Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As usual, all terms are busy for schools so everyone is looking forward to the long weekend as a brief respite – a time to catch our breath, be with family and friends and prepare for the last three weeks of term.

Transition to School
Mrs Jansons and I are preparing the program, but are finding it difficult as a significant number of our 2015 Kindergarten enrolment forms have not been lodged. As we propose to start the program in week 2 next term, we want to prepare and issue the information flyer as soon as possible. If you, a friend or neighbour have a 2015 Kindergarten student, please complete and return the enrolment form in the next week or so.

Walkathon
On Wednesday Mrs Ginett Mills, P&C President, spoke to the students about the Walkathon – which is being held next week. This is the major P&C fundraiser of the year and I encourage all members of our school community to support the event

- by helping students find sponsors
- by sponsoring your own or friend’s children
- by being here on Friday 13th to cheer our children on.

School Sport
The School of Origin match last Friday was another initiative supporting this year’s enhanced focus on health and fitness. Our team played Springwood Public School team, which was bigger and more experienced – but Faulcon played with persistence and courage. There is a report included in this week’s Gazette which gives a good coverage of the match.

The school Netballers played in a Gala Day this Tuesday and also acquitted themselves well, winning 2 of the 3 games. Mrs Macky said they represented the school with pride and improved their playing skills throughout the day.

Mr Earl informed me that as Blaxland East Primary School has forfeited the match against our school’s team FPS is now into round four of the PSSA competition.

To all our students and their teachers Congratulations for representing our school to the best of their ability.

Speech Therapy Program
On Wednesday the 5 Sydney University Speech Pathology students who have been working with students completed their supervised placement at the school. This was the first time this program was presented here and I am interested in parent feedback. If your child took part in the Speech Pathology intervention, a questionnaire will be sent home for you to complete. It will assist the School Learning Support Team to decide if the program should be funded in 2015.
Professional Learning
All teaching staff attended a Board of Studies professional learning presentation on Consistent Teacher Judgment. As teachers are currently finalising a range of assessments in preparation for the half yearly reports, this was timely.

Mrs Davidson and I attended an introductory course on accrual accounting in preparation for the introduction of the Learning Management and Business Reform program. This is being currently trialed in 229 schools and will be implemented in all schools in the future.

Next week a team of 3 School Learning Support Team members, Mr Earl, Mrs Jansons and I, will begin an online and 4 day face to face course called Positive Partnerships - working with students on the Autism spectrum and their families. This is a part of the schools commitment to the Every Student, Every School reform agenda. Developing our schools capacity to support students with a range of learning needs is being developed through these courses. Last year Learning Support Team members were trained in Functional Behavioral Analysis and this year a series of staff meetings is being run on the process for all staff. This will be the method used to present the Positive Partnerships course material to staff.

High School Musical
The dress rehearsal for the musical was on Wednesday afternoon. The Stage 3 students, Mr Earl and Mrs Jansons went to Springwood High School and worked very hard to ensure that they were ready for the performances this weekend. As they say in the theatre ‘Break a leg’ – or as most people would say ‘Good Luck’!

While the performance is the highlight, the process of working with secondary staff and participating in one of their important events with high school students is also a very valuable Transition to High School experience for our students.

Whole School Assembly and Primary Assembly
The whole school assembly last Friday was a showcase for some of our talented students – 2T, the senior band ensemble, 2/3T and Sarah Rheinberger all performed for an appreciative audience. 2T was ably supported by Mr Mal Hewitt on Violin, Mr Thomson on his ukelele, Mr Andrew Randall supported the senior band on Trombone and Mrs Thomas played the piano for 2/3T’s performance of ‘Head Shoulders Knees and Toes’ in Gundungurra. Sarah Rheinberger accompanied herself on guitar. The range of talent in staff, parents and students is astonishing.

This was reinforced this Wednesday, when the ‘Boz’ song was performed by Mr Thomson and Scarlet Hepper, vocals, Mr Edwards – guitar and Mr Earl on drums.

This Friday the guitar group will perform for the primary assembly.

Shade Shelter Update
With the help of Mrs Curzon and Mrs Mills of the P&C we hope to have the issue of the shade shelter dealt with. Mr Ghilardi and Mr Earl have taken the cover down, as it was not possible to re attach it to the posts. The material had perished and will need to be replaced. Mrs Curzon recalled that the shade shelters had been insured by the P&C and Mrs Mills is following this up.

Inter School Chess Challenge
A team of 6 students will be participating in the local heat at Glenbrook Public School next Tuesday 10th of June. Last year was the first time students from our school took part in such a competition and they were very pleased to return with a trophy for 2nd place. We wish this year’s team an enjoyable day and thank parents for transporting them there. The team members are Owen E 3D, Darcy T 4T, Wyatt D 2/3T, Hallam B 4K, Connor McG 4K, Kyuss S 5/6S.

Dorothee Lean
Principal
DEAR: Parents, Carers, Siblings, Grand parents, Aunties, Uncles and all other family members & friends

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS YEAR’S
WALK-A-THON AT FAULCONBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

DATE: Friday, 13th June 2014

TIME: 9am ~ 1.30pm

DRESS: Casual and comfy. The students have been asked to wear mufti in the colours purple, green or orange

FOOD: Sausage sizzles will be available. These must be preordered for students and family/friends attending (orders are due back to the office by Friday, 6th June). The Blackboard Café will also be open

BRING: Your support for the students who are raising money for Faulconbridge Public School. This year money raised will go towards items requested by the SRC on behalf of the students *

PRIZES: Students who raise the most money will be rewarded with some incredible prizes!!!!!! **

*The SRC has requested money to go towards items such as basketball/netball hoops, the set up of a designated “buddy area” / place for class reading groups, sports equipment, waterproof whiteboard to be placed near the bus bay entrance

** 1st Prize – Family Merlin Pass. 2nd Prize - $200 voucher for Umina Beach Resort, 3rd Prize – Family pass for Trees Adventure. There are a number of additional prizes for raising the most money including vouchers from Luna Park, Unreal Mini Golf & Laser Skirmish to name a few!!!!!

G. Mills – P & C President
Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015

If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten in 2015 and have not completed an enrolment form, now is the time to enrol! 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

Don’t miss the bus!

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Gold Achievement Awards

Abigail M KE, Carter H KBC, Benjamin K 1F, Dominic P 1ZR, Holly C 2J, Harding P 2T, Hannah S 2/3T, Jasmine B 3D, Jack W 4K, Lauren W 4T, Elayna L 4S, Tia G 5ME, Verity H 6M

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
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:
www.tinyurl.com/shsmusical13

Dates: Friday 6th June, Saturday 7th June, Friday 13th June and Saturday 14th June
Time: 7pm
Cost: Adults - $20.00
Children/Concession - $15.00

(Please note that Faulconbridge students will not be involved in the matinees on the 5th and 12th of June).

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”
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Get school news via an app

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

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Mr Earl
On behalf of the students of our school THANK YOU so much to everyone who came to help on Saturday morning you all did a fabulous job.

Dorothee Lean
Tips to help raise happy children

Step One: Get happy yourself!
How happy you are affects how happy and successful your children are. (Extensive research into the effects of Positive Psychology has found this to be true.)

Step Two: Teach your children how to build relationships.
It doesn’t take a lot. It can start with encouraging your child to perform small acts of kindness to build empathy.

Step Three: Praise effort not achievement
The research on this one is very clear. Praising children for effort and hard work encourages them to stay engaged and aim for personal bests.

Step Four: Teach optimism.
Studies have shown that optimists, compared to pessimists, are more successful at school and work; are healthier and live longer; are more satisfied in their relationships and are less likely to develop depression. Teach your chipositives in situations and interactions.

Pat McArthur
School Counsellor

School Banking News

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

Competition to enter
Term 2 not only sees some great new rewards available but there’s also a fantastic promotion being run by the Commonwealth Bank.

Students that make three or more deposits through School Banking during Term 2 will be automatically entered into the competition.

Major student prize
One student (from across Australia) will win an underwater family adventure holiday including:
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure;
- A $3,000 travel voucher to get them there.

Runner-up student prizes.
130 Toys”R”Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each.

Good luck to all our consistent savers here at Faulconbridge!!
See you Friday,
The Banking Team
Jackaroo Ranch
Horse Riding
Autumn School Holiday Riding Camps
Jackaroo Ranch (est 52 years) and recently relocated to Ringtail Creek Station at Upper Tinnan, are again running their popular horse riding camps in the Winter Vacation.

1st Week: Sat 28th June - Sat 5th July
2nd Week: Sat 5th July - Sun 13th July

Shorter stays are possible if camps are not fully booked. These camps are for “horse mad” children aged from 6 to 10 years. Five to six hours per day are devoted to horse activities including one hour lesson and three hours trail riding in the beautiful Tinnan Valley - with tuition still being given. As well, campers are taught grooming, saddling, haltering, catching a horse, safety aspects and many other facets of horsemanship.

Previous experience is not necessary as beginners to advanced riders are catered for. We specialise in teaching nervous riders and developing their confidence. Other activities include gold panning, cattle feeding/checking, cattle mustering, camp fires and native wildlife spotting. (The property abounds with kangaroos, wallabies, wombats, wonderful bird life as well as being a working cattle farm and Quarter Horse Stud. There are Poll Hereford calves and Quarter Horse foals now being born.)

This “not just a camp” - it’s a wonderful farm experience your child will treasure forever.

Showers: Mrs Pattie Hudson Phone 6337 7173
(nights are best)

www.jackarooranch.com.au

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**SWOT**

**SPRINGWOOD WORLD OF TENNIS**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC**

SPRINGWOOD WORLD OF TENNIS, SPRING STREET, SPRINGWOOD
Mon 30th June to Fri 4th July 2014 (9AM to 3PM)
JUNIORS 7YRS TO 16YRS, BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED. FULL SUPERVISION, FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE RING
47 313343 OR 0418083472.
STUDENTS GRADED INTO GROUPS DEPENDING ON AGE AND ABILITY. COACHING HELD WET OR FINE. RACQUETS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE. LUNCH PROVIDED ON THURSDAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRIZE GIVING.

**ENTRY FEE: $150 (INC. GST)**

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

**FIND GREAT TROPHIES! PRIZES**

**COMPETITIONS! TOURNAMENTS!**

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**Winter Food Appeal**

We Need Your Help!

Food Donations Needed

During the winter months many in our local community struggle to make ends meet and put food on the table. Springwood Neighbourhood Centre provides emergency food to many local families and individuals in need.

**You can make a difference**

Please donate non-perishable food & toiletries

Local Springwood donation bins are located at: Supa Lloyd IGA Springwood, Anytime Fitness, Springwood Library & The Phone House. Food or financial donations are also welcome by dropping into our Neighbourhood Centre opposite Anytime Fitness. Thankyou!

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