PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that this is nearly the end of week 5, as the school calendar is increasingly filled with special events and meetings being added to our primary goal – our students’ teaching and learning.

Primary Assembly

Last Friday the Primary Assembly was ably run by 4 of the school’s new Student Leadership team. They were understandably nervous but showed that they were capable and responded well to the challenge.

It was a great pleasure to be involved in congratulating those students who received ribbons and medals for their efforts in the swimming carnival. Again, congratulations to the place getters, the champions and to everyone who participated and tried their best.

Whole School Assembly

It is planned to hold two whole school assemblies every term and a whole school assembly had been set for this Friday, 28th February. However most of the Student Leadership team will be attending the Zone Swimming Carnival on that day and it is also the School Clean Up Day. As a result this assembly has been called off. So that the flow of the infants and primary assembly dates are not disrupted the first whole school assembly this year will be held on Friday, 4th April.

Teacher Professional Learning (TPL)

This afternoon Mrs Fulham will be presenting a TPL session on the use of Program Builder software. Teachers will be using the software next week during the English Planning days when they will be working in stage based collegial teams developing detailed English teaching programs based on a literary text. The planning days will be as follows:-

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On these days casual teachers will be continuing to teach the class program while the class teachers prepare their next Stage English Unit in line with the new Board of Studies English Syllabus. This syllabus incorporates the Australian National Curriculum. Last year the teachers at the school participated in 4 Modules about the new syllabus requirements in preparation for implementation this year.

Individual Education Plan, Personalised Learning Plan and Out of Home Care Plans

In her role as joint School Learning Support Co-Ordinator, Mrs Kowald has organised meetings over three consecutive Tuesdays involving teachers, the School Counsellor, School Learning Support Officers, parents and support services. Appropriate learning and behavioural plans for students with extra support needs are formulated during this process. More than 20 students at the school are assisted by the specific plans which are developed during this process.

Speech Pathology

Firstly, there was an error in last week’s Intercom:- the funding source for this program is the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) which was received by the school. This week the school’s Best Start data, Reading Recovery assessments and teacher’s knowledge of their students was analysed to collate a list of students most likely to benefit from Targeted Speech Pathology assessments and programs. Parents of these students will receive letters asking for permission for their children to participate in the program, which will commence on March 12.

School Evaluation and Planning

Every year the school has an ongoing range of evaluation and planning activities occurring. For example, at the beginning of last year the school’s Mathematics teaching and learning was evaluated as were other areas of operation, like the expanded Transition to Kindergarten program, throughout the year. This is used as the basis for the Annual School Report and the development of the schools Management plan and budget. Currently the various teams (for example Literacy, Numeracy, ICT and Learning Support Teams) are prioritizing outcomes, targets and the initiatives that will support them for this year’s plan and budget.

The Barber of Seville

Thank you to Mrs Reynolds for preparing copies of the audio support materials for this production for teachers. Class teachers also have copies of print material about the Opera that will be used to prepare students for this experience.

If you have recordings of the opera at home or are familiar with the plot, it will enrich your child’s engagement with the performance if you listen to and discuss them with your child beforehand.

Year 6 visit to Springwood High School Expo

On Tuesday Year 6 students were given a taste of the range of subjects and extra-curricular activities available at Springwood High School. The students found the day interesting and a good introduction to the Secondary School experience.
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Team Meeting

This meeting had been scheduled for week 2, but was postponed. It has been rescheduled for Monday, March 10\textsuperscript{th} in the meeting room at 3pm.

NRMA Science and Road Safety Presentation

Mr Thomson has organised the timetable and other details for this visit, which will occur on Friday 7\textsuperscript{th} March.

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Parents are cordially invited to attend their session at 2.15

Blue Mountains PSSA Basketball Trials

Congratulations to Laila Devine who has been selected in the BMPSSA Basketball team. She attended her first training session at Katoomba Sports and Aquatic Centre on Wednesday.

BOOK CLUB

Some Book Club orders were sent in without a name, so if you have placed an order and haven’t received your books, please come and see the ladies in the office. Details of books purchased must be given before books can be given out.

Thank You
Annette Reynolds

Ride Safely to School Day

Included in this week’s Intercom is information about Ride Safely to School Day on March 19\textsuperscript{th}.

There is also information about free training for students to prepare for the day being held in Springwood on Sunday March 2\textsuperscript{nd}.

Did you know that in the 1970’s, 80% of Australian school children rode or walked to school? Today only 20% of school children get to school by bike or foot, with the rest travelling to school in a vehicle.

Canberra Excursion

\textbf{Monday 31\textsuperscript{st} March to Wednesday 2nd April}

The Canberra trip is almost here and we are reminding parents about the final payment, which is due on 14\textsuperscript{th} March. Please send in your slip with the money to the office as soon as possible.

Mrs Macky
School Fees 2014

This year the cost of Materials and Voluntary Contributions will remain the same as last year

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Office Angels

Be part of the Ride2School fun on Wednesday 19th of March.
Whether you ride, scoot, skate or walk, Faulconbridge Public School and the Getting Around in Community (GAIC) sustainable transport project want to encourage students to travel to school actively. Stay tune for more information.

Get ready for Ride2School Day with free kids bike skills workshops in Springwood on Sunday March 2nd. Kids will improve their skills in a safe environment with qualified trainers. For information and bookings contact Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Cooperative Ph 4751 3033.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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Gold Achievement Awards

Finn Adams, 4K

Beginner Piano or Flute Lessons

Grace Rheinberger
Year 10 Winmalee High School
Currently studying grade 7 flute and piano (AMEB)
Available Saturdays and Sundays
$15 for a 30min lesson (Springwood)
Phone: 0481307697
Clean Up Schools Day is this **Friday 28th February**. The school is taking part and it would be advisable to send your child with gloves for picking up rubbish and doing gardening jobs.

We will also be having a **Nude Food Day** this Friday. That means NO wrappings, and all food scraps to be composted or taken home to help with waste in the playground. Healthy schools canteen provides lunch ideas on its website.

**Kind Regards**  
**Linda Dalkeith**

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**Cayden Henderson holds** the **9yrs 50m freestyle record** at the Swimming Carnival
P&C NEWS

BLUE GUM MARKETS

Our cake stall last Saturday at the Blue Gum markets was a great success. We ended up raising $304! This money will go towards paying for the insurance which covers the students and volunteers at school. Special thanks to the following who gave their time to help man the stall – Heather Curzon, Heather Murray, Kerry Doyle, Nicole Bryan, Nina Orel, Bec Baron and Ginett Mills. Special thanks to Scott Robinson and his family for not only helping on the day but also for the donation from their vending machine business which helped raise money. Also, thank you to those who baked tasty treats to sell on the day. Without you the day wouldn’t have been a success. 😊

FROZEN ORANGES ARE BACK!

Starting this Friday, frozen orange quarters will also be available for sale at lunch in addition to the ice-blocks. They are 50c for two quarters and are a refreshing snack. For those of you who have queried, below is the nutritional information for the ice-blocks which are sold on Fridays. Just a reminder to please advise children not to purchase food items for other students due to health and medical reasons.

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Ingredients: Water, Sugar, Acidity Regulator (330), Vegetable Gums (412, 466), Natural Colours (Plant Extract - Gardenia, 163, 120, 100, 160a), Natural Flavours. The quantity of each of the assorted flavours may vary (Based on Coles Smart Buy Water Ice Sticks)

FUNDRAISING MEETING

The first fundraising meeting for this year will be held on Monday, 3rd March at 7.30pm in the teachers staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come along and help brainstorm ways we can raise extra funds for the school. Every bit of parent / carer involvement helps.

WE NEED YOU!!!

Do you have a natural passion and enthusiasm to help lobby for our children’s rights in the education system?? If so, we would love for you to head up our Advocacy Committee. Be a voice for our children and help fight for what our kids deserve. Please contact Ginett Mills (ginettmills@yahoo.com.au) if you dare to care 😊

G. Mills – P & C President
Reminder – Help opening a new account

Gail from the Commonwealth Bank is visiting our school this Thursday and Friday at 8.30 – 9am under the Big Top to help answer questions about school banking and open new student bank accounts.

Parents need to bring ID (drivers licence). If you are opening an account for a sibling who doesn’t attend the school then you will also need to bring their birth certificate.

New Rewards

All of our school bankers should now have received a blue ‘Deep sea savers’ envelope from the bank. Inside this envelope is a savings tracker poster and game as well as a rewards card listing out the fantastic new rewards available in 2014.

The bank has spread the new awards out over the year by making only a couple of different awards available each term.

When you reach 10 tokens and want to redeem them, check first that the prize you want is available this term, fill in the reward slip with your name, class and banking student ID. Put them in a zip lock bag and include it with your 10 tokens inside your bank book on any Friday.

If you have any questions please come and see us.

Becoming a school banking volunteer

If you have some time free on Friday mornings and think that you might like to become a school banking volunteer please come and talk to us. We are usually in the boardroom after the bell rings on Friday, or otherwise the office ladies will be able to show you where we are. We’d love to meet you and you are welcome to come and see what we do.

See you Friday,
The Banking Team
BLUE MOUNTAINS
ALL ABILITIES
FOOTBALL

Come join the
BLUE KANGAROOS
for an exciting season of football!

We are an all abilities football team for children and adults who live in the Blue Mountains. Each week we get together and play football in a non-stressful environment where players learn ball skills, make friends, have fun and are part of a team.

We are holding our come and try / registration day at 11:00am on 22nd March 2014 at Oval Park mini-pitch. Online registration is also available.

Information can be found on the Hazelbrook Hawks webpage: www.hazelbrookhawks.com.au. Fee relief available, siblings free.

The season kicks off the following week, March 29th 2014, some place some time. For more information please ring Lisa on 0413548562 or Broox on 0422493895.

All abilities and skill levels welcome and enthusiastically celebrated!

Blue Mountains Kangaroos J AFL

Have fun, learn new skills, and make friends playing Australia’s favourite game!

Blue Mountains Kangaroos J AFL are on the lookout for boys and girls with ages ranging from Auskick (5 to 8), juniors (9 to 12) and youth (13 to 17).

Cheryl Moore
0402 628 426
president@bluemountainskangaroos.com.au
www.bluemountainskangaroos.com.au

Building readiness and resilience:
Using technology to help prepare for and cope with bushfire and other emergencies

This short course will help volunteers, workers and residents become familiar with technology to help with bushfire or other emergencies. This will include:

- Websites and mobile apps for services such as Rural Fire Service, BM City Council, Police
- Information to help develop a survival plan
- Using social media to stay informed in emergencies
- Sources of information to help with recovery & rebuilding, eg Insurance Council, Dept of Fair Trading, Red Cross

Classes will be held:
Springwood Court, 133 Macquarie Rd Springwood
(thanks to Springwood Uniting Church for the venue)
Tuesdays 2– 4 pm From 4th March to 8th April

To register or for more information:
Phone Springwood Neighbourhood Centre on 4751 3033
If you need help with transport to the class venue, please mention this when registering.
Email Subscriptions – iPhone, iPad and Android Apps

This is a reminder that you can now subscribe to receive newsletters, notes and year specific information via email and also access these via an app for your iPhone, iPad and Android devices.

We would prefer you to receive the newsletter electronically. There are many advantages including:

- easy and direct reminders straight to your email account;
- simple to use mobile apps;
- your child can’t forget or lose the newsletter;
- access to the newsletter if your child is absent from school;
- reduced photocopying and administration time costs to the school; and
- supporting our environmental initiatives.

Please note that any savings to the school is money that can be better used on classroom resources or for improving your child’s school environment.

Subscribe for email updates

2. Click the “Newsletters and Notes” heading (top menu)
3. Click on “Subscribe to receive newsletters and notes”
4. Under the “Subscribe” heading, tick on the “Newsletters List” and the appropriate year lists
5. Enter in your name and email address.
6. Click Subscribe
7. IMPORTANT: An email will be sent to your email address, you MUST click the “Activate Now” inside this email that is sent to you.

Get school news via an app

Download the app called “School Enews”. Open the app and search for “Faulconbridge”.

1. iPhone and iPod Touch app: http://iphone.schoolenews.com.au
2. iPad app: http://ipad.schoolenews.com.au
4. All other phones: http://webapp.schoolenews.com.au

If, however, you do not have access to the internet at home or work, please complete the return slip below requesting the continuation of a hard copy of the newsletter each week.

We will begin distributing notes, newsletters and year specific information via School Enews next week.

Peter Earl
Assistant Principal

I do not have access to the internet at home or work and request to have a hard copy of the newsletter sent home with my eldest child each Thursday. Please return note to the office.

Name:  ........................................................................................................................
Eldest child’s name:  ........................................................................................................................
Eldest child’s class:  ........................................................................................................................
Signed:  ......................................................................  Date:  ...................................
Primary Sports Organisation
I am writing to inform you of the changes we’re making to our sports program in 2014. Students will spend the first five weeks of each term developing their skills and learning the rules of three different sports. They’ll then be given the opportunity to choose their favourite sport and try out for a position on one of the school’s PSSA teams. The PSSA teams will participate in a five week competition against various schools in the Lower Blue Mountains. They will travel by bus to Summerhayes Park every Friday from 1:00pm and return to school at approximately 2:45pm. The school will subsidise the cost of the bus to ensure that we have as many children as possible representing Faulconbridge Public School at some stage throughout the year.

Teachers will be organising the following PSSA teams next week:

- Senior Soccer (mixed)
- Senior AFL (mixed)
- Senior Netball
- Junior Soccer (mixed)
- Junior AFL (mixed)
- Junior Netball

Students not involved in the PSSA competition will walk to Springwood High School to participate in an intraschool sports competition. They will break into house groups and spend the five weeks taking on their peers in each of the three sports.

Example of the school Sports Draw:

3 X 13 minute games + 1 x 13 minute final = 52 minutes

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This is an incredible opportunity for our students and we’re all very excited about these changes. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Mr Earl
Kids bike skills workshops
Thinking of riding to school?
FREE kids bike skills workshops
Springwood
Sunday 2nd March 2014
Weather backup Sunday 16th March
9:30am -12pm (5 - 7 years)
1pm - 3:30pm (8 - 12 years)
- Can your child ride unassisted but needs to improve their skills?
- Are they aged between 5-7 years or 8-12 years?
- Do they have a fully functioning bike & helmet?

Kids will learn bike rules & practical riding skills in the form of bike games from fully qualified AustCycle trainers.

Bookings are essential. For details & bookings contact
Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Cooperative T 4751 3033

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SPRINGWOOD WINMALEE BUSHFIRE QUILT APPEAL
PUBLIC OPEN DAY
See the quilts before they go to their new homes!
One day only: Friday 21st March 2014
10:00am – 7:00pm  Free entry!  Food and drink for sale

For info and to RSVP, go to http://bushfirequiltappeal.blogspot.com.au and click on the Public Open Day tab, or go the Springwood Winmalee Bushfire Quilt Appeal page on Facebook, or call Tracey Greenaway on (02) 4754 4757.

AT SPRINGWOOD SALVATION ARMY
15-23 FRANCIS RD, FAULCONBRIDGE
Andrew McLeod
Accredited Club Professional NSW TCA Coach
Previously coached in USA and Germany
Qualified PDHPE Teacher

GROUP & PRIVATE LESSONS
ALL AGES – beginners to elite players
SCHOOL HOLIDAY COACHING CLINICS
PRO SHOP, RACQUET SALES & RESTRINGING
Phone: 4751 5383
Mobile: 0416 08 34 72
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SPRING ST. SPRINGWOOD
PO BOX 139 SPRINGWOOD NSW 277

‘Website Change’
Please note that when accessing the ‘notes home’ facility on the Faulconbridge Public School website, it has been moved to a grey tab on the top right hand side of the page.