PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

School Leaders: Our new school leaders were elected last week and presented with their badges at our assembly. There were some very excited people in Year 6!! Our School Prime Ministers for 2013 are Isaac Andrew and Holly Finch and our Deputy Prime Ministers are Brody Key and Dotty Luscombe. As I said last week, I know that they will do a great job in representing our school and will be great role models for students at our school.

Kinder: Photos were taken of our new Kinder students in their first week by the South Coast Register and they are featured in today’s edition of the paper. We will display the photos at school but make sure you get a copy!!

Active After Schools Program: This started yesterday with 16 keen students enjoying a range of activities with Mr Lalor. Today the students will be working with Michael Taylor from the Shoalhaven Mariners Baseball Association. We provide a healthy afternoon tea for the students before they begin as well. There are still places left if your child would like to join in – activities cater for all years K – 6.

Closure of the Bridge: From what we have heard the bridge will be closed for longer than what we had hoped for. We will continue with the current procedures for meeting the morning bus and walking students down to meet the bus in the afternoon. Any changes we make will be to ensure the safety of our students. I encourage you to contact the council to share your frustrations with them about the closure.

P & C Meeting: The first P&C meeting for 2013 will be held tonight at 6.00pm in the 5/6 room. If you need to bring your children they will be able to play in the K/1/2 room next door. I hope to see lots of parents at the meeting tonight as I would like to discuss the options available to us in regards to the closure of the bridge and how it has affected the students of the school.

SISST Swimming Carnival: This is on next Wednesday, 20 February for students in Years 3 – 6 and those Year 2 students who turn 8 this year. I hope we get lots of students to attend and show their school spirit.

Finally, our students are continuing to show great behaviour in the playground. Well done, everyone!! Please come and see me if you have any concerns or questions.

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

As I mentioned in my Principal’s message, our new Kinder students will feature in the South Coast Register today. Don’t forget to get your copy.

Parent Helpers: I sent a note home with the students on Monday in regards to parent helpers in the classroom. If you are able to help, please return the note by Friday so that I can create the roster and send it home on Friday. Children love having their parents in the room.

News: I also sent home a note for students telling you what day they have news. Students are able to bring in something to share with their classmates or they can tell us something they did over the weekend. Those in the audience get to ask questions but these must start with “what, where, when, who, why or how”.

School Banking: I sent home application forms for students to open an account with the Commonwealth Bank and participate in weekly banking. Our school banking co-ordinator, Mrs Sandra Spencer, has said that the accounts will be opened much more quickly if parents open the
accounts with the branch rather than sending them in to school. Once the accounts are open students are encouraged to bring in their bank book every Thursday for collection. Prizes and incentives are awarded for regular saving.

**Homework:** This is due in every Friday for all students. Please ensure your child has a homework book or display folder to keep their homework safe. We had 13 out of 18 students return their homework last week and I hope to see more this week.

**Sounds/Spelling:** Kinder are learning the sounds s and t this week and Years 1 and 2 are learning more about words that have the ‘ag’ sound in them.

**Travel:** There are several Kinder students feeling very proud of themselves now they are catching the bus! Please let us know at school by calling the office or talking to me if your child’s travel arrangements are changing so we can make sure they are in the right spot.

Please come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Nicole

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**2/3/4 NEWS**

What a great start to the year with Homework. Thank you for encouraging your child to finish it and hand it in. This week’s homework includes more activities and it is due on Friday.

We had our first spelling test last Friday and Kiara, Bailey, Abbey, Annie, Kameisha and Ned all received 100%.

Our Australian Collages are nearly ready for display. The children used pictures of landscapes, flora and fauna from all over the country.

The class has settled into most of our routines. Each child has a news day and our House and Tables competition has begun. Last week the Emus won and our Table Groups are getting very close to deciding their names (I hope!!)

We have munch and crunch each day and it’s great to see the fruit and vegetables the children bring in – thank you for providing this snack as well as their recess.

*Keep In Touch*

Lyn

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**5/6 NEWS**

Mr Lalor and Ms Porteous are especially pleased with how quickly all 5/6 students have settled into classroom routines and work. Please return signed 5/6 classroom contracts after first discussing expectations of behavior with your child.

A big reminder for all overdue permission notes that are required by the school before internet access can be granted.

Students can commence their ‘wind powered car’ science project this week. This project is due in week 6. Thank you to students who returned homework promptly.

*Thank you for your support*

*Dion and Susan*

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**MRS CULLEN**

The topics discussed this week have been about arguments between friends and family and ways to deal with it and also cyber bullying.

Tomorrow we will be receiving a visit from some Dragons development officers. They will work with the children in 2/3/4 and 5/6 in some fun activities. It is fantastic to see that the children are enjoying skipping activities. We are beginning our participation in the Jump Rope for Heart program and we will be celebrating the skills we have learnt during the last week of this term.

*Bonnie Cullen*

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**P & C NEWS**

Our first meeting for 2013 will be held at the school in the 5/6 classroom this Wednesday 13 February. Please come along and support your school, children are welcome. The meeting will commence at 6pm.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**

*20 February*  
Akasha Duke
**STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME**
Each year the Department of Education & Communities makes available a small sum of money to each school to support students in genuine hardship. If you would like to apply for Student Assistance please contact the office for further information.

**CANTEEN NEWS**
The canteen is open on Monday's and Friday's for recess and lunch. There is a new Menu/Price List out for 2013 it is on the school website or copies are available from the canteen. There are a few new items in the canteen giving a wide range of choice to cover all types of weather. At recess you could try some honey soya crackers, a frozen yogurt or hot muffin. Lunch has a great range of salads and salad sandwiches, fish fingers, party pies and single serve meals, juices, smoothies and bottled water.
For snacks there is pop corn, mini puddings, paddle pops, frozen juice cups or frozen fruit. To order lunch just write your child’s name, class and order onto a lunch bag, with money inside then place it into the green wooden box in front of the canteen before morning assembly.
If you would like to help out at the school, but don't have a lot of time, the canteen is great opportunity for you. You would be rostered on once a month on either a Monday or Friday from 10.30am to approx. 2.00pm. Training will be provided. If you would like to help or have any questions you can leave your name and phone number at the office and I will call you or phone Rowena on 0458 099 314.

**WHAT’S ON THIS TERM**

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**QUIET ACHIEVER AWARDS**
K/1/2 Sealisha Buckley and Archie Wilson.
2/3/4 Ashleigh Bloxsome and Bailey Cullen.
5/6 Emma Tanoai and Jade Waghorn.

**PLAYGROUND STARS WINNERS**
Levi Robinson, Steven Blume, Torlea Blume, Emily Dillon and Grace Fahey.

**BRIDGE BUILDER AWARDS**
Sam Ramsay - Silver
URGENT NOTICE!!!!

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer

I wish to inform you that a student in our school is currently receiving chemotherapy for cancer. As cancer is not a contagious disease, he participates actively in the day to day school program without any major limitations.

A major concern, however, is that if this student develops measles, chickenpox or whooping cough he can become seriously ill. I seek your co-operation in preventing this situation.

If your child has or may have measles, chickenpox or whooping cough, I would ask that you please:

1. DO NOT send them to school.
2. You notify the school as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Nicole Humphreys

COMMUNITY NEWS

MUSIC TUITION
AT FALLS CREEK SCHOOL
- Piano keyboard, recorder, flute, clarinet, alto saxophone and guitar
- Practical and theory
- Children and adults
- For leisure or exams
Contact Jennifer Hum 0402 176 933 or 44 410 471

NOWRA WARRIORS REGISTRATION DAY
Nowra Warriors JRLFC
Saturday 16 February at Lyrebird Park
10am-2pm, $85
New players and transfers need supply birth Certificates.

ST GEORGES BASIN SOCCER CLUB
The St Georges Basin Football (Soccer) Club invites boys & girls to register for season 2013. Registration dates are Saturday February 16 & Sunday February 24 at the Basin Sports Ground, The Wool Road, St Georges Basin. Or register on-line at www.myfootballclub.com.au and go to ‘register now’.

ST GEORGES BASIN HOCKEY CLUB
REGISTRATION
Come and play the Olympic sport of hockey with the St Georges Basin Hockey Club in 2013. We are accepting registrations now for the upcoming 2013 winter competition for junior boys and girls aged 6-16 years and women’s and men’s senior teams. A Club Registration afternoon is on Friday 1st March at the St Georges Basin Country Club Tennis courts from 4.30pm. Come and enjoy a social game of tennis and register to play for Basin Hockey in 2013 at the same time! Alternatively please send an email to basinhockey@gmail.com or call Kirsty on 0401 763 638 or Vaughan on 4422 9878 to obtain registration details. Please note all training and games are on the synthetic turf at the Bernie Regan hockey fields in North Nowra.
Our Leaders

Dotty Luscombe (Deputy Prime Minister), Isaac Andrew (Prime Minister), Holly Finch (Prime Minister) and Brody Key (Deputy Prime Minister).

The Morning Walk!!