Learn to Live

Term 4, Week 8

Important Dates:
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- Celebration of Achievement Bus $2
- Ice Palace 5/6S, SME
- Year 6 Farewell Invitation
- Dance to be Fit $3 (whole school)
- Band Registration for 2015

Assembly Dates

- 28 Nov 3-6
- 5 Dec K-6

At 11.45 in Hall 3

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 Stage 1 Sport Uniform required
Fridays Stage 2 and 3

PE Days
Mon-2/3T, 3F, 12R, 2T, 2J
Tues- 5/6S, 6M, SME
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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Email: http://faulconbri-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Access student portal: http://portal.det.nsw.edu.au
Week 8 is nearly at an end. There are three weeks left of the school year. Reflecting on the year so far, it has been another year of learning new skills and experiences.

The results are in!

113 students responded to the survey on bullying. After analysing the data, the results were very positive in that threatening and physical violence is extremely low in this school, which we knew. The types of bullying that needs to be addressed are teasing and exclusion.

14 teachers responded to the survey. They too said exclusion needed addressing and so was a student being in trouble by someone deliberately setting out to blame others.

14 parents responded and their concerns were their children’s belongings were being taken, exclusion and name calling.

I have consulted a departmental person to help us address these concerns. There are a number of programs we can use. We will look into this early in the new year. We need to revise with students, teachers and the school community about what bullying is and the strategies needed to deal with these issues. We all need to use the same language and approach.

I would also like to include strategies for bystanders as this can be addressed at the same time.

Strategic Plan 2015

A new strategic plan is being developed for our school to define our directions and vision over the next three years (2015-2017) in order to develop a shared vision for the education of our students. This plan has been informed by international research into what makes a high performing educational system. We are seeking your input into this planning process and we will be seeking input from students and staff. Our focus will be upon continuous educational improvement, delivering consistently high standard educational programs in providing quality education, building the capacity of all staff to deliver high quality education and teaching and student learning that is driven by research, data analysis and assessment data.

From 2015—2017, all schools will be using a new model to complete the School’s Strategic Plan. In order to get a clearer picture of the vision Faulconbridge Public School, I need parents, carers and teachers to answer five questions that will consolidate other material that has been gathered to complete this document.

The link is below

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K6PJR5S

I urge you to please complete these five questions on survey monkey so the data collected can help to plan future directions for the school.

1. What are the 3 most successful things the school does to improve student learning?
2. What are the 3 things you would like to see in the next 3 years?
3. How do you see the school in 5-10 years?
4. What will our community look like in 5-10 years?
5. How would you like the school to Look?

Janine Macky
Relieving Principal

Only 27 Days until Christmas
**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 School 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/1i-
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viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link

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**University of Western Sydney Penrith Observatory**

**Astronomy Night**

The UWS Penrith Observatory will be running an Astronomy Night on Saturday, 6 December from 8pm – 10pm. The evening will include a presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and stargazing through the University’s computerised telescopes (weather permitting).

**Cost:** $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.

**Bookings are essential:**


**Enquiries:** Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

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**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, **CASH ONLY**.

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**Ali’s Studio**

**Barnardos Australia Christmas Appeal**

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Barnardos have requested that all presents remain unwrapped.

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**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
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Thank you to Mrs Paula De Hombre who did a gorgeous job decorating the Christmas Tree.

Just a reminder that the café will be closed on Wednesday 10th December, as everyone will be at the Celebration of
Verity Hall’s Success Story

Congratulations Verity on your wonderful achievements. Your dedication to dancing is commendable and we wish you well for the future.

Earlier this year Verity submitted an application to be enrolled in 2014 National Audition Tour auditions for the 2015 Interstate/International Training Programme with Australian Ballet School. She was granted a two and half hour audition which took place in the July school holidays in Sydney.

Last week Verity’s dedication and hard work has paid off and she was offered a place in the 2015 Australian Ballet School’s Interstate/International Training Programme. She has accepted the offer which will allow her access to Specialised Coaching Classes, Intensive Training Workshops and Personal visits throughout the year in Melbourne at the Ballet School and to attend workshops in other capital cities.

Little A’s Report

Well done to Tiana H, Scarlett H, Oscar M, Lillian P and Ella T who all competed at Sydney Athletic Centre over the weekend in the Little Athletics NSW State Relay Championships.

Congratulations to Lillian and Ella who were part of an Under 12’s mixed relay team who were silver medallists in the 4 x 100m relay.

Tiana, Scarlett and Oscar were part of the Under 8’s mixed relay team and competed in the 4 x 100m and 4 x 200m. Whilst they just missed out on placing for the finals, well done in putting up your hands to compete and recording “personal best” times.
RE Faulconbridge Choir Students in Celebration Sing Out

I am delighted to report that as a result of Celebration Sing Out 2014, a cheque for $25,000 will be presented to the Music Therapy Unit at Westmead Children’s Hospital.

This is a wonderful result. Thanks to the 50 Faulconbridge Choir students, Ms Theoharis, parents and friends who attended the concert.

Mal Hewitt,
Director, Celebration Sing Out

Nathan Hindmarsh

On Wednesday 26th of November all of the School of Origin players travelled to Springwood Public School and met an NRL legend, Nathan Hindmarsh. Nathan Hindmarsh captained the Parramatta Eels and played for the Parramatta Eels for 15 years. He also played in the State of Origin and he played for Australia. Nathan holds the world record of the most tackles ever made in a game.

Nathan talked to us about what it was like in the NRL, played a game of touch football with us and signed some things we wanted signed. He also got photo’s with us. He told us that his current favourite NRL player was Jonathan Thurston because he never gives up in a game, even if he is losing by fifty points.

Nathan had some kicks with us and inspired us to follow our dreams. We thank Nathan for coming up to the mountains to meet us all and making our day very special. We also thank Ally for taking many great photos. We thank everyone involved on the day.

This was an experience that we will never forget.

By Jedd D and Liam S

6M
**Kitchen Garden by 3D**

'I think the kitchen garden is a great experience for the class because you get to learn how to cook and try new foods.' **Emma H**

'The kitchen garden is fantastic in many different ways such as trying new foods and I think it is a great experience.' **Taniora H**

'I think kitchen garden is a great idea for kids to taste so many different types of amazing foods. It is definitely a great experience for all kids.' **Lachlan E**

'The kitchen garden is a great chance because you get to eat amazing new good tasting foods and get new Jamie Oliver stickers.' **Sam F.**

'The kitchen garden is packed with new foods to eat and cook like apple and rhubarb muffins (that was delish). It also gives you a chance to try new foods.' **Owen**

'The kitchen garden is a very good chance to taste new things like the garlic bread which is my favourite. Then you can go home and tell your mum and dad and they might be able to cook it for you.' **Alex**

'THE KITCHEN GARDEN IS AMAZING. YOU GET TO COOK AND TRY NEW THINGS.' **FAITH**

'I can't explain the Kitchen Garden. It is wonderful. I love the apple and rhubarb muffins. I think it is a great chance for kids to try new foods and that means if they like it they will want mum/dad to cook it. So that's why I think it is AMAZING!!!' **Ronan**

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**Kitchen Garden**

The fundraiser from the Blackboard Cafe was very much appreciated. It will be used to buy bulk items of food such as olive oil, wholemeal bread mix, feta cheese and parmesan cheese. These items are quite expensive to buy. Did you know the garlic bread is made with wholemeal flour and the children love it! The children made spanlatkes this week. [Greek potato fritters with spinach, feta and shallots]

Mrs Dalkeith
FPS Gardening

KE & 3D digging up potatoes!

Also a BIG Thank you to Simon Wass for our new retaining wall!
Welcome
Welcome to the final term of Live Life Well @ School for 2014.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As 2014 draws to an end, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the LLWatS program. Healthy eating and physical activity practices are an important part of school life, however at times they can be put to the side. With your efforts this year, you have helped to increase whole school healthy eating and physical activity practices in primary schools across Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and safe New Year! I look forward to working with you all in the New Year. Hopefully it will be an even better year with lots of physical activity and healthy eating in your school.

Healthy Christmas Party Food

Why not make this Christmas party the healthiest but tastiest one yet? There are lots of ideas for party food that isn’t full of sugar and fat. You can still have a few unhealthy options (as it is once a year) but try to also include healthy alternatives. Some ideas include:
- Pizzas
- Popcorn
- Fruit skewers (Christmas theme like the photos)
- Vegetable sticks with dip
- Sushi
- Rice crackers

IDEA: Send a letter home to parents listing ideas of healthy foods to bring in for this year’s Christmas party!

A joint initiative between the NSW Department of Education and Communities and NSW Health
School Banking News

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

Last day this year to claim rewards – Friday 28th November!

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 this week to claim a reward.

If you expect to have 10 tokens before the end of term then send a note in together with your bank book and we will see if we can order the prize in for you so it is ready when you have the tokens to hand in.

Please note that there might be a delay in getting some of the rewards back to you because there has been a problem with the delivery. We are following this up with the bank and will have the rewards out to the students as soon as they arrive.

Kindy Orientation

A bank representative will be visiting our school to attend the Kindy Orientation on Wednesday 3rd December.

This is a great time for you to open new accounts and ask questions about school banking.

- If your child is already a student at FPS there is no need to bring ID for the child.
- If, however, you’d like to open an account for a sibling not at the school then you will need to bring along their birth certificate.

All new accounts will need parent ID –

- If the parent/guardian is an existing CBA customer they only need to provide their existing account number as identification.
- Or, if the parent/guardian is not an existing CBA customer then they need to complete the Identification Form and bring ID. Have a look at the attached link to read which types of ID are accepted.


See you Friday,
The Banking Team
Congratulations to KE 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 another success with a total of $310 made. Congratulations to 5ME – $217 70% of money raised

KE $93 30% of money raised

FAULCONBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL BARNARDOS CHRISTMAS APPEAL
Thank you to Mrs Paula Dehombre who, along with the support and assistance of the P & C, has organised and co-ordinated the Faulconbridge Public School Barnardos Christmas Appeal. We hope that students join in this appeal and experience the gift of giving this Christmas. All gifts are to be taken to the office and placed in the boxes under the Christmas tree by the 4th December. Please ensure gifts remain unwrapped.

FINAL P & C MEETING
The final P & C meeting for 2014 will be held at Springwood Sports Club on Monday, 15th December at 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start. Please come along for the final meeting and a chance to spend the evening with some school friends before the year wraps up.

UNIFORM SURVEY
A review into the current school uniform is currently underway in line with the Department of Education guidelines. All members of the school community are invited to participate through a survey. The survey results will be published and any further decisions will be made based on feedback provided by the school community. The focus will be on the current school and sports shirt. Please follow the attached link to complete the survey - https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FXNZWD8

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
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**

Ages 4 to 16

Using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® EV3 & WeDo™ robotics
Also creative and themed building workshops

12 to 23 January 2015 at Penrith

Win LEGO® building sets in our FREE Building Competition on 14 January!

For more information and to book online go to [www.timothyascollage.org](http://www.timothyascollage.org)

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**SWOT**

**SPRINGWOOD WORLD OF TENNIS**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC**

SPRINGWOOD WORLD OF TENNIS, SPRING STREET, SPRINGWOOD
Mon 12th Jan to Fri 16th Jan 2015 (9AM to 3PM)
&/or
Mon 19th Jan to Fri 23rd Jan 2015 (9AM to 3PM)

JUNIORS 5YRS TO 16YRS. BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED. FULL SUPERVISION. FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE RING 47 513383 OR 0416083472.

STUDENTS GRADED INTO GROUPS DEPENDING ON AGE AND ABILITY. COACHING HELD WET OR FINE. RACquets AVAILABLE FOR HIRE. LUNCH PROVIDED ON FRIDAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRIZE GIVING. ENTRANCE FEE: = $160 per clinic

2 January Clinics = $270

Discount of $50 for children who participate in both January clinics

GIVING EACH ENTRANT OVER 25 HOURS TENNIS.

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

NAME: ______________________________ AGE: __________

ADDRESS: ______________________________________

PHONE: ______________________________ (please enclose full fee with this form)

Circle: Jan 12th-16th  $160  $270
Jan 19th-23rd

PARENTS SIGNATURE: ______________________________

ENROLMENTS MAY BE MADE AT THE PRO SHOP, SPRING ST, SPRINGWOOD OR BY POSTING THIS FORM WITH CHEQUE PAYABLE TO SPRINGWOOD WORLD OF TENNIS TO: PO BOX 139 SPRINGWOOD NSW 2777