Term 4, Week 3

Important Dates:
Please mark these dates on your calendar.

October
- Fri 24: Summer Games
- Sat 25: Blue Gum Markets
- Mon 27 - 4 Nov: Life Education

November
- Thurs 6 - 13: Christmas Book Fair
- Fri 7: Twilight Markets
- Sat 8: Celebration Sing Out Concert Rehearsal
- Sun 9: Celebration Sing Out Concert Town Hall
- Mon 17: P&C Meeting
- Sat 22: Blue Gum Markets

December
- Mon 1: P&C Meeting
- Tues 2: Last day scripture
- Wed 3: Year 6 Farewell
  Kindy Parent Info
- Tues 9: P&C Meeting
- Wed 10: Celebration of Student Achievement
- Wed 17: Last Day students 2015

Notes Home
- Healthy Harold - Interrelate
- Reminder note for Sydney Dance Company School Program
- Choir Update for Celebration Sing Out
- Volunteers for Twilight Markets

Assembly Dates
- 24 Oct: K-2
- 31 Oct: K-6
- 14 Nov: 3-6
- 21 Nov: K-2
- 28 Nov: 3-6
- 5 Dec: K-6

At 11.45 in Hall 1

School Activities Update
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Classes
- Mondays 3D, KBC, KE, 2/3T
- Tuesdays 2/3T

Sport Days
- Tuesdays AFL Stage 1: Sport Uniform required
- Fridays Stage 2 and 3

PE Days
- Mon-2/3T, 3F, 12R, 2T, 2J
- Tues: 5/6S, 6M
- Wed—4K, 4T, 3D, KBC

Library Days
- Monday – KBC, 4K, 6M, 5/6S
- Tuesday – KE, 2T, 4T
- Thursday – 12R, 2J, 1F, 3D

Grose Road, Faulconbridge NSW 2777
PO Box 249, Springwood 2777
Phone: 4751 2208  Fax: 4751 3933
Email: http://faulconbri-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Access student portal: http://portal.det.nsw.edu.au
Year 6 Fundraiser—Car Wash

On Saturday, 18th October, I attended my first car wash fundraiser and it was a lot of fun. I would like to thank the Year 6 students who participated in the car wash. Some of the Year 6 students couldn’t be there on the day due to previous commitments, so they delivered cakes to be sold. Thank you to everyone.

I would also like to thank Mr and Mrs Hunter for their ideas towards the car wash and for their ability to gather a donation of cups and coffee beans from the café in Springwood, ‘Cassiopeia’. Our fantastic café was attended by Mrs Sarah Emmanuel and Mrs Sarah Devine. Thank you for your hard work serving customers while their cars were being washed. Thanks also to Mr Earl and Mrs Jansons for their contributions. Miss Adeline Earl was also part of the crew!

Money raised from the Café was $157.95 and the Car Wash was $457.00.

Survey Monkey

I have prepared a survey that is relevant to students, parents and staff about bullying. The students will complete the survey online at school. We will be allowing students from Years 2-6 to participate as K and Year 1 may find it too much of a challenge.

The link to the survey is below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F8JW9NB

When the results are collated, I will report the findings in the newsletter and the annual school report.

P&C Meeting

On Monday night, I had the pleasure of attending the P&C meeting and I met the Faulconbridge Public School parent representatives. It was a wonderful opportunity to discuss future projects and work together for our students. If you would like to contribute and meet together at the P&C meetings, they are held on the 3rd Monday of every month. I look forward to perhaps seeing some new faces next month. The meetings start at 7pm in the Staffroom.

Entry to Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2016

Selective High Schools cater for high achieving, academically gifted students. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Offers for selective high school placement are determined mainly on the basis of a placement test. If you would like your child to apply for selective high school entry to Year 7 in 2016, you need to do so now. Detailed instructions on how to apply online are now available in printed form at the school office and at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

The application website is now open and will close on the 17 November 2014. No late applications will be accepted. You must apply online; there are no paper APPLICATION FORMS.

Proposed Christmas Carols Picnic Evening

I spoke to staff and the P&C about the prospect of having a picnic and singing Christmas Carols. We will negotiate a date. This would be a gold coin donation, I hope to hold a BBQ and some refreshments. Further details about the night will follow.

P&C Donation

The P&C kindly donated a cheque for $282. This money will be put into use in the Mathematics Key Learning Areas. Thank you.

Janine Macky
Relieving Principal

Car Wash Highlights
**Library News**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Our Christmas Book Fair arrives on Thursday, November 6 and will commence that afternoon at 3.00 pm until 4.00 pm.

Other opening times include:
- Friday night, November 7, during the Twilight Markets. (Any offers to wear the Geronimo Stilton costume that night?)
- Monday, November 10, 8.30 – 9.00 am, 3.00 – 4.00 pm
- Tuesday, November 11, 8.30 – 9.30 am, 3.00 – 4.00 pm
- Thursday, November 13, 8.30 – 9.00 am only.

This fair will be as large as our first Book Fair, with metal shelving, and offers a great opportunity for purchasing Christmas presents. Geronimo Stilton will also be an interesting character meeting and greeting the students!

With each purchase, free book marks will be given out and students’ names written on tickets for a lucky draw. Six winning students will have the opportunity to “spend” $10.00 at the fair.

Your support at this yearly event is anticipated and much appreciated! Any voluntary help would also be great!

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**OVERDUE BOOKS**

My thanks to those who have followed up notes that have been sent home. Occasionally books turn up in classrooms or on the library shelves. Stock take, which occurs later this term, will hopefully locate some of them. For a variety of reasons, borrowing and returning of books is not always 100% accurate. If you have any problems please let me know.

My biggest concern is students who have books at home that have not been recorded and are not, therefore, being reminded to return them.

If you find any FPS books please return them as soon as possible. The number of “missing books” is quite disappointing.

**BOOK COVERING**

Again we have lots of new books, mainly class reading resources, ready for covering. Our aim is to have them covered and organised by the end of the year.

Please let me know if you are able to help.

**SNAIL TRAIL FOR INDIGENOUS LITERACY**

Please see Thank You letter included in this newsletter.

Diane McKay
Teacher Librarian

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Gold Achievement Awards—6M Bailey Carter
Parents/Caregivers,

This year every student has participated in the Kitchen Garden Program. There is no cost for this program but parents often ask how they can help. You could:

- Donate your valuable time to help out in the kitchen when your child is taking part in the program.
- Donate items that the kitchen requires (the canteen still needs plastic cups and plates).
- Donate food items – some children have brought in lemons from home this week.
- Help in the garden on Fridays.
- Donate seedlings.

A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Hyslop for their generous donations of food items for the Kitchen Garden Program. It is very much appreciated by the school community.

Kind Regards

Mrs Dalkeith on behalf of the Kitchen Garden Program

Maths and English ICAS Tests

We congratulate the following students on their achievements in the ICAS English and Maths tests:

Maths:
- Distinction: Oliver Short
- Credit: Elayna LB, Chloe N, Mia S, Joel A, Hallam B, Julian S, Connor M, Abigail B, Darcy T,
-Merit: Ashton D, Jasmine C,
-Harding P, Chloe S, Louis S

English:
- Distinction: Oliver Short, Liam Stratford
- Credit: Harding P, Jasmine C,
- Merit: Chloe S, Abigail M, Maria D, Chloe N, Monique R, Sophie J, Sarah S
- Pass: Thomas E, Alexia B, Emily D, Emma H, Rose J, Haydn M, Isabelle I, Emily Cook, Oliver R, Tekla P, Joseph I, Elayna LB, Stephanie M, Tegan I,

General Ability Test

As we did not receive enough application for the minimum order for this test, it was not conducted. Those few students who did apply to sit this test will receive a refund.

Mrs Thomas

Healthy Harold (Interrelate) starts Monday 27th October
Band

Thank you, Mal Hewitt. I couldn’t agree more with what you have written and reading it makes me even more excited about the opportunity to revamp the school’s band program next year. We will need a minimum of 30 students for the proposed model below to become a financially viable option at Faulconbridge Public School.

Beginner Band Rehearsals

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Band only = $65.00 per term

Who:

All primary students (3-6)

Interested students will have a choice from the following:

 Flute
 Clarinet
 Saxaphone
 Trumpet
 Trombone
 Bass guitar
 Keyboard bass
 Percussion

Small Group Tuition:

The children will be split into ability based groups for their music lessons throughout the term. These will run in class time and, depending on the number of students that enrol in the program, should run for approximately 25 minutes.

I will run the tutorials for the students learning flute, clarinet, saxophone, keyboard bass, bass guitar and percussion.

Professional musicians will visit on Thursdays to run the tutorials for students learning trumpet and trombone.

I would be interested in having my child ___________________________ of class___________ participate in

[ ] Band and Music Tuition at a cost of $125.00 per term.

[ ] Band Member $65.00 per term

Signed

Mr Earl

Performance / Stage Band:

If I have the numbers, I will hold auditions and look to start a performance / stage band in 2015. If not, it will commence in 2016 with selected members from the previous year’s beginner band.

To gauge whether such a program is possible at Faulconbridge Public School please indicate on the note attached to this Intercom and return to the school office by week 2 Term 4 if you would like your child to participate in a band/small group music tuition program.

Kind regards,

Mr Earl
Dorothy Lean Principal  
Faulconbridge Public School 8 Grose Rd  
Faulconbridge NSW 2776  

Dear Dorothy,  

Thank you very much for your generous support of The Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF). ILF is an initiative of the Australian Book Industry, raising funds to address critically low literacy levels in remote Indigenous communities across Australia. The Foundation works to improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous Australians living in remote communities through the provision of books and literacy resources in over 200 communities across Australia.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions about your donation. The Indigenous Literacy Foundation Team  
T: 02 9280 0644  F: 02 9280 0599  
E: info@ilf.org.au  
W: www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au

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**K-2 Choir**

This term the children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will have the opportunity to be involved in a K-2 Choir. Choir will run every Thursday mornings at 8.15am in Hall 2 (underneath Mrs Jansons' classroom). Choir will be taught by Mr Hewitt and Mrs Zordoumis. If you would like your child to be involved please complete the permission note below and return to the office by next Wednesday, 5th November 2014.

Choir will start next Thursday, 6th November 2014. We look forward to some happy singing!

Mrs Zordoumis  

TO: Faulconbridge Public School  Mrs Zordoumis

I give permission for my child _______________________ of class _________ to participate in the K-2 Choir. I understand that choir will be held on Thursday mornings from 8.15am.

Signed: ___________________  Date: _________________  
Name of parent/caregiver: ________________________

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**Photo Reminder**

The photos in the front office from MSP Photography are open for order only until tomorrow Friday 24th October. The photos are of sports groups and have been on display in the office for 3 weeks. No late orders can be accepted.
K-2 Transport Excursion

Activities

Lunch under the Fremantle Bridge

The HMAS Vampire

Loading a cargo ship...

Investigating solar power

K-2 Transport Excursion to the city
Springwood Public School Car Boot Bonanza

When: Saturday 25th October
Where: Springwood PS Oval
Sellers: from 8am
Buyers: from 9.00am - 3.00pm

**Single or double spaces available.**

- Single Space: $30  2m x 3m
- Double Space: $50  4m x 4m

Ring: 4751 1333 to reserve your place:

**PAY ON THE DAY - Cash Only**

Tell your friends and family.

KU Faulconbridge Children’s Centre

Invite you to our special event...

**Learning and Appreciating Art from the Darug and Gundungurra Culture**

**Wednesday 22nd October**

10.00am

**43 Neeks Crescent**

**Faulconbridge NSW 2776**

Members of the wider community are invited to join us for an Artists’ Camp with Chris Tobin

Chris works in traditional colours: red, yellow, white and black. His use of ochre and acrylics on a black background is striking.

As a Darug man he is a traditional custodian in the Blue Mountains region and shares some of the local stories via his artworks.

We will be learning to make ochre paint and applying it to various media (e.g. bark, skin)

To RSVP or for further details please contact us on 4751 9059.

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Andrew McLeod
Accredited Club Professional NSW TCA Coach
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SPRING ST. SPRINGWOOD
PO BOX 139 SPRINGWOOD NSW 277
Stage 2 and 3 Dance groups attended a performance at Sydney Dance Company on Thursday, 28th October. When asked to describe the performance in three words here’s what our students came up with...

‘Mindblowing, breathtaking, speechless’. Hannah S

‘Hard, scary, spectacular’. Charli S

‘Magical, mysterious, emotional’. Jude J.

Workshops
P&C NEWS
www.fpspanc.org.au

LAST P & C MEETING
Thank you to those who came along on Monday night to this months P & C meeting. Along with welcoming Mrs Janine Macky to her first Faulconbridge Public School P & C meeting, a number of matters were discussed. A copy of this months minutes will be made available on the above P & C website in the next 2 weeks.

BLUE GUM MARKETS THIS SATURDAY
On Saturday, 25th October you can be treated to some of the finest pastry and baking skills at the Blue Gum Markets. 6M and SME have risen to the challenge and are sure to have some amazing treats available for sale. Please come along to the markets this weekend and help support these 2 classes.

UPDATE ON LITTLE TOP
I have been in constant contact with the P & C Federation regarding our insurance claim for the “Little Top”. This is being followed up on a weekly basis to ensure this claim is still being processed. Unfortunately, even if we receive the payment from the claim in the next few weeks, it will take 6-8 weeks to have this installed. Therefore, we may not see our “Little Top” replaced this year. On Monday night he P & C discussed the possibility of providing the extra funding to have this replaced in a waterproof material. This will be looked into further once we have received further advice from the insurance company.

ICE-BLOCKS & FROZEN ORANGE QUARTERS THIS FRIDAY
It looks like it’s going to be a warm one on Friday so remember to pack 50c for the students to purchase their ice-blocks or frozen orange quarters. Please remind your child/ren not to purchase ice-blocks and frozen oranges for other students due to health and medical reasons.
If you are able to assist with the selling of these items, please come along to the canteen at 10.45am on Friday.

HELPER NOTE FOR TWILIGHT MARKETS
A note was sent home late last week /early this week requesting help from the school community for this years Annual Twilight Markets. Thank you to those who have already sent in their forms and donated some of their time to the evening. This is a chance for everyone to be involved in the school be it helping on the night or just coming along for some dinner and shopping. The event can be found on facebook under – Faulconbridge Public School Twilight Markets. Please “like” and “share” to help spread the word.

Ginett Mills – P & C President
FAULCONBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

ANNUAL TWILIGHT MARKETS

Come & spend the evening with family and friends at our Annual Twilight Markets.

We are back, bigger and better than last year.

We have over 65 stalls from clothing, jewellery, homemade gifts, homewares, providores, kids entertainment, a variety of food stalls, plus much more.

DATE: Friday, 7th November 2014

WHERE: Faulconbridge Public School
Cnr Grose Rd & Great Western Highway
Faulconbridge

TIME: 6:00pm to 8:30pm

The school asks for a gold coin donation upon entry.
School Banking News

When: Fridays from 8.30-9.00
Where: Under the Big Top

Thank you!

The commission payment received from the Commonwealth Bank for the last quarter is $288.92. This will be used by the school to purchase maths materials for the classrooms.

Competition to promote regular saving - starting now!

The Clam of Fortune competition has now started. Each time you make a deposit between now and 30 November 2014 you automatically enter the competition. Great prizes to be won.

Smart Savers competition - one last week to enter

Search for Australia’s Smart School Savers

If you know of a student with savings smarts, the bank wants to hear about it!

Entering is easy, school children can simply visit the school banking blog and write in 50 words or less what they are saving for and how they plan to save their money to achieve it. There are some awesome prizes up for grabs.

• Six regional winners will receive an iPad for themselves and one for their school
• One talented national winner will be selected from this group to receive $1,000 to go towards their savings goal

The search is open until 5pm on Friday 31 October 2014. Enter now at -
commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavvers

See you Friday.

The Banking Team