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

**November**
- **Fri 21** - Milson Island deposit
- **Sat 22** - Blue Gum Markets

**December**
- **Mon 1** - P&C Meeting
- **Tues 2** - Last day scripture
- **Wed 3** - Year 6 Farewell, Kindy Parent Info 9.15am
- **Tues 9** - Choir sing at Nursing Home, P&C Meeting
- **Wed 10** - Celebration of Student Achievement
- **Fri 12** - Evening Christmas Carols at Faulconbridge
- **Tues 16** - Talent Quest
- **Wed 17** - Last Day students 2014

**January 2015**
- **Wed 28** - Yr 1-6 Return

**February 2015**
- **Fri 20** - School Swimming Carnival

**Notes Home**
- Celebration of Achievement Bus $2
- Kindy Graduation on 10th Dec
- Milson Island deposit closes 21 Nov
- Ice Palace 5/6S, 5ME
- Year 6 Farewell Invitation

**Assembly Dates**
- **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, 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 – 1ZR, 2J, 1F, 1F

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- **Access student portal:** http://portal.det.nsw.edu.au
We are already in Week 7. The weeks are going by so quickly. All classes continue to finalise assessments so teachers can complete student reports.

**Reports**
Reports at this stage will be sent out on Monday 15th December.

**Uniform On Line**
At the P&C meeting this week, I brought up the issue of the uniform shop. Mrs Annette Reynolds and Mrs Heather Curzon have operated the uniform shop for many years. Both School Learning Support Officer’s job descriptions have changed over the years and they feel they can no longer provide this essential service. We are seeking a volunteer to be in charge of the uniform shop. Soon, a survey will be sent out asking a number of questions about uniforms. There were discussions held about the possibility of ordering the uniforms online from a supplier.

If you would like to volunteer your time, could you please contact the school.

**Newsletter**
As a result of spiraling costs and time in producing the Intercom every week, we have decided that from next year, all Intercom Newsletters will become digital, through ENEWS. No paper copies will be printed from February 2015. As a result, the office will need your correct details including your email address. Please contact the school if you do not have internet access.

**P&C Meeting**
It was a pleasure to be a part of the P&C Meeting this week. We had our Faulconbridge parents, Anne the Director from KU Services, Sarah from the Café, Mr Earl and Mrs Jansons. Mr Earl made a request to the P&C for some money needed for musical instruments for the Faulconbridge Public School Band program for 2015. The P&C generously offered $4,000 towards this program. All students, staff and community appreciate this money. As we know, the P&C work very hard to raise funds that are returned in different ways to the students and the school. Thank you!!

**Carols**
Our Carols Evening will be held on December 12th. This will be a fantastic opportunity for all members of 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 grass and sing together.

**Letterhead**
Some of you may have noticed notes being sent home look a little different. We have a revised letterhead to coincide with the new Intercom letterhead.

**School Website**
I am hopeful to improve the Faulconbridge Public School website. One of the staff development days at the end of this year will be dedicated to producing a ‘Weebly’. A class weebly will be set up so that teachers are able to include work samples, photos, homework information and any other pieces of information. You will be able to access each class through the school’s website. More information will follow next year. We are all excited about showcasing some of the work we do in classrooms. Also I have added a link to the P&C Website under P&C.

**Speech Therapists**
As a priority of Faulconbridge Public School, we are inviting the Speech Therapists from Sydney University to teach their speech therapy programs. We are able to fund this program from RAM (Resource Allocations Module) funding as part of the Government’s initiative “Every Student, Every School”.

The program also helps teachers and parents to improve children’s learning. This program will commence Week 2, Term 1, 2015. More information next week.

**Comprehension help for teens**

**Maths at home**

Janine Macky
Relieving Principal
Year 2 to Year 3 in 2015 Bus Passes.
All students who are in Year 2 this year and have a bus pass need to fill in a new form for 2015 for Year 3.
Forms are available at the office.

Blackboard Cafe will be selling illuminated Water at the Christmas Carols.
Did you grab an awesome illuminated water at the Twilight markets? The Blackboard Cafe will be selling them again at the Faulconbridge Public Christmas Carol night on Friday December 12th. If you would like to order some before the night please see the form on the link below. We will put your order aside so you don't miss out. If you are not going to the carols they can be collected from the Blackboard Cafe.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-x3BoMo6u6B8VwU38v61V486-EOKrG7CSxmdf0l/ viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link

Band 2015
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
PEACE AFTER WAR

Peace is the silence of guns.
Peace is the freedom that runs.
Each day that we live through.
Peace runs from me to you.
The flags have risen.
Lives free from prison.
All the soldiers run free.
This is what peace means to me.

- Stephanie Mader

Peace is calm.
Peace is silent.
Peace is the last gun shot of the war.
Peace is harmony.
Peace is the life under water.
Peace is health.
Peace is life.

Lest We Forget

by 5ME

What is Peace?
What makes Peace?
Do you know what Peace is?
Does anyone know what Peace is?

Peace is two sides united.
Peace is happiness.
Peace is peaceful.
Peace is salvation.

Here I have a cup.
Of a bright red poppy.
For those who are now silent.
It’s also for peace.
And those who could go home.
Finally to their race.
And it’s for the new safe climate.
Thanks to the men from them.

Abigail Mae Doll.
On Sunday night, I had the pleasure of accompanying 50 very excited choir students from our school to the Sydney Town Hall where they performed at the 2014 Celebration Sing Out Concert.

It was fantastic to see our students perform with pride and enthusiasm together with students, teachers and other adults from across New South Wales after months of hard work.

On Saturday they spent 3 very hot hours rehearsing at Granville Public School for their concert. On Sunday they also rehearsed for their concert at The Sydney Town Hall, which took place later that evening. It was a long, tiring yet rewarding couple of days for everyone involved.

To conclude their concert on Sunday evening a moving performance of O Come All Ye Faithful was delivered by over 900 primary and secondary choral students, orchestral students, various adult choirs as well as the audience.

Our students were outstanding ambassadors for our school! Congratulations to all of them.

I would like to thank Miss T2 who gave up her time to come and spend her day and evening helping and supporting our students.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to the parents of our students for their help and support leading up to and including the day and evening performance. Without you this experience would not have been possible for our choir.

All proceeds from this concert will be going to the Westmead Children’s Hospital. A total of $20 000 will be given to aid sick children in “The Music Therapy Unit”.

MUSIC….What a wonderful addition in the lives of our children!

Dimitra Theoharis
Our choir waits with excitement.
and then...
Cooking in the Kitchen

All students are thoroughly enjoying cooking in the kitchen. Each week they are making something delicious and often the teachers and office angels get to have a taste. Soon we will be able to purchase cooking ingredients in bulk lessening the cost.

Impetigo (School Sores)

A case of Impetigo has been reported in the school. Information for all parents is that the time from exposure to illness is 1-3 days.

Symptoms
Small red spots that change into blisters, fill with pus and become crusted.
Usually on the face, hands or scalp.
Do I need to keep my child at home?
Yes, until treatment starts. Sores should be covered with a watertight dressing.
How can I help prevent spread?
Careful hand washing.
More information on these types of infection at: www.health.nsw.gov.au

Kindergarten Graduation Photos

All our Kindy students were looking gorgeous here at school today for their graduation photos. Photos will be available for viewing from Monday 24th until Friday 28th November in the office.

Parents and students will be able to order prints in the following sizes:

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High quality jpg images can also be emailed straight to parents for $15.00 per image.
Pick up of photos, from the office, will be from 10th December.
ali@alirstudio.com.au

Ali's Studio

Barnardos Australia Christmas Appeal

The Faulconbridge Public School P&C Association is introducing a new concept for underprivileged children and the wider community.

This year they have chosen to support Barnardos Australia, an organisation that helps to stop child abuse.

A Christmas tree will be set up in the office until 4th December where students will be able to place a gift from the heart. Maximum $10.

This initiative is not compulsory but aims to our students to feel how rewarding this can be, knowing the happiness that a small gift has brought to another child.

Barnardos have requested that all presents remain un-wrapped.
School Banking News
When: Fridays from 8.30-9.00
Where: Under the Big Top

Bank statements
When you receive your bank statements, please update the balance in your deposit book. This way you can track the total amount of money that is in your account after each deposit and watch it grow.

Rewards deadline for this year
The last week to claim rewards this year will be Friday 28th November - only 2 more weeks to claim your rewards.

Only 9 tokens can be carried forward to 2015. If you have more than 10 tokens at home, please make sure you hand them in to claim a reward.

Last day of banking for this year - Friday 12th December.

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

See you Friday,
The Banking Team
The simplest way
...to make a Christmas centerpiece.

Get creative these holidays with a fruit and veg inspired centerpiece for your Christmas feast!

The picture on the right uses layers of baby tomatoes, rosemary and cheese but you could use:
- Layers of thinly sliced green and red capsicum, with slices of carrots in between
- Baby tomatoes and basil
- Kiwi fruit, watermelon, rockmelon
- Use mixed berries: blueberries, strawberries, raspberries.

If you have fruit + veg on your table, you’ll be surprised how quickly it will be eaten.
For more inspiration – like us on Facebook – details below.

Merry Christmas!

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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Andrew McLeod
Accredited Club Professional NSW TCA Coach
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Qualified PDHPE Teacher

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Earlier this year, the P & C Secretary Mr Adam Hepper kindly placed together a dedicated web page for the P & C. This page has information including upcoming P & C, Fundraising, Blackboard Café and other organised events. It also contains information relating to contacting the P & C along with the ability to have a P & C executive member raise a query for you at meetings. You will also find previous meetings minutes and the agenda for upcoming meetings. This is a fantastic page which we encourage you all to view as it’s a wonderful source of communication.

**BLUE GUM MARKETS THIS WEEKEND**

We all like to indulge in our favourites from the Blue Gum Markets Cake Stall, so come along this Saturday to support KE and SME. Forget the diets and purchase something AMAZING. Remember, money raised from these markets will go back into SME and KE. All items can be dropped off at the office on Friday before school concludes or brought up to the markets on Saturday morning (preferably before 10am). A full list of ingredients must be displayed on the container along with your child's name and class. Empty containers will be placed in the office on Monday morning located near the class pigeon holes. Please don’t forget to collect these J

**ILLUMINATED WATER BOTTLES – GET IN EARLY AND PRE ORDER!**

Some of you may have been fortunate enough to get your hands on one of the "Illuminated Water Bottles" that were being sold by the Blackboard Café at the recent Twilight Markets. These will be available for sale at the Christmas Carols which are being held on the 12th December. To avoid missing out, the lovely ladies at the Blackboard Café are allowing you to preorder these. For only $4.50 (which includes a lanyard) they are a great idea to keep you hydrated in summer along with a bit of fun for everyone. They are available in blue, green, red and pink. There is an online order form on the Blackboard Café Facebook page which will also be placed onto the P & C webpage. Otherwise, please see the ladies at the Blackboard Café on Wednesday or Friday mornings and they will be able to help.

**ICEBLOCKS AND FROZEN FRUIT**

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.

Ginett Mills – P & C President