PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Bridge: Our Community Forum was held last Wednesday night to discuss with the council the bridge and the lack of communication between council, the school and local residents. It was great to see so many of the locals here and I’m sure the rain had an impact on those who attended.

The result of the meeting is that the bridge would be repaired so that traffic can once again use the bridge before being replaced later this year. Work began on the repairs this week and will take approximately 4 weeks to finish. It was guaranteed by the mayor and council staff that the bridge would be opened by 28 March (the Easter weekend).

Work to replace the bridge should commence in May and be finished in July. Access across the bridge will still be available as they will replace one lane at a time.

There is a copy of the plans for the new bridge here in the office. Please come and see Karen if you would like to view them.

Thank you to all who have contacted the council to complain and to those who attended the meeting to ensure council understood our frustrations. Thank you to our older students who continue to help with looking after the younger students on the walk to and from the bridge. We have the community transport bus available every day so we are using it to transport the younger students each way.

Principal’s Conference: I will be at a Regional Principal’s Conference from today until Friday. Ms Porteous will be teaching K/1/2 while I am gone. If you need to speak to me I will be able to return your calls next week. Mrs Brown will be acting Principal while I am absent.

Graffiti: We have had several instances of graffiti being written in the toilets during class time. If this continues, then primary students will not be allowed to go to the toilet during class time. They will need to ensure that they go before school, at recess and lunch and after school. Please contact the school if you would like to talk to me further about this.

Assembly: This is on Thursday and I will miss out on this assembly too – I am very disappointed!! Well done to all students who will receive awards. I am sure that the new group of Year 6 hosts will do a great job.

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

Kinder have been learning about the letters o and g and Years 1 and 2 have been looking at ‘ap’ words. We are learning about time in maths. We have started playing some tricky counting games but as yet I haven’t managed to trick anyone. I will have to make it harder!!

Thank you to all the parents who have been coming in to help us with reading groups (please remember to sign in at the office). The students love seeing you and it allows me to spend some quality time with students at their reading level, teaching them what they need to learn.

Best Start Assessment reports for Kinder parents will go out next week. These provided me with a starting point of what each student could do as they started school. Already, I can see that some students are working at a higher level.

A reminder to all Kinder parents about the STEPS vision screening to be held at the school on Monday 8 April. If you haven’t already done so please send permission notes back to school ASAP ( more notes are available at the office ).

Please come and see me if you have any questions.

Nicole
2/3/4 NEWS
We had some very interesting Snake Projects handed in and they will be on display in the classroom. Thank you for helping the children complete them - in some cases it was the first project they have done. For those children who have not handed in their work, it's still not too late.
Our spelling stars from last week’s test were – Ned, Kiara, Arnie, Sam, Matthew and Emily.
The Emus won the House competition by 5 points. The Kangaroos did insist if sport wasn’t rained out last Friday....
The Great Whites were our winning table for last week.
This week’s homework includes an easy activity based on the 3x tables. It might be a chance for some children to catch up. We only have 9 children who have handed in all their work.
Keep In Touch
Lyn

5/6 NEWS
On Thursday 14 March year 6 will be holding a Mufti Day fundraiser at the school. Students are encouraged to wear green on the day and bring a gold coin donation. The green attire is to celebrate St Patricks Day which is on Sunday 17 March.
Year 6 students will provide green cupcakes and they will be for sale on the day for $1 each. A prize will be awarded to the student in each class who is in the most green. Money raised will go towards the year 6 end of year gift to the school.
Thank you for your support
Dion and Susan

MRS CULLEN
What a fantastic week we are having. All the children have been busy practising their throwing and catching skills during PE.
Next week we will focus on Rugby League skills. During Health lessons we are focusing on school and playground safety. Year 5/6 had a great time designing ‘very creative’ safe equipment for the playground (bubble wrap is very useful).
Bonnie Cullen

WHAT’S ON THIS TERM

THIS WEEK (6)
😊Tuesday 5 March & Wednesday 6 March
😊Thursday 7 March

NEXT WEEK (7)
😊Tuesday 12 March & Wednesday 13 March
😊Thursday 14 March

COMING EVENTS
😊Wednesday 20 March
😊Tuesday 26 March
😊Wednesday 27 March

CANTEEN NEWS
Autumn is here and the canteen is stocked with muffins for recess or why not try the Vegi Crackers, they are a great crunchy snack.
There is a wide range of hot food for lunch including meat pies, noodle cups, mac & cheese or you may choose a salad with mayo or perhaps a sandwich with a healthy juice to wash it all down. Have you tried the Orange/Passionfruit?
New menu/price lists for 2013 available at the canteen or on the school website.
Rowena

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 8 March
Sharon Kubinyi

Monday 11 March
Jeanette Ardler

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
10 March
Jack & Brett Pridham
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
Congratulations to Ryan, Rheya, Levi and Ned who attended the District Swimming Carnival last Thursday. Although they didn’t make it to Regionals all students swam very well and should be very proud of their efforts.
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

LEVI IN ACTION AT THE DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

SHOALHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING
For parents and carers of students starting Year 7 in 2014 or 2015.
Parents, carers, students and family members welcome Wednesday March 13th, 2013
5.30 – 6.30pm
Shoalhaven High School Library, 60 Park Road NOWRA
- Come along and find out about the school
- Start the learning journey your child will be on with us from 2014/15 to HSC Year 2019/20
- Meet staff members who will help guide your child through the next 6 years
- Find out about uniforms, timetables, school values and more
- Learn about our outstanding results and why we are proud to teach at Shoalhaven High School
Our range of courses provides a rigorous academic suite of custom programs to suit university candidates, as well as courses that cater for early career starters, trade and practical options.
For more information please call the SHS Transition Co-ordinator, Duncan Nisbet on 44 218 022

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
Easter Raffle
Tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2

P & C NEWS

Easter Raffle: Tickets for our Easter Raffle have been sent home with the children today. The draw will take place at the Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday 26 March 2013. Please keep sending in donations of Easter eggs and Easter toys so we can have lots of prizes.

Bunnings BBQ: Please mark Saturday 13 April on your calendar as this is our BBQ day at Bunnings. Please consider whether you can help, even if it’s only for an hour or two.

Bulb Fundraiser: Don’t forget our beautiful bulb fundraiser. Orders have to be back at school by Tuesday 19 March 2013. The bulbs are great quality and value, a fabulous fundraiser. The school receives 40% of the sales.

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

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.