Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week’s activities in many ways epitomise the school’s range and focus on areas aimed at developing the whole child – academically, physically, culturally and socially. The daily class programs that are presented ensure students’ learning in the key syllabus areas. The weekly Physical Education lessons and sport activities like the Cross Country held on Monday encourage active and healthy physical development. Supplementing the school’s Creative and Practical Arts activities are opportunities like Band, Drumming, Guitar lessons, Choir and Dance Groups and, this Friday, the performance of ‘The Barber of Seville’ for all the school as a result of sponsorship by the Ebbeling family. Social development is fostered in a number of ways, including the Kids Matter and Bounce Back programs, but also by the many ways the community supports the school. There are two examples that spring to mind this week—the Mothers’ Day Stall run by the P&C which is happening today and the Mothers’ Day Breakfast organised by the Blackboard Café. By seeing these examples of how groups and individuals support them, our students learn about the benefits of positive social and community values.

Cross Country

Congratulations to everyone involved in this event. Miss Shand’s organisation and the support of all the staff ensured the Cross Country on Monday ran very smoothly. Although it did feel like the Outer Hebrides in winter where I was standing, the cold was probably an advantage to the students who were participating, which was most of the students in the Primary classes and many of the Year 2 students who were old enough. Included in this week’s newsletter is a list of the students who will go on to represent the school at the Zone Cross Country Carnival on Friday 23rd May (and the reserves). Well done to all of these students and to all who finished the course. It was heartwarming to see those children who knew they wouldn’t win nevertheless finishing what they had set out to do. It is that kind of persistence that is needed so often in life. Whenever we set out to do something, sticking to it even if it is hard, we learn that we can achieve our goals. This applies to learning to walk, ride a bike, drive a car, complete the HSC and a University Degree. Ability counts, but persistent effort is also needed.

Elayna L-B (5/6S) Award for ‘My School Without Bullying’ Poster

Last week the school was informed that Elayna L-B had been chosen as having a highly commended poster in a state wide competition run by Interrelate. Elayna will receive a book and a small gift at a morning tea hosted by Interrelate on Wednesday, 21st May. Congratulations to Elayna and well done to all the students who participated in the competition. Participating in competitions like this continues to raise student awareness of bullying, develop an understanding of the gravity of bullying and recognise how an environment can improve when it is bully-free.
Mothers Day

Boxes and bags of Mothers’ Day gifts have been decorating an area of the Administrations block since Monday. Thank you to the P&C members for organising the annual Mothers Day Stall which our students will be able to visit this afternoon to choose a gift for their mother, grandmother or valued female relative in time for Sunday.

Tomorrow morning the acknowledgement of mothers continues with the Blackboard Café Mothers Day breakfast. I look forward to seeing how this initiative is adopted by the school community. Celebrating the role that mothers play in our students’ lives and having them recognise other women who also support them develops their appreciation and understanding of service done for love, not reward.

Barber of Seville
Barring another accident the opera ‘The Barber of Seville’ will be performed at the school tomorrow. Years K-2 will attend the performance after lunch at 11:45. The Primary classes’ performance will commence after recess, at 2:05pm.

School Grounds
Returning to school on Monday, after the wild winds on Saturday, we were met by the sight of the small big top cover flapping in the breeze. This has been reported and we are awaiting a response from Asset Management Unit about what needs to be done. In the meantime a quote has been requested from a local shade cloth shelter company.

Today Mrs Pat Ainslie from the Springwood Rotary Club came to discuss plans for the next Rotary working bee. The working bee will focus on the Pioneer Garden plantings and the garden areas near the main gate.

A grounds working bee for parents and community members has also been set for Saturday 31st May. This will focus on creating a garden bed underneath the electronic sign and compost bay near the vegetable gardens.

Dorothee Lean
Principal

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| Aiesha O | Oliver S | | Hannah W | Addison B |

| Reserves | Lucy S | Oskar T | Reserves | Tegan D | Julian S |

Chess Competition
We still need children for the chess competition at Glenbrook on Tuesday, 10th June. Last year the students who participated in a similar event returned well pleased with their participation and a trophy for second place. We hope to be able to field a team again this year. If your child is attending Chess Club on Wednesday or is an interested player at home please consider this opportunity.
INTERSCHOOL CHESS CHALLENGE
LOCAL HEAT (PRIMARY SCHOOLS)

DATE: TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2014
VENUE: GLENBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL WOODVILLE ST, GLENBROOK
DIVISION: PRIMARY SCHOOLS
TIME: 8:30AM – 9:15AM REGISTRATION
9:30AM ROUND 1 BEGINS
THERE WILL BE A LUNCH BREAK, AND SHORT BREAKS BETWEEN THE ROUNDS.
COST: $10 PER CHILD

FORMAT
This tournament is run as an individual event. The winning school is determined by adding the 4 highest scorers from each school. This means that your school can enter any number of players, and there is no need to rank them by ability, or assign teams.
This tournament is a 7-round ‘Swiss’ competition. This means that all players play 7 games and no-one is ‘knocked out’ of the tournament.

TIME LIMIT
Chess clocks will be used in this event. There will be a short demonstration on the use of chess clocks before the start of the tournament.

The time limit is 15 minutes per player per game.

PRIZES
* Trophies awarded to top scoring players: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th.
* Trophies awarded to top 3 placed schools in each heat.
* All participants receive a certificate of participation.
* The top 3 schools from each heat qualify for the Regional Semi-Finals, held in Term 3.

PLEASE FILL IN PERMISSION SLIP TO ATTEND

TO: Faulconbridge Public School Office

I give permission for my child_______________________________ of class____________________
to attend the Interschool Chess Challenge at Glenbrook Public School on Tuesday 10th June 2014. I understand that travel will be by private car.

I enclose $10 entry fee

Signed ________________________________ Date ____________________________
13 – The Musical

We are all very excited about the opportunity to be involved in one of Springwood High School’s major productions. Selected students in years 5 and 6 will feature in this unique, never-seen-before performance. ‘13 – The Musical’ is the story of thirteen-year-old Evan Goldman, and his transition from New York City to the middle of nowhere; Appleton, Indiana.

We follow his journey to becoming a man; his efforts to fit in, and his struggle to make his new life in Indiana work. ‘13’ promises to be an exciting, energetic and memorable evening.

Tickets are now on sale. You can book online using one of the following links:

http://www.trybooking.com/EUPK
http://www.trybooking.com/84224

Dates: Friday 6th June, Saturday 7th June, Friday 13th June and Saturday 14th June

Time: 7pm

Cost: Adults - $20.00
Children/Concession - $15.00

Maths Overviews

Parents and Caregivers play an important role in the education of our children. In an effort to help you engage with your child’s learning, the Numeracy Team have developed ‘Maths Overviews’ for you to follow throughout the team. Please visit the school’s website for information on the term's concepts and key ideas.

Mr Earl

School Banking News

When: Fridays from 8.30-9.00
Where: Under the Big Top

The new Term 2 rewards are now available. You can now choose from the following items -

- Handball
- Scented pencils
- Penguin or shark plush toy key ring
- Whale shark pencil case

If you have 10 tokens and would like to claim one of these items then send them in with your next deposit. Make sure you put the 10 tokens in a zip lock bag together with a piece of paper listing your name, class, student banking ID number (found on the inside cover of your deposit book) and a description of the reward you would like.

See you Friday,
The Banking Team
LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR THEME: “READING OASIS: A COOL PLACE TO DISCOVER HOT BOOKS.”

Our first book fair for the year will arrive next Thursday May 15 and will continue until the following Thursday, May 22.

Book fairs offer a wonderful variety of books and are eagerly anticipated by our students. They provide an opportunity for purchasing books to build a student’s personal reading collection and to add to the school’s library and reading resources.

Students will browse through the books during their library time so they can choose up to three items for their “Wish List”. They will bring this home with a pamphlet/order form which you may like to use.

With each purchase students will receive a free bookmark and the chance to win a free book from the fair. You are welcome to send orders, with payment, to school in a labelled envelope.

Payment can be cash, cheque (made out to Faulconbridge PS), credit card or eftpos.

Parents, grandparents and carers are invited to attend the fair during the times below:

Thursday May 15 – afternoon only, 2.55 to 4.00 pm
Monday May 19 – 8.30 to 9.00 am and 2.55 to 3.30 pm
Tuesday May 20 – 8.30 to 9.00 am, 2.55 to 4.00 pm
Thursday May 22 – 8.30 to 8.55 am (morning only).

Our school receives commission from Scholastic for holding the fair. If sales reach $4,500 we will receive an additional bonus - all the books shortlisted for the Children’s Book Council Book of the Year awards for 2014!

NEW LIBRARY TIMETABLE

As mentioned in last week’s Intercom, my library allocation has been reduced to 3 days per week - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Below is the new timetable.

**Mondays:** KBC, 4K, 2/3T, 5/6S
**Tuesdays:** KE, 2T, 4T
**Thursdays:** 1Z, 2J, 1F, 3D.

Classes 5E and 6M will now have library time with their class teachers on Fridays.

My thanks for your interest and support.

Diane McKay
Teacher Librarian
P&C NEWS

THANK YOU!!!!
Thank you so much to the seven lovely ladies who came along on Monday night to help wrap over 400 mothers days gifts! Also, a very special thank you to Cassandra Palmer who donated all of the bags for the gifts to be wrapped in. They definitely made the wrapping a lot easier!! 😊

TWILIGHT MARKETS
The annual Twilight Markets last year were a huge success. We have already begun contacting stalls holders to come along this year. Over half of the stalls have already been filled. If there is anyone in the school community who is interested in holding a stall or knows someone who may like to have a stall, please contact either Monique Commins on moz22e@yahoo.com.au or Ginett Mills on ginettmills@yahoo.com.au. Please note that it is compulsory to have liability insurance to attend.

P & C MEETING
Just a reminder that the next P & C meeting is on Monday, 19th May at 7.30pm. This is held in the teachers staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend!

P & C CONTACT
The P & C page on the school website is currently “under construction”. If you need to contact someone from the P & C please forward any correspondence to myself, Ginett Mills – ginettmills@yahoo.com.au

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Pizza Day
Friday 30th May
all orders to be in by 23rd

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY