Easter Hat Parade: Our annual Easter Hat Parade is on next Tuesday from 9.30a.m. Students can wear mufti on the day. Older students can wear crazy hair instead of a decorated hat. I am looking forward to seeing some creatively decorated hats!! All parents are welcome to attend as well. Please make sure all raffle tickets are returned before Tuesday morning. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the parade. We have some great prizes for the raffle so make sure you get your tickets in.

Kitchen Garden Program: We are starting an exciting project next term that will continue for the rest of the year. All students will have the opportunity to take part in a garden program where they will be responsible for growing vegetables and caring for them. Some students will also have the chance to be involved in cooking lessons where they can use the produce that has been grown in the gardens to make nutritious meals. These students will then be given the recipe and ingredients to take home to cook and share with their family. Permission notes for the first groups of students will be sent home after Easter. Students will be involved in the cooking or gardening activities each Wednesday for approximately 5 weeks.

Rugby League Gala Day: This is to be held at Lyrebird Park next Wednesday, 27 March. At this stage, only a team from 5/6 will be going as not enough students in 3/4 have returned notes to be able to field a full team.

New Syllabuses for NSW Schools: From 2014 we will be implementing 4 new syllabus documents with all students. Discussion and familiarisation with these documents has started here at Falls Creek. I am attending a training course next Wednesday on the new English syllabus so that I can lead the staff’s knowledge and learning around the syllabus so that we can effectively implement the syllabus into our teaching. All of our professional learning for the remainder of 2013 will be around the English syllabus and writing units of work that will meet the needs of our students.

P&C: Don’t forget the P&C AGM and general meeting will be held tonight from 6pm in the 5/6 room. If you need to bring your children they will be able to play next door in the K/1/2 room. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Bridge: I can’t let an edition of Talkabout go by without a bridge update!! The replacement girders were put in place last Thursday and a temporary deck has started to be laid. I am hopeful that the bridge will be reopened by the promised date of 28 March (next Thursday).

I thank all staff and parents for their patience and support during the bridge closure. I wonder who will miss the walk up and down the hill each day. Please come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

Kinder have been learning about the letters ‘c’ and ‘u’ this week while Years 1 and 2 are learning about ‘ed’ words in spelling. We are continuing to write expositions together and have been discussing why reading is so important for us all. In maths, we have been learning about patterns this week and have discovered that there are patterns everywhere. We have had fun making patterns with people and blocks. We are also learning about patterns when counting forwards and backwards!
Home readers will be starting shortly. Each student will be sent home with a home reader diary and a book that they will be encouraged to change each day for a new one. Please come and see me if you have any questions.

Nicole

2/3/4 NEWS

Leprechauns and shamrocks are popping up all around our room. We’ve had a lot of fun celebrating St Patrick’s day and looking into some Irish history. Our revision week in spelling was a learning experience in more ways than one especially on test day. Children worked in pairs and tested each other. Practising their common mistakes hopefully will get rid of some of those demons. It’s amazing how they can spell ‘dictionary’ and constantly misspell ‘when’. Spelling Champions were Bailey, Sam, Abbey, Kameisha, Shanae, Ned and Kurt. A new list went home on Monday and test day will be on Friday.

In Science we have been looking at life cycles – butterflies and silkworms. This week we are looking at the Water Cycle. I am hoping to set up a tank with tadpoles in the room so if anyone has any in dams, creeks etc. that they can bring to school it would be greatly appreciated.

We still need some children for the 3/4 footie team next week - it would be a shame to miss out on a fun day and as chance to learn some new skills.

Keep In Touch

Lyn

5/6 NEWS

Our HSIE unit on Bali continues to provide interest for the students. This week we are learning to count from 1 to 10 in Indonesian. In maths we are studying 3D shapes using models then writing about their properties. We are also sketching them from different view points. In art we are beginning a unit on one-point perspective where the students learn about vanishing points. We are drawing our initials then making the letters disappear off into the vanishing point in the centre of the page.

Thank you for your support

Dion and Susan

MRS CULLEN

This week in PDHPE we have all been learning about emergency procedures. Every class has been discussing the use of the 000 number. A very useful website we explored was Triple Zero Kids Challenge- http://kids.triplezero.gov.au. We discussed the information that needs to be given to the 000 call centre including house number, street, town and state (there are two Falls Creeks!) and home or mobile number they are calling from. It would be great if the children could practise learning this personal information at home.

Year 5 & 6 are also revising their basic first aid procedures (including DRSABCD resuscitation). During PE we have all been practising our cross country running.

Next week we are hoping to participate in the Rugby League Gala Day at Lyrebird Park, however at this stage we do not have enough notes returned for the year 3 & 4 team. We need the note returned by Friday at the latest.

Bonnie Cullen

SPORT

Thank you to those students who have returned their permission notes for the Rugby League Gala Day, we still have a few positions left in the 3/4 team so please bring in your note ASAP. If we don’t get a few more participants we will not be able to enter a team for this age group.

The school cross country will be held on Friday 5 April NOT Thursday 28 March as was mistakenly put in last weeks Talkabout. If you are able to help out on the day please contact the office.

Dallas Riley - Burnes is participating in the District Rugby League trials today at Shoalhaven Heads, good luck Dallas!

Dion

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

20 March Matthew Isaac
23 March Brody Key

Dion and Susan
CANTEEN NEWS
Easter Meal Deal Day – this Friday!
**Chicken burger & Surprise 5 Juice for just $5.**
Cut out your order form with choice of juice, name and class filled out and place into the green box outside the canteen.
Then you just have to wait for lunch to see your surprise.
The canteen is also selling **Hot Cross Buns for $1** on Friday and Monday.
Rowena

WHAT’S ON THIS TERM
THIS WEEK (8)
❤️Wednesday 20 March
Active After School Program 3 - 4 pm
❤️Wednesday 20 March
P & C Annual General Meeting 6pm

NEXT WEEK (9)
❤️Tuesday 26 March
Easter Hat Parade
❤️Wednesday 27 March
Rugby League Gala Day. Years 3 - 6

COMING EVENTS
❤️Friday 5 April
Cross Country

COMMUNITY NEWS

OPPORTUNITY ‘C’ CLASS for 2014
(for academically gifted children)
Parents of gifted and talented children currently in Year 4 are invited to attend an INFORMATION EVENING
6pm, Tuesday 9 April 2013
at Illaroo Road Public School
A Year 5 Opportunity ‘C’ class will be formed in 2014 for gifted and talented students who are in Year 4 in 2013.
Phone Bob Lowe, deputy principal, on 4421 0422 for more information.

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EASTER MEAL DEAL
$5
Friday 22 March 2013

CHICKEN BURGER
&
SURPRISE 5 JUICE

Choose your juice

( ) Lime
( ) Blackcurrant
( ) Raspberry
( ) Blueberry
( ) Orange

Name: ________________________

Class: ________________________

WHAT WILL YOUR SURPRISE BE?
Our greenest students last Thursday were Annabelle Cooke and Abbey Teall.

A few of the donations for our Easter raffle.
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

P & C NEWS

Easter Raffle: Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes for our Easter raffle, we should have quite a few prizes. 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.

Annual General Meeting: Our next meeting is our AGM on tonight, so please come along!

Bulb Fundraiser: Thank you to all those who ordered bulbs. Our total was $467 giving us a profit of $186.80. Well done!!

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