FALLS ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers.

CHALLENGE THE PRESENT—CREATE THE FUTURE

Term 1, Issue 5

30 March 2022



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

Tuesday 5 April BBK Lunch

- Wednesday 6 April Faction Sausage Sizzle
- Friday 8 April
- Easter Egg Hunt



Term 2 commences on Wednesday 27 April

We are coming to the close of what has been a challenging term although staff have worked extremely hard at maintaining the student's focus on their learning.

Our Year 3 to 6 students have been tremendous in wearing their masks consistently and staff are supporting this by providing fresh air breaks. Everyone is getting used to wearing them and though they can be inconvenient, they have definitely proved their worth. We have had a number of cases in different classes and there has been no spread thanks to the masks.

A sincere thank you to the overwhelming majority of parents who are doing the right thing and minimising their time on the school grounds by dropping off and collecting their children and not hanging around.

In supervising this, there are still some parents who need a reminder. It is obvious that the students know they shouldn't be playing on the equipment after school. When they see me, they leave, saying "Mr Ingle is coming".

What I find interesting is the message that this is sending. It is alright not to do the right thing until you see a person in authority.

It would be far better for students to be supported by their parents to do the right thing and not have this double standard.

As you would have heard there will be an easing of restrictions from the $31^{
m st}$ March. I have included them for you here.

WA's easing of public health measures for schools include:

Provision of one million additional RATs for school staff to use on an as-need basis:

Parents are allowed on school sites for outside school pick-up and drop-off, face to face parent-teacher meetings, attending year group assemblies, volunteering in roles outside of classrooms e.g. canteen, and uniform shop,

and infrequent special events (in line with community venue capacity and density limits);

In-school special events bigger than a single class size can be held with masks and physical distancing;

Single year-group assemblies can be held in line with mask requirements;

Parents and carers can visit residential facilities, with proof of vaccination (if required), mask wearing and physical distancing;

Parents are allowed to spectate at indoor and outdoor sporting events, performances and other interschool events with masks and physical distancing; and

Gatherings of parents/carers can occur (P&Cs) with mask wearing.

Critical Worker protocols and school mask requirements for students in Year 3 and above remain unchanged.

School camps remain postponed at this time due to the COVID-19 transmission and disruption to learning risks, with the State Government continuing to roll out its \$3.5 million School Camps COVID-19 Assistance Package to support school camp operators and encourage public schools to undertake day camps.

Parents and carers attending school sites must wear a mask and adhere to physical distancing where possible.

Where parents have an exemption to wear a mask, we are required to sight the Medical Certificate that certifies this. This particularly applies to the easing of restrictions. Some examples of this are: where a parent and a teacher have to have a face to face meeting or parents attending an onsite P&C or Board meeting.

I have included an extract of the pertinent text below from the EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA) Sections 67 and 72A COVID TRANSITION (FACE COVERING) DIRECTIONS (NO 3).

"a person is only excepted from the requirement to wear a face covering under subparagraph (e) if the person produces a medical certificate that certifies that the person has an illness, injury, condition or disability that makes wearing a face covering unsuitable: (i) upon request by an authorised officer, and (ii) if requested to do so whilst at or on any premises, by the responsible person for those premises or by the staff of the responsible person; and (y) where a person is relying on an exception under subparagraph (f) to (w), that person resumes wearing the face covering as soon as reasonably practicable after the person no longer falls within the relevant exception. 9. A patron who is requested by a responsible person or a member of staff of the responsible person to produce a medical certificate that certifies that the person has an illness, injury, condition or disability that makes wearing a face covering unsuitable must not act in a manner that is threatening, intimidating or offensive towards a relevant officer or any member of staff of the responsible person."

I have also included a copy of these sections of the **Emergency Management Act** as an attachment to this newsletter.

Water Bottles

Students need to bring their Water Bottles to school EVERY DAY. Too many students are regularly turning up without them and expecting that we will provide them with disposable cups. We obviously support students in providing a cup as they need to have a drink however, it is getting out of hand.

Water bottles are an essential item, just like their hat. We would appreciate it if you could reinforce this at home that as they are not allowed to drink out of the fountains due to COVID, they need their Water Bottles with them every day, thank you.

School Board

The School Board met via Webex on Monday night and held the AGM and the first general meeting for the year.

Congratulations to Dr Iain Thin who was elected as Chair.

The Board is comprised of:

Staff Representatives: David Ingle, Simon Docherty, Erin Burns (Minute Secretary)

Parent Representatives: Liam Lynch and Vanessa Rando

<u>Community Representative</u>: Iain Thin (Chair)

The Board reviewed The Curriculum Operational Plans and The One Line and Comparative Budgets. We also discussed the challenges presented by COVID and that staff are doing an amazing job in maintaining student's focus on their learning and in wearing their masks in Year 3 to 6.

ANZAC Commemoration Friday, 29 April

Due to current COVID restrictions we will not be able to run our traditional ANZAC service at the beginning of term 2. Instead, this year each class will have a commemorative display in their class windows to recognise the day. There will also be a modified ANZAC service with readings from students that will be presented over the P.A. during the day.

Easter Egg Hunt Friday, 8 April

With the COVID restrictions as they are right now, we will not be able to proceed with the traditional Easter Hat Parade.

Instead we will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt with the students for their fun and enjoyment and a great way to finish off the term. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place in our nature play area and will be run by the P&C. Each class from Year 1 to 6 will have the opportunity to participate in the hunt throughout the day. All eggs will be nut free and there will also be dairy free options for those students with dairy allergies. The Kindergarten and Pre-Primary classes will run their own Easter Egg Hunt in their play area.

As is traditional, the students will still be able to make and wear Easter Hats on the day and the P&C raffle will be drawn and announced over the P.A.

Dance Lessons

Dance has been rescheduled to Term 2. We are working through whether it will be online delivery or face to face. Once we have clarified this we will let you know next term.

Last year parents were able to watch their children during their last dance session in Week 10. We hope to be able to do that again this year. Further information will be provided closer to the date.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN will be held in Week 3 and 4 in Term 2 for Year 3 and Year 5 students. A copy of the parent information flyer has been provided to these students to take home to you.

ACARA's NAPLAN online public demonstration site is also now available for access by staff, students and parents. The landing page for the website is accessible through the link below.

https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

It provides links to a number of resources (FAQs, user guide and technical requirements) that will continue to be updated.

Links to information on platform adjustments that support students with disability to access NAPLAN tests are also on the landing page.

Monday, 25 April is ANZAC Day Public Holiday and Tuesday, 26 April is a School Development Day and students do not attend.

Students return to school on Wednesday, 27 April.

Regards, David Ingle Principal

MERIT CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our Merit Certificate Award winners who were presented with their Certificates on Friday, 18 March 2022

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Year	Student	Comment for:
PP	Riley	Being a kind and caring member of the class and always doing his best when completing tasks asked of him.
PP	Willow H	Consistently displaying patience and kindness in the classroom.
PP	Luke	Giving one hundred percent effort to everything he does!
PP	Piper	The determination she has shown in improving her letter formation.
1	Edward	Always following instructions the first time and being kind and caring towards his peers.
1	Taylor	Always wanting to help her peers and Teachers. Well done, Taylor.
2	Madeline	Carefully thinking through mathematical problems. Well done.
2	Robyn	Completing her comprehension questions using proper sentences. Well done, Robyn.
2	James	Completing tasks to the best of his ability and always being a friendly, helpful peer model.
2	Charlie	Exploring the use of different vocabulary in our writing sessions!
3	Hollie	The focus you have been applying to complete all your work! You are a superstar!
3	Aaliyah	Being a focused learner, who always listens carefully, follows instructions and works hard.
3	Abbie	Her outstanding work during guided reading. Abbie clearly explains her ideas and always works hard.
4	Karl	Setting and diligently working towards reading goals which he has personally set for himself.
4	Lily Mc	Beginning Year 4 with a bang! Well done for taking new challenges in your stride and for finding a love of reading.
4	Jensen	Achieving great results in reading comprehension.
4	Tami	The fantastic effort she puts into all her work.
5	Jacob	Improving from your maths pre-test to post-test in four consecutive weeks.
5	Reeve	Fully engaging in our poetry unit and writing a wonderfully descriptive poem about Lesmurdie.
5	Aaliya	Being a kind and considerate friend to your peers. You are always looking for ways to help others!
6	Cameron	Consistently taking feedback on board to make improvements. You have had a great start to Year 6.
6	Esmae	The attention to detail you always include in your writing. Well done.
6	Sam	His efforts to manage his work time more effectively and try hard to apply new skills and strategies.
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6	,	His enthusiastic participation in Science. Syd shares interesting facts and asks important questions to build his understanding.
6	Josh	Showing consistent improvement in his pre and post test results in maths. Great work, Josh.

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Aussie of the Month



The winner of the 'Aussie of the Month' award is **Siofra from Room 5. Siofra** was nominated for always being helpful and friendly towards teachers and students. **Siofra** has shown the 'Bounce Back' values of respect, kindness and friendliness. Congratulations to **Siofra**.

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AROUND THE SCHOOL

CRUGBYWA Thank you to Blake and Isaiah from Rugby WA for running our Rugby skills clinic for Years 1 to 6 on Monday and Tuesday.

*"I thought it was really fun and I don't normally like sport. I loved playing Zombies because it was fun to look left and right and everywhere. Rugby-Netball was really cool as well. I would like to have another clinic." ***** (five stars)*

"I thought it was great fun to get taught Rugby and my favourite game was Rugby-Netball because it was challenging".



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.

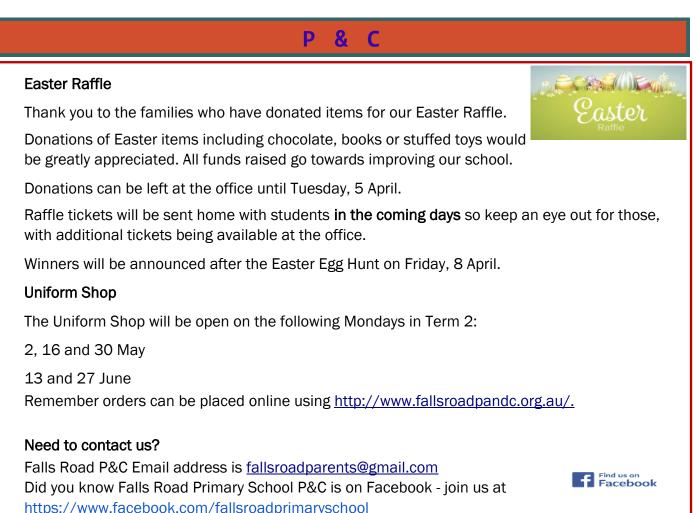
If your child is absent you can:

email fallsroad.ps@education.wa.edu.au

complete the online form http://www.fallsroadps.wa.edu.au

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Swimming Lessons near you!

School Term & Holiday Programs

Swim & Survive Stages 1—15 Adult learn to swim Specialised workshops Bronze Medallion

Royal Life Saving Swim Teacher training

Swim Mechanix Lesmurdie

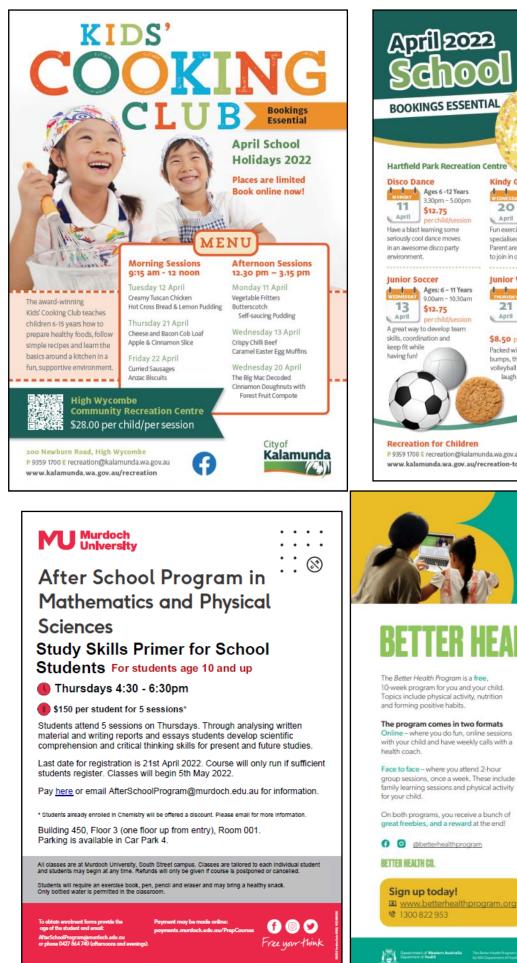
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