**Important Dates**

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**Notes Home**

- Ice Palace 5/6S, SME
- Dance to be Fit $3 (whole school)
- Band Registration for 2015
- SRC Christmas Tree Decorating K-2
- Stage 2 Colonial Day

**Assembly Dates**

- 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

**January 2015**

- Wed 28  Yr 1-6 Return

**February 2015**

- Fri 20  School Swimming Carnival

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**Access student portal:** http://portal.det.nsw.edu.au
Principal's Report

This will be the second last newsletter for 2014. Next week will be the last Intercom.

Please feel free to email the school and comment on our new format. I will be looking at making further changes to suit the school community, if needed.

Year 6 Farewell

On Wednesday 3rd December, Year 6 celebrated their farewell. The function was held at Springwood Sports Club. It was a pleasure to eat, dance and enjoy celebrating with year 6. There were speeches, cake cutting and mingling of Year 6 and staff.

The conclusion of the evening centred around parents having the last dance with their child and then forming a guard of honour.

Alison Marcer happily took photos of the night. I’m sure Alison will be contactable regarding the ordering of photos.

What a wonderful night!

Thank you to Mr Earl and Mrs Curzon, Mrs Murray for the cakes and the Year 6 committee for the decorations and Power Point presentation.

Kindy Orientation Day

What a successful event! We all met in the hall and representatives from the local area provided information for our new parents.

We all look forward to meeting the new Kindergarten students in 2015.

A very special thanks to Mrs Jansons for organising the day.

Classes for 2015

Classes for 2015 have not been finalised and will not be finalised until day 1, Term 1. Teachers are not really allocated until the first day because of the fluctuations in numbers. Next week I will put forward a flexible class structure model.

Library

Stocktake of the Library is now commencing. Most classes will be split during Library time so Mrs McKay can complete the big job of stocktaking.

Mrs McKay has had three book fairs this year. The money she has earned goes back into the Library.

All books need to be returned to the Library URGENTLY.

Thank you Mrs McKay.

Late Thank You

On behalf of the Faulconbridge Public School, I would like to thank the ladies from the Green Team. Their hard work and ‘green thumbs’ have helped to produce the wonderful vegetable garden that we have. The ladies also helped at the Twilight Markets.

Thank you Mikaela Holdsworth, Jacquie Hyslop and Allison Hewitt. Also thank you to Mr Thomson for all of his hard work.

Survey Monkey

Last week I included some information related to our future at Faulconbridge Public School.

Please complete the form below as we need your input to help create our strategic plan.

The questions are below.

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

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?

Party Day Wednesday 17th December

Wednesday 17th December, will be the last day for the students. Teachers will be on duty Thursday and Friday 18th/19th to prepare for 2015.

Party day will be on Wednesday 17th December. A company has been booked to provide a special activity for all classes at a cost of $3.00. A note has been sent out.

Please make sure all money is paid by next week (Friday 12th).

Parent Helpers Morning Tea Friday 12th December

On Friday 12th December a special morning tea will be held in the main hall from 10.45am — 11.30 am.

The staff at Faulconbridge Public School would like to thank all parent helpers by providing a morning tea to recognise their efforts this year.

Please RSVP so we can adequately cater for this event.

Summer Holiday Fun

Book your children into one of our fun-filled camp next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You’ll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after.

For details, visit Sport and Recreation website www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/

For the Love of Science

Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won’t always be right.

**Pleasures of Free Play**  
Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.  

**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.

**Blackboard Cafe**  
Just a reminder that the café will be closed on Wednesday 10th December, as everyone will be at the Celebration of Student Achievement.

**Barnardo’s Christmas Appeal**  
The Christmas tree in the Office is surrounded by gifts donated by the school community. The tree will remain up for the rest of this week. It is pleasing to see such a fabulous response.  
Thank you so much to everyone who responded.

**Blackboard Cafe will be selling illuminated Water at the Christmas 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.

**2015 Student Numbers**  
Just a reminder to parents that may be re-locating over the school holidays. Please advise the school in writing 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.

Janine Macky  
Relieving Principal

**Library lessons have ceased for the year.**  
**Stocktake is now in progress. Please return all books.**
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Gold Awards — 6M Lucy B
AFL Skills

Talent Quest
2015
COOL KIDS
FREE GROUP PROGRAM FOR
CHILDREN WITH ANXIETY ISSUES
Primary school years 3 - 6

The Cool Kids group is for boys and girls in primary school years 3 to 6, who have significant difficulties with issues relating to anxiety. This may include children with:

- Separation, self-consciousness or social anxiety/ excessive shyness
- General fears or specific phobias
- Self esteem & confidence issues
- Poor social skills
- Worry, avoidance, reassurance seeking
- School refusal and anxiety related arguments/temper outbursts
- Perfectionism, complaints of headaches, tummy pains or sore legs
- Sleeping problems (falling asleep) or sleeping in parents’ bed

Cool Kids is an evidence-based treatment program for children with anxiety issues. Both children and their parents participate in a free 8 week program that will help children overcome and manage their anxiety at home and school, and give parents practical strategies to support their children.

Groups are running during school terms 1 and 2 in your local area. Please note that all families must attend an assessment to determine suitability for this group before attending.

How can I be referred?:
Talk to your GP about a Cool Kids referral
OR
Phone the Community Health Intake on 1800 222 608

For further information please see the attached timetable for contact details.

These groups are run in partnership with the Macarthur District Health Service Community Health Centre and Adolescent Counseling Team, the Western Sydney Local Area Health District Community Health Centre and Family Counseling Team, the Child & Youth Mental Health Service and the Nepean-Bow Mountains Medicare Local (AMS) program.
Celebration Sing out Donation
$25,000 to Childrens' Hospital

Welcome Santa and his Elf

To the Blue Mountains of the
Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum
(Buscocum Road, Valley Heights NSW 2777)
See Santa arrive aboard historic steam train 10/5A
Saturday - 13th December 2014
Sunday - 14th December 2014
Santa arrives at 11am & 2pm
Bring the kids - Bring the camera - Santa Available for Photos
Museum's standard admission prices apply and includes
Unlimited rides and Free Gift for the kids.
Halter Steam Train operates subject to weather conditions.

For further details please phone: (02) 4751 4055 (look messages)
Website: www.bluemountainsnsw.com/valley-heights
Email: info@valleyheightsmuseum.com.au
Good news!

We’ve received a bundle of packages from the bank this week which means we should now be able to deliver all of the rewards that have been ordered.

The bank was very apologetic for the delay and they have made a few more items available for kids to order to help make up for the problems. This includes some limited numbers of old stock that they have made available for us to order. You should perhaps put a second choice down when you hand in your tokens just in case the first one is no longer available.

The list of things you can now claim includes a limited number of:

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Be quick, we only have one left for some of these items.

They've also offered two new items to help avoid disappointment -

Dollarmites Slap Band Ruler
Dollarmites Beachball

Because of all of this we will continue to accept reward orders this week and next, but these late orders will probably not arrive to be handed out until 2015 - we will do our best though.

Last banking day for the year is Friday 12th December!

See you Friday,

The Banking Team
ANGLICAN CHURCHES SPRINGWOOD PRESENTS...

Community Carols on the Lawn

SAT 20TH DECEMBER - 5.30 BBQ & DRINKS (GOLD COIN) - 6.30 CAROLS
BRING A RUG OR CHAIR TO SIT ON
WINMALEE ANGLICAN CHURCH 346 HAWKESBURY RD WINMALEE
ENQUIRIES 4751 1065

Art, Photography and more

Term 4 art and craft classes enrolling now
...See web site for details.

www.alisstudio.com.au
CALLING ON ALL OF 'SANTAS LITTLE HELPERS'!!!!!

This Saturday will be the final Blue Gum Markets for 2014. This will be a “whole school” cake stall and we are doing a call out for as many bakers and sellers to help make this stall a success. We still have some places that need to be filled by volunteers to help man the stall so if you can spare any time please let us know. Just a reminder that baked goodies can be taken to the office on Friday afternoon or brought to the markets on Saturday morning (preferably by 9am). A full list of ingredients required on the container for dietary / medical reasons.

FAULCONBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL BARNARDOS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

What a fantastic school and extended school community we have!! The generosity shown for the F.P.S Barnardos Christmas Appeal has been overwhelming. Thank you to everyone who has shown their support for this appeal and helped the students understand what the Christmas giving spirit is all about.

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

Just a reminder that the online survey closes this Friday. Please take a moment to have a look and have your say J Please follow the attached link to complete the survey - https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FXNZWD8

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

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
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 515383 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

Fun! Tournaments! Trophies! Prizes

Name: ___________________________ Age: ______

Address: ___________________________________________

Phone: ___________________ (please enclose full fee with this form)

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

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.