**Learn to Live**

**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

**Important Dates:**  
Please mark these dates on your calendar  

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**School Activities update**  
**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Classes**  
Mondays 3D, KBC, KE, 2/3T

**Assembly Days**  
Friday 10th K-2  
Friday 17th 3-6

**Sport Days**  
Fridays Stage 2 and 3  
Stage 1 to be announced

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

**Gold Achievement Awards - Week 8**  
KE Baxter H. KBC Callum H. 1F Mitchell B. 2J Imogen C. 2/3T Grace M.  
3D Hayden M. 4K Shanelle W. Natasha M. Katelyn O. 5ME Alyssa C.  
5/6S Monique R. 6M Jade J.
Welcome back everyone to term 4. I hope you all had a restful and reinvigorating holiday. In my role as Relieving Principal, I would like to make a few changes that brings our community together further. As part of my role, I will ensure all students experience a number of exciting and inclusive activities that promote their learning. I will be meeting with the President of the P & C Ginett Mills next week to discuss programs in our school. An outline of new programs will be detailed in the future after consultation with the community.

We have introduced music in the morning before school. The students, parents and teachers have all enjoyed singing along to some tunes. Mr O’Sullivan has commented on the way the students are singing along with the music as they arrive at school. We haven’t selected a playlist yet. We may have to take a survey to select our favourite songs to be played.

This edition of the newsletter is a little different. We hope to change the format a little so please don’t be surprised if there are a few slight changes, weekly.

Term 4 is a busy term that involves assessment and reporting, K-6. It also marks the last term for our year 6 students. Year 6 will have their Farewell at the Springwood Sports club on December 3rd. On the same day, most students will be involved in their orientation to high school.

**Staff Changes**
Mr Earl will return to the RFF position teaching Fitness. He will be teaching Fitness from Monday-Wednesday. He will then return to class 5ME for Thursday and Wednesday. Ms Meehan will resume teaching class 5ME on Monday-Wednesday. Mr Kelly will be 6M’s teacher for the remainder of the year. Mr Thomson will be stage 2’s Relieving Assistant Principal for term 4, 2014 and term 1, 2015. This change is due to Mrs Lean taking leave and she is scheduled to return term 2, 2015. During this same period of time, I will be the Relieving Principal. I am looking forward to working with all community members to continue to make Faulconbridge Public School a place that promotes excellence.

Mrs Dalkeith will be taking long service leave from 10th November until the 14th of November.

**NSW’s Minister’s excellence Awards**
On Monday, 29th September, 2014, I had the privilege of attending an award ceremony to celebrate student achievement Community Languages Schools at the University of NSW. Both Ms Theoharis and I accompanied Mr and Mrs Peterffy to celebrate Tekla’s award. Tekla of class 4T, received a highly commended award in the junior section for her achievement in learning the Hungarian language.

‘There are over 240 different languages spoken in Sydney and there are 75 groups with more than 1000 speakers.’ *(Sydney Morning Herald 1st July, 2014).*

The NSW Department of Education and Communities administers the Community Languages School’s classes outside of school hours.

Congratulations Tekla on your award.
Celebration of Student Achievement Award Ceremony
Our annual awards ceremony will be held on the 10th December at Springwood High School. The ceremony will commence at a time to be announced. This ceremony celebrates the achievements of our students and it gives us all an opportunity to celebrate together. A committee has been formed to organise the finer details of the day. When all of the details are available, I will include them in Intercom.

Car Wash
As part of Year 6 Fundraising, a car wash station will be held in our school grounds on 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.

Hungarian Performers
On Wednesday, 8th October, all students watched a performance by three Hungarian Entertainers, Barbara Baranyai, Luca Toth and Istuaw Sandoor danced, performed and sung in traditional Hungarian way. The Hungarian Government have sponsored these three wonderful performers to tour around Australia so students gain a cultural experience from Hungary. Mrs Petterfy helped to organize this performance and we thank her.

Janine Macky  
Relieving Principal

K-2 Excursion Reminder
The K-2 Excursion to the National Maritime Museum is on Wednesday, 15th October (Week 2) and final arrangements are now being made. All students need to be dressed in full school uniform including their hat on the day of the excursion. They will need a bag packed with their lunch, recess and a bottle of water.

Please ensure your child arrives on time on the day of the excursion as the bus leaves at 9am and we cannot hold the bus for late students.

Please Note: We are not due to arrive back at school until approximately 3.30pm which is after usual school time and school buses. Alternative arrangements need to be made for students who attend Tanderra or usually catch the bus home from school.

Thank you for supporting this excursion. The Stage 1 team is very excited and are looking to a wonderful day.

Kristy Jansons
Relieving Assistant Principal

Drumming Classes will begin again at Faulconbridge Public School Hall  
Cost $10.00 each Week (paid to Mr John May at lesson)  
Time 8.00am – 8.55am  
Welcoming back regulars and new students.
The STEWART HOUSE Annual Clothing Bag Collection 2014

Our school is distributing bags for the annual Stewart House appeal during term 4 week 1 on Wednesday 8th November. We seek to have the bags returned promptly as the collection vehicle is expected on the 23rd of October. Could all bags, empty or hopefully full, be returned by 17th October.

Every year 1,800 public school children attend our Stewart House next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12 day stay they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment. Students from this school have had this opportunity recently. Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being.

This experience provides children with a much needed break from their current circumstance. Students at Stewart House are inspired to see beyond the present and to have real hope and positive aspirations for their future.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school.

All other costs associated with the children’s’ stay are met from charitable donations, including this clothing bag collection.

Thank you
Ray Edwards

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

Welcome Back!

There is a new school banking competition starting in a weeks time. Please make sure that you have your deposit books ready so you can enter.

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, 20th October in the teacher’s 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, 17th October. We hope to see a few more parents / carers of our school community there 😊

**ICE-BLOCKS & FROZEN ORANGE QUARTERS ARE BACK**

Starting this Friday, 10th October, ice-blocks and frozen orange quarters will once again be available 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.

**ANNUAL TWILIGHT MARKETS**

SAVE THE DATE – Friday, 7th November / 6pm - 8.30pm

Faulconbridge Public School hosts one of the largest Annual Twilight Markets in the Blue Mountains. This is such a wonderful community event and we hope to see as many of you there as possible to enjoy this evening. Bring a picnic blanket and have some dinner with your family and friends. All we ask you to bring is a gold coin donation which will go towards our school. A note will be sent home with the students requesting some time to help with the evening.

Ginett Mills – P & C President
Life Education NSW will be visiting our school  
(Monday 27th October – 4th November)  
Notes coming home next week.

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**Why Learn a Musical Instrument, and How Does it Boost Learning across all Curriculum Areas?**

In the year 1901, teachers wishing to be employed by the NSW Department of Education to teach Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2 were tested on their ability to play the piano and sing at sight and in tune before being appointed to a school. The value and importance of music in the total education of children was recognized in 1901 – we must recognise it at Faulconbridge Public School in 2014 by providing all students with the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and to experience the benefits and the joy of making music together.

We can now measure what could not be measured in 1901 – playing music contributes to the development of confidence, social skills, teamwork, self-discipline, organisational skills and much more, by using intricate intellectual, emotional and movement skills, often in a very exact way with other performers, for self-expression and communication. There are physical changes in the brain in response to repeated activity of any sort, so it is no surprise that the brain changes in response to regular musical practice. Music-making involves simultaneous activity in many brain centres, which grow in response to this musical activity, enabling the brain to process a variety of activities simultaneously – a very sophisticated form of multi-skilling.

Decades of research across many countries shows that playing of music on a daily basis contributes to improved performance in maths and reading – a University of Melbourne study took selected students out of literacy and maths classes to study music for an hour a day. Their performance in literacy and maths improved over those who remained in the class! Studies in Germany have measured an increase of up to five IQ points over a 6 month period as a result of music performance, and it is no accident that at James Ruse High School, our highest performing high school at the HSC, almost every student has played a musical instrument since early childhood.

Leading music educator Richard Gill says: “Parents need to know that it is through the arts, especially music, that the mind, imagination, spirit and soul of a child are stimulated. Through this stimulation comes a bonus in all other areas of learning. Music demands an extraordinarily high level of listening and concentration, and requires the student to work in the abstract, to work across several skill areas simultaneously and to rationalise this verbally. Involvement in music has a profound effect on the development of a child’s general learning.”

Perhaps, though, the strongest reason for our school to offer a vital and effective music program is simply this – young people love playing music together, and will be happier and healthier for doing so. A school which is alive with the sound of music will be a happy and productive school in which students are challenged to realise and achieve their full potential. The whole community will be greatly enriched.
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

*When:* Thursday mornings  
*Time:* 8.00 – 8.55am  
*Where:* School Hall  
*Cost:* Band + tuition = $125.00 per term  
Band only = $65.00 per term  
*Who:* All primary students (3-6)

Interested students will be able to choose from the following instruments:

- Flute  
- Clarinet  
- Saxophone  
- Trumpet  
- Trombone  
- Bass  
- Keyboard bass  
- Bass guitar  
- 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

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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/Carer
Stage 2 Bathurst Excursion Term 3
Dear Parent /Caregiver,

Specialty group photos were taken recently by MSP Photography at Faulconbridge Public school.

For a limited time we are taking orders for these group photographs.

The photos will be 8” x 10” in size and presented on a school template. It could serve as a valued memento for your child in these groups.

If you wish to purchase any of these group photos please complete the form below and return it with your payment to the school office in an envelope by Friday 24th October 2014.

Please make your payment by cash or credit card. Credit card payments are made by completing the form at the bottom of this page. MSP Photography DO NOT accept cheques or American Express. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS INCUR A $1.00 FEE.

NO CHANGE CAN BE GIVEN

Please list the groups you would like to order and return this form with your payment.

Student Name:__________________________ Class:____________

Please tick the group(s) you wish to purchase

- 12’s The Musical
- Band
- Blue Mountains Athletics Reps
- Blue Mountains Cross Country Reps
- Blue Mountains Swimming Reps
- Boys Basketball
- Captains & Prefects
- Chess Reps
- District Athletics
- District Cross Country
- District Swimming
- Drumming Group
- Girls Basketball
- Green Team
- Guitar Group
- House Captains
- Knockout Cricket
- Library Monitors
- Paul Kelly Cup
- PSSA AFL
- PSSA League Tag
- PSSA Netball
- PSSA Soccer
- School Choir
- School of Origin Footy
- Softball
- SRC
- Sydney West Reps

Number of groups: __________ Price: __________

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Name on Card: ____________________________

Card No. ____________________________ Exp: __________ Phone: ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS INCUR A $1.00 FEE.

Total:$_______
Captains and Prefects 2014

Blue Mountains Athletics Representatives 2014
Blue Mountains Swimming Representatives

House Captains 2014
Andrew McLeod
Accredited Club Professional NSW TCA Coach
Previously coached in USA and Germany
Qualified PDHPE Teacher

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