From the Principal’s Desk

As this is the last newsletter for the school year I would like to thank all our families for their unwavering support and wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

School will close (for students) on Thursday 15 December at 3:00pm but will remain open on Friday 16 December from 8:00am to 12:30pm. Please note the alternative work times as staff start earlier, with no morning recess so they can attend end of year Christmas celebrations.

Camp Australia will be OPEN from 6:30am to 6:15pm on Friday 16 December.

Office staff will recommence on Wednesday 25 January 2017 at 8:00am and either or all Assistant Principals and myself will also be available on this day.

**Student Personal Items and Class List Display**
If you have made an order with The Teaching Hub then you are reminded that orders can be collected from the school on Tuesday 31 January 2017.
Class lists for 2017 will also be displayed from 10:00am on this day.

**Graduation Assembly**
Tomorrow is the Year 6 Graduation Assembly commencing at 9:00am in the assembly area. All students, including the Graduands are expected to wear full school uniform. Families are encouraged to attend this important event.
At 12 noon the Year 6 students and their teachers will attend a luncheon at the Stage Door Restaurant.

**Semester 2 Reports**
Written reports for each student from K to Year 6 will be distributed on Wednesday.
It has been a pleasure reading reports and observing how well many students have improved their learning and their attitude.

**Falcon Primary School Year Book 2016**
The FPS Year Book will once again be distributed to each family FREE. It will be given to the eldest or only child to take home with their report. Additional copies may be purchased for $10.00 per copy.
Thank you to Mrs Leslie Sinagra for her efforts in coordinating the Year Book once again. She did an excellent job during an extremely busy time of the year!

**Thank You Parents and volunteers** for all your assistance in classrooms; Jo Bott (Happy Birthday) and the P&C crew for their fundraising support Andrew Bennett and the School Board for their input into school decision making.

Monday 30 January and Tuesday 31 January are Staff Development Days and are pupil-free.
Students commence on Wednesday 1 February at the new start time of 8:40am.
Specialist Teacher Awards - 2016

Congratulations to the following students on receiving Awards from specialist teachers at the Parent Assembly on Friday, 2 December 2016.

**VISUAL ARTS**
- ROBERT B
- TREY C
- OLIVIA F
- WILLOW McK
- TELIAH O’K
- CHARLOTTE W

**MUSIC AWARD**
- BAILEE C
- LIAM D
- ARIANA E
- SEBASTIAN F
- MATILDA K
- VICTORIA S

**SPELLING CHAMPION**
- EMILY C
- ZAC H
- CHELSEA M
- TOM MW
- MIA T

**JAPANESE AWARD**
- JARRED C
- SIENNA E
- ZAC H
- JAYDEN L
- CHARLIE P
- PAIGE S

**SCIENCE AWARD**
- HOLLY B
- XANDER H

**SPORTS AWARD**
- OLIVIA B
- MIA B
- STEELE C
- JAXON C
- CHLOE C
- KAYLEIGH C
- JAYKE C
- CHARLI D
- WALDO K
- MEGAN M
- MORRIS S
- LOGAN VT

**MATHS CHAMPION**
- CAELAN H
- DANIEL I
- TIERNAN K
- WALDO K
- CHELSEA M
Our beautiful grounds...

We are so fortunate at Falcon PS to have such a dedicated and hard working gardener as Mr David Rose. The beautification of the school grounds is a credit to you. On behalf of the staff, parents/carers and students at Falcon PS...

...Thank You David.
Dates to Remember for 2017

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P&C News

Thank you to Mrs Jo Bott who has done a wonderful job as our P&C President and will not be seeking re-election for 2017. Your contribution on the P&C and Fundraising Committee in this role has been invaluable and greatly appreciated.

- The final P&C Meeting for 2016 - To be held on Wednesday, 14 December at 10.00am followed by lunch.
- **School Disco** - Thank you to everyone for supporting the disco. The school raised approximately **$2,800**.
- **School Banking** - Great job to all the student savers out there! You have saved thousands of dollars into your own bank accounts. WOW!
- School banking has concluded for the year 2016 but we will back bigger and better next year. The process will change slightly to ensure all the children get the benefits of saving. In the new year we will be banking on a Friday morning before the school day starts (8.25am-8.40am) in the library, details will be provided at start of the year.
- School banking would not be possible without the assistance of our wonderful volunteers. A big THANK YOU to Tracy Lamerichs, Elle Hiddlestone, Tracy Sanders and Ginny Price. Happy holidays from the school banking team.

We would like to thank all volunteers, parents, children and staff for their contributions in 2016 with your help the P&C has donated in cash and goods over $20,000.

School Board

On behalf of the School Board I would like to wish everyone a safe Christmas and a healthy New Year. The first Board meeting is scheduled for week 3 Term 1 on Wednesday 15 February, 2017 at 2.00pm.

Andrew Bennett, Chair
Student Personal Items Reminder

The Teaching Hub 2017 Booklists are still being collected from the front office up until Thursday, 15 December.

You can place your order online at www.booklistswa.com.au or orders can be handed to The Teaching Hub Unit 1/74 Reserve Drive, Mandurah or phone 9581 7508.

Showcasing Fantastic Work

Please come and see the beautiful poetry on display in the front office from the students in Mrs Penkala’s Year 6 class.

Voluntary Contributions

You can still pay your $60 voluntary contribution for 2016.

Thank you to all families who have paid their voluntary contributions to the school. With government funding cuts these are critically important to our school and programs. We rely heavily on this payment and in 2017 will be asking for parents to consider payment of these contributions early in the year.

Payment Options:
1. Pay full amount of $60 per student.
2. Pay $15 per student per Term.
3. Pay an amount affordable as a donation.

Contributions can be paid online, please make payment direct to the school bank account: Falcon Primary School BSB: 016205 ACCOUNT: 408401369. Ensure that you use your child’s name and room number. Thank you for your support.
Faction Points

Congratulations Spinaway Blue!

Christmas Greetings from the Front Office

The Manager Corporate Services, Mrs Robyn Reynolds and School Officers, Mrs Naomi Jones, Mrs Tamara Matthews and Mrs Jane Peden would like to wish all staff, students and families a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday!

Congratulations to all our Year 6 students on ‘making the grade’ to move into high school. Best wishes to them all for a successful future!

We will be open from 8.00am to 4.00pm Wednesday 25 January 2017 to process enrolments and answer your queries.

The Tummy Rumble Canteen

I wish students, staff and all families a Merry Christmas and a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has taken the time to help in the canteen. A special thank you to Gaz and Dar for all the hours they spent helping me start off the new era of the Tummy Rumble.

A reminder - there will be no specials or hot meals for the last week of term. All salads, wraps and sandwiches will be available. See you in 2017.

Swimming at Avalon Bay

Thank you to Natalia Holmes for this beautiful photograph of our Year 3 to 6 students participating in swimming lessons at Avalon.
From

Warren Bachman (Principal) and all staff employed at

Falcon Primary School
Camp Australia

Dont forget Camp Australia will be open on Friday from 6.30am to 6.15pm.

Please contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 for a booking.