PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Rats in the Rafters**
Thank you to Mrs Tafe for being so flexible today as the pest control service hunted for and then removed a dead rat from the ceiling in 5/6S. As a result the class has been moved out of its classroom today while the odour is dissipating. We hope 5/6S will be back to normal tomorrow in time for Education Open Day, but it will depend on whether the smell has gone or not.

**Roll Marking – Back to Paper**
After the Term 2 trial of electronic roll marking the teachers and the front office staff have requested that the school revert to paper for rolls, notes and late arrival and early leaver recording. This means that as of last Friday phone text notification of absences were no longer sent and parents are requested to send paper explanations of their child’s/children’s absences.

**Band**
Mr Randall is currently unable to continue with the band and music tutorial groups. The school is currently looking at other options to continue with the band and music tutorial groups. We are currently looking at other options to continue this valued program in the school.

**Transition**
Today our second group 2015 Kindergarten students and their parents were welcomed to the school. It is very pleasing to see how easily the classes of 2015 are settling in and being integrated in to the routines of the school and how parents are already making positive connections with each other.

**Blackboard Café**
One of the welcoming features of our school is the Blackboard Café. A significant number of our 2015 parents have taken advantage of the extended opening hours on Wednesdays for the last two weeks as an opportunity to finish paper work, chat and wait for their children. As a consequence of this, and because the Café will be open tomorrow it will not be open on Friday this week.

**Education Week Open Day**
We look forward to celebrating Education Week with our community tomorrow. If you can, please join us for the day or part of the day and participate in various activities that have been organised. Thank you to Mrs Macky, teachers and students who are coordinating the day and a very big thank you to the Rotary Volunteers who are cooking our breakfast. We look forward to a wonderful day, including good weather and good company.
CARES
Stage 2 students will be travelling to St Mary’s next week to participate in the Community and Road Education Scheme (CARES) program.
CARES is a total road safety education program created to assist in the reduction of risk, injury and death for young road users. It has been specifically designed for school children in years 3 to 6, which is the risk category of road users. CARES teaches basic road rules and skills necessary to enable students to survive on the road and become responsible road users now and in the future. CARES is about changing and shaping the attitudes of our young road users.

Learning Support Team (LST) Update
LST members Mr Earl, Mrs Jansons and I have now completed the formal presentations of the Autism Spectrum Disability course ‘Positive Partnerships”. The next component of the course is an in-school project and working co-operatively with another school. Staff from Mt Victoria Public School will be working with the Positive Partnerships team from our school.
The Dyslexia course for staff will commence on Tuesday afternoon 12th August and will include five 2 hour sessions presented by Student Support staff.
The Individual Education Plan meetings for students who receive Integration Funding Support will also commence on 5th August.

Congratulations Tekla Peterffy
Last week Tekla informed us that she had received recognition of her efforts in learning Hungarian which she studies on Saturdays. She received a Minister’s Award for Hungarian, which will be presented by the Minister for Education in September. We look forward to seeing some photos of this wonderful occasion.

Dorothee Lean
Principal

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Gold Awards: Evie B, 1ZR, Caden T, 1F, Jessica M, 1F
Swim Scheme 2014

This year Swim Scheme will be at Springwood Pool from Monday, 25th August until Friday, 5th September.

Notes were given to Year 2 students on Tuesday, 15th July and payment must be made to secure a place in the program. On Tuesday, 22nd July notes were given to Year 3 students and the following Tuesday (29th July) the notes were given to the other year groups. Please note that each year group has been given a full week to pay. Payment may be made after that but if the Swim Scheme fills up quickly your child may miss out. There are only 50 places. Notes will not be available online or at the office.

Preference is being given to Year 2 as it is the first year they can participate in Swim Scheme; it also prepares them for our primary swimming carnival in 2015.

Linda Dalkeith
Swim Scheme Organiser

Faulconbridge Public School

Year 6 Farewell Organising Committee

To all Year 6 Parents and Caregivers,

With the year rolling on so fast, it’s time to start planning for the special event, the Year 6 Farewell. This year, the Year 6 Farewell will be held on the 3rd December, 2014 at the Springwood Sports Club, Macquarie Road, Springwood. The night will commence at 4.45 and conclude at 7.30 pm. Arrangements for a theme for the night and other organisational details will be discussed.

If you would like to be part of the organising committee to help plan this evening, could you meet in Mrs Macky’s classroom on 6th August, 2014 at 3.10pm.

This meeting will be the first meeting for the Year 6 Farewell organising committee.

Yours in Education

Year 6 and Mrs Macky
**Education Week Open Day 2014**

**Thursday 31\(^{st}\) July**

Blackboard Café will be open all day

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**MINI FETE**

ROLL UP.......ROLL UP !!!

To the Year 6 Mini Fete on Education Day 31\(^{st}\) July at our school

FABULOUS GOODS ON SALE

11.35 AM – 1PM

**Pizza Day**

Lunch

Thursday 31\(^{st}\) July Education Day at School

**EDUCATION WEEK BOOK FAIR**

28\(^{TH}\) July – 31\(^{st}\) July

In the Library
School Banking News

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

Calling for volunteers

We need your help!

School banking is a wonderful service for us to offer the kids. It depends entirely on volunteers to help collect the deposit books each Friday morning (8.30-9), then count the deposits and enter the information on the bank website (usually from 9 to about 10.30).

We have great systems in place which mean that the work can be done very quickly. We also operate as a team so that the work is shared between a group of people and there is always backup. The team gets together every Friday morning in the school office boardroom and it only takes a couple of hours for all of the work to be done.

We are losing some of our helpers and so we need to recruit some volunteers. If you are free on Friday morning and interested in finding out more please come and speak to us either on the steps under the big top or come to the boardroom to learn more about what we do. If you can only spare one hour each Friday morning it would be a big help. Even every second week would be great.

See you Friday,
The Banking Team
URGENT – WALKATHON FORMS AND DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has returned their walkathon forms to school. We are still missing quite a few so if you haven’t returned yours yet, could you please send this into the office as soon as possible. Even forms without sponsorship need to be returned. Thank you also to those who came along on Monday night to help count the donations which have so generously come into the school. A special thanks to Ms Elaine Tjoelker for organising a coin counting machine. It definitely made the job a lot easier 😊

RESULTS FROM BLUE GUM MARKETS.

Whilst it wasn’t the best of weather on Saturday morning, we had a great turnout of donations and helpers from the parents and carers of 4T and 3D. You all braved the elements to show what commitment you have to the students’ classrooms. THANK YOU!
Again it was another close one with a total of $172 raised –

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DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - HELPERS

A note will be going home early next week asking for volunteers to help with the canteen at the upcoming District Athletics Carnival on Friday, 22nd August at Tom Hunter Park. Please keep an eye out for it and let us know if you can spare a little bit of time 😊

P & C WEBPAGE & CONTACT

Do you have any feedback on what you would like to see on the “soon to be released” P & C page?? If you have any suggestions or need to contact the P & C, please feel free to contact me on ginettmills@yahoo.com.au. There is also a facebook page set up for Faulconbridge Public School P & C which is a great source for communication.

Ginett Mills – P & C President
I have just moved to this beautiful area having taught after school art for over 8 years in the Northern Beaches. I am currently finishing a Masters in Painting and Printmaking at UNSW, which has offered a great deal of inspiration for my teaching. I am a practising artist exhibiting work regularly both here and in the UK, and am happy to say have had considerable success with the students I have taught, including their selection for regional exhibitions, such as the Mosman Youth Art Prize and for the Pittwater Artfest Prize awards, as well as one gaining an Art scholarship to Queenwood Girls' High School and another an Art scholarship to the UNSW.

All said - the main aim of the courses I run is for the children to develop to the best of their own ability and to gain confidence in their own solutions! They will be using new materials and techniques and having a lot of fun!

I hope this may give people some background with regard to enrolling their children

With kind regards,
Liz Macdonald -Perfect when painting
0432 956 786
Andrew McLeod
Accredited Club Professional NSW TCA Coach
Previously coached in USA and Germany
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TOUCH FOOTBALL
SUMMER 2014 JUNIOR REGISTRATION

Boys / Girls / Mixed
Thursday / Friday Nights
Warrimoo Oval

8s/10s play 5 a-side
12s/18s play 6 a-side

Competitions commence 4th/5th September
and finish in December

All Team and Player Registrations, including full team payment,
to be made on-line at
www.lbm.touch.asn.au

Committee members will be available to assist with enquiries
Contact details are on the website above

If you are interested in coaching and/or refereeing please contact
Robert Pecovnik - 0425 212 966
or email: lbtmtouch@bigpond.com

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SPRINGWOOD AND DISTRICT
PRESCHOOL KINDERGARTEN INC.
2014 OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST
10AM TO 1PM

Cake Stall ~ BBQ ~ Jumping Castle
Face Painting ~ Reptile Show @ 10:30am
Gold Coin donations appreciated
Meet the staff and parents and see our extensive range of
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