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Assembly Dates

14 Nov 3-6
21 Nov K-2
28 Nov 3-6
5 Dec K-6

At 11.45 in Hall 1

Celebration of Student Achievement
Wednesday 10th December
At Springwood High School
Starting at 10.00am

School Activities Update

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Classes
Mondays 3D, KBC, KE, 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, 5ME
Wed—4K, 4T, 3D, KE, KBC

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

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Access student portal: http://portal.det.nsw.edu.au
Twilight Markets

What a huge success the Twilight Markets were!

This event certainly put us up there as part of the Blue Mountains event calendar.
The variety of stalls and delicious food was a highlight. This event didn’t just happen. The success of the markets was due to a group of community members who put a lot of effort into making the night as successful as it was.

There are so many people to thank but I would personally like to thank Mrs Ginett Mills and Mrs Monique Commins who planned the stalls and organised everyone else. A special thank you to Mr Simon Ebbeling, Mrs Heather Murray, Mrs Heather Curzon, Mrs Julia Thurling and Mr Barry Thurling, the Café Ladies, Mr John O’Sullivan, Mr Shawn Hull, Jack Hull and Mark Prince.

On behalf of Faulconbridge Public School THANK YOU ALL.

Celebration of Student Achievement 10th December

A follow up note from last week’s article in Intercom. Each class will be given four awards.

2 book – Academic Awards
2 Certificate Awards
Stage Awards – Personal Growth, Positive Relationships, Healthy Environments, Learning.
Suzanne Brown—Literacy
Sports Champions—Boy and Girl
Encouragement Sport Award
Environment Awareness 3-6
Year 6 Awards – Dux, Citizenship, Community Service, School Involvement, Creative Arts, NSW Premier Sporting Challenge Medallion.

KU Visit

Established in 1895, KU is one of Australia’s leading providers of high quality, not for profit early childhood education.

KU currently operates over 150 services throughout New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and the ACT, including preschools, long day care, out of school hour’s care, vacation care, occasional care, family programs and other early childhood education services.

KU provides support to its services through its Central Office, including dedicated People Services, Finance, IT&T, Property and facilities Management and Marketing teams. This support enables educators to spend more time directly engaged with the children.

Our second group of year 6 students went over to read to the children.

For more information on KU Children’s Services, visit www.ku.com.au

Survey Monkey—Bullying

The survey is still open! The link below is for parent responses. Staff have also been keen responding to their survey. The link for the survey is below:

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

Milson Island Excursion 2015

I sent out a note regarding a proposed excursion to Milson Island. A $50 deposit is required to secure your child’s place. At this stage, only one bus will be booked as there are not enough numbers. I will extend the date to Friday, 21st November. If all notes and deposits are not paid, I will have to cancel one bus and only take those students, so please respond by this date if you would like your child to attend this fantastic excursion. The cost of the camp is $385 per child which includes the seat belted coach, ferry, food, accommodation and activities. We acknowledge the cost involved in such a trip and wish to provide advance warning so you can plan accordingly. However, the benefits for the students in participating in such an adventure, is considerable.

Ngroo

All staff members this week completed our final hours of the PACE program. This meeting included Uncle Graham and Mr and Mrs Nixon. Together we took an inventory of what programs and resources exist in our school and what we will need in the future. It was an excellent opportunity for us to form a partnership and plan for our Aboriginal students.

We look forward to continuing our partnership to further address education for our Aboriginal students. It was a very enriching experience.
Carols

Just a reminder that our Carols Evening will be held on December 12th. This will be a fantastic opportunity for all the Faulconbridge Public School community to celebrate Christmas together. We have decided not to open the café or provide a BBQ or sell any food as it takes both staff and parents away from enjoying the evening.

We will sell glow sticks, ice cream and possibly water with the coloured lights in them that were sold on the Twilight Market night. It is hoped to start the carols at 6pm. Before and during this time, we can enjoy a picnic dinner, sit out on the oval and sing together.

Talent Quest Dec 16th

The students are busy auditioning for our annual Talent Quest that will be held on Tuesday the 16th December. Teachers will be available to audition the students and then there will be a performance at the end of the year.

Year 6 Farewell Wednesday 3rd December

The year 6 Farewell will be held on December 3rd at the Springwood Sports Club. Organisation of the night is just about wrapped up and we are looking forward to Celebrating our Year 6 Students. A meeting will be held this Thursday 13th November. Any further information that comes from that meeting will be in next week’s Intercom. Thankyou to Mr Earl and parents for their organisation.

Last Scripture Tuesday 2nd December

The last scripture lesson will be held on December 2nd. Details of this last lesson will be given in future Intercom Publications.

Dance to be fit 17th December

On party day, 17th December, all students K-6 will be involved in a program “Dance to be Fit”. A note will be sent out next week outlining the cost.

Choir at nursing home 9th December

Ms Theoharis will be taking our choir to sing at the retirement Village on the 9th December. More details are to come.

Faulconbridge Choir at ‘Celebration Sing Out’

Last Sunday over fifty of our students participated in the “Celebration Sing Out”. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but I heard from parents that the night was a huge success. The students from Faulconbridge Public School were given the opportunity to sing alongside adult and High School students. Thank you to Ms Theoharis, Mal Hewit and parents for giving the students this special opportunity.

Janine Macky
Relieving Principal

Maths Workshops

I would just like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank Mr John McKinley. John, for a number of years now, has given up many hours a week to run maths workshops throughout the school. We feel very lucky to have access to someone with John’s expertise; not only does he have an excellent rapport with our students but he, and I quote, ‘makes maths easy’. Thank you, John.

Mr Earl

Stephanie Alexander Student

Cookbook available from school office
Faulconbridge Choir Sings Out at Sydney Town Hall

On Sunday night, 50 Faulconbridge students joined with 350 other Primary students, and 400 Secondary and adult singers from community choirs in an 800 voice choir in Celebration Sing Out, a fundraising concert for the Music Therapy Unit at Westmead Children’s Hospital. Music Therapy plays a very important role of the treatment of very sick children suffering from different types of cancer, and contributes significantly to their recovery.

Our singers have worked very hard over many weeks, rehearsing on two mornings a week with Ms Theoharis and her indispensible accompanist, Mrs Heather Craig, to learn the 12 songs from memory, and last weekend they attended rehearsals at Granville on Saturday and Sydney Town Hall on Sunday, rehearsing with the 14 other Primary schools in the choir. It all came together magnificently on Sunday night when they sang with an 80 piece symphony orchestra and the huge Town Hall organ.

Students and the many parents who attended experienced a wonderful night of music-making, a reward for the many hours of learning notes and words in rehearsals at school, and experienced the thrill of joining with hundreds of others, young and old, in performing great music. Perhaps the climax was reached when the audience joined with choir, orchestra and organ in singing that favourite Christmas carol “O Come All Ye Faithful,” nearly lifting the roof off the Town Hall!

Congratulations to the members of our Senior Choir and to Ms Theoharis for their commitment and dedication, and to parents for their support. The Music Therapy Unit at Westmead Children’s Hospital will receive more than $20,000 as a result of Celebration Sing Out, which will enable the therapists to work with more children. A wonderful result!

Mal Hewitt
Musical Director, Celebration Sing Out.
The children have enjoyed participating in all the activities provided during transition. They are looking forward to their first full day of big school.

Below is an outline of the experiences they will undertake on the day.

### Kindergarten Transition – Full Day Program

**Wednesday 3rd December**

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<td>Big Book: <a href="#">The Rainbow Fish</a></td>
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<td>Discuss where fish live. What else lives in the sea? Sing song: <a href="#">In the Big Blue Sea</a></td>
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<td>Toilet, lunch.</td>
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<td>Walk around the school and discuss play areas and out-of-bounds.</td>
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<td>Count the number of boys/girls</td>
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<td><a href="#">IWB: Find and Count Ocean</a></td>
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<td>Count the various ocean creatures. Students paste fish into fishbowls according to the numerals. Fish are pre-cut</td>
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<td><a href="#">Fish bowl stencil</a> (print on A3 size)</td>
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<td><a href="#">Fish stick ons</a></td>
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<td>Early finishers: Song: <a href="#">Once I caught a fish alive</a></td>
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<td>Crunch n sip</td>
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<td>Toilet, recess</td>
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<td>Sleeping Lions</td>
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<td>Story: <a href="#">Mr. Seahorse</a> (or other sea themed book)</td>
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<td>Introduce transition booklet. Students complete the last page: I am looking forward to going to school and (teacher scribes and students draw a picture)</td>
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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.

Calling for Volunteers - we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires parents to volunteer as school banking helpers to facilitate the banking and distribute the school banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week. We have good systems in place to make sure that the work is done quickly and there is lots of help available.

Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

If you have any questions please come and see us on Friday morning in the school boardroom.

See you Friday,
The Banking Team
The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday, 17th November 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, 14th November. We hope to see a few more parents / carers of our school community there.

TWILIGHT MARKETS ~ THANK YOU
The Annual Twilight Markets for this year were a HUGE success. It has been a work in progress for the past 8 months by Monique Commins and myself to find some amazing stall holders, process all of the paperwork and co-ordinate stall allocations. Simon Ebbeling has also been working behind the scenes completing all of the accounting for every single stall and doing whatever he could on the night.

The continued help and support from Heather Curzon, Heather Murray and Julia Thurling has definitely not gone unnoticed and the co-ordination from all of them on the night was appreciated by everyone involved.

The Blackboard Café were busy pumping out the coffees and I believe there were some tired legs from their helpers at the end of the evening!

The Kitchen Garden Stall kept busy by selling off their cuttings to help support the growth of the garden and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

There are so many people that should be individually thanked for volunteering to help on the night but we had so many people who just stepped in and helped that I lost track of everyone. This was a night that not only showed a great sense of school spirit but also one which reached out to an extended community. Well done to everyone and a sincere thank you to all who were involved. It was an outstanding display of teamwork!

ICE-BLOCKS, FROZEN ORANGE QUARTERS AND FROZEN WATERMELON THIS FRIDAY
Just a reminder to pack 50c for the students to purchase their ice-blocks, frozen orange quarters or frozen watermelon on Friday. It’s going to be exceptionally hot!!! Please remind your child/ren not to purchase ice-blocks and frozen fruit 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.

THANK YOU TO THE OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE PENRITH
Once again the Outback Steakhouse Penrith showed an enormous amount of support to Faulconbridge Public School at the Twilight Markets. A fantastic family friendly restaurant located near Panthers Leagues Club.

Ginett Mills – P & C President