Dear Parent/Caregiver,

New Sign
By this time next week our new sign should be up, flashing the latest information about what is happening at Faulconbridge Public School. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this happen – it is an exciting new addition to the range of communication options available to the school.

Teacher Parent Night
Please mark the evening of Thursday, 7th March on your calendar. We would like to invite all our parents to meet the children’s teachers at our ‘Meet the Teacher’ night. Our District Guidance Officer, Mrs Rose Glassock, has agreed to give a presentation about anxiety in children, as part of the evening. She will be giving her talk in the hall once for parents of Kindergarten to Year 2 at 6.30 and again for parents of Years 3-6 at 7.00pm. Other child care options are not available, there will be members of staff supervising a movie night for students in the old library.

Time 6.30 – 8.00

The evening will conclude with a more informal chat, cheese, biscuits, tea and coffee in the Library from 7.30 – 8.00pm. We hope to see you on the night.

Term 1 Whole School Assemblies
At 2pm on Friday 8th March and 5th April there will be whole school assemblies in the school hall. The Drumming group will be featured on the 8th March and the students learning guitar will perform on 5th April.

Parents are always welcome at assemblies, and it is encouraging for the performers and all students to see parents there.

Start Smart
Coinciding with the Week 5 Numeracy focus on money, the Commonwealth Bank Start Smart program will be presented at our school. Every class will be visited by a presenter who will introduce and reinforce financial and ‘literacy’ concepts.
Maths Scope and Sequence
This semester all classes are having their numeracy sessions in the morning, and will be implementing the whole school Maths Scope and Sequence. For your information a copy of the overview is on the last page in this Intercom. Age and stage appropriate concepts will be presented in the classrooms, but of the same Maths strand. We hope this information will be useful to parents if they want to discuss their child’s learning. It is much more likely that a student will respond to a question like “Tell me what you learnt about Time today?” than, ‘What did you learn at school today?’ or the even more general ‘How was school?’ to which students’ usual replies are ‘Not much’ or ‘Nothing’ or ‘O.K’ or ‘John and I played cricket at lunchtime’.

Painting
The painting of the Administration block has started. To keep students away from the fumes as much as possible the court area is not being used. Students are playing on the grassed area near the Meeks Crescent gate.
The school photos will also not be taken in the courts area and the new hall. If the weather is fine the class photos will be taken near the Pioneer Garden and individual photos in the old library.

Bag Hooks
By today every classroom should have bag and hat hooks installed. Thank you to Mrs Curzon for coordinating this process – it will make our corridors and classrooms much safer and neater.

Letter Distributed
On Monday a letter was distributed to some parents outside the school grounds. The letter was sent to Mr Paul Cole that day and I have asked Mr Cole to meet with its author next Monday afternoon. Thank you to the parent who brought it to my attention, so that issued raised could be discussed.

I Pads
Last year the ICT Team, as part of its resource plan purchased the first 10 ipads for the school. This team will be participating in a series of Webinars – an online professional learning course. The course will familiarise staff with software, apps and other features of ipads as a teaching and learning tool.

Debating
This year, Stage 3 students will have the opportunity to participate in debating. Mrs Poulson and interested students will be attending a 2 day camp next week, and then an in school debate program will be established.

Chess Club
We have students who would like to form a chess club, but no member of staff can play. Is there a parent, relative or community member who could volunteer one lunchtime a week to have a chess club? It would be a great help to us, especially our keen Grand Master of the future.

Dorothee Lean
Principal
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### School Trivia Night

**Saturday 11th May**

7.00pm

*Bring your friends and make a table*

*Please register names at the office*

**Question:** Which is larger in area India, Kazakhstan or Argentina?

*Last Week’s Answer is……. Queen’s Cross*

### School Contributions

In line with the DET guidelines our Voluntary School Fees for 2013 are

- **$40** per child
- **$65** per family

**In addition**

- **$20** Material Contribution per child
STORIES BY 1D

Billy the Punk
Billy looks silly because of his hair and his earrings with safety pins. He looks like a PUNK
By Mia M

Zac the Dragon
Zac the dragon is purple. He breathes fire. The dragon has black and gold wings and gold horns. He has red nostrils. My favourite thing.
By Chloe S

Billy the Punk
Billy the Punk had spiky coloured hair and he has cat holes in his singlet and in the holes of the trousers. The cat is scared. Billy’s Dad has taken him to the marching band and on Monday he borrowed her dress.
By Sarah B

Billy the Punk
Billy the Punk had spiky coloured hair and he dressed up as a punk. He had a singlet and ripped jeans. He was wearing army boots.
By Aiden C

What is Baha’i Scripture about?
Many parents have asked what Baha’i Scripture is all about. The purposes of these classes is for children learn about the 9 major religions of the world and the Founders of these religions: Abraham, Krishna, Buddha, Zoroaster, Moses, Christ, Muhammed and the Bab and Baha’u’llah. Through songs, stories, drama, prayers and meditation, children develop respect for other religions, which is always valuable in a multicultural society.
In every lesson, virtues are also learned, and students are encouraged to put these into practice throughout the week, e.g. obedience to parents, thruthfulness, justice and compassion, to name a few. These help children develop their spiritual faculties and lay the foundations of a noble and upright character.
For further information, please call Miss Mary or Miss Shadi 4751 3089 or www.bahai.org.au
**Tawny Frogmouth Owls**

These two lovely creatures have been roosting in the trees near the Pioneer garden for over a week now. They look very much at home here.

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**School Banking News**

Where: Under the Big Top  
When: Fridays from 8.30am–9.00am

Welcome back to all our school bankers who brought their books in again last Friday, and a very special hello to all our new school bankers! We hope that everyone enjoyed saying “hi” to our special Dollarmites visitor, “Addy”.

Your bank books should have been returned to you by your teacher this week. If you haven’t already started banking again this year, please include a note in your book with your 2013 class name when you bring it in. This will help us update school banking records for the 2013 classes.

If you opened an account last week with the CBA ladies who came with “Addy”, you should have your bank books sent to your home within two weeks or the Springwood branch will give you a call to say they are ready for collection.

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday.  
The School Banking Team!!
P & C – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM & Monthly P & C Meeting. The new executive was elected and we are pleased to announce our new presidents for 2013 are:

Simon Ebbeling & Heather Murray

A full list of executive will be available on the school website shortly.

SCHOOL SIGN UPDATE
Thank you to the generosity of Greg Power and his team from G&K Power for their donation of labour and materials to connect the power supply to the new sign. Thank you to the generosity also of Oliver from the Local Hire Shop for his donation of the trenching machine hire used to dig the trench for the power supply for the new sign.

We are looking for some capable helpers to assist with erecting the sign on Sunday, 24 February for 10am. If you anytime to spare on Sunday, even 1 hour can you please contact Simon Ebbeling 0407 932 475 for further details.

MY SCHOOL LUNCH BOX
We trust that everyone is having positive experiences with the online ordering system and quality provided by this great local business. Please feel free to pass on feedback regarding the service via email info@myschoollunchbox.com.au

BLUE GUM MARKETS THIS SATURDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2013
FPS P&C will hold a cake stall at the next Rotary Blue Gum Markets on the school site from 9am-12:45pm. Donations of home-made cakes, biscuits and other goodies are requested from our school community. All profits are donated to the school. A class roster will be available in the near future for the 2013 stall dates.

If baking, please ensure
· all ingredients are listed. Items should not require refrigeration.
· boxes, tins needing return are clearly labelled with your name. Containers will be available from the school office for collection the following week.
· whole cakes are wrapped (e.g. cling wrap).
· items can be delivered to the school office by 3pm Friday 22 Feb or to the stall at the Hall on the day.

**Individual items such as muffins, cupcakes, slices and small packs of biscuits sell best!**

CHEFS TOOLBOX MASTER CLASS – Friday, 15th March 2013
Notes should have been received explaining this fantastic evening to raise money for our school. Tickets will include a night of entertainment with cooking tips, games, prizes and food sampling, recipes and entry into a lucky door prize!

Thanks – P & C Executive
Singing Tuition
All Ages
Beginners to Experienced Welcome
Cost: Half Price for Students

Studio: Portobello Business Centre
20 Ferguson Rd Springwood

Tutor: Nicole Giezekamp

Nicole’s references include Dame Joan Sutherland and the Juilliard School of Music New York City. Nicole studied as an actress before travelling to the US to teach children’s drama. On her return she began singing tuition with some of Australia’s greatest classical interpreters of music, Molly McGurk, Florence Taylor AM and John Main (tenor). Nicole was the young artist for the West Australian Opera Company and was signed by the then Australian Opera. She was a finalist at two young performers’ awards and performed regularly across Australia.

Nicole is undertaking her Masters degree in Performance Art at Charles Sturt University.

Scope of Styles: Pop, Blues, Jazz, Contemporary, Musical Theatre, Cabaret, Opera etc. Specializing in the bel canto vocal technique.

Contact: Nicole on 0418 413 880
Nicole@ananda.com.au

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