress up as their favourite super heroes. There were some great costumes on show. Students loved taking part in the building, painting, drawing and construction activities with their dads. Lots of dads also got a fresh shave from their sons / daughters on the night.

Thank you to Nonie, Michelle, Amanda, Mel and Jodie for their coordination of a really enjoyable night for both the students and their dads. They looked like they all had a great time as can be seen in the photos above.

### School Band

Last Friday evening, the Falls Road Primary School Band performed at the Government Schools Band Competition at Churchlands Senior High School. The band is made up of students playing flute, clarinet, violin, guitar, brass and percussion instruments. They performed 3 songs in front of a panel of judges who provided feedback on their performance. The Falls Road band was one of a very small number of Primary School bands to perform in this competition and they acquitted themselves very well. They received a special mention for including violins as part of their ensemble. Our band also received positive feedback from the adjudicators and the head of music at UWA commended them on their performance.

My thanks to Mr Hind, our band organiser and Ms Johnston who went along to support the students on the night.



### Athletics Carnival



The weather for our Athletics Carnival last Friday was brilliant and it was a really fun day for all involved with the day running very smoothly. During the week leading up to the carnival, all students from Years 1 – 6 had an opportunity to take part in the jumping and throwing events. On the day of the carnival all students took part in sprint races, team games and novelty events with lots of friendly competition. The Kindy and Pre-Primary enjoyed their races just before recess and lots of pre-school siblings also got the chance to show off their running skills. There was a great crowd in attendance and the P & C had the catering covered with a bake stall and a coffee van. Students also enjoyed the subway lunch organised by the P & C.

In the annual leaderball challenge, the students were beaten by the dads, but still managed to beat the staff and the mum's team in what was a fun event to finish off the day.

Thanks to all the staff and parents who helped out in setting up and packing away at the end of the day, which was a real team effort! Congratulation to Mrs Burns who did a great job with her organisation both before and during the day. More information on the carnival results and the champions and runner-up champions is available in the Deputy News.

The Stirk Interschool Athletics carnival is on next term at the end of Week 3 (Friday, 26 October). I will be running training sessions before school in Term 4 in the lead-up to this event. Information on training days will be sent out at the beginning of Term 4. Students are selected for the Stirk Interschool Carnival based on their performances in the Faction Athletics Carnival.

### School Board

The School Board met on Monday evening to discuss a range of topics around Falls Road Primary School. These included the NAPLAN results for 2023, reviewing the school's Operational Plans, looking at the Financial Report and our 2021 School Review recommendations.

### Students not attending Falls Road PS in 2024

If your child will not be attending Falls Road in 2024, can you please let us know in writing or via email what your intentions are for 2024. This enables us to start our preliminary planning of our classes and class numbers for next year. We appreciate your support in this (This does not include Year 6 students from this year).

### Brilliantly Behaved Kids and the Faction Sausage Sizzle

Yesterday, we celebrated those students who had been selected to attend the Brilliantly Behaved Kids Party for Term 3. This is a great acknowledgement of the hard work these students have put in this term. Well done to these students! All students also get the opportunity to have an early recess each fortnight if they display good behaviour in class.

**Congratulations** to **GOLD** faction on earning the most faction points throughout Term 3. They received a 'sausage sizzle' for lunch today.

### Assembly

The Year 2/3 students from Room 12 are hosting the assembly this Friday, 15 September. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Year 6 Camp

The Year 6s will be going on camp to Fairbridge Farm near Pinjarra for their Year 6 Camp from Tuesday of Week 10. They will take part in a range of team building and adventure activities including a high ropes course, orienteering and bike riding. They will enjoy hanging out with their friends for the week and build on their independence skills in the lead-up to high school next year. My thanks to Mrs Burns and Miss Ferguson who have spent lots of time organising activities and logistics for this camp. The Year 6 students are very excited about the camp and really looking forward to it.

**Term 4** - School starts for Term 4 for students on **Tuesday, 10 October**. Monday, 9 October is a School Development Day and students do not attend on this day.

I hope everyone has a fantastic and refreshing holiday!

Kind regards,

Simon Docherty

## DEPUTY NEWS

### Faction Athletics Carnival



What a fun-filled day we had last Friday, it was full of fantastic team spirit! We were treated to some outstanding individual performances in the running events as well as some great teamwork skills in the team games and novelty events. Below are the final results and list of champions from the day.

**BLUE** Faction were the champion faction for the fifth year in a row. The final scores were:

**BLUE – 1210, RED – 848, GOLD – 669**

Congratulations to the champions and runner-up champions (see below) as well as all the students who worked hard throughout the day to earn points for their faction.

Year Level	Boys		Girls	
	Champion	Runner-Up	Champion	Runner-Up
<b>Year 1</b>	William H	Ethan W	Erin M	Bridget C
<b>Year 2</b>	Jack B	Elliot H	Lily B	Annabel B
<b>Year 3</b>	Charlie W	Jacob P	Bethany G	Marie M
<b>Year 4</b>	Kaelen G	Elwood R	Evelyn C	Mia E
<b>Year 5</b>	Isaac F	Isa I	Eloise S	Arliese W
<b>Year 6</b>	Noah S	Angus R	Chloe S	Madison S

### Year 5 Hockey Carnival

The Year 5s (who have nominated themselves) will be taking part in a Hockey Carnival next **Wednesday, 20 September**. This carnival is run by the Kalamunda Hockey Association and will take place at the Kalamunda Districts Hockey Fields in Forrestfield. The carnival will start at approximately 9.30am and finish at approximately 1.45pm. Students will play games against girls', boys' and mixed teams from other Stirk schools. Mr Carter, Mrs Morris, Mrs Miller and Mrs Robinson will be attending with the Year 5 students.

Parents are also welcome to come along and watch.

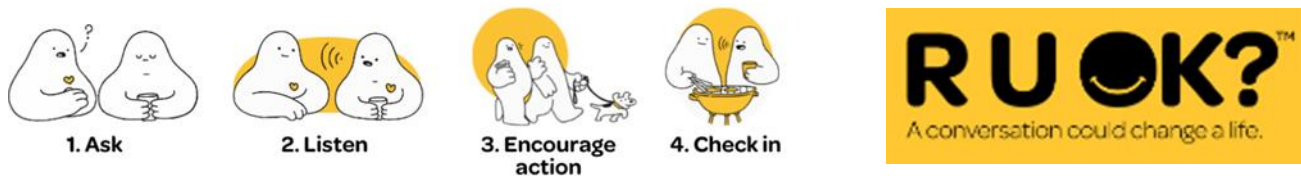
### RUOK Day

RUOK Day is this **Thursday, 14 September**. In recognition of this day, Room 1, 5 & 12 have been working on some goody bags for visitors to our school. If you are bringing students to school on Thursday morning, don't forget to look out for students from those classes set up around school.

The City of Kalamunda have collaborated with HelpingMinds to bring a FREE Let's Talk Mental Health Series for young adults.

It focuses on understanding mental health and strategies for staying mentally healthy. These workshops are completely free to attend and open to the community and we will provide snacks and giveaways!

Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter for booking details.



### Good Standing

This term we will be holding a tabloid games afternoon for Years 4 and 5 on **Thursday, 21 September**. The reward will consist of games such as wheelbarrow races, balloon relays and noodle and beanbag relays to name a few. The afternoon will be finished off with a giant tug of war! The Year 6's Good Standing event this term is their camp to Fairbridge, that they have been looking forward to and working towards all term.

Please find attached to our newsletter the parent information letter detailing our tabloid afternoon in Week 10.

As the end of Term 3 comes to a close, we still have a number of events happening across the school. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support and contributions to our school community. We wish everyone a safe a happy school holidays and a well-deserved rest!

Erin Burns & Clare Miller  
Deputy Principals Term 3

## MERIT CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our Merit Certificate Award winners who were presented with their Certificates on Friday, 1 September.

Year	Student	Awarded for:
PP	Harrison	His great mathematical skills with Friends of 10 and additions to 20 using concrete materials.
PP	Skylar	Her enthusiasm to have a go at all table activities and settling in well to our class!
PP	Taj	His great drawing and writing about his Dad! You put a lot of thought into your answers.
1	Charlotte	Her dedication towards learning her sounds. Keep it, Charlotte!
1	Kyrie	Writing thoughtful observations in his 'Broad Bean Diary' throughout the term.
1	Sienna	Thinking of good ways we can look after the beach to keep the wildlife safe.
2	Liesel	Your hard work when learning to tell the time to the quarter hour. It is great to see you accurately drawing hands on a clock.
2	Jake	Th extra effort you have been putting into the presentation of your work, particularly your letter formation, you're a star!
2	Edward	How you are gaining more confidence in your mathematical abilities! You are a super star!
2	Ruby	How much you have grown in both your writing and maths. I am super proud of you!
3	Abby	Her outstanding work making and naming the features of 3D objects.
3	Avri	The care and detail she has put into her bee hotel diagram and the start of her build.
3	Marie	Your comprehensive and well researched information text on the native Teddy Bear Bees! Well done, Marie.
3	Lara	Her enthusiastic, comprehensive and careful research on native Australian bees. Well done, Lara.
4	Lotte	The positive way in which she approaches her learning.
4	Samuel	Achieving great results in reading comprehension assessments.
5	Georgia	Significant improvement in your participation in warm-ups and class discussions.
5	Josh	Making a concerted effort to catch up with, and complete, all display work in time for Parent Night.
6	Max K	Working more productively and confidently when applying new mathematical strategies. It's great to see you sharing your calculations.
6	Madison	Her efforts to improve her research skills and use the information she has sourced, to provide more detail in her work.

6	Imogen	Your growing confidence and persistence in each maths lesson. Well done.
6	Lauren	The dedicated research you put into Bacteria v Virus fact file.

### Aussie of the Month

The winner of the 'Aussie of the Month' award for Term 3, Week 7 was **Winnie** from Year 4 . Winnie was nominated for being a kind and helpful friend who includes others and shows support, kindness, inclusiveness and friendliness.

Congratulations to Winnie.



### From the School Nurse

#### Scoliosis

Scoliosis is an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine. It can be detected by a simple examination of the back.

The normal spine has three curves – one in the neck, one in the upper back and one in the lower back. These curves can be seen from the side, but when you look from behind the spine, should appear straight. If the spine has a sideways curve, this is scoliosis.

Please read through the [scoliosis](#) information provided by Raising Children Network and check your child for scoliosis as described.

If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner or Community Health Nurse, **Rachel** on **0424 064 162**.

## P & C

#### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open from 8.20am - 8.50am on - **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>



We wanted to send you a friendly reminder to book in now for the following workshops run by the **Western Australian Centre for Perinatal Mental Health & Parenting Support** as spaces are limited!

**Supporting Children with Anxiety** September 13th, 10am - 12pm *WHWS Group Room, Gosnells*

Join us for a transformative 2-hour workshop for parents and carers, dedicated to helping you navigate the challenges of supporting children with anxiety. Explore practical tools and strategies that will empower you to create a secure, comforting space for your child, and learn how to manage their distress and big behaviours. [Supporting Children with Anxiety - WA Centre for Perinatal Mental Health & Parenting Support \(wacpps.org.au\)](http://wacpps.org.au)

**Finding Your Brave: Empower your child to find calm and courage through anxiety** October 2nd & 3rd, 10am-12pm *WHWS Group Room, Gosnells*

Is your child struggling with anxiety? Are you looking for ways to help them discover their inner strength and courage? Anxiety can be a difficult and overwhelming for both parents and children to navigate. This kids only workshop will empower your child to discover their “brave” through learning about how their brain works to keep them safe and develop strategies to find their calm. [Classes and Events - WA Centre for Perinatal Mental Health & Parenting Support \(wacpps.org.au\)](http://wacpps.org.au)

[Home](#) / [Social Groups](#) / [Telethon Holiday Makers Program – 5-18 years](#) / [Telethon Holiday Makers Expressions of Interest](#)

We have opened enrolments for the September/October Telethon Holiday Makers Program groups in Fremantle, Marangaroo and Rockingham for autistic participants with groups that cater for under 10s, 10 to 15 year olds and 13 to 18 year olds. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis, and we would love to welcome some of your students to the Program.

**Details - please note not all sessions are available at all locations - click [here](#) for more information**

Dates: School holidays (weekdays only) from 26<sup>th</sup> September to the 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Time: 9am – 4pm

U10s: 9am – 12pm

Enrolment: **All participants must be enrolled before attending the Program.** To enrol, please fill in the expression of interest form [here](#) or to call us on 9431 2111.







**REGISTER FOR THE  
2023-24  
TEEBALL SEASON**

WHERE THE WHOLE FAMILY  
CAN PLAY

**Join the Fun at Kalamunda Rangers!**

Are you ready for an exciting summer of tee-ball? Don't miss out on the opportunity for your child to learn, play, and make new friends in a supportive and engaging environment.

Ages: Kindy to Year 6  
Schedule: Saturday 8am - 12pm  
Location: Maida Vale Reserve  
Season: 14 Oct 23 to 16 Mar 24

Registration Fee:  
\$90 (3yr Kindy to Kindy)  
\$150 (Pre-primary to Yr6)

**Limited Spots Available! Don't Miss Out!**

**What We Offer**

- ✓ Beginner-friendly tee-ball instruction
- ✓ Skill development in a fun atmosphere
- ✓ Teamwork and sportsmanship values
- ✓ End-of-season celebration and awards
- ✓ Passionate coaches

**Register Today!**

Visit <https://kalamundarangers.com.au/>  
Email [kalamunda.teeball@gmail.com](mailto:kalamunda.teeball@gmail.com)  
Registration Close 10th September

QR Code for Teeball registration




**KALAMUNDA LESMURDIE  
LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB**




**2023/24 SEASON  
REGISTRATIONS OPEN 9TH SEPT**

Our season runs from October to March  
We take athletes from U6 to U17  
Competition is held on Saturday mornings at 8am  
Training is at Koster Oval Kalamunda  
Monday 5:30 - 6:30pm  
Wednesday 5:00 - 6:30pm

**CONTACT US**  
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**COME JOIN US & HAVE FUN, KEEP FIT & MEET NEW FRIENDS**



**FREE POP UP  
CRICKET BLAST!**

Try cricket for free with Lesmurdie-Mazenod Junior Cricket Club. This Free Cricket Blast Event is for Girls & Boys in Year 1-3 and is an ideal way to experience Cricket before signing up for our Cricket Blast Program starting late October!  
Details below:

**WHEN:** 16th September 2023  
**TIME:** 2.30pm to 4.00pm  
**WHERE:** Mazenod College Oval - Best parking on Kershaw Avenue near Gymnasium

All equipment will be provided, please bring a water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

RSVP or more information:  
[president.lmjcc@hotmail.com](mailto:president.lmjcc@hotmail.com)  
Visit us at [lmjcc.com.au](http://lmjcc.com.au)





**KALAMUNDA  
CRICKET CLUB**

Looking for more registrations in our Under 10's and Under 11's boys and girls teams.

If interested, contact  
Hugh Trenorden (boys)  
0437 206 313

Dave Saunders (girls)  
0429 140 979

or register at  
[www.kalamunda cricket club.com.au](http://www.kalamunda cricket club.com.au)






Saver Plus encourages parents to **save \$50 a month** (for 10 months). Their savings is then matched - a **free \$500 for education costs**, making \$1,000 available for the school camp.

Families that **start saving in September**, will have their savings **ready to pay their school camp fees in July 2024**.

Saver Plus will chat with your families about eligibility:

- Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Payment from Centrelink and Earning an income (employment, carer's payment, or child support).

Saver Plus helps your families with budgeting for the cost to attend next year's school camp.