Welcome back to everyone for 2016. I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break with their families and friends. There seemed to be many happy parents last Thursday when their children returned to school.

I would also like to welcome our new students and their families to our school: Dominic Innes and Cameron Loader in Year 6, Angus Findlay in Year 4, Rory Brady-Edwards in Year 3 and Tylar Malone in Year 2.

Our Kinder students started on Friday and have settled in well to school. Their photos are included in today’s Talkabout.

2016 promises to be a very busy year. Students will be engaged in both academic and sporting activities. We will be encouraging our students to love learning and think creatively in all areas of school.

School App: If you haven’t already, don’t forget to download the school app to your mobile device or phone. We use this app to send out reminders about school events and alerts if information about events has changed. Instructions on how to download the app are attached to this newsletter.

P&C: The AGM for the P&C will be held next Thursday, 11 February at 6.15pm in the RFF room (the old 5/6 room). The meetings are child friendly if you need to bring your children. I hope to see many of you there next Thursday.

Meetings for the P&C are held twice a term. The P&C does great things for the school to support our students, including the running of the school canteen. Without a P&C this great service cannot run.

Canteen: This starts next week. Canteen will be open every Tuesday. A menu is attached.

Term Calendar: This year you will find a term calendar included in our newsletter, please check
for upcoming activities. We will be updating regularly as new events are scheduled.

My office day will continue to be every Friday. I am available for meetings on most Fridays but please make an appointment with Karen in the office. However, if you have an immediate issue or concern please come and see me before school starts each day or when school finishes. *Please come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.*

Nicole

**K/2 NEWS**
Welcome back everyone! We welcomed our new Kinders to the class last Friday. Students in Years 1 and 2 have been very eager to make friends with the Kinders and help them settle in to class and school routines.

Homework started this week for everyone and is due back to school on Friday. Home Readers will start next week for students in Years 1 and 2. Kinder will start borrowing home readers in the next few weeks.

We have Tania, a school support learning officer (SLSO), in our class 4 days a week. She works in our class on Mondays and Thursdays after recess and in the mornings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Tania provides extra support for students during Literacy and Maths activities.

Once we are more settled into our class routines I will be asking parents to come and help in the classroom, if you can. We would love to have you in the classroom to help out and see how and what your children are learning.

Library borrowing will start tomorrow. We will visit the library every Thursday and students can borrow a book. Please ensure that your child has a library bag to place their book in.

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

Nicole

**3/6 NEWS**
I hope everyone had a terrific holiday. The children are ready for a very eventful year. We welcomed 4 new pupils to our class—Rory in Year 3; Angus in Year 4; Dominic and Cameron in Year 6.

This Term in English we are starting with persuasive texts and the comprehension skills of predicting and using connections. We will also be looking at books by the author John Marsden. In Maths we will be focussing on place value in larger numbers and Year 6 will be also including negative numbers.
Homework started this week and it is due back at school on Friday. School library borrowing will start on Thursday and children will need a library bag.

**I would like every child to buy an A5 student diary so we can set up a communication system and they can remember items or research topics.** They can be bought at numerous places and do NOT need to be fancy or expensive. Thank you for your help with this.

Please see me if there are any problems.

*Keep in touch,*

*Lyn.*

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**MS CULLEN**

Welcome back to an exciting new year! This year I am teaching Science and Technology and Creative Arts to the students. At the end of last term, a group of students selected a piece of their artwork that they would like to enter into the 2016 Nowra Show. I submitted the art this week and they will be on display in the pavilion this weekend. The students that have a piece of art on display are Chrystel, Sealisha, Ryan, Kaleb, Rheya, Kiho, Blake, Bailey, Liam, Torlea, Markus and Lani.

**SPORT NEWS**

Yesterday we had a development officer and a couple of players from the NRL Dragons come and talk to our students about the importance of looking after ourselves and doing things that were fun. The emphasis was on physical activity and getting along with our peers and friends. Students enjoyed the session and the players signed a couple of footballs for us. Unfortunately, we didn't get to do any drills or games.

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 17 February at Bomaderry Pool. All children in years 3-6 are invited to attend as well as year 2 children who turn 8 this year. **Children need to be able to swim 50 metres to attend.** Notes will be sent home shortly.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

The canteen will be opening on Tuesday 9 February (next week). The menu is attached to Talkabout. If you would like to help out in the canteen please leave your name and contact number with Karen at the office. The more volunteers we have the more days we can open, so please help if you can (even if it’s only once a term, it all helps).
P & C NEWS
Please note this in your diary - The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 11 February, 2016 (Term 1 Week 3) at 6.15pm in the old 5/6 classroom. All welcome!

COMMUNITY NEWS

KITTENS
FREE TO GOOD HOME!!
Male and female, around 4 weeks old. Please contact Donna on 0474 700 515.

Shoalhaven Netball Association
2016 Netball Season Registrations are now OPEN with all clubs in our association
Let’s Play Netball!!
Contact your nearest club to register your and your child
5yr - 7yr
8yr - 10yr
Juniors 11yrs - 17yrs
Seniors 18yr and over

CLUBS
SAINTS - saintsnc.nsw.netball.com.au
REBELS - rebelsnc.nsw.netball.com.au
NORTH NOWRA BOMADERRY - nnbnc.nsw.netball.com.au
LYREBIRD - lyrebirdnc.nsw.netball.com.au
JERVIS BAY - jervisbaync.nsw.netball.com.au
GEMS - gems.nsw.netball.com.au
ALBATROSS - albatrossnc.nsw.netball.com.au

Jervis Bay Netball Club - Registration Day
Saturday 6 February 2016 at Vincentia Public School 9.00am – 12pm
5yr – 7yrs $65 8yr – 10yrs $110
Juniors 11yr – 17yrs $130 Seniors 18yrs & over $180
Non-Players $50 2nd Registrations $30

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS CAN BE MADE ANYTIME BEFORE THIS DATE
More details available jervisbaync.nsw.netball.com.au
For more details contact Vicky 0439 896 134
Or Sue 44418548 or 0402007381
VACANCIES AVAILABLE!!!!!

The Central Shoalhaven Mobile Preschool is a community owned, not for profit organisation. University and TAFE trained staff provide an educational program for children aged between 3 and 5 years, in a motivating setting to enhance each child’s preparation for school.

We visit Callala Beach, Cambewarra, Falls Creek and Huskisson weekly.

Preschool hours are from 9am – 3.00pm, extended hours available from 8am.

Come along and give your child the opportunity to make new friends within the local area. Subsidies are available.

All enquiries welcome
Phone: 44230571 /0432274244 /0412928095

We are a registered Preschool not a Long Day Care facility

Happy Birthday to the following students and staff who celebrated their birthday in January

1 January Layla Ryan
12 January Marcus Macfarlane
17 January Kaleb Flear
19 January Declan Flear
24 January Rheya Luke
26 January Dominic Innes
31 January Elira Malone
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CANTEEN MENU – SUMMER 2016

SALADS

Crunchy Salads ............ $4.00
Choices of,
Plain, Chicken Schnitzel, Ham
Egg, Tuna
Mayo or Dressing cup $0.50

Specials: Greek, Haloumi, Cesare look out for specials in Talkabout in the new school app.

WRAPS

Salad $3.50
Choice of: Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber,
Carrot, Capsicum, Cheese, Egg,

Salad and Egg & Meat $4.00
Choices of, Ham, Tuna, Chicken Schnitzel,
Egg

DRiNKS

Smoothies of the day .......... $3.00
Banana, Mango and Berry

Juice popper $1.50
Orange, Apple, Apple/Blackcurrant
Bottled Water ................ $1.50

Flavoured Milk ................ $1.50
Strawberry or Chocolate

SNACKS

Range of fresh homemade snacks such as:

Muffins
Slices
Cabanossi and cheese with crackers
Carrot and celery sticks
Fruit kebabs
VEGI Juices

Ranging from 50cents to 2.00
Fresh Fruit FREE

Made by volunteers each day

HOT FOOD

Sausage Roll ................ $2.50
Meat Pie .................. $3.00
Toasties .................. $3.50
Chicken Burger .......... $4.00

Sauces - Tomato or BBQ ..... 30c ea

SEE TALKABOUT ON APP. FOR
SPECIALS COMING UP

MEAL DEALS $5

Salad and Drink, Chicken Burger and Drink or Wrap and Drink

Place all lunch orders with child’s
class name and order onto a paper
lunch bag in the locked green wooden
box in front of canteen before morning
assembly.

Thank you

Falls Creek school canteen is a member of the
Healthy Kids Association.
Our canteen is run by 100% volunteers and is
committed to providing healthy & nutritious
food at reasonable prices.
How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! 😊
“Zero Tolerance” to protect your child

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance.

If you’ve heard the expression “It’s only a matter of time until someone gets hurt” then you understand why it is important for everyone to obey the road rules.

When an offence is detected – you will be fined!

Illegal parking around schools endangers children’s lives

**FACT**

When a child is hit at an impact speed of 30km/hr, they have a 99% chance of surviving. At 70km/hr, that child’s chance of survival is less than 7%. *Source Australian Transport Safety Bureau

**FACT**

Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need you to take extra care when driving and parking around schools zones.

**What does this mean?**

You cannot stop in this area for any reason.

**Why is it there?**

To keep sight distance clear for drivers, children and other pedestrians to avoid crashes.

**What does this mean?**

You can stop in this area to drop off or pick up passengers for a maximum of 2 minutes. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

**Why is it there?**

To provide safe places for children to be picked up – usually associated with Kiss and Drop Off zones

**What does this mean?**

You cannot stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

**Why is it there?**

To provide a safe place for buses to set down & pick up passengers

**40km/hr School Zones** are provided to increase the safety of all pedestrians, but especially children, who are walking in the vicinity of schools. Obey the limit and be aware of the time of day.

Enforcement is required around schools to save lives.

A message from Shoalhaven City Council Rangers and Road Safety Officer.
Abigail
Elira
Keira
Jaya
Fletcher
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