PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Active After Schools Programme: Our students are enjoying this immensely and I can see their skills are improving since the program started. We are sending home an information sheet with students this week for you to complete if you would like your child/children to participate in organised sport. Please return the note to school by March 27.

Community Forum: A community meeting will be held tonight at 7 pm in the 5/6 and K/1/2 rooms to discuss with councillors our concerns with the Parma Road bridge and the plans for its reopening. We look forward to seeing many of you there. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a torch for the return trip to your car if you plan on walking across the bridge.

Our Daily Walk: I have taken to calling our morning and afternoon walks between the school and bridge our daily walks! We have had to dodge debris from the weekend storm but all students are walking carefully. On wet weather days the council provides the community transport bus if it is available. The bus only seats thirteen or so people so it has to make several trips. I would like to thank all parents for their patience and support while the bridge is closed. I am sure you join me in hoping that it is reopened soon!

District Swimming Carnival: We have four students attending the District Swimming Carnival this week as part of the FISST small schools team. We wish them well and know that they will do their best.

Please come and see me or call me at school if you have any concerns.
Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

Students have started to receive awards each day if they achieve “outstanding” on the behaviour chart. These awards, along with birthday awards and class awards handed out at assembly can be used towards the Bridge Builder awards. Once students have 20 awards they are eligible for a bronze bridge builder. Fifteen more awards make student’s eligible for silver and another 15 awards after that makes them eligible for a gold award. I look forward to handing out many awards during the year.

Kinder have been learning about the letters d and r this week. Years 1 and 2 are learning to spell ‘an’ family words. We are learning about data in maths and have created graphs about our favourite colours, eye colour and favourite food to display in the classroom. We are also practicing our counting skills and I can’t trick anyone yet!! Please give me a call at school if you need to talk!

Nicole

2/3/4 NEWS

Well done with the Homework!!!!!!! Some children have already handed in their snake mini project and it’s not due until next Friday. Remember if doing the research is a problem it can be done at school and taken home to help fill in the information sheet.

Homework went home on Monday and is due back on Friday.

We had ten spelling champs last week – Kiara, Bailey, Arnie, Abbey, Khe-sanh, Annie, Kameisha, Shanae, Ned and Kurt.

Super job all of you.

Groups are up and running (slowly), most of the children are bringing in fruit for our “Munch, Crunch and Read” each day and the majority of the class are preparing an item for their news day - just in time for the half way mark in Term 1.

Nicole
It was great to see so many children borrowing books from the school library on Thursday. The Bookmobile won’t be coming to our school until the bridge is fixed so remembering a library bag each week is a great idea.

Keep In Touch
Lyn

5/6 NEWS
Well done to all those students who promptly return their homework on Fridays for marking. We now have a homework chart on view in the classroom and students are able to place a sticker next to their names when weekly homework has been completed.

Our HSIE topic on Bali is progressing well. Learning resources include relevant Behind the News topics on Asia, the town library resources, travel brochures and artifacts which Ms. Porteous brought in. A final reminder from Mr. Lalor for science projects which are due at the end of week 6.

Thank you for your support
Dion and Susan

MRS CULLEN
This week in PDHPE we have further discussed families and the different combinations that exist. We also enjoyed practising our throwing and catching skills.

Bullying was also focussed upon, but this time from the perspective of a person that may realise that THEY are a bully, and the steps that they can take to try and change. Below is a very useful website that we have been using. It provides great advice for parents, children and teachers.

Bonnie Cullen

WHAT’S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (5)
😊Tuesday 26 February & Wednesday 27 February
😊Thursday 28 February

NEXT WEEK (6)
😊Monday 4 March
😊Tuesday 5 March & Wednesday 6 March
😊Thursday 7 March

P & C NEWS
We are having our Annual Easter Raffle and we would like to start collecting items to help make this another successful fundraiser. Keep your eyes out for stuffed toys, chocolate eggs, chickens etc. Please bring any donations to the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home with the children soon.

We received our date for the Bunnings BBQ. We were lucky to get a Saturday and they have extended the hours, so we need as many volunteers a possible, so please set aside Saturday 13 April.

Our next meeting is our AGM on Wednesday 20 March, 2013, so please come along!

CANTEEN NEWS
If you would like to help out at the school, but don’t have a lot of time, the canteen is a great opportunity for you. You would be rostered on once a month on either a Monday or Friday from 10:30 am to approx. 2 pm. 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 you can phone Rowena on 0458 099 314.

Canteen Luncheon – The canteen invites volunteers old and new to a thank you luncheon at Grants Café & Seafood on Tuesday 5 March at 12 pm. A tray of sandwiches will be provided for lunch. It is a great opportunity for all our
volunteers to meet each other and have a chat. Grants is located at the western end of the Woolworths (top of town) car park opposite the small park. RSVP by 28 February to Rowena 0458 099 314

Hope to see everybody there. Juices now in stock!
Menu/Price Lists are available from the canteen or on the school website.

Rowena

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.

SPORT
We all wish Ryan, Rheya, Ned and Levi the best of luck tomorrow, they will be representing Falls Creek school at the District Swimming Carnival.
We will all be thinking of you!
Dion

COMMUNITY NEWS

VINCENTIA HIGH SCHOOL CAR BOOT SALE
Vincentia High School will be holding a car boot sale on Saturday 9 March to help raise funds for the Vincentia High School Triathlon Club. 8 am - 12 pm. Cost $10 per car. Book a site now! Phone 44 416 766

ST GEORGES BASIN JUDO CLUB
SGB Scout Hall Tasman Rd
Greg Grainger - Coach 1st DAN
Phone 0406 997 467
Georgina Walters - Secretary
Contact us to join! Phone 44 433 076
First visit free!
Family friendly not for profit club.
Ages 7 years up. Adult classes available.
Training Times
Monday: beginners/juniors 5 pm - 6:30 pm
seniors/adults 6:30 pm - 8 pm
Thursday: intermediate 5 pm - 6:30 pm
seniors/adults 6:30 pm - 8 pm

THE BIG SING with The Glorious MUD singers & the Wagga City Rugby Male Choir at Tomerong Hall Saturday March 2 at 7.30 pm
From the deep south of the Shoalhaven, gospel choir the Glorious MUDsingers will be joining the Wagga City Rugby Male Choir, an internationally touring choir who enthusiastically entertain with a broad repertoire ranging from Welsh male choir standards to show tunes and contemporary favourites. The MUDsingers sing a cappella in the African-American gospel and African spiritual traditions with a mission to connect with each other and with the wider community through song. They make a big, passionate sound.
Tickets at the door from 7 pm: $20/$10 conc./under 12 free
All proceeds raised on the night will be donated to Medecins Sans Frontieres.
Bookings - Phone 44 435 020

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
28 February Bailey Cullen
1 March Emily Bloxsome
**BRIDGE BUILDERS**

To achieve:

- **Bronze bridge builder** you will need 20 certificates. (Children receive a certificate plus a 50c canteen voucher.)
- **Silver bridge builder** you will need 1 bronze plus 15 more awards.
- **Gold bridge builder** you will need 1 bronze, 1 silver and 15 more awards. At this level, children receive a book award. When children have collected enough certificates at each level, they need to be handed in at the office. They are returned after the award is presented at the assembly.

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**HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?**

- Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 - **have you?**
- If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.
- The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education - whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.
- Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink - either in person at a Centrelink - Medicare Office or by calling **132 468**.

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**URGENT NOTICE: re PARMA ROAD BRIDGE CLOSURE**

There will be a community forum at Falls Creek Public School on **Wednesday 27 February, 2013 at 7 pm** to discuss the recent bridge closure on Parma Road and the impact it is having on students, parents, staff and local residents. Local Councillors are invited to attend this meeting to hear resident’s concerns. We are also inviting representatives from Nowra Coaches to listen to the concerns of parents regarding the safety of their children when catching the bus morning and afternoon.

All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to make a submission at the meeting, please contact the school on **44 478 243** beforehand, so your name can be added to the agenda. All submissions should be no more than 2 minutes in duration to ensure as many people as possible can speak.

To attend, you will need to drive along the detour or park on the eastern side of the bridge and walk to the school. Please bring a torch for the return journey so that you can navigate the bridge safely.