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Important Dates:
Please mark these dates on your calendar

October
Fri 17th Chef’s Toolbox Fundraiser
Mon 20th P&C Meeting
Dance Company Workshops
Tue 21st K-2 AFL Auskick Program starts
Fri 24th Summer Games
Sat 25th Blue Gum Markets
Mon 27th-4th Nov Life Education

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

December
Mon 1st P&C Meeting
Tues 2nd Last day scripture
Wed 3rd Year 6 Farewell
Kindy Parent Info 9.15am
Wed 9th P&C Meeting
Wed 10th Celebration of Student Achievement
Wed 17th Last Day students 2015

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.

To the Office
Please be advised that my child/ren……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………...
will not be returning to Faulconbridge Public School in 2015
The reason being…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
Signed………………………………………………… Date…………………………
**Carpet Cleaning**
On Monday, 13th October, all classrooms were steam cleaned. I contacted the carpet cleaning company to make sure they did not use any chemicals because we have some students throughout the school with intolerances. It is always a pleasure to have clean carpet in our classrooms.

**Classroom Painting**
The school has contracted painters to paint a number of classrooms. There is a set budget so not all of the classrooms will be painted this year. The painter will start at Mr Thomson’s room, 2/3T, Mrs Thomas 2T, Mr Kelly 6M, Miss Kidd 4K, Miss Shand 5/6S, Mrs Dalkeith 3D and Miss Theoharis 4T. Mr Thomson will also be having his carpet replaced.
The classroom that is being painted, will be relocated to the computer room. Each classroom usually takes three days. All ICT lessons in the computer room will have to be on hold until all painting is complete.

**Car Wash**
As part of Year 6 Fundraising, a car wash station will be held in our school grounds on this Saturday, 18th October. Thank you to the Hunter family for their idea and planning. All coffee and cups have been donated by Pink Papaya. I will send the company a certificate of appreciation and gratitude. Mrs Emmanuel has offered to make the coffees in the canteen and we thank her for her generosity and time. A flyer has been sent around asking year 6 students to donate their time and an array of treats to eat with the coffee.

**Sound System Upgrade**
On Friday, 10th October, I consulted a sound specialist to look at the cost of upgrading our outside and hall sound system. The sound outside needs a few adjustments for our morning music and big top assemblies. The hall system also may need an upgrade. The technician will contact me later with his findings. Funding for this upgrade will be coming out of fundraising for Year 6 this year. The Mini Fete, Pizza Day, Car Wash and proposed Trivia Night will lower the cost.
If we cannot upgrade both areas with new sound equipment, we may have to carry the plan over to next year.

**Café**
I just want to thank the ladies from the Café who open twice weekly for all community members. The café is one way of bringing us all together over a cuppa.
Thank you from Faulconbridge Public School.

**Anti Bullying Survey**
I would like to survey students, staff and parents about their concerns surrounding bullying. I need to collect data to identify issues the school community feel are relevant. We need students to clearly understand what bullying is and strategies they need to use, in certain situations.
Mr Earl will help me set up Survey Monkey to help collect data. This will be done online using the internet.
After the data is collated discussions will be held to select the program suitable to our needs. I will be consulting a specialist in this area.

**Band News for 2015**
At this stage, only a handful of students have indicated they would be interested in participating in Band Tuition next year. The goal was to allow Mr Earl to teach music for 2 days per week. This position is an ‘extra’ and is not funded by the department.
To help with future planning for 2015, a stronger number of students are needed to participate.

The cost will be $125 per term for Band and Music Tuition.
The cost for being a Band member is $65 per term.
Kindergarten Transition

I had the pleasure of meeting some of our new Kindergarten students for 2015. The group leaders from Year 5 very competently helped our new young students in the computer room to engage with them in some ICT skills.

Well done leaders and well done Kindergarten 2015.

Next week, another group of Kinder 2015 students will be engaged with their leaders. I look forward to meeting with these students.

Pre-School KU

This Friday, Mrs Mills (President of the P&C) and I will be going to KU to meet with the Director. The purpose of the meeting is to plan activities so students from Faulconbridge Public School are involved with students from KU. We will be discussing future interactions between schools. I will keep you informed about the outcomes of our meetings.

Simone and Milan Aubrecht – stars of ‘CATS’

Simone (5/6S) and Milan (KE) are both taking part in the BMMS production of CATS. The show runs from Nov 5 – Nov 9. They are both really excited to take part in this unique production that has a ‘Steampunk’ style combined with lots of song and dance. They have been in rehearsal since August.

The performance will be at the Light House Theatre, Penrith Anglican College, 338-356 Wentworth Road, Orchard Hills. Tickets @www.bmms.org.au – show times are online. Discounts for groups, Wed and Thur shows and kids.

I asked Simone about the experience. She replied ‘Sometimes it is difficult to do all of the lifts. Once, I fell on my head and I had to be off the stage for about ten minutes. We had fun doing one of the dances,‘Skimbleshanks’ and I had to pretend I had to throw a piece of coal at someone’s head’.

Simone also had success in the recent State Championships for figure skating where she placed third for her performance in Elementary Ladies.

Janine Macky
Relieving Principal

Drumming Classes

Drumming Classes will begin again at Faulconbridge Public School Hall on Mondays.

Cost $10.00 each week (paid to Mr John May at lesson)

Time  8.00am – 8.55am

Welcoming back regulars and new students.
### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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**Gold Achievement Awards**

KE: Abigail M, Saxon L, Evan L, Scarlett T, Annabelle R
1F: Caden T, Mitchell B, Sienna G

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### Application for Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2016 Government Schools

**New from 2014**

No paper application forms are printed – applications are online only
Applications will not be accepted after 18 November

**Important information:**

- Parents must apply online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)
- Applications for entry in 2016 can be made online between **14 October 2014 and 17 November 2014**
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement test to be held on **Thursday 12 March 2015**.

Janine Macky
Principal

### Parking in Grose Road Opposite School

Complaints have been received from people who live opposite the school about parents parking across their driveway while picking up students.

The resident was quite understandably upset and has asked for parents to be considerate in the future.

**Office Angels**

### Book Club

This is our final book club issue for the year. Anyone wishing to make a purchase please place orders in a sealed envelope with correct money or cheque at the office. Orders to be in by **this Friday 17th October**. Please ensure that the student’s name is on every order form to avoid confusion when orders are returned.

Thank you for your ongoing support as all items purchased earn bonus points for our school.

Annette Reynolds
Book Club Coordinator
**Cook Book For Sale**

All the delicious recipes that children have made in the Kitchen Garden program have been collated and inserted into a fabulous easy cook book.

Students have thoroughly enjoyed the cooking classes and the food is delicious.

These books are for sale from the school for **$5.00**

Heather Curzon

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**THANK YOU**

Parents/Caregivers of KE, KBC, 2/3T and 3D

The Kitchen Garden Program started on Monday 13th October. The canteen now has a lot of cutlery due to your generous donations.

If you still wish to donate, the canteen still needs plastic cups and plates.

A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Williams for their generous donations of boxes of Swiss brown mushrooms from Mountain Fresh Mushrooms.

The students enjoyed making stuffed mushrooms on Monday.

Kind Regards

*Mrs Dalkeith on behalf of the Kitchen Garden Program*
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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Interested students will have a choice from the following instruments:

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- 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.

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

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
FPS Gardening Club

As part of the Twilight Markets we will be holding a plant stall. If you have any old garden pots or plants you’d like to donate, please bring them in!

Don’t forget Gardening Club is every Friday lunch time (10:55 - 11:25am). All Welcome!

Thank you
FPS Garden Gnomes
Email Subscriptions – iPhone, iPad and Android Apps

This is a reminder that you can subscribe to receive newsletters, notes and year specific information via email and also access these via an app for your iPhone, iPad and Android devices.

We would prefer you to receive the newsletter electronically. There are many advantages including:

- easy and direct reminders straight to your email account;
- simple to use mobile apps;
- your child can’t forget or lose the newsletter;
- access to the newsletter if your child is absent from school;
- reduced photocopying and administration time costs to the school; and
- supporting our environmental initiatives.

Please note that any savings to the school is money that can be better used on classroom resources or for improving your child’s school environment.

Subscribe for email updates

2. Click the “Newsletters and Notes” heading (top menu)
3. Click on “Subscribe to receive newsletters and notes”
4. Under the “Subscribe” heading, tick on the “Newsletters List” and the appropriate year lists
5. Enter in your name and email address.
6. Click Subscribe
7. IMPORTANT: An email will be sent to your email address, you MUST click the “Activate Now” inside this email that is sent to you.

Get school news via an app

Download the app called “School Enews”. Open the app and search for “Faulconbridge”.

1. iPhone and iPod Touch app: http://iphone.schoolenews.com.au
2. iPad app: http://ipad.schoolenews.com.au
4. All other phones: http://webapp.schoolenews.com.au

Peter Earl
Assistant Principal
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, **6.30 – 7.30 pm**
- **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!

**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
New School Banking Competitions

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

As well as the Smart School Savers competition above, the Clam of Fortune competition starts next week. Bank every week between 20 October – 30 November 2014 to get as many entries into the competition as you can. Read the add below for more information.

If you can’t find your yellow deposit book then please come and talk to the banking team and we will either hunt it down for you, or help organise a new book.

If you can’t get to school on a Friday then you can always write us a note or leave us a message at the school office.

See you Friday,
The Banking Team
NEXT P & C MEETING
The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday, 20\textsuperscript{th} October in the teachers’ staffroom at 7pm. We invite everyone to come along and to share your ideas and provide feedback on various matters. If you have anything you would like to discuss at the meeting, please send an email to secretary@fpspandc.org.au by Friday, 17\textsuperscript{th} October. We hope to see a few more parents / carers of our school community there 😊

THANK YOU
Thank you so much to Springwood Printing for their generous offer to print the posters and flyers for this years Annual Twilight Markets (Friday, 7\textsuperscript{th} November). Once again, another example of community spirit shown to support our school 😊

AUSSIE FARMERS DIRECT
Aussie Farmers Direct are another great supporter of our school. They provide a wonderful service of delivering fresh fruit, vegetables, meat and other groceries direct to your door. If you do take advantage of their service, remember to link your account to Faulconbridge Public School as they offer a rebate back to the school. More information on what they offer can be found at www.aussiefarmers.com.au

ICE-BLOCKS & FROZEN ORANGE QUARTERS ARE BACK
Ice-blocks and frozen orange quarters will once again be available again this Friday for the students to purchase from the canteen once they have finished their lunch. They are only 50c each and provide a nice way to keep cool as the weather warms up. 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.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN
Are you wanting to find ways to make your family meals easier and even more delicious?? Come along on Friday night (7 - 9.30pm) to the Chef’s Toolbox Fundraiser for the Kitchen Garden program. It will be a fun night with games and prizes-a-plenty! Tickets are available from the office and are only $15 which will cover some delectable treats. BYO drinks to enjoy with the food you will be treated to. Money raised from the sale of tickets and any profits from purchases will go to the school. Thank you to Kitchen Garden Committee for organising this event.

Ginett Mills – P & C President