Dear Parents and Caregivers,

By now most of Eastern New South Wales must be a verdant vision but the rain keeps falling. After the very dry summer it is welcome, but it does cause rescheduling and sometimes cancelling of events.

Sport Fixtures Rescheduling

Parents of children involved in trials, competitions and knockouts have been receiving quite a few notes informing them that an event has had to be re scheduled. We are aware of how difficult it can be at times to make alternative transport arrangements, so thank you for your understanding and ongoing commitment to getting your children to these events. Thank you also to the teachers for continuing to update the notes.

Working Bee Postponed

After listening to the weather forecast this morning and checking the Bureau of Meteorology website, it is likely that there will be ongoing wet weather, including possible showers on Saturday. While a few people might like gardening in the rain, most would prefer fine weather – let us hope we can have a working bee early next term when the sun is shining.

Cyber Bullying Presentation

Thank you to Mrs Macky and Constable Jansco for making this presentation available to parents on Thursday. For the two parents who attended I am sure they learnt some interesting information about the possible dangers for children in the online environment and how to put safeguards in place.

Farewell Mrs Robyn Asboth

Because Mrs Macky kindly agreed to be in attendance at the Cyber bullying presentation I was able to join other Principals at a farewell function last Thursday. Mrs Asboth spoke about how she had valued the collegial support of Principals during her time as Principal of Springwood High School and Mr Cole thanked her for the contribution she had made to the education of students and congratulated her on the positive changes she instigated at the High School.

Canberra Excursion

More than 60 students and Mrs Macky, Mr Pentecost and Mrs Curzon will be departing early on Monday morning for Canberra. This excursion is very valuable as it is often the first time many students have visited Parliament House and other important sites in the national capital.

Start Smart Workshops

Last year the school participated in this program for the first time. When teachers were surveyed about the lessons, it was a unanimously positive response. The Start Smart Workshops are on again this week and each class will have a stage appropriate presentation about money management. The interactive, engaging and fun workshops equip students with the confidence...
and competence to make smart decisions about money. This is an initiative of the Commonwealth Bank.

**Reminders**
Just a brief reminder about upcoming due dates.

- Mufti Day fundraiser for Credo Nzoyihaya, organized by the Student Representative Council on April 3rd. The school sponsors Credo, a boy in Africa, through World Vision.
- Whole School Assembly, Friday 4th April, including Drumming and Choir performances and the induction of the Student Representative Council and Green Team.
- ‘The Barber of Seville’ performance is on Wednesday 9th April.
- The Drum Kit Disco, raising funds for a new drum kit for the school band, Thursday 10th April.
- Last day for Mother’s Day money Thursday, 10th April.

**Copyright Audit**
On Monday Mr Earl attended a training day in preparation for the school’s participation in a Copyright Audit next term. The audit will be carried out throughout Term 2 and will involve record keeping of all photocopying and printing of teaching resources, including music. Staff will be given detailed information about the process and requirements on the Term 2 School Development Day.

**School Development Day**
The first day of Term 2 for staff is Monday 28th April. Teaching staff will be participating in the Copyright Audit training and in collegial, stage based development of English Units. The School Learning Support Officers (SLSO) will be attending the SLSO Conference at Epping where a range of workshop sessions are being delivered.

**Keyboard Donation**
Last week, while sorting through the Instrument Store to update the register of instruments available for hire, Mr Hewitt found that the majority of our keyboards were beyond reasonable repair. This left a short fall in available keyboards to be used during music lessons. Fortunately on Monday Mrs Ginett Mills contacted the school offering to purchase a second hand keyboard for the school – an offer which was gratefully accepted. Later this week, in conversation with Mr Hewitt he proposed lending a keyboard to the school. The community support for the school is one of the wonderful aspects of Faulconbridge Public School.

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**Band News**
Faulconbridge Public School Band is up and running and set for a great year! The senior band is working on ‘Lean On Me’ to perform in Term 2 and the training band will be starting for the very first time on Wednesday. Remember it’s not too late to join the band. The band is in for a great year ahead.

For details of how to join please contact Andrew at musosmedia@icloud.com

Thanks
Andrew
Crunch&Sip healthy snack ideas

Sugar snap peas and tomatoes
A tub of frozen peas. Cherry tomatoes and mushrooms
Melon balls
Grapes and mango

Corn, carrots and cucumber
Kiwi fruit with spoon
Spicy choice: radish, rocket and cucumber
Green beans and red capsicum

Deadlines and Reminders.....

Funny Photos
Cut off for orders is FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

Disco
Cut off for disco permission slip and money is FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

Book Club
We still have a few book orders without a name. If you placed an order that you have yet to receive, please come to the office with the names of the books to collect. Thank You

Lost Property
Please contact the office with a description of your property to claim.
- Scooter found on Grose Road on ‘Ride to School Day’
- Watch found on school grounds
Visit by Author, ALEESAH DARLISON

"Interesting, spectacular, fantastic, awesome, amazing," were just some of the younger students' descriptions of our author visit last Friday, March 21st.

Some classes wrote a recount of her visit with parts of them quoted below:

"We read a few books and decorated the library. Some of us made a poster of the book, Warambi. When Aleesah came she was very, very inspiring. She was very funny while telling us things and made a lot of people laugh. She made me feel happy, confident in writing and eager to read. I thank her for coming and giving me a fun time!" Elayna 5/6S.

"She puts her childhood into books. I felt inspired, overwhelmed." Elise 5/6S

"In conclusion, I thought that her visit was very, very, very, very good! She has influenced me to write more stories." Monique 5/6S

"She talked about her childhood and how she grew up on a farm. I got a question right and got a purple phoenix feather. I enjoyed it a lot." Liam 6PB

"Writing can change your life." Clayton 4T

LIBRARY FOLDERS
As mentioned in a previous Intercom, students from 2/3T to 6PB require a folder for their library work. I have purchased some at a cheaper price so 30 cents each, not 60 cents, will be sufficient to enable your child to choose from a variety of colours. Please send money in a labelled envelope to the library.

THANK YOU to our parent and grandparent helpers for: our lovely library garden, book covering and repairs, shelving books, labelling boxes of reading resources and cleaning old shelving for extra library storage.

Diane McKay

Teacher Librarian.
Harmony Day

1ZR And 5ME
RESULTS FROM BLUE GUM MARKETS
Well done to 2J and 2T!! The amount of support shown from both of your classes at last weekends Blue Gum markets was fantastic! Altogether the markets raised $266! Split for the classes as follows:

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MOTHERS DAY ORDERS
Notes have been sent home with all of the students. Please ensure that your orders are returned to the office by Thursday, 10th April.

LIBRARY HELPERS NEEDED
We are sending a call out for any helpers who are able to spare some time for our much loved library. Mrs McKay needs some volunteers to assist in putting away books, covering books and general tidying in the library. This term Friday is the best day for help (but any day is appreciated). If you are unable to come in to help, please pop into the library and grab some books and contact which you can take home and cover. Every bit of help goes a long way. Also, if we have any avid painters out there, there are some book shelves which need some TLC. Please see Mrs McKay in the library if you can help.

ICEBLOCKS AND FROZEN ORANGES
Only a few more weeks left in this term for the students to purchase these frozen delights!!!! A reminder that students are not to purchase ice-blocks or oranges for other students due to health and dietary reasons. Also... Remember to “DO THE RIGHT THING” and put your wrappers, sticks and orange peels in the bin 😊

G. Mills – P & C President
Good news! We are keen to help our new bankers collect their first 10 tokens so we will be doing banking on the last day of term. This means there are three more banking days between now and the holidays, including this Friday.

Every deposit, no matter how small, adds to your savings balance and also helps the school with our entry in the bank competition.

See you Friday,
The Banking Team

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A notice from our S.R.C.

I am pleased to announce a fund raiser Mufti Day to be held next Thursday 3rd April. It will raise money for our World Vision sponsored student Credo Nzoyihaya. Students are permitted to wear suitable clothing other than school uniform on that day. A gold coin donation is requested if possible to assist in maintaining our commitment to Credo.

Thank You for your anticipated support.
Mr Edwards on behalf of the S.R.C.
An adventure-filled weekend for fathers and sons

Ditch the technology for a fun and adventurous camping weekend.

An exclusive phone, computer, TV and work-free zone, YoungStars camps are aimed at primary school boys aged from seven years, and their dads.

Together you will:
- Pitch your tent and set up camp
- Sit around an open fire and roast marshmallows
- Play games, laugh, have fun and make friends with other kids
- Talk to other dads about the experience of raising boys.

BYO tent and sleeping bag – and let us do the cooking and organising.

Your son will:
- Be the star of the weekend, with exclusive one on one time with dad
- Build social skills by making new friends and doing something adventurous in a group
- Have active alternatives to technology
- See dad in a different light
- Learn skills to aid his transition from primary to high school.

Boys can also attend with their uncle, grandad, step-

Locations
Berry and Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centres

Cost
$400 per family

Dates
Camps will run over a series of weekends from April to November 2014

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