

# Falls Road Primary Independent Public School



**2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

## Our Mission Statement

To provide students with a positive educational environment that facilitates, supports and extends all facets of a student's development.

## Principal's Report

As the new boy on the block, it is far more pertinent that others tell the 2023 story of Falls Road PS. From my perspective, having arrived late in Term 3 it was fantastic to experience two of the school's biggest highlights. The Joseph production, being the culmination of months of work by staff, parents and students was a truly professional presentation over two nights at the Kalamunda Cultural Centre. Ms Inger Johnston and Mrs Susan Dupont led the way with their exceptional time and energetic commitment. The Moonlight Markets made its post Covid return thanks to the outstanding work of our P&C, particularly the dynamic Mrs Ashlee Gibson, P&C President. A huge evening which brought upwards of 2000 people into our school and profited well over \$20,000 to go towards some fantastic school projects.

I was also fortunate to experience the Lesmurdie Le Mans Go-cart races, almost pulling off the Interschool Athletics win and the very well organised and run Year 6 Graduation events.

Significantly, after 14 years of Falls Road PS leadership, Mr David Ingle retired from the Principalship earlier in the year, and Mr Simon Docherty stepped into the Principal role until I arrived. I am sure that others will elaborate on David's contribution elsewhere in this Report.

Falls Road PS prides itself in offering children a diverse program which allows them to find their strength and passion. Whether it be in the Arts, Sciences, academically, languages, on the sporting field, in student leadership, cooking, you name it and they've probably had a taster at our school.

This report tells much of our story in photographs and some of it in words or data. So, please enjoy!

Bruce Fraser  
Principal

# Falls Road Primary P & C Association Report 2023

We had a very busy 2023 with lots of events and preparation for the Moonlight Markets. It was a massive effort and such a successful celebration of our amazing School community. We're very happy to have raised a great amount of money to be able to continue to support and improve our School.

We found our regular events for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Parent's Night were well received.

We did find seeking volunteers harder this year along with receiving very minimal contributions for the bake stall at the Faction Carnival. We aim to trial a free event app to allow parents to easily volunteer themselves for events and reduce the workload on Coordinators organising the event.

We were thrilled to have our bike shelter finally built after being considered for many years and through hiring a school family/local business, it was a bonus to be able to support them.

**Ashlee Gibson - P & C President, 2023**

## Term 1

Welcome Back Icy-pole afternoon - 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Easter Raffle - 6<sup>th</sup> April

Bike Shelter Built - April School Holidays



## Term 2

Mother's Day Stall and Hamper - 12<sup>th</sup> May

Neon Free Dress Day for MM - 30<sup>th</sup> May

Faction Cross Country Coffee Van - 16<sup>th</sup> June





### Term 3

Crazy Hair Day - 26<sup>th</sup> July

Parent Night Sausage Sizzle - 31<sup>st</sup> August

Father's Day Stall - 1<sup>st</sup> September

Faction Athletics Carnival Bake Sale and Subway Lunch - 8<sup>th</sup> September



### Term 4

Referendum Stall – Bacon and Egg Burgers, Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall - 14<sup>th</sup> October

Liquorice All Sorts dress up day for MM - 17<sup>th</sup> October

Funded Year 5 Bike Safety Course - 7<sup>th</sup> November





## Moonlight Markets - 17<sup>th</sup> November

This Falls Road P & C event took place in November to coincide with the full moon. Close to two thousand visitors came along to Falls Road Primary to look through different types of stalls (plant, bric-a-brac, silent auction, pre-loved clothing, lollies and cakes), eat from a range of food stalls, engage in a wide variety of activities (haunted house, train rides, cuddly animals, sideshow games) and watched a variety of different performers (junior and senior school choirs, Falls Road School band and local community performers) entertain the crowds throughout the night.



# Board Report by Board Chair

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

Parent Representatives: Dr Liam Lynch (Chair), Nathan Reid, Vanessa Rando

Community Representatives: Dr Lorraine Sheridan

Well, what a huge year 2023 turned out to be for our Falls Road school community. From the start of the year, with membership changes to our school board, to the graduation of our latest Year 6 Students, 2023 was one of our busiest years to date. Somewhere in the middle of everything, how lucky have we been to have one excellent principal replace another.

The significant changes to our Board started right at the beginning of the year when the long-standing Chairperson, Iain Thin, resigned and was replaced by myself. Iain and Iain's family have been part of our community since 2005 and they have given so much energy and enthusiasm to the development of the school for almost 20 years. Nathan Reid (Parent Representative) and Lorraine Sheridan (Community Representative) also formally joined the Board at this time. Vanessa Rando continued to service our school community through 2023 in her P&C Representative role. Later in the year, David Ingle, who had been school principal since 2009, retired after more than 14 years' service. We thank David for his sterling work at Falls Road. Under David's guidance, our School Operational and Business Plans significantly directed learning and development programmes that have fostered a love of learning and living for all our children. We wish David and his family '*Gach Rath Ort Amach Anseo*' (Best Wishes for the Future).

Between David retiring and Bruce commencing as Principal, Simon Docherty seamlessly guided the school during Term Two and Term Three of 2023. From the Crazy Hair Day at the start of Term 2 to the Spelling Bee near the end of Term 4, we thank Simon for overseeing the huge range of academic, sports and musical activities in which the school was involved. And how lucky have we been to have Bruce Fraser come into our school community as Principal! *Running and hitting the ground* come to mind when thinking of the impact Bruce has had on Falls Road. Bruce has opened formal channels of communication between the various arms of our community (the Board, the P&C, our school community, and school staff). In his first few weeks, Bruce has also guided the staff team through a Six Domains of School' review specifically focusing on areas that advance our 2024 School Operational Plan. This includes establishing Teams and Working Parties from within the staff team to lead the development in all teaching areas. Moreover, Bruce is showing a realistic awareness of national developments by fostering a new, and very welcome, community focus on Australian First Nations cultures. Through this, he is laying the foundations for the future our children's community and national interests.

The extensive list of events during 2023 show how much energy the staff, Ashlee Gibson and the P&C, parents and children of Falls Road have given. The incomplete list includes dance lessons, faction cross country, maths competition, science week excursion, book parade, Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, athletics and hockey carnivals, not to mention our Joseph Production and Moonlight Markets. The Board thanks all the staff members at Falls Road including the Art and Music teaching teams, the Science and Physical Education teaching teams, the English and Maths teaching teams, and all teaching assistants and support staff for your 100% commitment to every event.

With all the developments and modifications at Falls Road PS started in 2023, we can look forward to what will be an even better year in 2024!

Dr Liam Lynch  
Board Chair 2023

# Celebrating Achievements

## Academic Highlights

- Six Year 6 students and two Year 5 students attended PEAC .
- 5 students were accepted into the Lesmurdie Senior High School Extension Program for 2024.
- 4 students were invited to the Kalamunda SHS Specialist programs in Academic excellence, Music and Performing Arts for 2024

## Year 6 School Destinations into Year 7

Destination Schools	Total
Lesmurdie Senior High School	19
St Brigids College	11
Kalamunda Senior High School	9
Mazenod College	5
Carmel Adventist College	2
Darling Range Sports College	1
Perth Modern School	1
Ursula Frayne Catholic College	1
John Wollaston Anglican Community School	1
Lumen Christi College	1
Shenton College	1
John Forrest Secondary College	1
Hillside Christian School	1

Our students have established a reputation for transitioning to high school smoothly, well prepared for Secondary education, and most importantly as polite, hard working citizens.



## School Profile

### **SCHOOL STAFF**

Falls Road Primary has a very experienced teaching staff. During 2023, we had 22 teachers, 12 full time and 8 part-time, 2 on LWOP, and 2 administrators. We have 5 teachers from the School of Instrumental Music (SIMS) visit our school to teach students Clarinet, Flute, Brass, Violin and Guitar. We also employ a School Psychologist to support our staff and students.

There were 15 non-teaching staff positions including a Manager of Corporate Services, School Officer, 8 Education Assistants, 1 Library Officer, 1 Gardener / Handyperson and 3 Cleaners.

### **STAFF RETENTION**

Total teaching and Admin staff - 2023	22
Teaching staff retained from previous year	22
<b>Staff Retention Rate</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS**

All teaching staff meet the professional requirements to teach in Western Australian schools and all are registered with the Western Australian College of Teaching.

All staff have a current Working with Children clearance. These requirements to work with children are checked on an ongoing basis.

## Staff Professional Development

Throughout 2023 staff attended various professional development activities. These included:

- Effectively analysing school and system data through Brightpath, the SAIS Dashboard and whole-school assessment data
- Deepening our understanding of a range of learning difficulties including ASD
- Upskilling staff in the 'Science of Reading'
- Deputy Principal and Principal Network meetings
- A range of music workshops

The school amount acquitted for teachers in 2023 was \$1000.

## Building and Grounds

The beautiful grounds of Falls Road PS were well maintained throughout the year, with the school taking on responsibility for mowing and maintenance of the school oval. The primary playground equipment was bordered by limestone blocks to ensure retention of soft fall sand under and around the equipment.

Our school is nestled amongst beautiful natural surroundings, and experiences regular visits from our local wildlife; it is not unusual for kwendas to join in lunchtime eating with our students.

## Budget and Finance

The Finance Committee meets to set and then regularly review the Annual Budget. The School Board endorses the budget, reflecting the focus areas of the school to meet the needs of the students.

### ONE LINE BUDGET - Dec 2023 ( Verified Dec Cash)

	Current Budget (\$)	Actual YTD (\$)
Carry Forward (Cash):	688,679	688,679
Carry Forward (Salary):	642,619	642,619

### INCOME

Student-Centred Funding (including Transfers & Adjustments):	11,526,285	11,522,876
Locally Raised Funds:	740,746	726,043
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>13,598,329</b>	<b>13,580,217</b>

### EXPENDITURE

Salaries:	10,544,051	6,839,357
Goods and Services (Cash):	2,329,421	1,348,113
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>12,873,472</b>	<b>8,187,469</b>

<b>VARIANCE:</b>	<b>724,857</b>	<b>5,392,748</b>
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### STUDENT-CENTRED FUNDING

Per Student	8,861,523	8,861,523
School and Student Characteristics	1,590,431	1,590,431
Disability Adjustments	60,686	60,686
Targeted Initiatives	1,051,850	1,048,441
Operational Response Allocation	28,568	28,568
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>11,593,058</b>	<b>11,593,058</b>

**TRANSFERS AND ADJUSTMENTS**

Regional Allocation	9,590	9,590
Transition Adjustment	0	0
School Transfers – Salary	(896,936)	(896,936)
School Transfers - Cash	896,936	896,936
Department Adjustments	(76,362)	(76,362)
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>(66,772)</b>	<b>(66,772)</b>

**LOCALLY RAISED FUNDS (REVENUE)**

Voluntary Contributions	67,498	67,498
Charges and Fees	282,170	282,171
Fees from Facilities Hire	2,000	218
Fundraising/Donations/Sponsorships	74,313	54,313
Commonwealth Govt Revenues	0	0
Other State Govt/Local Govt Revenues	6,871	6,871
Revenue from CO, Regional Office and Other	5,747	5,747
Other Revenues	56,469	63,546
Transfer from Reserve or DGR	245,678	245,678
Residential Accommodation	0	0
Farm Revenue (Ag and Farm Schools only)	0	0
Camp School Fees (Camp Schools only)	0	0
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>740,746</b>	<b>726,042</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,598,330</b>	<b>13,580,217</b>
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**EXPENDITURE - Dec 2023 ( Verified Dec Cash)**

	<b>Current Budget (\$)</b>	<b>Actual YTD (\$)</b>
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**SALARIES**

Appointed Staff	9,695,267	6,294,348
New Appointments	138,092	0
Casual Payments	567,071	461,388
Other Salary Expenditure	143,621	83,621
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>10,544,051</b>	<b>6,839,357</b>

**GOODS AND SERVICES (CASH EXPENDITURE)**

Administration	97,031	64,139
Lease Payments	4,500	0
Utilities, Facilities and Maintenance	787,156	438,523
Buildings, Property and Equipment	383,245	188,979
Curriculum and Student Services	891,819	538,396
Professional Development	62,075	31,226
Transfer to Reserve	66,229	66,229
Other Expenditure	34,706	19,080
Payment to CO, Regional Office and Other schools	2,660	1,540
Residential Operations	0	0
Residential Boarding Fees to CO (Ag Colleges only)	0	0
Farm Operations (Ag and Farm Schools only)	0	0
Farm Revenue to CO (Ag and Farm Schools only)	0	0
Camp School Fees to CO (Camp Schools only)	0	0
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>2,329,421</b>	<b>1,348,112</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,873,472</b>	<b>8,187,469</b>
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School Survey 2023	Community	Students	Staff
Teachers expect the best of students	4.4	4.6	5
Teachers provide useful feedback to students	4.3	4	4.6
Teachers treat students fairly	4.3	3.8	4.8
School is well maintained	4.5	4.1	4.7
Students feel safe at school	4.6	4.2	4.7
Students can speak to teachers about their concerns	4.6	3.7	4.6
Behaviour is well managed	4.3	3.6	4.9
Students like being at the school	4.6	4	4.9
The school looks for ways to improve	4.2	4.2	4.7
School takes student opinions seriously		3.5	
School takes parents opinions seriously	4.1		
School takes staff opinions seriously			3.9
Teachers motivate students to learn	4.4	4	4.6
The schools provides students with interesting opportunities		4	
Teachers are good teachers	4.6	4.2	
Teachers care about students.	4.6	4	
Parents can talk to teachers about their concerns			4.8
Students' learning needs are being met			4.5
The school works with parents to support students' learning	4.3		4.6
Staff receive useful feedback about their performance			4.1
Staff are well supported at the school			3.9
School has a strong relationship with the community	4.2		4.5
School is well led	4.3		4.2
Overall satisfaction with the standard of education	4.4		4.5
Recommend the school to others	4.5		4.7
Child is making good progress	4.4		
Learning needs are being met	4.3		

## Celebration Days and Special Events

At Falls Road Primary School in 2023, we celebrated a range of special days and took part in some special events throughout the year. These events play an extremely important part in life at Falls Road Primary and play an integral role in engaging with both the school and the wider Lesmurdie and Kalamunda communities. These events included:

**The Easter Hat Parade** – Students got to parade around in their own Easter-themed hats and took part in an Easter raffle conducted by the P & C. A large crowd of parents were on hand to watch the parade.



### Year 6 Camp

Students stayed at the Fairbridge Camp School near Pinjarra and engaged in a series of challenges and social events that focused on teamwork and developing resilience in the face of challenges. Students particularly enjoyed the social aspect of camp and many will have lifelong memories of their time spent at camp.



**ANZAC Service** – Falls Road Primary commemorated all those people who had served Australia in conflicts around the world at our ANZAC Service. Invited guests from the Kalamunda RSL along with former soldier and Falls Road teacher, Mr Nigel Bennett, represented our service men and women at the service. The school choir performed ‘Here You Lie,’ Year 5 students talked about some of our local heroes who had served in war and the whole school performed ‘We Are Australian’ in English and Yawuru, accompanied by Caitlin Camp who signed along in Auslan.



**Fundraising Days** – Throughout the year, Falls Road students took part in a number of fundraising days where money was raised for charities or to supplement the Moonlight Markets fundraising. These included a ‘Loud Shirt’ Day for the Telethon Speech and Hearing Institute, a ‘Crazy Hair’ Day and ‘Liquorice All-sorts’ Day for the Moonlight Markets run by the P & C, Icy Pole days for the Year 6 gift to the school, and a ‘Tutus and Ties’ Day for the Variety Club of WA. There was wonderful student and community support for all these events.

Our school acknowledges and celebrates significant community and national events, contributes to national and local charities, and conducts events for students and the community ‘just for the fun of it’. This helps students connect with the broader world and recognise their place in it, and builds their own relationships with their local and broader community.



**Excursions** – Students in all classes took part in educational excursions during 2023. These included:

- ♦ An Italian Day at Lesmurdie SHS for selected Year 6 students.
- ♦ Pre-Primary students visiting the Lesmurdie Falls for a nature experience.
- ♦ Year 1 students going to Whiteman Park.
- ♦ Year 2 students visiting the Brownes Dairy Factory,
- ♦ Year 3 and Year 4 classes visiting Scitech,
- ♦ Year 5s attending a recycling centre in Cannington
- ♦ Bike Education excursion to the Constable Care Safety School for Year 5 students, subsidised by the Falls Road P&C.



**Incursions** – Students took part in a range of in-school activities during 2023. These included the Karaakin Black Cockatoos Refuge Centre incursion as part of the Art program, a 'Reptiles' incursion during Science Week, A 'Gelato Day' Italian incursion where students got the opportunity to use the Italian language in a real-life context, and a 'Talk Money' incursion for the Year 5 and Year 6 students which provided information to students about developing financial literacy.



**Parent Night** – In Term 3, Falls Road Primary opened its doors and invited parents, grandparents and interested community members to come and have a look at our school as part of our ‘School Open Night.’ Student work was displayed where parents and grandparents were taken on a learning journey through the classroom to show off their work. Teachers were on hand for informal chats with parents and other visitors. As part of the ‘Open Night’, we had a student ‘Art Exhibition’ in the Moonlight Hall with displays of art work completed during the year. The other specialist learning areas, Italian, Music and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) all had displays of work or iPads and computers available for students to show visitors their work in these areas. The Falls Road School Band opened the evening with a performance of musical pieces that they had worked on throughout the year.

All the aspects of our school were on display and this provided a fantastic opportunity for visitors to view the diverse opportunities that are afforded to students at Falls Road Primary School.

**NAIDOC Week**—NAIDOC is recognised in our school with a host of classroom and whole school activities. The range of activities that were provided included:

- ◆ Learning Noongar language words for common objects, flora and fauna
- ◆ Creating nature bracelets
- ◆ A united hands, activity; and
- ◆ Participating in a range of craft activities based around Aboriginal culture





## The Arts

In 2023, students at Falls Road Primary School had the opportunity to take part in a range of musical and artistic activities, which is a testament to the efforts of Ms Inger Johnston, our Music Specialist along with a rang of other staff and parent helpers.

- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat production.
- One Big Voice super Choir participation
- Moonlight Markets performances by Choir, solo, bands and instrumentals.
- 'Kaboom' Percussion performance
- After school Violin Program for Year 2 – 6
- Instrumental Music School Services (IMMS) program (40 students)
- Christmas Concert – 'Nativity Play'
- School Art Exhibition in the Moonlight Hall
- Art display in the front office and in the Principal's office
- Pre-Primary – Year 6 dance program

**'One Big Voice' Concert** – Students in the Senior Choir took part in the 'One Big Voice' concert at the Perth Arena. Students practiced a range of songs which they then sang with 1000s of other students at the concert. 2 of our Falls Road students also won solo spots at this concert after state-wide auditions.



### State School Band Competition

The Falls Road Primary School Band took part in the State Schools Band Competition held at Churchlands Senior High School. The band was made up of students who played the clarinet, trumpet, flute, violin, trombone, and percussion instruments and had practised each Monday across the course of the year to take part in this competition. The Falls Road band was given an 'outstanding' grade as adjudicated by a panel of judges. This was the first time the Falls Road Band had taken part in this competition. Congratulations to Mr Peter Hind, one of our instrumental music teachers ,who coordinated and conducted the band.





**A School production of 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat** – This production took place over 2 nights at the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre and performed to full houses. Students rehearsed for 6 months in the lead-up to the production putting in countless hours of time rehearsing and learning songs and dance moves. The performances were an outstanding achievement and a wonderful reflection of the Music and Arts program at Falls Road Primary. Congratulations to Ms Inger Johnston and Mrs Sue Dupont who coordinated the performances, rehearsals, costumes and set design along with many parent, teacher, and community volunteers.



*'A committed and talented cast who put together a phenomenal performance'*

*'Outstanding individual performances, demonstrating talent in the performing arts'*



*'Fantastic costuming and backdrops reflecting the dedication and talents of school staff and parents'*

## Health and Physical Education

Falls Road Primary School enjoyed an excellent year in physical education and sport. Throughout the year, students participated in a range of physical and sporting activities. These included:

- ◆ A well utilised Nature Play Area – cubby building, bases, imaginative play
- ◆ In-Term swimming lessons Years PP – 6
- ◆ School and Interschool Carnivals – Swimming, Cross-country and Athletics
- ◆ Pre Primary – Year 6 Dance program
- ◆ Dockers (football) and Fever (netball) Cup competitions for Year 6 students
- ◆ Year 6 Cricket Carnival
- ◆ Year 4 and Year 5 Soccer and Netball Carnival
- ◆ Year 5 Hockey Carnival, mixed team Grand Finalists.
- ◆ Stirk Athletics and Cross Country Carnival Handicap Shield winners, Runners-Up in the Championship Shield.

**Daily 100s Club**—Students took the opportunity to start the day in an active way by walking or jogging laps of the oval along with their friends. Each lap they completed was recorded and went towards a total of kilometres for the year. 30 students did more than 150km during the year with 4 students clocking more than 300km for the year. During term 2, many students took the opportunity to train for the Faction Cross Country Carnival during 100s Club by doing laps of the Junior cross country course.

**Dance lessons** - Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 undertook practice in modern dance routines which culminated in an opportunity for parents to come along and watch them perform.

**The Faction Swimming Carnival** - Students from Year 3 to Year 6 took part in either water tabloid activities, 25 metre or 50 metre races in breaststroke, freestyle and back stroke. The winning faction in 2023 was **Red** Faction.





**The Year 6 Cricket Carnival** - The highlight of this carnival was the Year 6 Boys A team being beaten by only 2 runs in the A Division final. This carnival provided the opportunity for several students to take part in organised cricket games for the first time.

**Our Faction Cross Country Carnival** - All students from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in races from 500m for the Year 1s, 750 metres for Year 2, 1km for the Year 3s and 4s, 1.5km for the Year 5s and 2km for the Year 6s. The winners of the Cross Country Carnival for 2023 were [Blue Faction](#).



**The Dockers Cup** football competition and the **Fever Cup** netball competition – An interschool competition for Year 6 students where Falls Road played competitive games of football and netball against the other Stirk schools.



**The Year 4 and Year 5 Soccer and Netball Carnival** - Falls Road was represented by several Year 4 and Year 5 soccer and netball teams with 2 of the soccer teams and 1 of the netball teams going through the carnival undefeated.



**The Year 5 Hockey Carnival** - Falls Road was represented by 4 teams (1 boys team, 1 girls team and 2 mixed boys/girls' teams). The 2 Falls Road mixed teams played off in the final.



**In-school sports clinics** During 2023, students took part on AFL, golf and cricket clinics, providing opportunities for the students to try out a range of sports that they might not previously have tried.



*Falls Road Primary School students continue to perform very well demonstrating considerable skill and teamwork reflected in ongoing success amongst our network of schools. Above all else they compete with fairness and respect.*



**The Faction Athletics Carnival** - Students from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in jumping, throwing, running and team games activities between the different factions. This was an extremely well-supported event with a large crowd in attendance. The winners of the Faction Athletics in 2023 was [Blue](#) Faction.



‘It’s not just about winning. It’s also about fun, team work and a lot of cheering. Our students are always very well supported by their families by way of exceptional attendance at our sporting events.’



**The Year 5 Bicycle Education Excursion** - Falls Road P & C subsidised this activity where students in Year 5 visited the Constable Care Bike Safety School in Maylands to take part in practical activities focussing on riding their bikes safely on the road, navigating rail crossings, stop lights, roundabouts, traffic lights and pedestrian crossings.



**Interschool Sport** - Falls Road also competed in a range of Interschool Sporting competitions in Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics against other schools from the Stirk Sport Association. Highlights from these carnivals included winning the Endeavour Shield for both the Cross Country Carnival and the Athletics Carnival (for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row) and finishing second in the Championship Shield at both carnivals. Falls Road competitors did an outstanding job and were great ambassadors for our school with their sportsmanship and competitiveness.





## English

- Continued focus on Explicit Teaching, warm-ups and the use of the Gradual Release Model
- Utilised the English Scope and Sequence documents to ensure there no gaps and to improve transitioning of students from 1 year to the next
- Developed a consistent set of definitions from Kindergarten to Year 6
- Continued formal moderation using Writing rulers and the Brightpath platform
- Continued to use Talk for Writing to support Seven Steps for Writing from Kindy to Year 6
- Continued the Literacy Pro Independent Reading program for students from Year 3 to Year 6
- Continued the Diana Rigg program from Kindergarten to Year 2
- Continued the Explicit Instruction Intensive Reading Recovery program in Years 3 - 6
- Kindergarten students screened for speech difficulties and an intervention program implemented
- Use of Individual Education Plans and Group Education Plans for students at educational risk
- Spelling Bee competition in Term 4

**Book Week Parade** Students and teachers dressed up in costumes based around their favourite book character and paraded in front of the rest of the school with a huge crowd of parents and grandparents in attendance. Students also took part in a range of activities based around the 2023 Book Week theme of 'Read, Grow, Inspire.'



## Language Other Than English - Italian

- Language Assistant Program (hosting Margherita Gozzi)
- Bibbulmun Network Italian Day (for year six students in collaboration with LSHS, WGPS, WPS, PBPS, LPS to assist with transition into high school as well as celebrate second language learning within our network)
- Italian Gelato Day (students ordered gelato in Italian)
- Book Week Bilingual Audio Books (writing, illustrating and creating bilingual, Italian/English, audio books to then share across classes and with family/friends for book week)





## Science & Technologies and Enterprise

- ♦ All students participated in a T&E program within their classrooms
- ♦ Hosted the Lesmurdie Le Mans Go Kart challenge
- ♦ Continued update of robotics resources to further student development in STEM-based learning
- ♦ Teacher with a Specialist Science background supported staff in delivery of Science Curriculum
- ♦ Continued to use Primary Connections as the basis of the Science curriculum.
- ♦ Continued success with students entering the Lesmurdie Extension and Acceleration Program (LEAP)
- ♦ Participated in the Bibbulmun Robotics Showcase at Kalamunda SHS
- ♦ Active participation in the Bibbulmun STEM Network with staff sharing ideas on T&L across schools.
- ♦ Specialist STEM Centre for conducting STEM activities

**‘Lesmurdie Le Mans’ go-kart races** – One of the highlights of the year for our Year 6 students who, in teams, designed and built go-karts to compete against students from Kalamunda, Walliston and Lesmurdie Primary schools in competitive races. Each school built 5 go-karts which competed in heats, semi-finals and a final to determine a winner. The Year 6 students had an awesome race day experience and really enjoyed designing and building their go-karts with mums, dads and grandparents in the lead-up to race day.



**Robotics Showcase** 2 teams of Falls Road students from Year 4 and Year 6 took part in the Bibbulmun Robotics Challenge. This event gave students the chance to apply for and be chosen to take part in a range of engineering challenges along with students from the other Bibbulmun Network schools. This event provided an opportunity for these students to extend their thinking in coding and robotics. The Year 4 students worked with Sphero robots to complete their challenges while the Year 6 students coded Mindstorm EV3 robots to complete their challenges. This showcase also involved working alongside students from our local intake high schools, Lesmurdie SHS and Kalamunda SHS.



## Mathematics

- ◆ Maths Club for selected Year 2 – 3 students.
- ◆ Australian Maths competition Year 3 – 6. - 34 students participated in this competition. Across the school, students earned 1 High Distinction, 7 Distinctions and 16 Credits.
- ◆ Development Whole School Maths Planning documents that cover the Mathematics curriculum and are based around the 'Back 2 Front' Maths developmental sequence
- ◆ Use of the Oxford Maths Program for teaching and assessment
- ◆ Analysis of summative assessments using the Brightpath platform



## HASS

- ◆ Purchased resources to support the implementation of the History Curriculum
- ◆ Explore surrounding environment for school-based project.
- ◆ Continue to involve children in ANZAC ceremony and other important days, i.e. Remembrance Day
- ◆ Continue to support Sharing a Hills Christmas
- ◆ Purchased resources to support the implementation of the Geography Curriculum

## Grade allocation by Year level for Semester Two 2023

### Learning Area Grade Summary PP – Year 6 Falls Road PS Students

Cod e	Learning Area	A	B	C	D	E	Total Grades	No Grade	Grade Aver- age
ACE	English	44	95	122	16	2	279	2	3.58
ACP	Health and Physical Education (Health Education)	26	110	115	2	0	253	2	3.63
ACP	Health and Physical Education (Physical Education (Physical Activity))	39	77	135	2	0	253	2	3.60
ACH	Humanities and Social Sciences	27	78	135	13	0	253	2	3.47
ACL	Languages (Italian)	27	82	141	0	0	250	5	3.54
ACM	Mathematics	43	105	114	16	1	279	2	3.62
ACS	Science	36	99	137	7	0	279	2	3.59
ACT	Technologies (Design and Tech- nologies)	17	122	111	2	0	252	3	3.61
ACT	Technologies (Digital Technolo- gies)	28	108	114	3	0	253	2	3.64
ACA	The Arts (Music (Instrument))	6	18	14	1	2	41	1	3.83
ACA	The Arts (Music)	10	108	135	0	0	253	2	3.51
ACA	The Arts (Visual Arts)	4	93	155	1	0	253	2	3.40
<b>Totals</b>		307	1095	1428	63	5	2898	225	3.56
<b>Percentage</b>		10.6	37.8	49.3	2.2	0.2			

### Year 1—6 Students

#### Personal Attributes

#### Semester 2 2023

Attribute	Consistently	Often	Sometimes	Seldom
Works to the best of their ability	112	57	7	0
Shows self respect and care	145	29	2	0
Shows courtesy and respect for the rights of others	135	40	1	0
Participates responsibly in social and civic activities	133	40	3	0
Cooperates productively and builds positive relationships with others	124	50	2	0
Is enthusiastic about learning	115	49	12	0
Sets goals and works towards them with perseverance	103	56	17	0
Shows confidence in making positive choices and decisions	118	48	10	0
<b>Totals</b>	985	369	54	0
<b>Percentages</b>	69.6	26.1	3.8	0.0



# NAPLAN Achievement

## Average Test Score

Numeracy	2023	
	Yr 3	Yr 5
School Average Score	407	496
WA Public School Average Score	398	480

Reading	2023	
	Yr 3	Yr 5
School Average Score	406	515
WA Public School Average Score	390	484

Writing	2023	
	Yr 3	Yr 5
School Average Score	422	489
WA Public School Average Score	408	474

Spelling	2023	
	Yr 3	Yr 5
School Average Score	407	497
WA Public School Average Score	396	485

Grammar & Punctuation	2023	
	Yr 3	Yr 5
School Average Score	409	509
WA Public School Average Score	397	487

## Percentages of Students - Proficiency Levels (School)

Numeracy	2023			
	Year 3	Year 5	Year 3 Like	Year 5 Like
Exceeding	7%	9%	16%	18%
Strong	67%	60%	57%	59%
Developing	21%	20%	20%	17%
Needs Additional Support	5%	11%	7%	6%

Reading	2023			
	Year 3	Year 5	Year 3 Like	Year 5 Like
Exceeding	14%	29%	23%	28%
Strong	60%	58%	53%	54%
Developing	21%	9%	17%	13%
Needs Additional Support	5%	4%	7%	5%

Writing	2023			
	Year 3	Year 5	Year 3 Like	Year 5 Like
Exceeding	7%	2%	14%	17%
Strong	80%	78%	71%	61%
Developing	7%	18%	10%	17%
Needs Additional Support	5%	2%	4%	5%

Spelling	2023			
	Year 3	Year 5	Year 3 Like	Year 5 Like
Exceeding	5%	18%	21%	29%
Strong	64%	53%	50%	53%
Developing	24%	22%	23%	13%
Needs Additional Support	7%	7%	7%	5%

Grammar & Punctuation	2023			
	Year 3	Year 5	Year 3 Like	Year 5 Like
Exceeding	7%	16%	12%	22%
Strong	48%	58%	51%	51%
Developing	38%	20%	27%	20%
Needs Additional Support	7%	7%	10%	7%



## Conclusion

Falls Road Primary School prides itself on providing a broad education to its students, having a strong connection with its community, and employing staff who often commit above and beyond what is expected in order to provide learning opportunities for students.

We constantly review what we are doing and how we are doing it, to ensure that we are maintaining our standards and expectations, and seek new ways to improve and continually develop.

In 2024 we will be undertaking a review of our approaches to Literacy and Numeracy, and lesson delivery. We will seek to raise the profile of Aboriginal culture in the context of ours and the broader community. We are also reviewing the health and well-being of our students and revitalising a well-being program across the school.



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