FALLS ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHALLENGE THE PRESENT—CREATE THE FUTURE

Term 2, Issue 7

11 May 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

Monday 16 May
- Uniform Shop
- PP – Year 5 Dance lessons
- NAPLAN continues

Tuesday 17 May
- PP – Year 5 Dance lessons

Friday 20 May
- Room 5 Assembly
- Dockers Shield/Fever Cup
- NAPLAN catch-up

Monday 23 May
- PP – Year 5 Dance

Tuesday 24 May
- PP – Year 5 Dance

Thursday 26 May
- Flu vaccination clinic

Friday 27 May
- Flu vaccination clinic

Monday 30 May
- Uniform Shop
- PP – Year 5 Dance lessons

Tuesday 31 May
- PP – Year 5 Dance lessons

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking parents across the board for supporting the school to operate as safely as possible in these challenging times. We really appreciate parents keeping students home who show the slightest indication of being ill. This not only maximises the maintenance of a healthy environment but is very reassuring to staff.

At school we are continuing to focus on hygiene practices, particularly hand washing. We are also continuing to practise physical distancing wherever possible to engender and consolidate good habits with our students.

One of our long serving staff members, Mrs McCarthy will sadly be leaving us in the very near future. I have included the message she has communicated to her parents.

"It is with deep and sincere regret that I need to inform you that I will be leaving Falls Road Primary School. I have been given the opportunity to teach in a country school in Pingrup, which has had no Early Childhood teacher this year. I will deeply miss the children in my class along with the many other children that I have had over my eleven years at Falls Road Primary School. With your children in mind, Mrs Perkins and Mrs Morris will be taking over teaching in Room 11. The children are all familiar with both teachers who will bring an amazing set of skills to the classroom. Thank you all for your support so far this year and I know that you will support Mrs Perkins and Mrs Morris as they transition into the classroom. I leave with nothing but respect for Falls Road Primary School and the fantastic opportunities each and every child is provided with, by the amazing staff within the school.

Thank you once again for your support and I wish you all the very best for the remainder of the year."

Mrs McCarthy

I am very pleased that we have been able to backfill Mrs McCarthy with two very capable and experienced staff. Mrs Perkins (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) will teach in tandem with Mrs Morris (Thursday and Friday). Mrs Perkins and Mrs Morris teach the students already in their other roles in the school and this will enable us to ensure a seamless transition and minimise the impact of the change on the class.

We take this opportunity to thank Mrs McCarthy for her comprehensive contribution to our school over the 11 years she has taught at Falls Road and wish her every success on her future career path.

ANZAC

Congratulations to all our staff on the ANZAC Window displays. We have included some photos showing this. The quality of the student's writing is very impressive and their feelings on what it means to them is very powerful.

The ANZAC Service over the PA was a respectful commemoration of this important day. There were a range of displays generated in the classroom widows. They included wreaths, student handprint leaves, individual student paper poppies, stories and poems around the theme of 'What ANZAC day means to me...'

The poems that the students read over the PA were amazing. The quality of the student's writing was very impressive and their ability to capture their feelings on what ANZAC means to them was very powerful and moving.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Join the adventure!

We encourage you to join us in unlocking the wonderful world of reading for your children. Help them to join the Premier's Reading Challenge. Will they fly above the clouds, dive into the ocean or jump into a rocket ship? All students from Kindergarten to Year 10 are challenged to read 12 books by 9 September 2022.

You can help your children sign up via the website, choose their own avatar and log all the books they read over the course of the Challenge. Weekly prizes will be awarded to students who log a book that week, with major prizes drawn when the challenge ends.

Books don't have to be in English – children are encouraged to read books in their first language.

There are extraordinary tourism prizes to be won each week.

Sign up your children on the website to begin their magical journey.

https://www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au/

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN Testing is going very well. I would like to thank staff for their preparation and support of students to ensure that this testing is as smooth and stress free as possible.

At the same time, our Year 4 and Year 6 students are doing their NAPLAN test from a previous year to monitor their progress and identify any areas which may require a continued focus. This is a paper and pencil test.

Assembly

Room 5 are hosting their Assembly on Friday, 20 May . We look forward to seeing you there.

Regards,
David Ingle
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

Faction Cross Country

We have started practising for the Faction Cross Country during 100s Club, before school and during PE lessons. Teachers will also give students the opportunity to practise during class fitness sessions.

Attached with this newsletter is information regarding the Faction Cross Country Carnival, including the distances for each year level and the Cross Country map. All students are expected to participate in the Faction Cross Country and each finisher earns points for their Faction that go towards the Faction Cross Country Shield as well as a point for the whole term faction competition.

We will be returning to our traditional senior courses this year after making some changes last year due to building works at the front of the school.

In-term Swimming Lessons

Falls Road PS will be participating in the in-term swimming lessons provided by the Department of Education. These lessons will take place from Tuesday, 7 June through until Friday, 17 June (Weeks 7 and 8) and will be held at St Brigid's indoor swimming pool. The cost of the swimming lessons is covered by the Department of Education, while students pay for pool entry and transport to and from St Brigid's.

Attached with this newsletter is an enrolment form for the in-term swimming lessons. This needs to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

All other information including permissions and the swimming lesson timetable will be sent home via Consent2Go. Please complete these at your earliest convenience.

NAPLAN

The on-line NAPLAN testing is happening during Week 3 and Week 4 for all students in Year 3 and Year 5. The Year 4 and Year 6 students are also doing last year's NAPLAN tests at the same time. The NAPLAN on-line schedule for Year 3 and Year 5 is shown below along with some NAPLAN tips.

	Monday 9/5	**Tuesday 10/5**	**Wednesday 11/5**	**Thursday 12/5**	**Friday 13/5**
Week 1 10 – 13 May		Year 3 and Year 5 Writing	Year 5 Reading	Year 3 Reading	Year 5 Language Conventions
	Monday 16/5	**Tuesday 17/5**	**Wednesday 18/5**	**Thursday 19/5**	**Friday 20/5**
Week 2 16 – 20 May	Year 3 Language Conventions	Year 3 Numeracy	Year 5 Numeracy	Catch-up testing	Catch-up testing

Tip 1: Be positive – it's a new opportunity/challenge – but it isn't high stakes.

Tip 2: Encourage your child to talk about concerns so you can help alleviate them (but don't feed the anxieties). Ensure your child understands that you aren't concerned about the tests.

Tip 3: Help them to relax – provide them with some relaxation strategies, e.g. take 3 deep breaths, have a drink of water, re-read the questions.

Tip 4: Prepare – have a good night's sleep and a good breakfast.

Tip 5: Encourage them to have a go, focus on doing their best and the results will take care of themselves.

What's happening in Term 2

Dance Lessons – every Monday and Tuesday of this term (except for Week 7 and 8)
NAPLAN Testing - Tuesday, 10 May to Friday, 20 May
Room 5 Assembly - Friday, 20 May
Stirk Football and Netball Carnival - Friday, 20 May
Faction Cross Country – Thursday, 2 June
Room 8 Assembly – Friday, 3 June
In-Term Swimming lessons – Tuesday, 7 June to Friday, 17 June
Room 4 Assembly – Friday, 24 June
Year 4 and Year 5 Soccer and Netball Carnival – Wednesday, 29 June

Simon Docherty

Certificate of Excellence

Awarded to:

Samson Room 10

For excellent results in a science activity, Samson gave detailed ideas with some specific vocabulary.

Catanya Room 10

For excellent results in a history reflection. Catanya outlined changes in Kalamunda with detailed and thoughtful ideas.

Martika Room 9

For excellent results in writing her holiday recount. Martika produced a well presented and interesting recount with punctuation throughout. Amazing work, Martika.

Oliver Room 9

For excellent results in writing his holiday recount. Oliver produced an interesting recount that included lots of details and is beautifully presented. Awesome work, Oliver!

MERIT CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our Merit Certificate Award winners who were presented with their Certificates on Friday, 6 May 2022

Year	Student	Comment for:
PP	Robyn	Her helpful personality and positive attitude towards school.
PP	Isaac	Showing great improvement in his behaviour on the mat and solving issues in social situations.
PP	Zoe	Her fabulous independent writing and always doing her best at table activities.
2	Alyssa	The care and conscientiousness she applies to all her written tasks. Your presentation and letter formations are a joy to see.
2	Matilda	Making an excellent effort to be more organised and prepared this term.
2	Marie	Consistently producing work to a high standard. Your letter formation and the pride you take in all tasks is sensational!
2	Abby	Your amazing recount about the holidays! You used the correct structure, explored with punctuation and used paragraphs!
3	Mia	Clearly representing her design ideas and for producing a detailed evaluation of her final desk organiser product.
3	Audrey	Showing a genuine interest in all learning areas and for consistently participating in classroom discussions.
4	Arliese	The care and attention she gives to all her work.
4	Isa	Being an enthusiastic learner who makes a valuable contribution to class discussions.
5	Maisie	Writing an engaging narrative including a fantastic setting description.
5	Angus	Being focused on his learning and working diligently towards goals. Keep it up, Angus.
5	Imogen	Reciting your poem about learning from past wars so confidently during our ANZAC Day service.
5	Emily	Producing a stirring poem about the importance of ANZAC Day and sharing it so confidently.
5	Daniel	All of the effort you have put into your persuasive sizzling starts.
5	Aaliya	Your active participation and contributions in History lessons.
6	Grace	Her enthusiastic approach to applying addition algorithms to accurately calculate large number problems in Maths.
6	Gabriel	His enthusiastic approach to our reading task about the mystery of the Mary Celeste. Gabriel's theories were interesting and well considered.

Aussie of the Month

The winner of the 'Aussie of the Month' award for this week **is Eloise from Room 6. Eloise** was nominated for being friendly and respectful to class mates and other students and teachers across the school at all times. **Eloise** has shown the 'Bounce Back' values of respect, kindness and friendliness. Congratulations to **Eloise**.

P & C

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following Mondays in Term 2:

16 and 30 May

13 and 27 June

Remember orders can be placed online using http://www.fallsroadpandc.org.au/.

Upcoming events:

Bakers Delight Pizza lunch on Thursday, 30 June - flyer and order form will be sent home with students closer to the event.

Election Day and **Sock Fundraiser** (see below)

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

Sock Fundraiser

EVERYONE NEEDS A PAIR OF CRAZY SOCKS!
FALLS ROAD P&C HAVE TEAMED UP WITH SOCKABLE TO HELP MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

SOCKS $6 A PAIR

CATALOGUE AND ORDERING INFORMATION BEING SENT HOME FRIDAY.

Crazy Sock Day

WEAR YOUR CRAZY SOCKS TO SCHOOL ON

8 JUNE 2022

GOLD COIN DONATION – ALL MONEY RAISED TO GO TO KANYANA WILDLIFE

Community information

Welcome Back

LESMURDIE

Tours of Lesmurdie Senior High School
resume at 9.00 am on
Thursday 12 May

Please contact the Front Office on 9291 1200 to book your place.

Our tour on Thursday 26 May will focus on our LEAP program.
If you have a Year 5 student interested in applying for a 2024 place in our LEAP program, we encourage you to book a place on this tour.