Important Dates:
Please mark these dates on your calendar.

**December**
- **Fri 12**
  - Parent Helper Morning Tea
  - Evening carols cancelled
  - Christmas carols in the Hall 12 midday
- **Mon 15**
  - Reports home
  - SRC Tree Decorating at Springwood
- **Tues 16**
  - Talent Quest
- **Wed 17**
  - Last Day students 2014
  - Dance to be Fit $3

**Notes Home**
- Dance to be Fit $3 (whole school)
- Band Registration for 2015
- SRC Tree decorating
- Evening Carols Cancelled

**Assembly Dates**
We look forward to seeing all the family, friends and community members at our assemblies next year.

**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, 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 – 12R, 2J, 1F, 1FR

**January 2015**
- **Wed 28**
  - Yr 1-6 Return
  - Best Start Appointments 28th, 29th, 30th

**February 2015**
- **Fri 20**
  - School Swimming Carnival
Donation Baby Grand Piano

On Monday, 8th December, a baby Grand piano was donated and delivered to our school. Through a connection with Mr Mal Hewitt, Mr John and Mrs Cathie Wiltshire donated a baby Grand. Students, staff and community members will all be able to play many hours of music. Mr Earl played alongside Sarah R (they were practising for Celebration of Student Achievement) and the music could be heard all around the school.

Thank you Mr and Mrs Wiltshire.

Barnardos Gifts

A big thank you to Mrs Dehombre for kindly organising the Barnardos gift drive at our school. Mrs Dehombre delivered all the gifts safe and sound with the help of her parents. Every visitor that came into the front office, was astounded at this school’s generosity.

A plan will be made for an assembly in 2015 whereby a representative from Barnardos will talk to students about their program and where the gifts will go.

Thank you from the Faulconbridge community.

Library Stocktake

Mrs McKay is busily stocktaking in the Library. This is a huge job as all of the books have to be accounted for. Throughout the year, the school has purchased many thousands of dollars in novels/books that were needed to introduce and work with the new English syllabus.

Every book needs to be covered and accessioned through the system. It has been a huge undertaking and I thank Mrs McKay for her hard work. I would also like to thank all the community members for helping in the library and covering books.

If anyone in the community has a spare hour or two over the holidays to help cover books, Mrs McKay has even more books to cover ready for next year. Special thanks go to Ms Stella Theoharis for volunteering her time to help Mrs McKay.

Celebration of Student Achievement

On Wednesday 10th December, Faulconbridge Public School celebrated the success and achievements of our students.

There were many guests who thoroughly enjoyed being part of our celebrations.

The program took many hours to plan. Thanks to our Celebration Student Achievement Award Committee and in particular Mr Earl, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Curzon.

The ceremony was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Survey of the Future of Faulconbridge Public School

The survey will close on Friday 12th December. The information collected, will form the basis of future planning including the new Strategic Planning model all schools will be using.

The information you provide will be invaluable.

Newsletter

This is the last issue of the Intercom for the year and also the last time the newsletter will be printed to go home with students.

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.

Evening Carols Friday 12th December—CANCELLED

With regret we have decided to cancel the carols picnic night tomorrow (Friday 12th December).

Due to the recent heavy stormy weather it seems the grounds will be far too wet to hold an outside event.

Instead a short carols sing-along will be held in the Hall at 12 midday on Friday 12th, shortly following the Parent Helper Morning Tea.

Everyone is welcome to attend, I’m sure it will be a lovely recital as all students have been practicing and enjoying singing the carols.

Parent Helper Morning Tea

Just a friendly reminder about the Parent Helper morning tea to be held on Friday 12th December at 10.45am to 11.30am in the Hall.

This morning tea gives the members of the school an opportunity to thank the helpers who have given up their time this year to help out in various ways for the benefit of students.

2015 Student Numbers

Just a reminder to parents that may be re-locating over the school holidays. Please advise the school in writing within the next few days if you are moving and your child/ren will not be attending Faulconbridge Public School in 2015. This will help with our planning for next year.
Liam Stratford 6M ‘Gazette Winner’

We first started the ‘Design An Ad’ competition last term. As the title says, the whole class had to design an ad for Nicks Cycles, a bike shop in Springwood. I didn’t think I was going to win anything or get in the gazette, so I just drew it for fun. I soon forgot about the Design An Ad, but one day when Mum picked me up from school, she told me that my ad was in the paper! I was so happy. I was proud of myself for that. Then a few weeks later when me and some of the other prefects were running an assembly, I got called up in front of the whole school and was presented by Mr Earl with a third place medal and a one-hundred dollar cheque. I was so happy! I would like to thank Mrs Macky for giving the whole class this opportunity to design an ad.

Liam Stratford - 6M

Aged Care Home Visit

I had one of the most uplifting engagements of the year. I visited the Aged Care Home alongside the choir led by Miss Theoharis. The choir sang a number of Christmas songs and Mrs Heather Craig played with the choir. Mrs Craig also played a number of songs from the past which was fantastic. I stood behind the choir and I could see the joy the choir brought to the residents. There were lots of smiles and beautiful singing voices. I would like to thank Mrs Heather Craig for not only accompanying the choir, but also for her time in rehearsing with all classes in the school for our Christmas carols evening. Thank you to Mrs Craig, Miss D Theoharis, Miss S Theoharis and Mrs Thorndike for attending.

Stage 2 Colonial Day

What a fabulous transport back in time today with Stage 2 Colonial Day.

Not sure who had the most fun, students or teachers !!!!

Merry Christmas

On behalf of the staff and I, we wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and restful new year. Farewell to our Year 6 students, goodbye and good luck!

A special goodbye to Ms Rikki - Lee Dalziell and Mr Jason Kelly. They are moving to the Port Macquarie area. We will miss you. We all thank you for your kindness and hard work this year.

Take care,
Janine Macky
Relieving Principal

Library lessons have ceased for the year.
Stocktake is now in progress. Please return all books.
Gold Awards

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Thanks to all Kitchen Garden Helpers for your efforts in 2015

Year 6 met at the park for photos and fun before the Farewell started.

Found
- A pair of child size bike gloves
- Call in at the office
On Monday it was an absolute pleasure to take our school choir to the Uniting Care Nursing Home in Springwood where they happily and enthusiastically spread some Christmas cheer amongst the residents. The choir sang a variety of songs from their concert repertoires as well as many traditional and modern Christmas Carols.

Our choir looks forward to performing at the nursing home each year. The students were both amazed and excited by the reactions of the captivated audience who smiled, clapped and tapped along.

Our students were fantastic ambassadors for our school. They looked festive, their behaviour was impeccable, and they sang beautifully with much pride and enthusiasm.

I would like to particularly thank Mrs Heather Craig who once again gave her time to accompany the choir on piano. She also provided a trip down memory lane for many residents when she played a variety of “Golden Oldies” which young and old sang together.

A big thank you to Mrs Julie-Ann Thorndike for making the beautiful Christmas cards and for wrapping the ornaments which the children distributed to the residents. There were many smiles and compliments from the residents and staff, and it was wonderful to see the happy interactions between young and old. Thank you also to Mrs Macky and Ms T2 for coming along to support our children.

Yours Chorally
Dimitra Theoharis
END OF YEAR MESSAGE

For those of you who attended the Celebration of Achievement ceremony yesterday, you may have heard me mention some of the achievements of the P&C this year. For those of you who were unable to attend, I had the pleasure of advising that this year the P&C have contributed funds back to Faulconbridge Public School totalling over $16,000. The funds raised from the Walk-a-thon have not yet been spent as we are hoping to utilise these to build the buddy/quiet reading area as one of the items requested by the S.R.C earlier this year. This is a significant amount of funding which everyone in the school community should be exceptionally proud of as you have all contributed in some way to make this possible.

I would also like to say thank you to the 2014 P&C Committee for the time and commitment they have given this year –

Vice Presidents – Mrs Heather Murray and Mrs Monique Commins
SECRETARY – Mr Adam Heppler
TREASURER – Mr Simon Ebbling
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS – Mrs Heather Curzon, Mrs Julia Thurling, Mrs Lauren Harris, Mrs Laura Hill and Mrs Kerry Doyle
FUNDRAISING CHAIRPERSON – Mrs Julia Thurling
BLACKBOARD CAFE COMMITTEE – Mrs Sarah Emmanuel and Mrs Reka Petryffy

I ask you all to remember that you don’t need to be part of the P&C to be a volunteer. All it takes is just a little bit of your time here and there. We look forward to having you all continue to support the P&C and Faulconbridge Public School in 2015.

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.

ICE-BLOCKS, FROZEN ORANGE QUARTERS & FROZEN WATERMELON THIS FRIDAY AND LAST DAY OF TERM

Although the weather is currently not quite the “summer” we are hoping for so far, we will still be selling ice-blocks, frozen orange quarters and frozen watermelon this Friday. We will also be selling them next Wednesday (the last day of school for 2014!!!)

Ginett Mills – P&C President
This is the last week of banking for this year

If you haven’t received a reward that you ordered then please do not worry. We will get this ready for you when school resumes in 2015.

We are keen to hear from people who are interested in helping out with school banking in 2015. Come and talk to our volunteers when they collect the bank books on Friday mornings on the steps under the big top, or in the boardroom near the office between 9 and 10am on Friday while we are processing the banking.

You can also contact the banking team by leaving your name and contact details at the office and we can give you a call or send you an email to give you some more information about what we do.

We wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas holiday.

See you back next term – banking starts again on 6th February 2015.

Merry Christmas from,
The Banking Team
Thank you for all the donations to the Barnardos Christmas Appeal and a big thank you to Mrs Paula Dehombre for all her efforts delivering the gifts.

Have a safe and happy holiday.
Drive safely.
See you in 2015