### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Trees**

It has been sad to see some of the trees in our playground being removed and others lapped. However, if this Department of Education safety initiative prevents injury or death of another student or member of staff it will be worth it. After the awful accident at Wilberforce Public School the Department ensured that every Public School had an independent tree inspection by qualified arborists and then allocated a million dollars to the removal of dangerous trees and branches in school grounds. Trees are replaceable, lives are not.

**Walkathon**

The weather held off, parent volunteers ensured everything ran smoothly and our students thoroughly enjoyed contributing to their school’s amenities. There are so many people to thank and behalf of the whole school, thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this event.

Lately there has been a series of positive articles in the Gazette about our school and this week the Walkathon and Mr Harold Wilson are both featured. It is good to see that our school is being recognized for the many wonderful things that happen here.

**Area Cross Country Carnival**

Well done to our students who competed at this event and congratulations to those who achieved a personal best result. Lily P, Taniora H and Charli S tried hard, behaved well and represented our school with pride in an event with 96 runners. Especially noteworthy is the achievement of Lily P for coming second in her age group. She will now go on to compete at State level. We wish her well.

**School of Origin, Round 2**

Congratulations to our players and their Stage 3 supporters on excellent behavior, playing with courage and persistence and great barracking. This inaugural series of games is very enjoyable and we look forward to the third round game, even if we are currently two games down. Go the Blues!

**School Learning Support Team (SLST) Update**

Three members of the SLST attended the first 2 days of training in the Positive Partnerships course last Thursday and Friday (but I requested an exemption so I could be at school for most of the Walkathon). This is part of the ongoing professional learning that ensures that the school can implement learning and social development programs for students with special needs.

Mrs Kowald and 2 parents are participating in a joint parent/staff course called ‘Recipe for Success’ which also presents information about students with special needs.

Thank you to those parents who have returned the survey regarding the Speech Pathology program. Your comments and responses are valued. The SLST reviewed the staff and parent questionnaires at the regular

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### JUNE

- **Fri 20** – Winmalee Cup
- **Mon 23** – P&C Strategic Plan Meeting
- **Tue 24** – Dyslexia NSW information session
- **Wed 25** – Pulse rehearsal
- **Thurs 26** – Disco, Parent Forum, Buddy Training Day
- **Fri 27** - 3-6 Assembly
  - Last Day for T 2
- **Sat 28** – Blue Gum Markets

### JULY

- **Mon 14** – SDD
- **Tues 15** - School resumes T3
- **NAIDOC Day**
- **Mon 21** – Athletics Carnival
- **Mon 21** – P&C meeting
- **Mon 28** – Education week
- **Tues 29** – ICAS English
- **Thu 31** – Education Day Celebration, Year 6 Mini Fete and Community Breakfast
Tuesday meeting this week and found that the program was very favourably regarded. As a result we have requested another Speech Pathology Course for next year. We are awaiting a reply from the University of Sydney.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program News**

The next meeting of the SAKG committee is on Monday 23rd in the meeting room at 3:00pm.

To ensure that every class will participate in the program next term Mrs Georgie Langworthy, the Kitchen teacher, will also take one class on Tuesdays, after lunch.

The indefatigable Mrs Jacqui Hyslop will present the final draft of the Green Gazette, which she has put together.

Please look out for Issue 3 of the Green Gazette in the near future. Also, feel free to have a look at the vegetable gardens and the start of our citrus orchard when you are at the school. It has been a suggestion that a range of fruit trees be planted in the grounds, not just in the designated food garden areas. This might go some way to replacing the unsafe trees that are being removed – it is something to think about.

**Mr Mal Hewitt**

Mr Mal Hewitt, who recently moved into the area and who has already contributed to our school by assisting with music lessons, organising instrument repairs and participating at a whole school assembly, was included in the latest Queen’s Birthday Honours List. Mr Hewitt was awarded an Order of Australia. We congratulate him on receiving this acknowledgement of his contributions to Australian society.

**Information for Parents on Safe Internet Use**

Police Youth Liaison Officer, Michelle Jancso recently forwarded a series of information sheets about safe Internet use to the school. The information is directed at parents and focuses on ensuring children are safe in an online environment. The series will be published in Intercom over the following weeks.

**Rotary Support**

Over the last twelve months a dedicated group of Rotary Volunteers, under the able leadership of Mrs Pat Ainslie, have been working on improving areas of the school grounds. The project has now come to an end and what a difference they have made:

- the Pioneer Garden has had an update with a range of new plantings including lavender, gardenias and camellias,
- the area in front of the Primary toilets has been improved with the removal of a hodge podge of self sown plants replaced with gardenias and azaleas,
- the main entrance to the school has had an edge of westringia and two grevilleas added to it and been mulched,
- the beginnings of a citrus orchard has been planted between the two Infants blocks and a general tidy up has been carried out, including mulching areas, pruning shrubs, removing masses of agapanthus, privet and Pittosporum.

We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of our Rotary club and thank the gardeners who have made such a great improvement to the school grounds.

**High School Musical**

The joint Springwood High School, Springwood and Faulconbridge Musical ‘run’ has now concluded. Well done to the students, staff and parent supporters who ensured its success. Our students enjoyed seeing Mr Earl and Mrs Jansons and understudy Mr Thomson performing and performing themselves. Now the plans for the cast party are underway.

*Dorothee Lean*  
Principal

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**REMINDER – WINMALEE CUP PARTICIPANTS NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL AT 7.00AM FOR BUS TO SUMMERHAYES**
## Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015

Thank you to all those who have returned their enrolment forms promptly.

If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten in 2015 and have not completed an enrolment form, now is the time to enroll! Our transition program will be starting early next term and we will soon be contacting our 2015 Kindergarten parents with information. If you have any friends or neighbours who may be attending Faulconbridge Public School next year, please pass on this information.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the school office.

Kristy Jansons
Transition Coordinator

## School Athletics Carnival K-6

The school carnival will be held on Monday 21st July 2014. Notes are being sent home with the children today. All parents are cordially invited to attend. The K-2 carnival will be held on the bottom oval at Tom Hunter Park and Years 3-6 will be held on the main oval. If your child turns 8 at any time this year they are eligible to compete in the 3-6 carnival. Please read the information below. Any parent who would like to assist with events please contact me.

Linda Dalkeith

### ATTENTION YEAR 2 CHILDREN

Children who turn 8 in Year 2 and who wish to run in the 800m will walk down with the primary children to participate in 3-6 carnival.

All other children in Year 2 who turn 8 and are participating in the 3-6 carnival, will come down with K-2 children by bus and will walk back to school with years 3-6.

Year 2 children who turn 8 are asked to return the blue and the green note as it gives permission for bus and walking to the venue.
**Mini Fete Donations Please**

Year 6 will be holding a Mini Fete on Thursday, 31st July, (Education Day). The community is asked to donate any goods or non-perishable items (to be part of the raffle) to the White Elephant Stall. If you have any toys, books, DVDs, pictures or funky items, please send them in. Buyers, on the day, will pay for tokens. Each token will be 25c and 4 tokens will be on a single strip of cardboard. Each stall will have its own price for goods or activities to be purchased.

Thank you in advance,

*Janine Macky*

*Assistant Principal*

**School Disco**

Faulconbridge Public School would like to invite students from K-2 and 3-6 to attend this term’s Disco! Proceeds will help us remove the old heaters from our classrooms.

**Where:** School Hall

**When:** Thursday, 26th June

**Time:**
- K-2: 4:00pm – 5:30pm
- 3-6: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**Cost:** $7.00 per child ($14 max per family)

**Theme:** Masks!

Children will be provided with a snack and a drink. The disco will run by a professional entertainment company and teachers will be there to supervise.

Permission slip with payment to the office by **Monday, 23rd of June, please.**

*Mrs Curzon and Mr Earl*

**5/6S Science Experiments.**

During our science lessons recently 5/6S were testing what conditions yeast liked best to become active. We mixed the same quantities of sugar and yeast into three bottles and then added cool, warm and hot water to see which environment made the yeast and sugar react and produce the most carbon dioxide gas in the balloons attached to each bottle. Complied by Liam, Monique and Jaiden
What is ask.fm?
Ask.fm is a social Q&A website which promotes itself as offering the ability to ask anonymous questions to an individual's 'profile.' The website was launched in 2010 and is based in Latvia. Ask.fm is increasingly being associated with cyberbullying behaviour worldwide due to the perceived anonymity of users who post and answer questions.

What is the age classification for ask.fm?
The age classification for ask.fm is 13 years old, although much of the content may be inappropriate for that age group. It is important to know that these classifications are set by the website creator and are not overseen by an independent body.

How can my child stay safe on ask.fm?
It is important to monitor your child's behaviour online and identify changes in behaviour around technology use. Ask.fm has been associated with cyberbullying incidents due to users perceived anonymity when asking questions. Preventing anonymous questions from being asked on your child's profile could minimise their risk of being exposed to cyberbullying. This can be done by selecting Settings > Privacy, check the box next to Do not allow anonymous questions and click Save.

Am I really anonymous on ask.fm?
It is important to make children aware that they are never truly anonymous online and that their online actions can have offline consequences. The privacy policy on ask.fm states that any information collected by their website, such as username, email address or IP address, may be shared to "investigate, prevent or prosecute illegal activities, suspected fraud, and violations to the Terms and Conditions."

How can Ask.fm use the information that my child posts?
By submitting content through the ask.fm service (by asking or answering questions, uploading photos or videos) you grant ask.fm a license to use, copy, reproduce, process, adapt, modify, publish, transmit, display and distribute such content in any and all media or distribution methods. In other words, all information that your child posts on ask.fm can be used by ask.fm for any reason they see fit.

Who can ask my child a question?
All ask.fm profiles are public and anyone can ask a question. It is important to know that you can restrict your child's account from receiving anonymous questions.

Who can see the answers that are posted on my child's Ask.fm profile?
Ask.fm profiles have no privacy settings - anything posted is publicly viewable (answers, images, videos). It is important that you speak with your child about what they may be posting on their profiles and how this might affect their reputation and relationships.

How can my child delete an answer on their profile?
Select × to the right of an answer and click OK.

How can I report something on Ask.fm?
Report specific answers by clicking Report on the drop down box to the right of an answer and selecting the appropriate reason for reporting. Click OK.
You can also report all answers on a particular profile by clicking Report, next to 'answers' and selecting the appropriate reason for reporting. Click OK.
Note: You can report even if you do not have an ask.fm account.

How can my child block someone that is asking inappropriate questions?
Once you get another question from the user harassing you press Block next to each question. This will take you to a screen which asks you why you would like to block the user. Select the appropriate reason and click Block.
You can unblock a user by going into the account's privacy settings under Blocklist and unblock the user.

How can I delete my child's account?
If after talking with your child about the ethical use of ask.fm and your family's rules around technology, you may think it's appropriate to delete the ask.fm account.
To delete a profile on ask.fm select Settings > Disable Account, enter your password and select Disable Account.
Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as it could potentially drive your child's usage underground where there are fewer opportunities for
THANK YOU FROM THE P & C
I just want to personally say thank you to everyone who donated some time on Friday to help with the walkathon, to those who came along to support the students on the day and to those who have been helping the kids collect sponsors. Thank you to the Fundraising Committee who had the strong belief in the anti-bullying theme and through their efforts made the day such a success. The Blackboard Café provided amazing service all day and gave many of us our coffee/tea/sugar fix. It was so wonderful to see the school community come together and stand against bullying. This was a walk-a-thon that everyone should be proud of!

P & C MEETING
The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday, 23rd June at 7pm in the teachers staffroom. EVERYONE is welcome to attend. If you have any agenda items that you would like to raise at the meeting, please send an email to ginettmills@yahoo.com.au so they can be noted for discussion 😊

THE MUSIC BUS “EXPRESSION OF INTEREST”
Just a reminder that the “expression of interest” forms for the Music Bus for stage 1 students are due back to the office on the 20th June. Groups offered include drumming, singing, keyboard and guitar. This is a fantastic “introduction to music” opportunity for the younger students.

BLUE GUM MARKETS NEXT SATURDAY
The next Blue Gum markets are on the 28th June (which is in the school holidays). Please still come along and support KBC and 1F as they show us what they can whip up in the kitchen. Remember that a full list of ingredients must be provided with all goodies. Items can be taken to the office on Friday afternoon (last day of term) or directly to the stall (located outside the hall) on Saturday morning between 8.30 – 9am.

**WALK-A-THON MEMO**
Please note that money raised by the students for the walk-a-thon is due back to the office by the 25th July, 2014. Don’t leave it till the very end though as the first class to return all their sponsorship sheets and money WINS an afternoon tea supplied by the P & C.

Ginett Mills – P & C President
Cricket Registrations
Saturday 2nd August
outside Oriental Hotel

Faulconbridge Cricket Club will hold their registration day for the 2014-15 season from 10am to 6pm on Saturday 2 August, in the forecourt of the Oriental Hotel, Springwood.

A free BBQ will be provided for all attending, as well as bocce competitions with giveaways throughout the afternoon.

Faulconbridge Cricket Club has places for cricketers from the age of 5 up to adults.

For more information, please contact:

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http://faulconbridgecc.nsw.cricket.com.au

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Norman Lindsay Gallery & Museum
Holiday workshops led by Liz Perfect

THE MAGIC PUDDING IN CLAY
Wednesday July 2nd, 10.30 - 1pm
Make your favourite character out of clay and also paint it!

ARTIST’S PRINTMAKING LIKE LINDSAY
Thursday July 3rd, 10.30 - 1pm
Transform your your favorite character from a drawing in The Magic Pudding to your own relief print, then set the characters in different scenes!

Both workshops are for children aged 5 - 12, All materials will be provided including aprons.
Please pack a water bottle and snack for the 10 min break.
$25 for booking one, or special offer of $40 for two, this can be for the same day for two children or booking both workshops for one child.

For bookings or enquiries:
Ph: 4751 1067 or email: info@normanlindsay.com.au

School Term finishes Friday 27th June, school resumes for students Tuesday 15th July