

Falcon Flyer

Falcon Primary School Community e-news



A Western Australian Independent Public School

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ACTING PRINCIPAL – Mrs Tiffany Hennessey

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the Term 1 school holiday break. We hope everyone enjoyed some well deserved family time and enjoyed the Easter break feasting on yummy chocolate! I enjoyed family time in Pemberton mountain bike riding through the wonderful forest and climbed the 58 metre Gloucester tree! It's great to be back especially now we can really smile at each other and enjoy increased freedoms without mask wearing.



EASING PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL MEASURES

As of Friday 29/4/22 the Department of Health WA have announced an easing of public health measures.

It is important to note that the definition of CLOSE CONTACT is now defined as:

- a household member or intimate partner of a person with Covid-19 who has had contact with them during their infectious period; OR
- someone who has had close personal interaction with a Covid-19 positive person during their infectious period where they spent more than 4 hours of cumulative contact with them in a residential setting in any 24 hour period; OR
- someone directed from WA Health that they are a close contact.

The main changes for schools are:

- **MASKS:** indoor mask mandate no longer in place. Masks are required on public transport for staff and students Year 7 and over.
- **ASYMPTOMATIC CLOSE CONTACTS:** Asymptomatic staff and students can return to work or school providing they return a daily negative RAT and follow mask wearing requirements. Parents are to inform the school of the child's close contact status and follow the guidelines (return daily negative RAT and Year 7+ wear mask to school) refer to: <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/announcements/public-health-and-social-measures-ease-was-soft-landing-secured#close-contacts>
- **RAT:** Additional RATs are being provided for students and staff (distribution to families to be arranged)
- **DENSITY & CAPACITY LIMITS** no longer apply - all school activities can resume however Falcon Primary School will retain PA assemblies for now. Choir arrangements to be confirmed. Parents can now enter classrooms.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS remain unchanged.

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Happy 80th Birthday Mrs Coate

A very Happy Birthday to Mrs Judy Coate who turned 80 this week!

Mrs Coate began teaching in 1961 at Brunswick Junction and is still teaching today after 61 years. What an achievement!!!

She is without doubt one of the most energetic and enthusiastic teachers who inspires staff, students and our community every day.

Her commitment to our school extends beyond the classroom with her voluntary membership on the P&C. She is certainly one in a million, and we are very lucky to have Mrs Coate as part of our Falcon Primary School staff!

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ANZAC Day Assembly 2022



Staff and students participated in a modified ANZAC Assembly over the PA at the end of Term 1 on Friday, 8 April 2022.

Flags were lowered to half-mast during the service which included the following program:

- Student Councillors Address
 - *Welcome*
 - *Acknowledgement of Country*
 - *Introduction*
 - *Poem—In Flanders Fields*
- Laying of the wreath
- R.S.L. Ode—Mr Michael Watson, President of the Falcon RSL
- Last post with one-minute silence - The rouse
- Raising of the flag
- Australian National Anthem - Advance Australia Fair
- New Zealand National Anthem – God Defend New Zealand Spirit of the ANZACS



Anzac Day

LEST WE FORGET

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them”

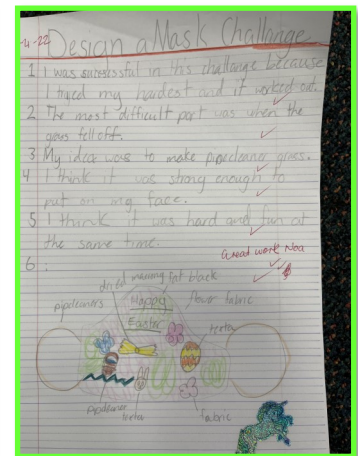
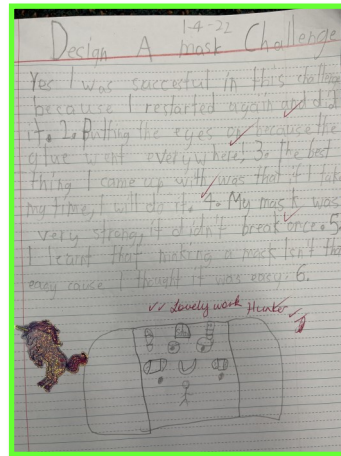
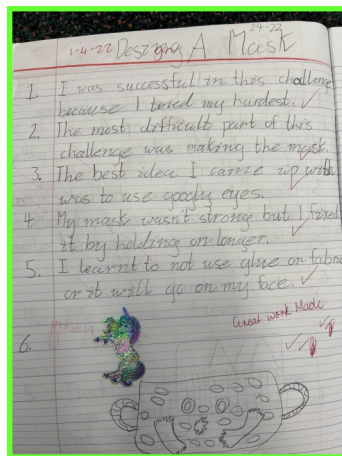
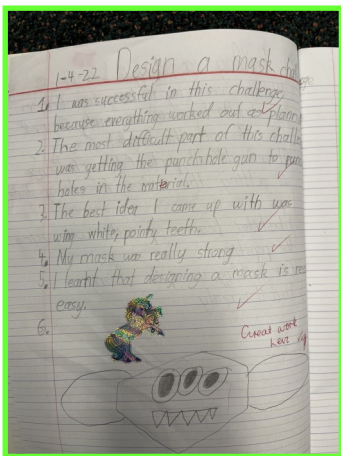


Room 3.2 Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)

The Year 3/4 students in Mrs Bell's Room 3.2 have designed a creative face masks.

As part of their STEM class, the students had to draw their design on paper and label the materials they will need to make their mask.

After making their masks they then had to answer the STEM questions to assess their mask making. Below are some wonderful examples of mask designs and assessments. Well done everyone!



Principal's Awards

Lilly C Y5 Rm 4.3

Naia W Y1 Rm 1.2

Tyler H Y3 Rm 3.3



2022 Mandurah Junior Council

Madelin and Leo have been elected as the Falcon PS representatives on the City of Mandurah Junior Council.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, they attended their first meeting via Microsoft Teams with students from all the other primary schools in Mandurah. Congratulations Madelin and Leo on your appointment to the 2022 Junior Council. We look forward to hearing about your amazing opportunity throughout the year.



Enrolments 2023

Kindergarten 2023

Children born between 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 are eligible to apply for a position in the Kindergarten program in 2023.

Kindergarten enrolments are required to provide a copy of the birth certificate, proof of address and an up-to-date immunisation history statement (AIR) **that is not more than two months old.**

Pre Primary 2023

All current 2022 Kindergarten students must complete an Application for Enrolment Form for Pre Primary 2023 and provide an up-to-date immunisation history statement (AIR) **that is not more than two months old.**

Families are encouraged to take advantage of the online Application for Enrolment form by visiting the school's website www.falconps.wa.edu.au/Enrolments.

Kindergarten families will also receive an Application for Enrolment Form via their classroom teacher next week.

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Shaping the future

School enrolments are now open for 2023

If your child is starting Kindergarten, Pre-primary, Year 7 or changing schools you will need to apply to enrol by 22 July 2022.

Find out more:
education.wa.edu.au/enrolment






MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The P&C will be running a Mother's Day Stall in the undercover area at the school on Thurs 5th May and Fri 6th May. Each class will be called up to have their chance at buying a gift.

We are asking all families at the school to **donate one gift** that can be sold at the stall. Can all donations please be handed into the office no later than Wed 4th May.



Make sure you bring some money in to buy your special person a pressie for Mother's Day!

All profits made from the stall will be going towards buying new shade gazebos for the students sports carnivals.

Thank you for your support.

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COVID-19 safe measures

The Department of Education is following current public health advice to manage COVID-19 in our schools, residential facilities and communities. We are committed to delivering quality teaching to children in Western Australia.



Staff are required to be triple dose vaccinated



RAT supplies for staff and students



Masks optional required in specific settings*



Pool of vaccinated school staff available



Adequate ventilation for all classes and rooms



Air purifiers supplied where required



Stay home when sick



Additional cleaning



Alcohol-based hand sanitiser

*Year 7 and above: on public transport (including school buses), asymptomatic close contacts. Refer to wa.gov.au

If you require further information or assistance, please speak to your principal, manager or a staff member. You can also contact your regional office. For COVID-19 queries, please contact coronavirussupport@education.wa.edu.au or call 1800 882 345.

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In line with public health measure as at 29 April 2022.

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