Important Dates:
Please mark these dates on your calendar.

October
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

November
Fri 7  Twilight Markets

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, 1F, 1ZR, 2T, 2J
Tues- 5/6S, 6M, 5ME
Wed—4K, 4T, 3D, KE, KBC

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

Term 4, Week 4
Relieving Principal: Mrs J Macky
Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 1: Mrs K Jansons
Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 2: Mr P Thomson
Assistant Principal Stage 3: Mr P Earl

Assembly Dates
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

Notes Home
❖ Year 6 Farewell Photo note
❖ 2/3T Performance note

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Email: http://faulconbri-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Access student portal: http://portal.det.nsw.edu.au
**KU Day Care Visit**

On Monday of this week, I took 20 of our students over to KU Day Care Centre to read a book to younger children. The Year 6 students had the opportunity to read, discuss and engage with the younger children. Some of the comments from Year 6 was that they couldn’t believe how big the complex was.

I will be taking the other group of year 6 students next Monday, 3rd November. KU students also came over to our school to borrow their books from the library.

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**KU Reports**

A group of 20 students from year 6 went to the preschool to read books to the younger kids. All the year sixes enjoyed reading along with the younger children. I liked reading along with the younger children. I liked this experience because I could help the younger ones.

Samuel M

On Monday the 27th October, 2014 twenty of the year sixes went up to the preschool to read young kids books. It was really fun and interesting to read to them and see their take on the books. There was a mixture of shy, crazy and very excitable kids there. I loved getting the chance to read to young people that may in the future come to Faulconbridge Public School. It was great and I hope to do it again sometime soon.

Lilly P

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**Safety Meeks Crescent**

A parent who walks his child to school along Meeks Crescent contacted the school to remind motorists to continue along this road with caution. A number of our students follow that route to school and we just need to remind the community about slowing down.

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**Sports Uniform**

At the last P & C meeting the issue of when to wear sports uniforms was raised. After discussion, a decision was made to allow students who are participating in PE lessons with Mr Earl, to wear their sports uniform. Also on Tuesdays, the AFL clinic requires students to also wear a sports uniform. It was suggested, the students may need two sports shirts as they need to wear the sports shirts of consecutive days, or they would have to wear the same shirt.
Kindy Transition

A wonderful group of young children came up to Kindy Orientation. It was nice to see all of the children engaged in ICT, making objects with play dough and generally holding their own discussions. The time table below, outlines the remainder of our transition program.

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Anaphylaxis Course

On Wednesday of this week, Mr Earl and I attended an Anaphylaxis course involving training our staff to ensure all staff members are upskilled treating anaphylactic students. We have several students in the school who may require medical treatment and our staff continue to be competent in dealing with the situation should it arise.

Dyslexia Course

This week, most staff members completed the Dyslexia Course. The course was very intense and involved. We learnt more about dyslexia, ways of assessing students and strategies for us to use in the classroom. It was a very valuable course that will help students improve their learning as a result of our training.

Survey Monkey

The survey is open! The link I sent is for parent responses. At the moment, classrooms continue to be painted and the computer room is out of action due to the displaced class being in there. I may have to extend the amount of time the survey is open. Staff have also been keen responding to their survey. When the painting is complete I will set an expiry date so we can collate the results.

The link for the survey is below:

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

Janine Mackey
Relieving Principal

Newsletter

Thank you to the community who have found the changes to the newsletter helpful. As a result of the larger size and colour photos, it’s costing a lot more to print. We still have many families requiring a copy of the newsletter. I feel the newsletter is one important way of the school keeping in touch.

If possible, a reduction in printed copies would reduce the cost to the school. I would like to put a lot more photos in but again, the cost would increase yet again.

In order to cut costs, could you please indicate by way of a tick if you do not require a copy sent home any longer.

☐ I no longer wish to receive a copy of the newsletter. Instead, I would like the newsletter sent via ENEWS which comes in the form of an email.

My name is _______________________________

My email address is _______________________________

Also, if you would like to add members of your family to receive an electronic copy, please provide the information above by completing the form and we will add to the mailing list.
Headlice

There have been several cases of headlice reported in the school, with some parents having ongoing problems with their children’s hair. Attack those nasties NOW. Let’s eliminate this problem.

Some parents have advised that putting lots of creamy conditioner on the hair, leaving a few minutes to smother THEM, and then combing out with a fine toothed comb definitely works. The conditioner stuns the head lice so they need to be combed out onto paper and disposed of. All eggs also need to be removed.

There are numerous products available from the chemist or supermarket. Please remember that treatment must be ongoing (i.e. every week for several weeks) to be effective.

Office Angels

Kitchen Garden News

Parents/Caregivers

A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Williams of Mountain Fresh Mushrooms for their generous donation of mushrooms for the Kitchen Garden Program on Monday.

It is very much appreciated by the school community. The students made a fabulous mushroom strudel and a delicious mushroom risotto.

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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?)

Mon, November 10, 8.30 – 9.00 am, 3.00 – 4.00 pm

Tues, November 11, 8.30 – 9.30 am, 3.00 – 4.00 pm

Thurs, 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!

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.

Diane McKay
Teacher Librarian

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 ________________________________ Parent/Caregiver
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

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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.

Planning for 2015

Yes, it's that time of year again and we are busy planning for next year with our Kindy orientation in full swing. This term is always very busy and we ask that if you know if you are moving out of the area over the Christmas break, and that your child/ren will not be returning to Faulconbridge Public School in 2015, could you please fill in the slip below. This will allow us to re-negotiate classes and give us a vision for the coming year.

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To the Office

Please be advised that my  child/ren……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

will not be returning to Faulconbridge Public School in 2015

The reason being………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………. 
BLUE GUM MARKETS RESULTS

Congratulations to 6M and 5ME for facing the heat last Saturday and putting on an AMAZING display of deliciously tempting goods. Considering the heat on the day, it seems that the cake stall was a huge hit. Congratulations 5ME who managed to "take the cake" (pardon the pun) this time –

5ME $224 70% of money raised
6M $96 30% of money raised

Thank you to everyone who gave time to bake and to man the stall. Your time is definitely appreciated J

UPDATE ON MONEY RAISED FROM 2014 WALK-A-THON

One of the matters raised at the recent P & C meeting was with regards to the money raised by the students from this years walk-a-thon and where it is to be used within the school. The P & C are working with the list which was brought to us from the S.R.C. We have looked into the reversible basketball / netball hoops and due to the size of the structures we believe there is not enough room to install these at the ends of the court. We have also briefly discussed having a netball hoop installed in a separate area to allow students to practice goal shooting. A new “notice board” has been ordered and will be available for collection in the next week or so. This will be placed where the previous whiteboard was (at the schools front gate). Another one has also been ordered to place at the back gate.

In addition, we have begun discussions with a draftsman to place together a design for a proposed “Buddy Area” which can also be used by class groups for reading and various other activities.

As we believe these were the most costly projects on the list, we have started with these and will then decide what can be afforded from the money raised.

HELPER NOTE FOR TWILIGHT MARKETS

THANK YOU SO MUCH to all of the forms which have been returned to offer some assistance for the Twilight Markets. Once again, the school spirit has astounded me along with the generosity of our school community to dedicate some time to making this night successful. The event can be found on facebook under – Faulconbridge Public School Twilight Markets. Please "like" and "share" to help spread the word.

ICE-BLOCKS & FROZEN ORANGE QUARTERS THIS FRIDAY

Just a reminder 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.

Ginett Mills – P & C President
Great Koala Count info talk

The Great Koala Count is a wonderful opportunity for families to go out for a bushwalk and help find where koalas are (& aren’t) as part of an annual national survey.

Learn how to spot signs of koalas in the bush & to use the BioTag app on your smartphone to record the location of any koalas you may find at www.koalacount.org.au. Kellie Leigh will discuss her research on koalas throughout the Blue Mtns. Kids will love to watch Badger, her quoll detection dog demonstrate his amazing skill at safely finding signs of these endangered animals.

Plus there’s great prizes to win for taking part.

When & Where: Sun 2nd November at 11am at Faulconbridge Hall, Home St, Faulconbridge

Contact Blue Mtns Conservation Society for more info www.bluemountains.org.au or Gary Humble on 0427 841078

FPS Gardening

As part of the Twilight Markets we will be having a plant stall!

If you have any plants you’d like to donate or old garden pots you don’t need, please bring them in to the school.

Don’t forget Gardening Club is on Fridays at lunchtime (10:55 - 11:25am).

All Welcome to join us in the vegetable garden!

Thank you
FPS Garden Gnomes

The Annual Faulconbridge Talent Quest

Is on again - 16th December 2014

Application forms available from Mr Edwards
Year 6 Cup
New prizes for this term
Check how many tokens you have at home. Term 4 is the best time to claim your prizes. You are not able to carry more than 10 tokens over into the next year.

Ask the banking team if you need a new prize card to see what is available.

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.

See you Friday,
The Banking Team

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

Stephanie Alexander Student
Cookbook available from school office
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 60 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.
Andrew McLeod
Accredited Club Professional NSW TCA Coach
Previously coached in USA and Germany
Qualified PDHPE Teacher

GROUP & PRIVATE LESSONS
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Springwood Sports Club
Macquarie Road Springwood
Sunday 14th November at 3pm
All welcome and it's FREE!

Science at the Local consists of three short and engaging presentations from leading scientists, with a healthy dose of Q&A and discussion!

Speakers scheduled for Sunday 14 November are:
* Associate Professor Carmel Serfer, University of Sydney
  "Change your air pollution levels? A guided tour of the latest research on sedentary"
  Growth began his studies at Oxford University, but has called Sydney home for 27 years. He has
  over 150 research articles in the areas of sedentary, lifestyle and nutrition, multiple
  teaching awards, and a world ranking of 600 in his field.

* Dr. Luke Marzulla, University of Sydney
  "Do you gross me out? A look at the relationship between obesity and carbon footprints.
  The study started out at the University of NSW, before moving to the Children's Medical Research
  Institute in Melbourne and then Sydney University, where he lectures in the School of Molecular
  Science. He is interested in the role of microRNAs in the regulation of gene expression in fat
  and appetite in science policy.

* Associate Professor Andrew Harries, University of Sydney and Charles Perkins Centre
  "Your poo and you: The role of gut microbial diversity in human health"
  Andrew began his career at the University of Queensland, and has also worked at Harvard
  School of Public Health. A major focus of Andrew's research is the gut ecosystem and as
  a consequence, he has a wonderful poop collection in his freezer!

The world is an amazing place and there's nothing like discovering something new and
setting your alarm to over a relaxing Saturday afternoon.
Science undergoes so much in our society nowadays, from medicine to smart phones, the internet
and natural disasters. Science at the Local is a pragmatic way of improving scientific literacy for
young and old, while bringing people together at the same time.

Come along and take advantage of this great, free opportunity to interact with world-class
speakers, in a relaxed and friendly environment, close to home. Everyone is welcome!

No need for RSVP but for everyone call the Neighbourhood Centre on 4774 4899 or 4771 3303.