Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope when you looked at the Permission Note Agreement Booklet and came to the section on Internet Usage that seemed to be a mixture of English and gobbledegook, a smile of understanding appeared on your face. I did proof read the notes twice! However, in an attempt to improve the print quality an Office Angel (who shall remain nameless) changed the format from PDF to Word and did not check before sending it off to print 320 copies. Included in Intercom this week is a retyped version. A bag of jelly beans to the person who can guess the identity of the Office Angel in question.

Band

On Tuesday this week we were informed that Mr Jarred Baker will be unable to continue with the band program this year. He is studying for a Master’s Degree and the train timetable and his University timetable do not enable him to also continue to take the band. We wish him well with his studies, thank him for the excellent work he has done at the school and we will miss him greatly. We are currently exploring a range of options for maintaining an instrumental music program at the school.

Clean Up Schools Day

Due to the wonderful rain last Friday, 28th February this event was postponed to next Monday 10th March. While rain is always welcome, let us hope for a sunny day on Monday.

Year 6 Shirts and Canberra Excursion

The money for the shirts is due this Friday, 7th March. The final payment for the Canberra excursion is due on Friday, 14th March. Please ensure that the yellow medical information and permission note for the Canberra excursion is also returned by tomorrow Friday, 7th March.

National Ride Safely to School Day

Just a brief reminder, this occurs on Wednesday, 19th March. The next two weekends are good opportunities to check that helmets, bikes, scooters and skateboards are ready for the day and that children have ‘a go’ at getting themselves to school under their own steam. For students who live too far away to make it possible for them either walk or ride the whole way why not practice for the last 500 metres of the trip?
Harmony Day 21st March

An author visit is planned for the same day as Harmony Day this year. Therefore Harmony Day activities will not include a whole school event. This year classes will be involved in jointly planned lessons with another class.

Cyber Safety Talks

Police Youth Liaison Office, Michelle Jansco will be presenting these talks on Thursday 20th March.

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Please RSVP below if you will be attending the evening session.

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I ________________, will be attending the Cyber Safety presentation on 20th March at 6pm.

Author Visit 21st March

Mrs McKay has included her library bulletin in this edition of Intercom, including information about an author visit she has organised for this date.

Start Smart

Last year the Start Smart presentations were greatly enjoyed by the students and they learnt a lot about financial literacy. These workshops were booked again for this year. They will occur on 26th, 27th and 28th March.

Gardens Working Bee

Please put the 29th March (Saturday) morning in your diary as it will be the first Garden working bee of the year. If you can spare an hour or three to help with building a garden bed under our electronic sign, weeding the Pioneer Garden or the vegetable beds or helping to plant a lavender hedge at the main entrance, your help will be much appreciated.

Speech Pathology Program

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who were prompt in returning permission notes for this program. The assessments will begin next Wednesday, March 12th and a parent information session has been organised for parents of students participating in the program on Wednesday, 19th March at 9am in the library.

Tell Them From Me

Faulconbridge Public School is one of the 50 pilot schools trialing an online student survey called ‘Tell Them From Me’. Parents of students in Years 3 to 6 received information and permission notes last week. If you do not give permission for your child to participate in the survey please ensure you return the note by tomorrow as students will be completing the survey next week with Mrs Macky during their ICT lessons.
**ANZAC Day Parade Information**

Mrs Curzon will again be coordinating our students’ participation in the parade. As this year is the 100th anniversary of the start of World War 1 the commemoration of the day will have even more significance for us.

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**Zone Swimming Carnival Results**

Our students competed at this event on a rainy day last Friday, but the weather did not dampen their spirits. The result for the school was wonderful with 9 students being selected to compete at the Area Carnival on 20th March at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

Congratulation to:-

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Area Carnival 20th March – Sydney Olympic Park, Aquatic Centre

Our school finished 4th at the District Carnival – an outstanding achievement.

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Introduction

The internet is a wonderful resource that adds another dimension to learning. The internet offers facilities that can enhance students' learning opportunities and outcomes in all key learning areas.

While the internet possesses vast stores of information and educational resources, there are also undesirable aspects of the internet including:

- Socially and culturally inappropriate material
- Offensive material
- Gambling sites
- Misinformation

The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides the internet service free of charge to schools. In order to maintain a safe and appropriate environment for students accessing the internet, all internet access at school is filtered automatically at the service provider to prevent known undesirable sites from being accessed. In addition to the filter, access is given under teacher supervision, which may not always be direct.

Both parents and teachers need to guide and encourage children to be responsible users of the Internet, by making them aware of the rules of online behaviour and access privileges. The observation of these rules will help make the Internet a magnificent resource for children's learning.

We ask parents to read the 'Student Acceptable Use Of The Internet Agreement' form and discuss it with their child. Following the discussion please sign the permission forms and return them to the class teacher. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

PARENTAL/STUDENT AGREEMENT AND CONSENT FORM

I have read the 'Student Acceptable Use Of The Internet Agreement' and have discussed the rules with my child so that he/she understands the importance of abiding by them.

Child's Name (please print) .................................................................

Parent's/Carer's Signature ........................................................................

Child's Signature (grades 3 to 6) ..............................................................

Date:  ..................................................

PARENTAL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLICATION ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE/NEWSPAPERS AND/OR SCHOOL INFORMATION BROCHURE

If children's work and/or photos of school activities are published on the school's website or school information brochure, first names only or initials may be attached to work but never to photos.

I give/do not give consent for my child's work to be published (Signature) ..................................

I give/do not give consent for photos to be published (Signature) ...........................................................

Child’s Name (please print) ............................................................... Class  .........................
Student Acceptable Use of the Internet Agreement

I will:

❖ Use the Internet for research, and for learning purposes related to the school curriculum.
❖ Press STOP and BACK buttons, immediately if I see any strange or inappropriate material
❖ Inform an adult if I find something inappropriate or that makes me uncomfortable
❖ Use information found on the Internet to take notes, as part of my overall research
❖ Acknowledge information used from the Internet, and follow copyright rules
❖ Use e-mail only when approved by my teacher for learning, being polite and using acceptable language
❖ Have my teacher edit my e-mails before sending them
❖ Check with the teacher before printing or saving any material, downloading images or games
❖ Only use the Internet with teacher supervision

I will not:

❖ Attempt to access inappropriate material
❖ Look at inappropriate material if I find it by accident
❖ Pass on information about inappropriate material to other students
❖ Respond to mean, abusive or intrusive messages
❖ Send inappropriate messages
❖ Give out my own or anyone else's phone number, home address or e-mail address
❖ Hand in someone else's work from the Internet
❖ Download anything, order or subscribe to anything online
❖ Use chat rooms
❖ Arrange a face-to-face meeting without permission
❖ Use other people's passwords, or give their password to another person
❖ Change school computer settings in any way

If these rules are not followed, I understand my use of the Internet will be suspended.
LIBRARY NEWS

A slightly delayed first news from the library for 2014!
Our school library operates four days per week - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

All classes are timetabled for a library lesson one hour each week. Students in Years 3 to 6 require a folder for their work throughout the year. They are available for 60c each from the library. One folder will be reused each year until completion of Year 6.

Monday: 6P, KD, 2T, 5/6S
Tuesday: KE, 2/3T, 4T
Thursday: 1Z, 5ME, 2J, 3D, 4K
Friday: 1F

Students are encouraged to borrow books on a regular basis and are given the opportunity to do so in their library time, before school and at lunchtimes.

Please take an interest in what your children borrow. Take time to read to them, give them opportunities to read to you. Let them see that reading can be fun and enjoyable. As parents, your involvement is crucial. Help them along the road to a lifelong love of reading. It will be one of the most valuable things you can do for your children.

Cartoon from "The Reading Bug" by Paul Jennings

'Though a formal learning space, our lovely school library is also a place for relaxing and taking time out to just enjoy reading, to listen to stories, to play board games or use the computers. Students have the opportunity to do this before school and at lunchtimes.
AUTHOR VISIT - FRIDAY MARCH 21

Australian author, Aleesah Darlison, will be visiting the Blue Mountains on Friday, March 21. Our school has been fortunate to book 2 sessions that will allow all classes to attend, free of charge.

9.00 - 9.45: Kindy to Year 2
10.00 - 10.45: Years 3 to 6

Aleesah is the author of Picture Books such as "Puggle’s Problem" and "Warrambi" and of series of novels such as "Totally Twins", "Unicorn Rider" and "Ash Rover". She has other recently published books and has written a new book that invites interested children to enter a competition with their illustrations for possible publication.

Her books will be for sale and autographing on the day. Pre-orders and payment will ensure that adequate numbers of preferred titles are supplied. Please see list attached (or look out for a separate order form that will be sent home).

An author visit is always exciting, inspires many and leaves them with lasting memories.

Parents are also welcome to attend. Please advise the school if interested.

PARENT HELPERS

Friday is now my main admin day so any time offered for covering, repairing or shelving books would be most appreciated. A tea or coffee is happily provided!

My thanks for your interest and support

Diane McKay
Teacher Librarian
School Crossing Supervisor (SCS)

Please be advised that there will be no School Crossing Supervisor (SCS) available at the crossing at our school from 10 March to 19 March 2004 during the afternoon shift.

To ensure your safety, please abide by the following:-
- Wherever possible, cross the road at a designated pedestrian crossing facility
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! when crossing the road
- Take care whenever you cross
- Don’t run across the road

A message from the State Asphalt Services

Road works will be carried out on Meeks Crescent - Russell Avenue to Grose Road next week (weather permitting). As parking could be difficult during this time, please be aware you may have to arrive a little earlier to find a parking space for pick-ups.

Ride Safely to School Day

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

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.

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 tuned for more information.

Canberra Excursion

Monday 31st March to Wednesday 2nd April

The Canberra trip is almost here and we are reminding parents about the final payment, which is due on 14th 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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Clean Up Schools Day has been **rescheduled** to next Monday 10th March. The school is taking part and it would be advisable to send your child with gloves for picking up rubbish and doing gardening jobs.

Kind Regards
Linda Dalkeith

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**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
P&C NEWS

**FUNDRAISING MEETING**

The first Fundraising meeting for 2014 was held on Monday night. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped with the planning of the Fundraising Committee’s events for this year. The planning for the mother’s day stall, walk-a-thon and annual Twilight Markets are already underway. The Fundraising Committee holds meetings on the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Please come along to the next one if you can 😊

**FROZEN ORANGES AND ICE-BLOCKS**

The students love lining up at lunch to make their frozen purchase. Ice-blocks are only 50c each (or for 2 orange quarters) and all money raised goes towards the schools P & C to support various projects within the school. Please remind students NOT to purchase ice-blocks or oranges for any other students due to health and dietary reasons.

**READING ASSISTANCE EVENING**

The P & C have been advised of the following workshop for adults to assist with reading for children -

*A Practical Workshop to Re-start the Reading Process!*

This workshop focuses on how to get children reading. It looks at how to re-start the reading process through fun, hands on activities that will engage even the reluctant reader!

Suitable for parents and those working with struggling readers

Wednesday 30th April

6.30pm – 8pm

Emu Plains Community Centre

$10 Voluntary Contribution

Booking essential – 47353962 / LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE – SELLS OUT FAST!!!!!!!


G. Mills – P & C President
Raising money for our school

Did you know that School Banking raises money for our school? All of the money raised is put towards extra maths resources that our kids can use in their classrooms.

Each time a new account is opened through school banking, the bank pays our school $5. Each week the bank also pays our school a commission payment based on the amount deposited by the kids. All of these small amounts really add up and we’ve been able to help put quite a lot of money back into the school.

Thank you to all the parents who opened new accounts this week helping to raise money to provide our kids with additional maths resources.

It’s never too late, accounts can be opened at any stage throughout the year at a CBA branch. All new school banking accounts earn money for our school.

Competitions!

The ‘STAY COOL AT SCHOOL’ promotion is still happening at the moment. This is exclusive to Penrith, Richmond and Blue Mountains Area schools; and there are (4) 3m x 3m marquees which can be used at school fetes, sports events and BBQ’s, each valued at $400.

The school with highest percentage of active students at the end of Term 1 will win a marquee.

There are also (2) $50.00 prizes for 2 lucky bankers to be deposited into their Youthsaver account. Make 3 deposits through School Banking between 28/01/2014 and 11/04/2014 to be automatically entered into the draw.

See you Friday,
The Banking Team

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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
Community Family Day
Saturday 22 March 10am—2pm
Kindly hosted by Ellison Public School
Ellison Road
Springwood

Come along and enjoy
*Free activities for families and children 0-12 including
  + Baby Animal Farm
  + Circus Skills Workshops + Arts and Crafts
  + Free workshops with National Parks and Wildlife Discovery Rangers about the bush and how it regenerates after fires
AND there will be a Free Sausage Sizzle and
+Free books for fire affected families!

Enquiries to Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Bushfire Community Renewal project on 4751 3033
or visit the Renewal Calendar at www.sncc.org.au

This activity is a partnership between:
* Mountains Outreach Community Service * Step by Step Bushfire Support Service  * Paint the Blue Read * Ellison Public School P&C
* National Parks and Wildlife Discovery Rangers
* Community Renewal Project—Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Co-op
and supported by Blue Mountains City Council Children’s Week Funding
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, IBM 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 11th 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.

Andrew McLeod
Accredited Club Professional NSW TCA Coach
Previously coached in USA and Germany
Qualified PDHPE Teacher

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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 Gloria 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, same place same time. For more information please ring Lisa on 0413548562 or Bronwyn on 0422493895.

All abilities and skill levels welcome and enthusiastically celebrated!
BLUE MOUNTAINS KANGAROOS JNFL

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

Blue Mountains Kangaroos JNFL 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).

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