

False Bay School

False Bay School is a place that encourages personal and global harmony and love of learning in a spirit of joy and respect



February Dates to Note:

7th of Feb – MakerSpace Day @ Ballenas (Inter. class only)

7th & 21st – Altered Fridays

13th of Feb – “Kids in the Know” (Personal Health Talk)

14th of Feb – Storytelling @ Arts Centre 1pm-3pm

17th of Feb – BC Family Day

20th of Feb – Indigenous Educators Visit

24th of Feb – Pro-D Day

26th of Feb – Pink Shirt Day (Friendship Day)

27th of Feb – Field Trip to Flipside



Vice Principal Ms McKinnon's Message:

I think there's a joke that starts "A mechanic, a consultant, and a principal walked into a bar." Last Thursday this was no joke... As my regular Thursday visit approached dismissal time, and the winds continued to blow outside, it seemed obvious that I wouldn't be making it home. Ordinarily, I would bunk out at the school. The thing about yesterday was that I had the school district bus mechanic and an education consultant in tow and these folks deserved better!

Despite the photocopier melting down right at report card printing time, an IT tech giving over-the-phone advice, Sylvia still found time to arrange meals for us and a place to sleep for the night. Down in town, Camino made us a beautiful soup and sandwich dinner and his assistant actually drove us back up the hill. And there was Katy scrambling around the Teapot House cleaning up and making beds for us while her family waited at home.

There was no end of fussing over us by Ms. Amanda and Ms. Anna who stayed late to make sure we were settled in. Gordon and Mike arranged pickups for us early in the morning...the mechanic had boxes of tools and I had bins of educational material to transport.

In the end, three virtual strangers spent a very comfortable night eating together, playing Trivial Pursuit, and getting to know each other's views on any number of topics. We talked especially about the beautiful, historic Teapot House and the self-less Lasquetian hospitality. **Thank you !**



Learning Grant Field Trips:

We have two more field trips covered by our fabulous Learning Grant which we received at the start of the school year. Anna is taking her class (on an altered Friday!) to the Maker Space day at Ballenas School on February 7th and the whole school will be enjoying another Field Trip on Thursday February 27th too. On that day, the younger class will be going to Flipside Gym while the older class

attend the Careers day at Ballenas. Then they will all meet up for a tour of Parksville Fire Station before heading to Ravensong Swimming pool to enjoy a lovely dip before getting the ferry home.



Report Card Time! Our dedicated and caring teaching staff have been working hard to help your children move their learning along. Each student brought their progress reports home last week for you to review and we welcome your feedback. Also, watch for FreshGrade portfolio updates all year long.

We really appreciate all our wonderful volunteers so much at FBS! We are so lucky to have such a wide variety of willing, kind volunteers that give up so much of their time for our school. From Hot Lunch cooks, to Ultimate players, to Reading Mentors, to Cooking Instructors and Music Coaches – the list goes on and on!



Our Primary class kids are really enjoying learning how to play the Recorder with our musical volunteer, Stephen. He has great patience listening and giving them feedback on their progress and they are coming on in leaps and bounds!

"In Music we have been learning how to do music with Steven. We learn Ukelele and Recorder"- Akili, Grade 3



Big Thanks also to the Lions club Volunteer John, that came over last week to “check all our pupils” with his hand-held vision screener. A very important screening to accurately detect the potential indication of common vision problem such as • Hyperopia (farsightedness) • Myopia (nearsightedness) • Astigmatism (blurred vision) • Anisometropia (unequal refractive power) • Gaze (eye alignment measurement) • Anisocoria (unequal pupil size). Thanks John! 😊



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Further to the letter sent earlier in January and use by SD69 of the SchoolMessenger communication tool during the two snow days, please ensure the school has your current email, home phone and mobile phone information.

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Apple App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/schoolmessenger-infocenter/id978894818>
Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolmessenger.recipient>