

# Falcon Flyer

Falcon Primary School Community e-news



ISSUE 1 – FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2024

## EVENTS

- 19.2 School Board Meeting
- 23.2 Parent Assembly Rm 5.4
- 12.2–8.3 Pre Primary On Entry Testing
- 15.3 Parent Assembly Rm 5.3
- 4.3 Labour Day Long Weekend
- 5.3 School Development Day – Pupil Free Day
- 8.3 Y6 League Tag
- 13–25.3 NAPLAN Testing Y3 & Y5
- 27.3 Harmony Day
- TBC P&C Events: Easter Raffle and Free Dress Day

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that I welcome students and families of the Falcon Primary School community to the 2024 school year. We welcome many new families this year through our Kindergarten intake as well as new students in each of our year groups. I also extend a very warm welcome to our new staff that have joined us this year. I am already hearing very positive feedback regarding our new recruits and I am excited by the quality of staff that we continue to attract to our fabulous school.

Our staff are committed to ensuring an outstanding learning experience for all of our students as we support their academic and social development this year. We look forward to continuing to work towards achieving our targets of improved results in reading, writing and numeracy as well as improved attendance rates. Your support and cooperation, along with our best professional efforts, will support this goal. Through open communication, teamwork and a dedication to continuous improvement, we promise this to be a rewarding and enjoyable school year for all students.

Week 1 has been smooth sailing despite the heat and as Term 1 is only a 9 week term, it will be Easter before we know it!



## P&C INVOLVEMENT

If you are interested in participating on our P&C we are actively recruiting new members. We are calling for 2 parent representatives from each class. You don't have to attend all of the meetings, but just be available to lend some support where you can. The P&C is instrumental in supporting our students with enriched opportunities and additional resources. The only commitment is your attendance at some of the meetings, your valuable input and support with fundraising activities. **Please register your interest via email to [Falcons.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:Falcons.pandc@gmail.com) (see page 4 for further details).**

## BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

All students (Y1-6) who arrive at school before 8:25am are required to wait in the main undercover area where they will be supervised and released at 8:25am when classrooms open.

Students in the care of their parent/carer are also required to wait in the main undercover area until 8:25am.

These arrangements commenced on Thursday, 2 February 2024.

## KISS AND DRIVE PROTOCOLS

1. Arrive on or after 2.50pm.
2. Remain in your vehicle. Never park your vehicle in any area of the Kiss and Drive zone.
3. If you need to leave your car, find a parking space.
4. Move as far forward in the zone as traffic permits.
5. If your child is not waiting in the designated bay, complete a lap.
6. Train your child to look out for your vehicle.
7. Train your children how to exit and enter the vehicle quickly and safely.
8. Never park and call for your child to move through the queue or carpark.
9. Remind your child to walk safely on the path to the kiss and drive bay (no cutting through car park bays).
10. Be calm, patient and courteous.

The safety of students is our priority. Consequently, staff members are deployed to assist the smooth and efficient process of collection. They have been instructed to remind drivers to comply with the protocols listed above. Your respect for these staff members is expected and appreciated.

## LATENESS REMINDER

We strongly encourage punctuality to school, but understand that students may be late to school at times due to appointments. All students arriving late must sign in at the front office. Parents may escort students in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary to class following sign in. All other year groups will be escorted to class by staff.

## ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES

When your child is absent, please make sure that you note this on Compass or inform the front office or classroom teacher. We need your help to ensure that we are providing your child with the best possible education. So please bring them to school every day and on time where possible. Please make sure that you are planning your family vacations around the school calendar. It is imperative that your child attends school every day. The only way our students will continue to improve academically and socially is by being active participants in the classroom and they can only do so if they are here at school.

On behalf of the staff, I look forward to working with you to provide each and every student an outstanding learning experience.



## SCHOOL BOARD



The School Board is now confirmed and congratulations to all our representatives.

Mayor Rhys Williams is the elected Chairperson of the Board for 2024.

### STAFF REPS:

- Jacquie Abbiss
- Ab Chaudhry (6 months) relieving for Rachel Kelly
- Michelle Kelly
- Jesse Hickman
- Meredith Lake

### PARENT REPS:

- Simone Weinman
- Caroline Cassidy (P&C President)
- Shelley Mansfield
- Candice Sawyer

### COMMUNITY REPS:

- Lisa Munday MLA
- Mayor Rhys Williams (Chair)

Kind regards

**Jacquie Abbiss - Principal**



**P&C Need Your Support**

**Calling For**

**CLASSROOM  
PARENT REPS  
2024**

**Role of CPR**

- Attend P&C meetings twice per term.
- Become involved (if possible) in fundraising activities and promote these in your class.
- Share issues/concerns from meetings with others.

**Register your support via email to:**

**[Falconps.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:Falconps.pandc@gmail.com)**

**Include your name, contact details and the classroom you would like to represent. The P&C will liaise with you and the classroom teacher to confirm representation as they are looking for 2 reps per classroom!**



# FALCON PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF PROFILE 2024

## School Executive

**Principal** Ms Jacque Abbiss

**Assistant Principals** Mrs Tiffany Hennessey,  
Mr Ryan Kenny

**Manager Corporate Services** Robyn Brady

## Lead Teachers

**Student Support and Literacy Coordinator:**  
Mrs Karyn Mort

**Student Support Numeracy:** Mrs Leanne Northey

**High Impact Instruction K-2:** Miss Clair Foulkes

**High Impact Instruction 3-6:** Mrs Jen Humble

## Administration Support

**School Officers** Mrs Kate Cameron, Mrs Lee Freshwater

**Executive Assistant** Ms Naomi Jones

## Teaching Staff

<b>K Pelicans</b>	Mrs Julie-Ann O'Donoghue	<b>Rm 1.2</b>	Mrs Sarah Hill	<b>Rm 3.4</b>	Mrs Sophie Tonks
<b>K Seahorses</b>	Mrs Kath Chaudhry	<b>Rm 1.5</b>	Mrs Anne Hay, Mrs Judy Coate	<b>Rm 4.1</b>	Mrs Karyn Mort, Mrs Michelle Jeka
<b>K Rainbow Fish</b>	Miss Willcock	<b>Rm 2.2</b>	Miss Clair Foulkes, Mrs Paula Shanahan	<b>Rm 4.2</b>	Mrs Jen Humble, Mrs Teena Dixon
<b>P Penguins</b>	Miss Bronte Kremerskothen (Positive Behaviour Support Coordinator)	<b>Rm 2.3</b>	Ms Jodie Bell	<b>Rm 4.3</b>	Mrs Vic French
<b>P Sea Turtles</b>	Miss Cathy McIntosh	<b>Rm 2.4</b>	Ms Ali Goss	<b>Rm 4.4</b>	Mr Scott Halpin (Classroom Management Strategy Coordinator)
<b>P Seals</b>	Mrs Jane Giles (National Quality Standard Coordinator)	<b>Rm 3.1</b>	Mrs Bridget Annels (Environmental Science Coordinator)	<b>Rm 5.3</b>	Mrs Kelly Penkala (Y6 Student Council Coordinator)
<b>Rm 1.1</b>	Mrs Deb Wiseman, Mrs Michele Maxwell	<b>Rm 3.2</b>	Mrs Leanne Northey	<b>Rm 5.4</b>	Mrs Jacqui Jurewicz
		<b>Rm 3.3</b>	Mrs Michelle Kelly (Health & Wellbeing Coordinator)		

## Education Assistants

Mrs Carolyn Ayton  
Mrs Nicole Clements  
Miss Maddy Down  
Mrs Christine Eaton  
Mrs Olivia Gould  
Mrs Loretta Iriks

Mrs Susie Jones  
Mrs Pam Milligan  
Mrs Sue Murphy  
Mrs Lorraine Newbold  
Ms Caylee Osborne  
Mrs Chantell Phillips

Mrs Karen Preen  
Ms Sharon Taylor  
Ms Renae Wasley  
Mrs Lisa Whitwell  
Mrs Michelle Winning

## Specialist Staff

Mrs Julie Driver **Visual Arts**  
Mr Hugh Ellard **Japanese Studies**  
Mr Abbid Chaudhry **Performing Arts**  
Mr Jesse Hickman **Physical Education**  
Mrs Meredith Lake **Science**

## Support Staff

**Library Officer** Ms Sharon Meredith  
**AIEO** Mr Cecil Fox  
**Technical Support** Mr Robert Nunn  
**Psychologist** Mrs Aimee Purser  
**Chaplain** Mrs Jaclyn Greene  
**Gardener** Mr David Rose  
**Cleaners** Ms Danielle Elvison, Ms Sandra Marson, Mrs Leonie Riseberry



# Compass Parent Support



A copy of this page will be placed in every student's diary for easy access.

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## PASSWORD CHANGE UPDATE

- If you need assistance locating the Compass site link for our school, go to: <http://schools.compass.education>. You will then be able to search for our school.
- To login, you will require your unique family username and password. Please contact the office on **9584 7100** if you require this to be resent to you again.
- Please advise the school if your contact details change, in particular your **email address** as this links you to the Compass system.

## COMPASS APP / OPEN IN BROWSER ON YOUR PHONE

There are two main ways to view Compass:

1. **Compass App** - Open app to only view newsfeeds from school.
  2. **Compass App/Open in Browser** - To view the full dashboard on Compass to access your **child's/rens** information and menu options available on the Home Page such as **Calendar, Teaching and Learning Menu, Organisation Menu, Community Menu, email teacher, view reports**, click on the 3 lines (circled in red) to **open in browser**.
- There is a **Compass Parent Guide** along with other school information saved under the **Community Tab** / in **School Documentation** for further information.
  - Naomi, Andrea or Kate are available in the office Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm and are happy to assist you in setting up your Compass login or resetting your password.

