

Falcon Flyer

Falcon Primary School Community e-news



A Western Australian Independent Public School, serving the community of Falcon for 25 Years (1990-2015)

ISSUE 2 – Friday 21 February 2020
PRINCIPAL – Mr Warren Bachman

Principal's Message

Please make communication between home and school a priority. There are several forms of communication (both oral and written) that are encouraged.

1. *Student Diary available at reception for \$10.00*
2. *Attend formal and informal meetings with class teacher*
3. *Contact the school for clarification of a policy or procedure by telephone or email.*

Classrooms are open at 8:25am and parents should aim to get their children to school by 8:30am ready for the start school siren at 8:40am.

Remember teachers are NOT available for chats or meetings between 8:25am and 8:40am as they prepare for the day.

Mrs Robyn Hyde has decided to retire from the Department of Education and her last working day is Wednesday 4 March.

Mrs Hyde has worked at Falcon Primary School for almost 23 years and is acknowledged for her excellent contribution to the school community. We wish her a safe, healthy and happy retirement.



Issue 2

- Teacher Communication
- Student Representative Council 2020
- Voluntary Contributions
- School Board
- New school phone number 9584 7100

Next weekend is a public holiday long weekend and the school will be closed on Monday 2 March.

The following students are elected to the Student Representative Council for 2020:

Michael Visser	Sienna Eigures	Mia Inskip	Eden Shaked
Cruz Turner	Susie Moon	Jackson Kinnear	Finn Raven
Blake Wilkins	Olivia Bennett	Haidie Burniston	Skye Parkes



Falcon Primary School Board 2020

Staff Representatives: Warren Bachman, Ben Turner, Ryan Kenny, Carolyn Ayton, Jacqui Jurewicz

Parent Representatives: Caroline Cassidy, Bec Kennington, Jo Dos Santos, Letitia Rose, Candice Sawyer

Community Representatives: Zak Kirkup MP, Joanna Butler

WE NEED ALL FAMILIES TO PAY THE \$60.00 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION. Last year we increased the percentage of families that paid voluntary contributions from 50% to 65% which was a great effort!

If you have paid this contribution THANK YOU - we appreciate it.

The school relies on the \$60.00 contribution per student to build and replenish student resources. The school bank account is **BSB: 016 205 Account 408401369** - make sure you list child's surname and room.



2020 TARGET: \$32 820

Hello from the Chaplain and Youth Worker

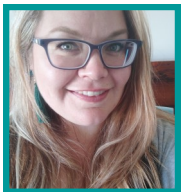
Hi everyone, we are Harriet the school Chaplain and Pete the Youth Worker. We provide a listening ear for students to chat about any issue they may be facing, no matter how big or small.

We can provide general support, referrals to outside agencies and may offer strategies such as peer conflict resolution.

If your child would like to talk to us, you or your child can let their teacher know and they will contact us.

If you DO NOT want your children to access these services please let Mr Kenny or Mrs Hennessey know as soon as possible.

We wish all Falcon families a happy and healthy 2020!



Harriet Coombe
Chaplain



Pete Randall
Youth Worker

Expression of Interest—Soccer

Please contact Chris Field (parent on 0481 196 487) for Years 1 and 2 who are interested in making up a Falcon Primary School soccer team to play on a Saturday morning. Registrations under Peel Junior Soccer Association take place on the 14th March.

It would be great if we could get a team together to represent the school. To my knowledge, there isn't a team, and I would be happy to take on the role of coach.

Student Update Form and Health Care Summary



These forms are currently being sent out over the next week. Can you please return the forms to your teacher as quickly as possible in order to keep your child's **health records and contact details up-to-date.**

Please remember to check that your email address is correct.

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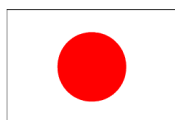
Canteen Needs your Help!

Volunteers are urgently required to help our lovely manager Karen.

If you could avail yourself for a morning or full day to assist Karen the school would be very grateful. Please call 9584 7100.



JAPANESE NEWS - Learning Hiragana is Fun!



Recently students in Years 2-6 have been learning the Japanese Hiragana alphabet. As part of our learning program students have been exposed to some Apps to help make learning fun and easy. I have listed them below as many students would like to access them from home. If you do not have an Apple device there are many available for Android as well as games for PC, simply search "Learn Hiragana".

I will also send home a set of Hiragana cards for any students who request them, so that they can practise without having to access electronic devices. Also please check out our new Japanese page in the school diary this also includes a hiragana chart. Here are some great Apps for learning the Hiragana alphabet. There are hundreds more so if you find a good one please tell me about it. Arigatou from Sensei.

	Hiragana Battle	\$1.49
	Learn Japanese Alphabet (Yat Tat Lee)	\$1.99
	Hiragana Bubbles	99c
	Hiragana	Free
	Dr Moku Lite	Free

	Let's Write Nihongo	Free
	Japanese Hiragana free	Free
	Google Translate	Free

Teaching Smart Saving Skills with School Banking

In a survey of 500 parents of School Bankers, the majority thought their child's participating in School Banking has had a positive impact on their money habits, helping them:

- **Develop a regular saving habit and healthy interest in saving.**
- **Understand the value of money and how to spend carefully.**
- **Stay motivated to save and learn about money.**

The Falcon Primary School banking program resumes next Thursday 27 February. Please leave your books at the front office in the morning. New families are welcome—A Parent Information brochure is available at the front office.

Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteer Amanda Sikaloski for running this program.



Head Lice Checks—Week 5

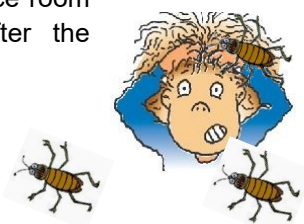
We endeavour to check student hair for lice once a term in an effort to keep this problem to a minimum. If live lice are detected, parents are contacted and asked to collect their child to treat their hair. A note is also sent home to notify parents if lice are identified in a class. Parents, please take the time to check your own child's hair.

We would like the assistance from the **Classroom Parent Representatives (CPR) to assist with checks in your class commencing Week 5—Tuesday 3 March.**

Head lice checks will then happen week 5 of Term 2, 3 and 4.

Mrs Hennessey would like to meet with all CPR's for a brief meeting in the conference room on Friday, 28 February after the Parent Assembly.

Thank you for your support.



Dates to Remember

- 27 FEB** School Board Meeting 8.00am
- 28 FEB** Parent Assembly Rm 1.2
CPR Meeting—after assembly
- 2 MAR** LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

SMS Text Message— Lesson Attendance— 0437 159 606

The school text SMS messaging number is available for all messages sent to the school for **lesson attendance**. This is the preferred method for advising the school if your child is going to be absent.

House Captains and Vice Captains

	Crusader	Mercedes
Captains	Kobi M, Ciara P	Campbell R, Haidie B
Vice Captains	James C, Luca E	Noah P, Jasmine B
	Spinaway	Flame
Captains	Jordan H, Dakota Mack	Cruz T, Eden S
Vice Captains	Rowan T, Kayley O	Ewan T, Mia I

Sailing to Success - Positive Behaviour Management Scheme

WEEKS 1-2 WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who collected the highest points in their class for Weeks 1-2. These students received a \$1 canteen voucher.

Class Winners			
Rm 1.1	Ariah	Rm 3.2	Mason, Skylah
Rm 1.2	Katana	Rm 3.3	Vanielle, Holly
Rm 1.3	Tai	Rm 3.4	April
Rm 1.5	Kai	Rm 4.1	Charm, Olivia
Rm 2.1	Clava	Rm 4.3	Jorja
Rm 2.2	Summer	Rm 4.4	Jayden
Rm 2.4	Isla	Rm 5.3	Blake
Rm 3.1	Matt	Rm 5.4	Oliver

House Points Weeks 1 & 2

1st	Spinaway	1793
2nd	Mercedes	1531
3rd	Crusader	1521
4th	Flame	1406

\$2 Canteen Voucher Winners			
Rm 1.1	Braxton	Rm 3.2	Ivy,
Rm 1.5	Harry	Rm 3.3	Seraya, Lily, Bella
Rm 2.1	Oliver	Rm 3.4	Leandro
Rm 2.2	Yasmin V, Ryder	Rm 4.3	Olivia, Jayden H
Rm 2.4	Layla	Rm 5.4	Daniel
Rm 3.1	Thomas,		





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IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

South Mandurah JFC
Falcon Reserve, Lynda Street, Falcon >

Saturday starting 02 May at 0715am

Register now at <http://www.southmandurahjfc.sportingpulse.net/>
or contact auskick.smjfc@gmail.com for more info

play.afl/auskick

Waratah All Year Care

Are you looking for Before School or After School Care?

We service St Damien's Catholic Primary - Ocean Road Primary - Falcon Primary - South Halls Head Primary - Living Waters Primary - Halls Head primary and Glencoe Primary

Are you looking for Vacation Care?

We are open 6.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday

We are CCMS Approved, Qualified staff and rated as exceeding with ACEQUA

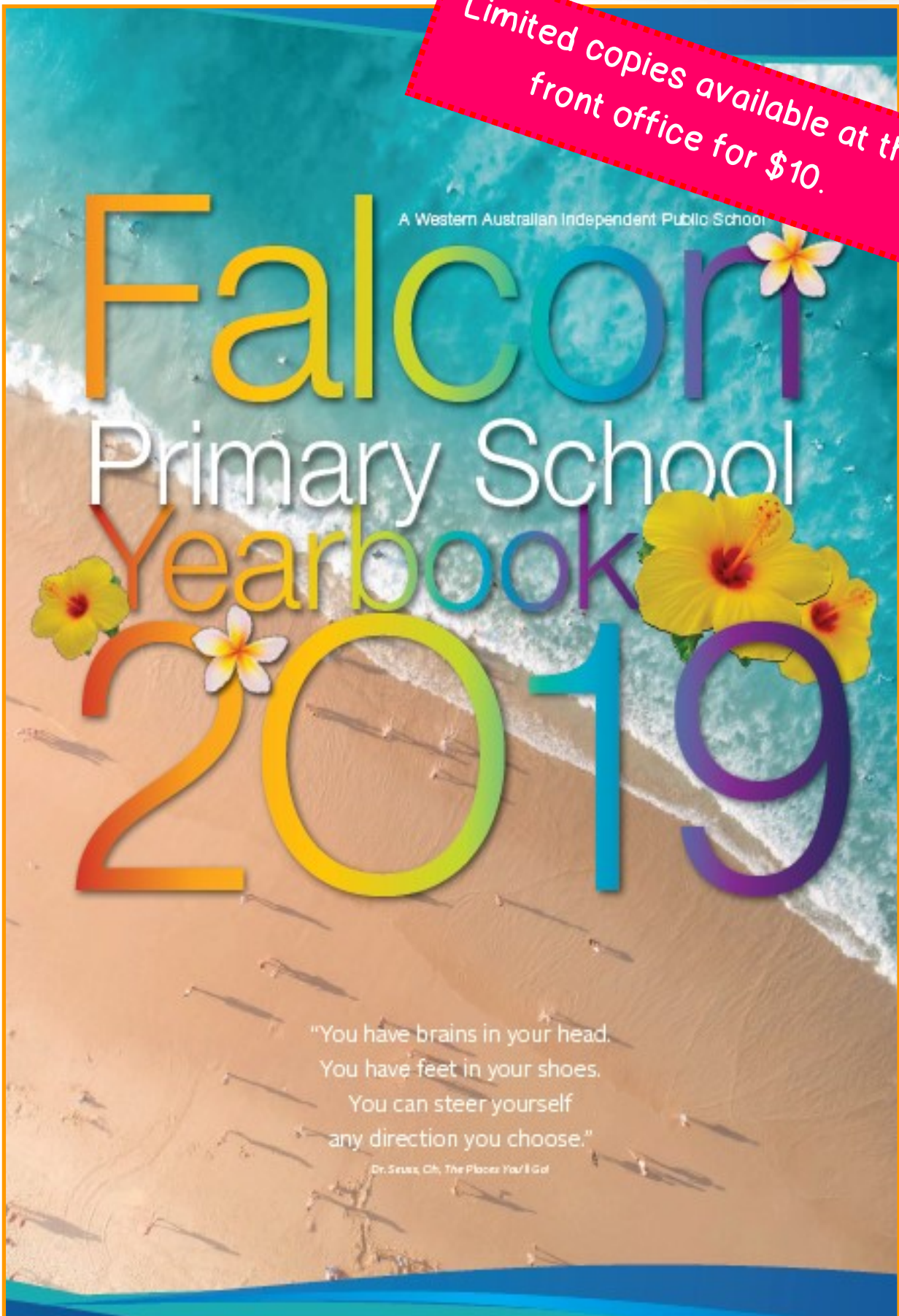
WE ARE NOW OPEN SATURDAY'S
6.00 am - 6.30 pm

Now operating at Falcon Primary School

Please Contact Leigh
leighmetcalf@live.com.au
We are located 60 Linville Street, Falcon, WA, 6210
Phone: 0414 535 685



Limited copies available at the front office for \$10.



A Western Australian Independent Public School

Falcon

Primary School

Yearbook

2019

"You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
any direction you choose."

Dr. Seuss, Oh, The Places You'll Go!



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**AT KIRBY SWIM
MANDURAH IN OUR BEGINNER
INDEPENDENT SWIMMING
LESSONS WE HAVE A MAXIMUM OF
ONLY 2 SWIMMERS PER CLASS.**

This small, safe environment means we can give your little swimmer our maximum attention, learning and swim time.

MANDURAH

 **OLD COAST RD, ERSKINE SHOPPING CENTRE**  **9535 8688**

 **MANDURAH@KIRBYSWIM.COM.AU**  **WWW.KIRBYSWIM.COM.AU**

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BE YOUR OWN HERO

WHEN: 4/3/2020 - 8/4/2020
LENGTH: 6 weeks
WHERE: St Damien's Catholic PS
 1 Nyabing Pass
 Dawesville
 6211

TIME: Wednesdays
 3:15pm - 4:15pm
AGE: 5-12 Years
COST: \$75

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BE YOUR OWN HERO

WHEN: 25/2/2020 - 31/3/2020
LENGTH: 6 weeks
WHERE: Ocean Road Primary School
 Dawesville
 WA 6211

TIME: Tuesdays
 3:00pm - 4:00pm
AGE: 5-12 Years
COST: \$75

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wants you to try RUGBY LEAGUE

Tuesday 3rd March 4.30pm – 5.30 pm
 Thursday 5th March 4.30pm – 5.30 pm
 Sunday 8th March 10.00am – 12.00pm

Follow/Copy the link to sign up
<https://www.playrugbyleague.com>

for more info please contact Damian Green
 on 0400 125 728 or email
presidentmandurahstorm@gmail.com

STATE OF MIND **KIDSPORT**

SOUTH MANDURAH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Group of The Mighty Falcons

South Mandurah Junior Football Club
 "A Community Club celebrating its 40th year"

Spots now available for new players in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to join the teams.

Register www.southmandurahjfc.sportingpulse.net
 Or enquiries to Maz - juniorregistrar.smjfc@gmail.com

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Falcon Primary School Sailing to Success



Dear Parents and Carers,

JOIN A SAVINGS PROGRAM THAT MATCHES EVERY DOLLAR YOU SAVE, UP TO \$500

Saver Plus, is a community organisation that supports parents to provide financially for their children. The program assists parents to save for education expenses by matching their savings dollar for dollar up to \$500. Saver Plus is Australia's largest matched savings program. More than 36 000 people across Australia have participated in the program, saving over \$18.5 million.

It was developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and The Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ANZ) in 2003 and is delivered, in Western Australia, by The Smith Family and Brotherhood of St Laurence.

The Department of Education of Western Australia promotes Saver Plus to families in participating areas and eligible families now have the opportunity to participate in this initiative.

What this means for you

Saver Plus is a free, ten-month program that provides financial education, budgeting and savings tips, and matches your savings, up to \$500, for education costs. Saver Plus can help you:

- build your skills around managing money;
- become a regular saver; and
- reach a savings goal.

Once you finish the program, ANZ will match your savings dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500. You can use your matched savings for education-related costs such as computers, laptops and tablets, school uniforms, text books, sports fees and equipment, school excursions and more.

Can I join?

You may be eligible if you:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card;
- are at least 18 years old;
- have some regular income from work (yourself or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal work; and
- have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

Please note: a family may receive matched funds only once.

What past Saver Plus participants say

"With one child at high school and four children in primary school I found it extremely difficult to find the money for school costs. Participating in Saver Plus has really taken away the stress of these costs."

"Now I'm much more relaxed and confident that I will always have money behind me to not only support my family, but also give them the extras in life."

Your privacy

Local schools have agreed to communicate directly with families in communities where the Saver Plus program is available. Schools have not, and will not, provide your personal information to any organisations associated with this program.

Neither the Department of Education, nor your local school, will know if you decide to participate. Your decision to participate in this program is entirely voluntary.

How do I find out more?

Saver Plus is delivered by The Smith Family in the Cities of Stirling, Swan and Wanneroo in the north and the Cities of Kwinana, Cockburn and Rockingham in the south. The program is delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence in the Mandurah, Peel and Albany areas.

The Smith Family and Brotherhood of St Laurence invite you to join Saver Plus today. To contact your local Saver Plus Coordinator enquire online at www.saverplus.org.au or call your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, or email saverplus@bsl.org.au.

Kind regards,

DANIEL CROTTY
NATIONAL MANAGER
SAVER PLUS
BROTHERHOOD OF ST LAURENCE


Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The Program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.


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What is Saver Plus?

 A free ten-month savings program providing financial education, budgeting and savings tips.

 Participants receive up to \$500 in matched savings for education costs for themselves or their children.

 Delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence, Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community organisations.

 Offered in communities across Australia in every state and territory.

A Saver Plus Participant's Journey



Goal

Talks to a Saver Plus Coordinator from a community organisation and, if eligible for the program, sets a goal to save a regular amount of money over 10 months



Saving

Opens an ANZ Progress Saver account and makes regular deposits



Education

Completes the MoneyMinded financial education program with support from a Saver Plus Coordinator



Matching

Reaches savings goal and receives matched funds, up to \$500, for their own or their children's education costs

Who can join?

Participants must meet all of the below criteria:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- be at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (themselves or their partner)
- have a child at school or attend vocational education themselves.

Benefits for participants¹



87% continue to save the same amount or more up to three years after completing the program



81% were better equipped for unexpected expenses



93% reported increased self-esteem



85% had more control over their finances

How did it start?

Saver Plus began in 2003 as a Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ pilot program with 268 participants in three sites across Victoria and New South Wales.

Since then, the program has expanded to all Australian states and territories, reaching more than 32,000 people, making it the largest and longest-running program of its kind in the world.

Since 2004¹:

 **32,000+** participants

 **\$17.3m** - total amount saved by participants

 **\$14m** - matched funds paid by ANZ

 **\$753** average amount saved per participant

Find out more

 1300 610 355

 saverplus@bsl.org.au

 www.saverplus.org.au



¹ RMIT University, 2016. A number of Saver Plus program evaluations have been carried out since 2004. For more information see ans.com/saverplus

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