



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 6 February

- Uniform Shop

Wednesday 8 February

- Dance Lessons
PP - Year 5

Thursday 9 February

- Dance Lessons
PP - Year 5

Wednesday 15 February

- Dance Lessons
PP - Year 5

Thursday 16 February

- Dance Lessons
PP - Year 5

Friday 17 February

- Semester 1 Leaders
Assembly

Wednesday 22 February

- Dance Lessons
PP - Year 5

Thursday 23 February

- Dance Lessons
PP - Year 5

Wednesday 1 March

- Dance Lessons
PP - Year 5

Thursday 2 March

- Dance Lessons
PP - Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to those returning to the school from 2022 and a very warm welcome to all our new families.

We have started 2023 with 319 students in K – 6 this year with the following class structure.

Kindy, Pre Primary, Year One, Year One, Year Two, Year Two/Three, Year Three, Year Three/Four, Year Four/Five, Year Five, Year Five/Six and Year Six.

We welcome Miss Duffill and Miss Gozzi to our staff for 2023. Miss Duffill is teaching Year Two in Room 11 and Miss Gozzi is our Language Assistant working with Mrs Schubert.

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Music & ICT	Ms Johnston - Tuesday - Friday Year 1 – 6
Art	Miss Bozsa - Thursday & Friday - Year 1 – 6
Phys Ed	Mrs Morris - Monday & Tuesday Year 1 – 5
Phys Ed & ICT	Mr Docherty - Monday & Wednesday - Year 5 - 6
LOTE	Mrs Schubert - Monday and Wednesday - Year 1 – 6 & Miss Gozzi - Wednesday

We are extremely fortunate to be able to offer this level of specialist teaching and also in the calibre of our staff who deliver these programs.

We have had an absolutely brilliant beginning to the year and I would like to congratulate and thank all staff, teaching, non-teaching, office and ancillary for their comprehensive preparation which involved many hours of organisation and planning in facilitating such a smooth start to Week 1.

Thank you. It has been a real team effort, well done everyone.

We held a brief welcoming assembly just before recess today and reminded students about a range of things, including, walking on the concrete, no hat, no play, Nature Play Bases, playing games fairly, out of bounds areas, not sharing food and we also complimented them on how they have been playing cooperatively and fairly in the past and how this has been recognised by parents and visitors to our school.

Heath and Safety

We will continue to ensure that classrooms are well ventilated through a combination of fresh air, keeping windows and doors open, using fans, air conditioners and, where necessary air purifiers.

Surfaces in classrooms, staff areas, washroom/toilets and drink fountains are cleaned daily. We will continue to remind and support students to practise good hand hygiene.

Thank You to parents across the board for supporting the school to operate as safely as possible. We really appreciate parents keeping students home when they are ill. This not only maximises the provision of a healthy environment, but assists us in maintaining a healthy workforce and keeping staff in classes. School staff will continue to monitor the health of students at school. Where we observe that students are unwell, we contact the parents to take them home. Parents can be assured that we are being vigilant in continuing this practise.

With the extremely hot weather and increased levels of ultra violet radiation we again thank parents for supporting students to bring their hats every day as per the “No Hat No Play” Policy at Falls Road.

Students are again allowed to drink from the drink fountains and we have reminded them that their mouth doesn't need to touch the water spigot. This is the most hygienic practice.

Students still need to bring a Water Bottle to school particularly on days when they have Phys Ed.

We have a '**No Sharing Food Policy**' and are including the following information as a reminder to all parents and our wider school community. We have this policy as a number of our students are allergic to different foods and in a few cases, the students are highly allergic to foods containing nuts. Additionally, not touching and sharing food supports best practice with hygiene and health.

Falls Road Primary is **not** a nut free school. Instead we educate staff and students on good hygiene habits; a “no sharing food” policy is in place to support those with nut allergies. All staff are made aware of nut allergies and are trained in the use of an EpiPen. An EpiPen is carried with a duty teacher in each duty area”

*Our School Community supports students to develop the ability to “**self manage**” as they need to be able to do this for the rest of their life.*

Though there is no requirement to do so, parents may choose to minimise foods which contain nuts such as peanut butter in student lunches.

We also regularly remind students to wash their hands when handling food. Reinforcing this at home will support us in promoting and developing good hygiene habits.

We thank you for your understanding with this.

ChatGPT

As you may have recently learned, a new artificial intelligence application called ChatGP is being used by some students to create content for assessments and assignments as part of their schoolwork.

After careful consideration, the Department of Education has blocked access to this application on all public-school networks. This decision has been made with the best interest of students and staff in mind.

While technology continues to develop and evolve, and plays a critical part in every child's learning, we need to ensure students can demonstrate and be assessed on what they learn and know.

Users of this technology also need to be 18 years and over.

The Department will monitor this application, as well as other new technology available to staff and students and will respond to any that do not meet the best interests of our students.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

The Department of Education continues to support schools to enhance their **formal reporting to parents** and have approved school closures for two half days a year to support this. As in previous years we will continue this in 2023 and our half day closure will be on **Monday, 13 March**. The school office will set up an online booking system as per last year and communicate to parents when this is live to take bookings.

Please note School will finish at 11.30am for students on this day.

In Term 3, the school will not close for half a day. Teachers will contact parents that they would like to talk to and organise a time within the first three weeks of Term 3 to discuss their child's progress. Parents may also request an interview to meet the teacher to discuss their child's progress.

READING TO CHILDREN

A reminder to everyone that students have until Friday, 10 February to return their signed Reading Record where 5 faction points will be added to the faction points tally for Term 1.

One of the best ways parents can continue to support their children's education is to read with them at home. We often get requests from parents on how to support their children to improve their reading. The process of repeated reading supports students to improve reading fluency, their understanding of the text, develops increased expression and has a flow on benefit to spelling as students are seeing words with the correct letter sequences which helps with "does it look right?" when editing their writing.

Repeated reading is where the student reads the same piece of text a number of times, experimenting with different voice, expression and developing fluency.

Dogs on School grounds

Dogs are no longer permitted on the school grounds. Since we implemented this policy last year our grounds have been faeces free and all staff and students are very appreciative of this.

Assembly

Our first Assembly is on Friday, Week 3, 17 February and is hosted by the School Leaders when they will also be presented with their badges.

It commences at 8:45 and we look forward to seeing you there.

Parent Issues/Concerns

If there are any concerns or issues that parents may have regarding school, please come up to school so that we can address the issue/concern as quickly as possible. If the issue is classroom-based, the first point of contact should always be the class teacher. If there are other issues or concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to see either David Ingle (Principal) or Simon Docherty (Deputy Principal) through the office.

School Times

Monday to Friday

8.30am – Classroom doors open

8.40am – School day starts

10.25 – 10.45am – RECESS

(eating and playing time)

10.45am – Students return to class after recess

12.30pm – LUNCH

12.30 – 12.45pm – Lunch eating time

12.45 – 1.15pm – Lunch play time

1.15pm – Students return to class after lunch

3.00pm – School finishes

(School finishes at 2.30pm every Tuesday)

Classes are open from 8.30am and this allows students to change their home readers if required; get their pens, pencils and books ready for the day; and prepare themselves for the start of class at 8.40am.

Getting to Class on Time

With the beginning of the school year, we would like to remind parents about the importance of getting students to class on time. The beginning of the day is very important for students and teachers to start off

the day in an organised and effective manner. At the start of the day, teachers take the opportunity to greet students, let them know what is happening throughout the day and generally organise students for the day ahead. When students are late to school, it can have a negative impact on not only the student arriving late, but also on the rest of the class. Missing the first 5 or 10 minutes of the day adds up considerably over the course of the year.

After school, we would ask that parents **vacate the school grounds by 3.20pm** unless there is an organised activity taking place (eg. netball training, football training). This includes the Kindy / Pre-Primary playground. There is an expectation that normal school rules are followed by students before and after school and that parents are actively supervising their child / children.

Early Close

A reminder to our new parents that every Tuesday is an early close at 2.30pm.

100s CLUB

If students arrive at school between 8.00am and 8.25am they go to the oval to participate in our 100s Club. This is supervised by Mrs, Burns, Mr Docherty and myself. It provides an opportunity for students to socialise in a supervised area and walk or jog laps. Students are recognised for the distances they cover at assemblies. All students should go to the oval if they arrive before 8.25am – Classrooms will open at 8.30am.

School Development Days

The Department of Education has nominated that there will be six School Development Days in 2023. Three of these are standard across the State, (Jan 30 and 31 and December 15) three have been kept the same within our Bibbulmun Network of Schools (April 24, July 17, & Oct 9) This will provide consistency in our local area.

Schools in the Bibbulmun Network are:

Falls Road Primary School ; Gooseberry Hill Primary School ; Maida Vale Primary School ; Pickering Brook Primary School and Walliston Primary School

Kalamunda Primary School and Kalamunda Primary School Education Support Centre

Kalamunda Senior High School and Kalamunda Senior High School Education Support Centre

Lesmurdie Primary School and Lesmurdie Senior High School

P&C

The first P&C meeting is on Monday, 13 February starting at 7.00pm in the Staff Room. The P&C are also organising a Welcome Back Ice cream on Friday, 3 February. Further information is included in this Newsletter.

SCHOOL BOARD

The first School Board meeting is on Monday, 27 March commencing at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.

Thank you to parents for the manner in which the students have presented at school today. 100% of the students are in school uniform and they have settled in so well. We really appreciate the way parents have supported the transition of students into school.

This strong partnership is what makes our school such a special place and teachers really appreciate this.

Regards,
David Ingle

DEPUTY NEWS

Welcome back Falls Road Primary for 2023. Throughout the term, we hold a range of activities involving students and parents. I will aim to keep you updated on what the activities are via the Deputy News and the school website (see below):

<https://www.fallsroadps.wa.edu.au/>

What's happening this Term

Dance lessons each Wednesday and Thursday (from 11.30am) in the Moonlight Hall (starting Wednesday 8 February)

New Parents Morning Tea (Staffroom) – Monday, 13 February – 9.00am

Semester 1 Leaders Assembly - Friday, 17 February at 8.45am

Faction Swimming Carnival – Friday, 10 March, 12.15 – 3.00pm (Kalamunda Aquatic Centre)

Parent Interviews – Monday, 13 March – 12pm - 6pm

Year 6 Cricket Lightning Carnival – Tuesday, 14 March, 9.30am – 1.30pm (Maida Vale Reserve)

NAPLAN Testing – Wednesday, 15 March – Monday, 27 March

Stirk Swimming Carnival – Thursday, 23 March (9.30am – 12.30pm at Bilgoman Aquatic Centre)

Golf Clinics – Tuesday, 28 March and Tuesday, 4 April (Year 3 – Year 6)

Easter Hat Parade – Thursday, 6 April - 8.45am (Moonlight Hall)

New Parents Morning Tea

We will be holding a New Parents Morning Tea on Monday, 13 February at 9.00am. This is to welcome the new parents to Falls Road Primary School and to pass on information about how our school works. All parents who are new to Falls Road in 2023 are invited to come along. We look forward to seeing you there.

Leaders' Assembly

The Semester 1 Leaders will host the assembly on Friday, 17 February (Friday, Week 3). The Leaders and Faction Captains will be presented to the rest of the school and receive their badges. They will also tell us a bit about what they do around the school. We will also be presenting the first merit certificates for the year. All parents are welcome to come along to this assembly.

Faction Shirts

Students will be given a faction point for **wearing their faction shirt every Friday in 2023**. Students are also able to wear their faction shirt on carnival days or if their PE lesson falls on another day, **but faction points will only be given on a Friday**. The faction captains will go around and count students in each class wearing their faction shirt on a Friday and pass these on to Mr Docherty. These points are added to the faction points tally for each assembly and go towards the end of term sausage sizzle.

School Psychologist Service

Alex Rankin will again be our School Psychologist in Term 1, 2023. Alex will be going on leave from Term 2 until the end of the year. Over the course of Term 1, we will be looking for someone to take on this position until the end of 2023.

Regards

Simon Docherty

Dance Lessons

Dance lessons will commence in Week Two this term, Wednesday/Thursday 8 and 9 February until Wednesday 29 and 30 March for all students in Pre-Primary to Year 5.

Please note that this program is part of the curriculum and all students are expected to participate.

The lessons are \$32.00 and must be paid prior to the commencement of the lessons. Payment may be made online or by cash payment in a clearly named envelope and placed in the collection box in the office.

Please confirm attendance via Consent2Go.

If your child is absent you can:
email fallsroad.ps@education.wa.edu.au
complete the online form <http://www.fallsroadps.wa.edu.au>
sms:0437705698 (please give a reason for absence) or phone 9291 2150

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.

After School Violin lessons
If your child/ren is interested in learning to play the violin, we offer small-group lessons for students in Years 2-6 after school on Tuesdays for the very reasonable price of \$10 per lesson! Our very talented violin teacher has recently graduated from WAAPA and the school has violins available for hire for \$50/year. Please be aware that our after-school violin program is separate to the Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS) program and so doesn't impact students' opportunities to learn other instruments in Years 5 & 6.
If you would like further details or are interested in your child/ren having lessons, please email me directly on inger.johnston@education.wa.edu.au

P & C

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following Mondays:

February 6, 20

March 13 and 27

We are looking for a new coordinator/s to run the Uniform Shop. Please contact the P&C if you are interested for more information.

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

Did you know Falls Road Primary School P&C is on Facebook - join us at

<https://www.facebook.com/fallsroadprimaryschool>

A promotional graphic for a free ice cream event. It features a teal background with two yellow ice cream bars on sticks, one on the left and one on the right. The text is written in a mix of yellow and white fonts. The main headline reads "Ice Cream because it's sweet to be back!". Below this, it says "WELCOMING NEW AND RETURNING FAMILIES! TO CELEBRATE - STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A". The largest text is "Free Ice Cream" in a yellow script font. Below that, it specifies "KINDY / PRE- PRIMARY GRASSED AREA", "FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY", "3PM-4:30PM", and "FALLS ROAD P&C".



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Mathematics and Physical Sciences After School Program

for students age 10 and up


Physics Primer
 Mondays 4:30 - 6:30pm
 \$199 per student each term
 Students perform calculations to solve problems of motion, including gravity and then other forces in the universe. Students may also train for the Australian Science Olympiads Examination for Physics and/or the Open Universities Australia units: General Physics and/or Principles of Physics.

Chemistry Primer
 Thursdays 4:30 - 6:30pm
 \$199 per student each term
 Students perform calculations to learn about atoms, molecules, elements and compounds and progress to calculations in topics such as gases, specific heat and chemical solutions. Students may also train for the Australian Science Olympiads Examination for Chemistry and/or the Open Universities Australia unit Fundamentals of Chemistry.



Mathematics Primer
 Fridays 4:30 - 6:30pm
 \$199 per student each term
 Students consolidate their Arithmetic and will be introduced to Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry followed by Calculus and other areas when required. Mathematical topics are taught at each student's pace and students learn mathematical conventions and techniques.

All classes are at Murdoch University, South Street Campus. Sessions are tailored to each individual student and students may begin at any time during the term.
 Classes commence the second week of each school term. All subjects require a notebook for working, and will require a scientific calculator. Bottled water is permitted in classrooms and students should bring a healthy snack.

To obtain enrolment forms provide the age of the student and email: AfterSchoolProgram@murdoch.edu.au or phone (0427 564 740) (afternoons and evenings).
 Payment may be made online: payments.murdoch.edu.au/PrepCourses



Free your think

After School Program in Mathematics and Physical Sciences

Study Skills Primer for School Students

For students age 10 and up

Fridays 4:30 - 6:30pm
 \$199 per student per term


Students attend sessions on Fridays beginning in the second week of school term. Through analysing written material and writing reports and essays students develop scientific comprehension and critical thinking skills for present and future studies.

Course will only run if sufficient students register.
 Email AfterSchoolProgram@murdoch.edu.au for information.

Building 450, Floor 3 (one floor up from entry), Room 001.
 Parking is available in Car Park 4.

All classes are at Murdoch University, South Street campus. Classes are tailored to each individual student and students may begin at any time. Refunds will only be given if course is postponed or cancelled.
 Students will require an exercise book, pen, pencil and eraser and may bring a healthy snack. Only bottled water is permitted in the classroom.

To obtain enrolment forms provide the age of the student and email: AfterSchoolProgram@murdoch.edu.au or phone (0427 564 740) (afternoons and evenings).
 Payment may be made online: payments.murdoch.edu.au/PrepCourses



Free your think

ANTI-BULLY/ SELF DEFENCE CLASSES



Kalamunda Kickboxing and Martial Arts run anti-bully/self defence classes that cater specifically for children from 5-11 years of age.

- Anti-bullying
- Self defence
- Self confidence
- Discipline & respect
- Co-ordination
- Fun & fitness

These classes promote the responsible teachings of Karate.

Class Times:
 Monday-Friday: 3.45-4.30pm Saturday: 11.30am-12.15pm



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