Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Safety Concerns

This is a gentle reminder to all Faulconbridge Public School community members to be mindful of the safety of our students. While at the moments there are no ‘runners’ among our children it is important to close all gates after use. Because children can be impulsive and run after a ball without taking their own safety into account, a gate gives them the chance to stop and remember road safety.

Earlier this week an open letter to local residents was handed in at the office. It was a request for people who live near the school to be extra vigilant when reversing out of their driveways before and after school. It was a timely reminder to us all – because they are small we need to be really careful when driving near schools, playing areas and other places where children are likely to be. It always grieves me when I read of children being hurt, or even killed, in their family driveways, when alighting from buses or playing near a street, and hope it never happens to a child in our care.

Congratulations

It has been a great week for good news. In this Intercom there is an article about the success of our students who went to the Interschool Chess Competition last week. Thank you so much to the parents who made arrangements for their children to attend, to Mrs Sarah Schofield who transported one child at the last minute, and to the two parents, Mrs Fiona Hearns and Mrs Tanya McGannon who agreed to be our school’s representatives at the event.

Congratulations also to our swimmers at the regional Carnival. Reports of your behaviour and efforts have all been positive. Special congratulations to Josh P who is going on to compete at the State Carnival in the 50metres freestyle.

Last night I also found out about Lachlan L. He has been selected to try out for day 2 of the Regional trials for AFL. Unfortunately he will miss out on some of the Milson Island excursion but this is a great opportunity and we wish him well.

Another piece of good news that was received this week was the announcement that Faulconbridge Public School came first out of all schools in NSW and the ACT who participated in a Fresh For Kids competition. Thank you to Mrs Heather Curzon who organised the school’s participation, and students recorded every day they participated in the Crunch and Sip program.

Disco

Last night our students really enjoyed the disco, and the range of hats they wore was awe inspiring. It was also fun for the staff who entered into the spirit of the event, and memorable sights were Mrs Earl in the rainbow wig, and Mr Thomson in his motor bike helmet – he looked like Stig from Top Gear. Thank you to everyone involved – Mrs Curzon and Mr Earl for their organisation, Mr Earl for his tireless dancing, the Stage 3 students who demonstrated the dances on stage with him and the staff who gave up their time to supervise, assist and ensure that all our students went home safely.
Reminders
Tomorrow will be a busy day, with the school participation in the National Harmony Day celebrations on the court area at 10.00am and Max Ogle’s ‘World’s Greatest Shave’ for a cancer cure in the Hall at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome to watch and is asked to donate a gold coin to support this worthy cause.
Next week our Stage 3 students are off to Milson Island and we hope they have good weather and an enjoyable time.
Our Kindergarten, Year 1 and year 2 students will celebrate Easter with a dance performance, special hats and a picnic lunch next Thursday 28th March from 10.15am – 11.30am. We hope to see you there.

Principal
Dorothee Lean

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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Regional Swimming
Congratulations to all those who competed in the regional Swimming Carnival earlier this week. It was an extremely exciting day for everyone who attended from Faulconbridge.
Special mention to Josh P who has qualified to go to the State Carnival to be held at Olympic Park on April 3rd.
Joshua finished 2nd in 50m Freestyle, qualifying for the State Carnival and with a new PB of 31.06 seconds. He also came 4th in 100m Freestyle with a time of 1:11.35 and a top 10 finish in backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly.

Another Win
Every year we participate in the Sydney Markets Fresh for Kids program. This year we won first prize.
The aim is for the students to bring either fruit or vegetables to school, and the school that eats the most fruit & vegetables has the chance to win a major prize.
Our school incorporates this program into our Crunch & Sip.
First Prize: Cartoon Network and their program visit our school, "The Amazing World of Gumball"
Gumball tells a story of an ordinary suburban family which just happens to live in an extraordinary town. At the heart of this family is Gumball, an excitable and optimistic blue cat with flair for misadventure. Each episode follows him and his pal Darwin as everyday events escalate out of control.

Mrs Curzon
Drumming
Please note there will be no drumming on Monday 25th March due to the Milson Island camp.
John May

Friday 22nd March
Last day for return of Expressions of Interest for Year 7, 2014

SHAVE FOR A CURE
Max Ogle, School Captain, participated in the World’s Greatest Shave in 2012 and raised over $600 for the Leukemia Foundation, which was well over his expected goal of $250. This year he has raised the goal to $500 and will be participating in the World’s Greatest Shave at school. Max has not had a haircut since last year as he wanted to grow the biggest ‘fro’ for the event to make it really special.

On Friday 22nd March a hairdresser from The Gun Shearer, Springwood, will be coming to the school to shave Max’s hair. The event will be at 11am in the Faulconbridge Public School Hall. Students who would like to see Max getting the big shave and to donate to the cause will be encouraged to bring a gold coin donation as entry into the hall.

Max has had two Grandparents diagnosed with cancer and has watched them go through the treatment process. For Max it is “just hair” compared to what others have to go through. The money raised helps the Leukemia Foundation support people with blood cancer and their families. It also funds vital research into better treatments and cures for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

School Trivia Night
Saturday 11th May
7.00pm
Bring your friends and make a table
Please register names at the office
$15 per table, maximum 8 persons per table

Last Week’s Answer is....... A nuclear attack

Don’t forget
Friday 22nd March
Orders close
Friday 22nd March
Sorry – No late orders

Year 6 T-Shirts $35.00
Orders close
Friday 22nd March
Sorry – No late orders
Invitation to Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers.

The message of Harmony Day 22nd March 2013 is “Everyone Belongs”

Where: Courts Area at 10am

Please come along if you can, you are most welcome.

In 2013 the theme is: Many Stories One Australia.

Our Australian Story is diverse. We come from many countries around the world. We each make up the pages of the bigger Australia story we share today. From the Dreamtime to the Eureka Stockade to the Snowy River scheme, from the outback to the city, in wartime and in peace, our stories may be heart wrenching but also inspirational. Let’s take the time to celebrate and hear some oral histories of our cultural diversity. Let’s go beyond the cover of the book and wander through the pages of each other’s story. It’s a way we can learn and understand. We will be delighted to see you there!

Each class at Faulconbridge Public School will be dressing in a single colour of the rainbow and creating a rainbow in a short assembly recognising Harmony Day.

Mr Edwards

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School Banking News

When: Fridays from 8.30-9.00

Where: Under the Big Top

There will be no School Banking on Friday 29 March 2013 due to the Easter Holiday break.

School Banking will resume on Friday 5 April, which will be the last day for banking in Term 1.

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Attention all SuperSavers:

Reward Redemption Day is tomorrow - Friday 22 March 2012

Get your tokens ready!!

Items available to order:

- Pat the Dog Moneybox
- Pru Moneybox
- Addy Moneybox
- Cred Moneybox
- Blue Dollarmites Wallet
- Blue Handball
- Knuckles Game

Make sure your 10 tokens are in a sealed plastic bag with either a reward card or a piece of paper with - your name, banking ID number, class, and the reward you would like to receive. There are some spare reward cards in the newsletter stand at the front office.

Kindy SuperSavers will receive an alternative gift if they don’t have enough tokens yet, so that they don’t miss out on participating in our Reward Day.

See you all Friday!

The Banking Ladies
Interschool Chess Challenge 2013

On Friday 15th March a team of 13 kids from Faulconbridge Public School attended the Interschool Chess Challenge local heat held at Penrith High School. They competed against players from various Primary Schools in the area including Hobartville, Windsor Park, Blackheath, Katoomba, St Mary's North and York Public School in South Penrith. The competition was intense and it was a long day with each player completing seven games. The kids were amazing, supporting each other and getting in to do their best while displaying great sportsmanship. They should all be very proud of themselves.

As a team Faulconbridge was awarded a prize for coming second overall and proudly brought home a trophy for the school. Faulconbridge will now be invited to send a team to the regional semi-finals to be held in Term 3.

Two members of the team did especially well and were presented with special trophies because their individual scores were within the top five of all the primary school chess players. Congratulations Ethan Elliott and Brady Hughes!

Fun at the Disco

celebrating public education

The Public Education Foundation invites you to attend an evening celebrating the achievements of our students, teachers and public school communities.

With the Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP
Minister for Education
Hosted by Craig Reucassel of The Chaser

Join us
Tuesday 30th April, 2013
7pm – 8.30pm
Sydney Town Hall
483 George Street
Sydney

www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au
P&C ICE BLOCK FRIDAY
The P&C have unanimously decided that all profits from the sale of ice blocks this Friday 22 March will be donated to Max’s “Shave for a Cure” campaign. It’s meant to be hot so remember to give your children ice block money only 50 cents each.

BLUE GUM MARKETS
Due to a clash with Foundation Day - the school will NOT be having a market stall this month. The 2 classes that were involved have a note going home and will get their turn at a later date. The next school market stall will be Saturday 25th May as April is school holidays.

GONSKI STAND AT FOUNDATION DAY
There will be a Gonski Stand at Springwood Foundation Day on Saturday March 23rd. It will be set up near IGA. The stand will be manned by parents and teachers from the Mountains Community, if you can spare any time on Saturday please email Bronwyn Simpson ns.bs@bigpond.net.au

P&C ANNUAL CONFERENCE
The P&C Federation are holding their annual conference on July 27-29 2013. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Heather Murray heatmuzz@gmail.com

2013 WALKATHON
Due to the HUGE success of the walkathon last year, the P&C are again organising a walkathon. The walkathon will take place on Friday 31 May 2013 and it will have a “Road Safety” theme. More information will follow in the weeks to come so keep watching this space.

MY SCHOOL LUNCH BOX
Remember all orders must be in by 9pm the day prior and this service is only available on Mondays and Fridays at Faulconbridge Public School. Please pass your feedback on via email info@myschoollunchbox.com.au

P&C COMMITTEE
Our 2013 P&C President is Heather Murray. There will be a discussion/re-election of the Vice President(s) position(s) at the next P&C meeting.
If you have an issue you would like discussed at the next P&C meeting please email Kerry Doyle at Kerry.Doyle6@det.nsw.edu.au. Remember everyone is welcome to attend the P&C meetings held on the 3rd Monday of each month in the staff room. Another great way to stay abreast of P&C issues is to join the “Faulconbridge Public School P&C” Facebook page.

N Schofield
P&C Executive
Jackaroo Ranch
Horse Riding
Autumn School Holiday Riding Camps
Jackaroo Ranch (est. 92 years) and recently relocated to Bingley, are again running their popular horse riding camps in the Winter Vacation.
1st Week: Sat 13th April - Sat 20th April
2nd Week: Sat 20th April - Sun 28th April
Shorter stays are possible if camps are not fully booked.
These camps are for "horse mad" children aged 6 to 10 years. Five to six hours per day are devoted to horse riding, including a one-hour lesson and three hours trail riding in the beautiful Turon Valley with tuition still being given. Campers are taught grooming, saddling, halter training, catching a horse, safety aspects and many other facets of horsemanship.
Previous experience is not necessary for beginners. More experienced riders are catered for. We specialise in teaching nervous riders and developing their confidence.
Other activities include gold panning, cattle feeding/looking, cattle mustering, camp fires and native wildlife spotting. (The property abounds with kangaroos, wallabies, wombats, wonderful bird life as well as being a working cattle farm and Quarter Horse Stud. There are Poll Hereford calves and Quarter Horse foals now being born.)
This is "not just a camp" - it's a wonderful farm experience your child will treasure forever.

Enquiries: Mrs Pattie Hudson Phone 6337 7173 (nights are best)

SWOT
SPRINGWOOD WORLD OF TENNIS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

TENNIS COACHING CLINIC
SPRINGWOOD WORLD OF TENNIS, SPRING STREET, SPRINGWOOD

Mon 15th to Fri 19th April (9AM to 3PM)
Juniors 7yrs to 16yrs Beginners to Advanced FULL SUPERVISION FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE RING

Enrolments may be made at the Pro Shop, Spring Street, Springwood or by posting the form.

Entrance Fee: $150 (inc. GST)
GIVING EACH ENTRANT OVER 25 HOURS TENNIS.

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

FUN! GREAT TROPHIES! PRIZES

COMPETITIONS! TOURNAMENTS!

NAME: ___________________ EMAIL: ___________________
ADDRESS: ___________________ AGE: ___________________
PHONE: ___________________ (please enclose $150 fee with this form)

PARENTS SIGNATURE: ___________________

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