**Term 4, Week 5**

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At 11.45 in Hall 1

**School Activities Update**

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Classes**

- Mondays 3D, KBC, KE, 2/3T
- Tuesdays 2/3T

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Classes**

- Tuesdays AFL Stage 1 Sport Uniform required
- Fridays Stage 2 and 3

**PE Days**

- Mon-2/3T, 3F, 12R, 2T, 2I
- 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, 2I, 1F, 3D

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**Access student portal:** http://portal.det.nsw.edu.au
The term is moving along at a very fast pace. The staff and community continue being busy planning activities for our school.

This Friday, the P&C will be holding the Twilight Markets. A lot of work and preparation has gone into the planning of this special night. I would like to thank the P&C for all of their hard work in bringing our community together.

KU Visit

The visit was cancelled this week but will happen next Monday 10th November. KU students will be coming to visit our school library every Friday to select and borrow books.

Christmas Carols: 12th December

I previously talked about holding Christmas Carols at our school as a way of celebrating Christmas 2014. We have a date! The 12th December, 2014. We will hold the carols on the grass. A flyer is being prepared, outlining the finer details of the night.

CSA - Celebration of Student Achievement: 10th December

Celebration of Student Achievement award ceremony will be held at Springwood High School on the 10th December. This is a time where we as a community, celebrate student achievements and to say goodbye to our Year 6 students who be soon be starting a new stage in their lives. Students of Faulconbridge Public School strive to excel and succeed in all aspects of school life. The awards are given out to students with a lot of consultation.

To avoid students being disappointed, it may be a good idea to discuss with your child the fact they may not receive an award and rewards also come in the form of us measuring our own accomplishments.

Department of Education and Communities

From time to time, I will include information in the newsletter to help inform the school community about information they may need.

PoCE Program

Staff have been involved with the PoCE Program. Ngroo has presented this program. Ngroo is an Aboriginal education program that has been funded by the Australian Government to help schools complete a Cultural Awareness Training program in Aboriginal education. Staff have completed several hours of face to face training sessions. The Aboriginal Community have also met with staff from Faulconbridge Public School to form a committee that are working towards planning a RAP (School Reconciliation Action Plan) to promote a school – based model for action using Reconciliation Australia’s existing reconciliation framework (Relationships, Respect and Opportunities).

I would also like to thank Jacquie Thomas for leading this program.

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.

Survey Monkey

The survey is open! The link below is for parent responses. At the moment, classrooms continue to be painted and the computer room is out of action due to the displaced class being in there. I may have to extend the amount of time the survey is open. Staff have also been keen responding to their survey. When the painting is complete I will set an expiry date so we can collate the results.

The link for the survey is below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F8JW9NB
Primary and High School

Selective high schools


Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes

Janine Macky
Relieving Principal

So what’s the Blackboard Cafe about anyway???

The Blackboard Cafe was born when two parents came up with the idea to utilise the fully equipped, modern kitchen at FPS to serve coffee and homemade treats in an effort to bring our school community together. Having just celebrated its first birthday, the Blackboard Cafe has certainly succeeded in creating a welcoming atmosphere and facilitating connections between parents, all the while engendering a sense of community and connection within the School. With its market umbrellas, bright tablecloths, funky stools and colouring-in supplies for the little ones, people gravitate to the Cafe which has proved to be a fantastic place for parents and children alike.

In the beginning the Cafe was open only one day per week, however the demand called for more, and with thanks to additional volunteers, they gladly opened a second day. It was great to see the team grow and this year the cafe has run on Wednesday and Friday mornings serving delicious coffee and treats. As more parents showed interest in helping out, this meant new menu items and fresh ideas that have made the cafe what it is today. They have a beautiful coffee machine on loan from Blue Mountains Coffee Roasters in Valley Heights which has been perfect for serving larger groups & for special events.

The Cafe has also provided the opportunity for students to become involved. Each cafe morning rostered-on students, equipped with aprons and order pads, take orders and serve customers. It is a great experience for them as it helps them build confidence, allows them to apply and develop their maths skills, and learn the systems and operations involved in running the cafe. They really enjoy the experience and Cafe volunteers love having them help.

The Cafe has been a valuable contribution to our school and has been very popular at special events. They hosted very successful Mother’s & Father’s day breakfasts were open during the school walk-a-thon and education week, as well as the year six car wash and fun day. Not only has the Cafe succeeded in building relationships, but they have also raised money that has gone back into the School community. They have been able to purchase gift vouchers for families at our school during times of need, as well as make donations to the P&C and support the year 6 fundraising.

We look forward to enjoying their fabulous coffee and home-baked goods at our Twilight Markets this Friday night. Feel free to pop over and say "hi". They are always interested in having people join their team. No experience required! Just bring a smile and you're part of the team.

Menu for the Twilight Markets

Coffee $3.50
Tea $2.50
Iced Coffee $5.00
Special “Light up” Water $3.50
Juice Poppa’s $1
Chocolate Milk $1

Assorted Cookies 50c
Banana Bread $2
Mango & Coconut Bread $2
Chocolate Brownies $2
Giant Cupcakes $3
Giant Muffins $3
Watermelon slices $1
Pop Corn Bags $1

Thanks
Café Ladies
Notice from Blue Mountains Bus Company Yr 2 to Yr3

I am writing to you in regards to your Year 2 Students who will be progressing into Year 3 in 2015, who currently hold a bus pass with our company.

These students who wish to continue to receive subsidised travel will be required to complete a new Bus Pass Application Form.

Our Company has sent a Letter and a New Application Form to all parents with students in Year 2 that will be eligible for subsidised travel in 2015. In the letter we asked that the form be completed and return to their school office for processing.

Once you have received these forms from the parents, it would be greatly appreciated if you can please forward these to our office for processing.

If the students residential address fell within the radial distance required, we did not sent a form to them. However should you get any enquiries from these parents, they do have the right to appeal via Transport NSW, if any of these parents would like further information please advise them they are welcome to contact myself and I shall advise them.

Note: Schools that Operate Kindergarten to Year 12, the same procedure is to take place with Year 6 Students progressing into Year 7, we have also sent a New Application Form to the parents for them to complete and return to your school for processing.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Regards
Samantha Rutland

Samantha Rutland
Blue Mountains Bus Co.
25 Great Western Highway
Valley Heights NSW 2777
Tel: +61 (0)2 4751 1077

FPS Gardening

As part of the Twilight Markets we will be having a plant stall. If you have any plants you’d like to donate or old garden pots you don’t need, please bring them in to the school.

Don’t forget to check us out at the markets with plants, fresh herbs and produce from the garden!

Find us outside the school hall.

Gardening Club is on Fridays at lunchtime (10:55 - 11:25am). All Welcome to join us in the vegetable garden!

Thank you
FPS Garden Gnomes

Chef’s Toolbox Fundraiser

A big thank you to all those that came along to the Chef’s Toolbox Fundraiser night and those that placed orders. A total of $1043 was raised which will be used to buy equipment for the kitchen. What a great effort!

A special thank you goes to Sarah Emmanuel for organising and hosting such a fun night. It is very much appreciated.

For those that placed orders—the goods will be arriving shortly.

Mrs Jacquie Hyslop.
**Artist in Residence**

2/3T had the huge privilege of having local artist Ali Marcer (aka Grace’s mum) teach the class over five weeks. Ali showed students different drawing and painting techniques to produce their own fantasy creatures. The students used these ideas and skills to then create imaginative winged sculptures. I was most impressed with the Ali’s teaching skills and was amazed when all students finished their intricate sculptures within ten minutes of each other. How did she do that?

Mr Thomson

Ali Marcer with (L to R) Grace Marcer, Honey Neale, Emily Devine and Hannah Wass
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

Library News

Christmas Book Fair  NOVEMBER 6  to NOVEMBER 13
(see days & times below)

Our Book fair has arrived with lots of fantastic books, posters and variety items to choose from!

The Library will be open for the Book Fair at the following times:

**Thursday afternoon, November 6:**  3.00 - 4.00pm

**Friday night, November 7, during the Twilight Markets,** from 6.30 to 8.00 pm

Any offers to wear the Geronimo Stilton costume that night??????

**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.

Please note : The library is not open on Wednesdays and Fridays, during the day.

The Book Fair offers a great opportunity for purchasing Christmas presents.

Students will arrive home with “Wish lists” which parents, of course, can agree to purchase or not. It is better if parents/grandparents/caregivers attend the fair and choose books together with your child.

Orders can be sent to the library in a clearly labelled envelope.

Payment can be cash, cheque (made out to FPS) or eftpos or at the fair. You can also make an online payment using your smartphone by visiting [www.scholastic.com.au/payment](http://www.scholastic.com.au/payment)

Or by Phone payment: free call 1800 557 908

For online and phone payments you need to record your 8 digit receipt number on the Book Fair pamphlet or Student Wish List, then bring it along or send to the fair to collect your order. I will need to keep that receipt number form to complete the sales summary at the end of the fair.

Popular books may sell quickly at the fair. Orders, with payment, will be taken. Scholastic usually fills any orders within a week.

Geronimo Stilton, a popular book character, will be 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!

BOOK COVERING

We still have a number of sets of books requiring covering. Are you able to help? Please let me know if you can.

Thank you for your support. Happy reading!

Diane McKay
Teacher Librarian
2/3T put on a Colonial Play today for all members of the school to see.

The play was called *For a Loaf of Bread*

What a magnificent production these students presented. It was pleasing to see many parents come to attend the performance. Well done to the teachers who helped and the production team involved. Congratulations to all the students on their budding careers in acting.
Year 6 Farewell - Photos

The end of the year is fast approaching and so is the Year 6 Farewell, which will be held on Wednesday, 3rd of December at the Springwood Sports Club. Mrs. Sharp is in the process of putting together a slideshow for the students and she needs our help. Could you please find photos that have been taken at various stages throughout your child's primary school journey and send them into your class teacher on a USB drive/stick. Variety is the key—we would like three or four photos that really highlight how much your child has changed in their time at Faulconbridge.

My apologies for the typo on last week's note. Our next Year 6 Farewell committee meeting will be on Thursday, 13th November.

Mr Earl

Summer Games

Miss Shand and I were so proud of the boys and girls that represented our school at last week's Summer Games. Not only was the behaviour and level of sportsmanship exemplary, but the students had a lot of fun and achieved some impressive results.

- Junior Boys Cricket - 1st Place
- Senior Boys Cricket - 3rd Place
- Senior Girls Tee Ball - 3rd Place
- Junior Girls Tee Ball - 7th Place

Our school, on percentage, finished the day in second place. Congratulations to all those involved; your certificates will be presented at next week's primary assembly.

Mr Earl

Christmas Assembly for Protestant Scripture Children

On November 18, in the School Assembly Hall, in place of our regular lessons, we will celebrate Christmas coming.

We're so pleased to be having a visit from the Wycliffe Players, who will perform and sing for us “The Great Christmas Adventure”, in which Pete and Jenny go with their Grandma on an adventure to find clues about the real meaning of Christmas.

Where will their journey take them and what clues will they collect along the way? Will you be able to piece the clues together and figure out the true meaning of Christmas before they do?

We warmly welcome parents of the children in our classes to join us on this day.

Year K-2 9.00am—9.30am
Year 3-6 9.30am—10.15am

Regards,

Protestant Scripture Teachers
The children attending the ongoing Kindy Transition for 2015 are having lots of fun and mixing with their teachers and buddies. The mornings consist of a variety of activities including art, music, computers and Library. The program has been very successful since introduced last year. Thank you to all who have helped coordinate this successful venture.
NEXT P & C MEETING
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 October. We hope to see a few more parents / carers of our school community there.

TWILIGHT MARKETS ~ THIS FRIDAY, 7th NOVEMBER
There has been a fantastic response around the greater community regarding our Annual Twilight Markets. We encourage everyone to come along and support Faulconbridge Public School. We are hoping that money raised on the night (which includes the gold coin donation at the gate) can go towards waterproofing the shade shelters in the school. There are plenty of food options so come down for dinner (or dessert) and spend some time wandering through the stalls. Thank you again to everyone who has volunteered some time on the night.

ICE-BLOCKS, FROZEN ORANGE QUARTERS AND FROZEN WATERMELON THIS FRIDAY
In keeping in line with being a “Healthy Kids” school we are also introducing frozen watermelon this Friday!!! Just a reminder to pack 50c for the students to purchase their ice-blocks, frozen orange quarters or frozen watermelon. 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
The Outback Steakhouse will be at Twilight Markets again this year. Last year they donated a generous amount of money to the school at the end of the evening. Once again, all money made from sales on the night will go back to Faulconbridge Public School. They have delicious steak / chicken or sausage sandwiches!!!

Ginett Mills – P & C President
Rewards!

The maximum carry over number of tokens to 2015 is actually 9 tokens. Claim your reward NOW if you have 10 tokens.

Choose from -
- Dollormites moneybox
- Swimming bag
- Projector cup
- Set of Sea Streamers

Complete one of the reward cards provided by the bank and include it with the 10 tokens in a zip lock bag. There are spare prize cards available in office.

If you don't have a card you can write us a note instead. Include your name, which reward you would like to claim, your student banking number, and your class.

Bank every Friday in November to enter

Every time you make a deposit in November through school banking you automatically enter the competition.

See you Friday,
Faulconbridge Public School

Annual Twilight Markets

Come & spend the evening with family and friends at our Annual Twilight Markets.

We are back, bigger and better than last year.

We have over 65 stalls from clothing, jewellery, homemade gifts, homewares, providores, kids entertainment, a variety of food stalls, plus much more.

**DATE:** Friday, 7th November 2014

**WHERE:** Faulconbridge Public School
Cnr Grose Rd & Great Western Highway
Faulconbridge

**TIME:** 6:00pm to 8:30pm

The school asks for a gold coin donation upon entry.

Stephanie Alexander Student
Cookbook available from school office