PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

It is hard to believe that the term is almost over. The last day for Term 1 is Friday 11 April. Term 2 starts on Tuesday 29 April for students. Monday 28 April is a School Development Day and all staff will be involved in professional learning on this day.

ANZAC Day: This falls on the last Friday of the school holidays. Our school will once again be participating in the ANZAC Day march at Huskisson. Our school leaders are expected to lead the school in this event. Everyone is asked to meet near the public toilets in Hawke St Huskisson at 10am to be ready for the march at 10.30am. There is a service at 11am in Voyager Park and the leaders will lay a wreath on behalf of the school. Children who attend are expected to wear full school uniform and their school hat. It is often a good idea to bring a water bottle as well, especially if it is a warm day.

I hope that many students can join us at the march and service, please contact the office if you will be attending.

Easter Hat Parade: This is on next Tuesday 8 April. I hope everyone is planning their hats or crazy hair. Students are able to wear mufti on the day but must still wear covered shoes.

The P & C is running a raffle to be drawn on the day. They are seeking items for the raffle so please send in any donations to the office. We have had a few items sent in but many more are needed. Raffle tickets are being sent home today. Each family will be given 1 book of tickets and spare books will be available at the office.

Electronic Payments: We are now offering the chance to pay for excursions and school fees via electronic funds transfer (EFT). To ensure we can track your payments it is important that you record your name as the reference in the appropriate field. To follow directions from the auditor we also request that you complete an EFT payment option form for each payment. A copy of this form is attached for your records and it is also available on the school website. We will add this information to any new permission notes sent home from Term 2.
**Annual School Report:** The Annual School Report for 2013 has been completed and is now available on the school website under the Our School tab. Click on Annual School Reports in the menu on the left to access this year's report.

Finally, I have spent the last two days in Sydney listening to excellent Australian and international speakers about the importance of leadership in education. As part of this work I will be developing a plan for the school that will involve improving our teaching practices to improve student learning. 

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

*Nicole*

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**K/2H NEWS**

I have missed everyone over the last few days and am glad to be back to see the great work everyone has done! Ms Porteous tells me that everyone in the class worked extra hard and that you all had fun.

Kinder are learning about the letters k and v this week while Years 1 and 2 are learning about words with the ‘un’ sound in them.

Assessments have started this week and will continue into next week in all areas. These will help to improve our teaching in Term 2. Students have already started their Maths assessments and some reading assessments.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone’s hats for next week’s Easter parade. Don’t forget you can wear mufti on the day.

Kinder will start borrowing Home Readers after the holidays. Years 1 and 2 should be changing their home readers daily. They will be able to borrow over the holidays.

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

*Nicole*

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**3/6B NEWS**

This term is flying by. We heard the last few presentations of the Science projects this week. Unfortunately it was extremely disappointing that several children didn’t even bother to produce a project despite the fact that they had numerous reminders, plenty of time and offers of assistance.

Homework is back on track and went home on Monday. It is due back on Friday. We are continuing with our assessments and this week in Maths we are looking at ‘Area’. In English we will continue to follow Rowan’s adventures.

The SISST Cross Country is next week and we just might manage some Easter craft before the holidays. I would like to see all Home Readers back at school before the holidays. Children
should be reading every night.

*Keep in Touch*

*Lyn*

### 3/6L NEWS

In 3/6L this week we have started to look at imaginative texts. Students are a bit more excited about this text type than they were with persuasive texts.

In Maths we are learning about ‘Area’ and have been practicing our formulas. Next week we will be assessing the Math topics we have learnt this term.

Our Science presentations have concluded and are currently on display in the library.

Please remember, if you have any concerns or queries, feel free to discuss any issues with myself after school.

### MS CULLEN

Today K/2H had a VERY exciting time participating in their Creative Arts lesson. They all worked together to create individual pottery pieces linked to the unit ‘Where the Forest Meets the Sea’. Everyone was very excited to create a unique fish to be displayed in a class mural and they also created a fossil plate that incorporated shells and leaves.

Below is a picture of a completed medallion mural that was created by some of the children in 3/6L.

This week during PE, each class has been continuing to practise their Cross Country running in preparation for the carnival on Monday.

### SPORTS NEWS

Next week is our SISST Cross Country Carnival at Willandra. Notes went home on Monday and need to be in by this Friday 4 April. Good Luck to our students who have been practicing hard.
The students have been training at school for this event and are continuing to improve.

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**P & C NEWS**

**EASTER RAFFLE**  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 have been sent home with the children today. Our Easter Hat /Crazy Hair Parade is on Tuesday 8 April at 9.30 a.m.

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**Tea Towel Fundraiser for Mother’s Day**

The children have been drawing pictures of themselves for a special fundraiser. We are getting tea towels printed with all of our children’s pictures as a special memento for 2014. They will be a great present for mum and grandma for Mother’s Day or for that special someone anytime!! They will be sold for $12 each and order forms and more information will be sent home shortly.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Firstly, thank you to those parents who are already helping out at the canteen your assistance is greatly appreciated. But we still need more volunteers, if you can only do 1 day a term or even 1 day a year every little bit helps. If you are interested please contact myself or the office.

Quelch lemonade is now back in stock!

_James Duke_

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K/2H CREATIVE ARTS LESSON
### WHAT’S ON THIS TERM

#### THIS WEEK

- 😊Tuesday 1 April: Active After School Communities
- 😊Wednesday 2 April: Active After School Communities
- 😊Thursday 3 April: Assembly - 2pm

#### NEXT WEEK

- 😊Monday 7 April: SISST Cross Country
- 😊Tuesday 8 April: Easter Hat / Crazy Hair Day - 9.30am
- 😊Tuesday 8 April: Active After School Communities
- 😊Wednesday 9 April: Active After School Communities

#### NEXT TERM

- 😊Tuesday 29 April: School resumes for students
- 😊Thursday 1 May: School photos
- 😊Friday 2 May: School Cross Country

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ICAS TESTS - a reminder to any students in years 3 to 6 who wish to participate in these tests that entries need to be back at school by 11 April 2014. If you need another permission note please see Mrs Morison in the office.

REMINDER - Please DO NOT use the school car park for parking or dropping off/ picking up students. The children use this area to get to and from the bus each day and it makes it extremely dangerous if there are cars driving in and out.

SCHOOL FEES - Thank you to those parents who have already paid their fees. For your convenience we have attached a form for anyone wishing to do Electronic Funds Transfer.

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### SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014

Term 1: Wednesday 29 January - Friday 11 April
Term 2: Tuesday 29 April - Friday 27 June
Term 3: Tuesday 15 July - Friday 19 September
Term 4: Tuesday 7 October - Wednesday 17 December
COMMUNITY NEWS

Shoalhaven Football
( soccer ) is running School Holiday Clinics in April
Venues – Huskisson 14th & 15th 9 am – 12 noon Cost $ 70
Shoalhaven Heads 16th & 17th 9 am – 12 noon Cost $70
South Nowra 23rd & 24th 9 am – 12 noon
Cost $70
To register mjonno1@bigpond.com.au or phone: 0488034500

Kids Korner Vacation Care
Enrolling Now for the Easter  Phone. 44231346 or 44210700
School Holidays -14 – 24 April 2014
Find our full program on the WEBSITE www.childcarenowra.com.au
23 – 25 Park Road, NOWRA Payment required on enrolment
EFTPOS facilities available. Great holiday fun offered for children 5 to 15 years. Open 7am to 6pm. Trained Carers offer a wide variety of activities for children of all ages. If you enjoy doing craft Kids Korner is the place to be.
ATTRACTIONS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Easter Bunny visits Kids Korner, Shoalhaven Zoo, Husky Movies, Recycling ~ The King & Queen of Green Gardening. COME ALONG AND MEET SOME NEW FRIENDS! We are a Childcare Benefit Approved Service. Make sure you are eligible call the Family Assistance Office NOW!  136150

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer
I wish to inform you that a student in our school is currently receiving treatment 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
ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER PAYMENT OPTION

PLEASE KEEP THIS COPY AT HOME FOR FUTURE USE

More copies are available on the school website or from the office

Due to parent requests we are now offering an electronic funds transfer facility to help making payments to the school easier.

School Bank Account Name: Falls Creek Public School

BSB: 032-001

Account No: 151376

PLEASE NOTE:

- Put family name in as a reference when doing an electronic funds transfer.
- TO AVOID ANY CONFUSION, PLEASE ENSURE THAT A SEPARATE FORM IS SENT IN FOR EVERY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER AS WELL AS INDICATING ON ANY PERMISSION NOTES OR OTHER FORMS, THAT THIS IS HOW PAYMENT IS BEING MADE.

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