PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Printer Issues
Unfortunately last Thursday’s Intercom came out in black and white and full page format because our big printer was acting up. This week we should be able to print the newsletter in its usual format.

Band
As the parents of students who were involved in the Band are already aware, Mr Randall is unable to continue with the Band and Tutorial Lessons. He has offered to refund the Term 3 fees or to provide private lessons to those students who had paid for them. As a result we need to find a new band teacher and any suggestions are very welcome. Band is a valued component of the extracurricular program at the school and we all hope to see it continue.

1F Party
Yesterday afternoon I was invited to the 1F classroom to see the delight on the students’ faces when they entered the room. Mrs Mills and Mrs Murray had set out the party food which other members of the P&C executive (Mr Curzon, Mr Ebbeling, Mrs Thurling and Mrs Bryan) had provided. The party was a ‘thank you’ for the class which had returned the greatest number of Walkathon money and forms by the due date. See the delight on their faces in the photos included in this intercom.

Zone Athletics Carnival
Next Friday more than 40 students will be at the Zone Carnival at Tom Hunter Park. Let’s hope the weather is as good as it was for our School Athletics Carnival. We look forward to our students competing and trying to achieve a ‘Personal Best’ result.

Nutrition
Ongoing research shows the positive effects of good nutrition on the developing brain. Students need good food to learn to the best of their ability and I know it can be hard for busy parents to withstand their children’s requests to have ‘the same food as other kids’. However, we do know that most manufactured foods and drinks are not as nutritious as a homemade sandwich, a piece of fruit and a drink of water or milk. Parenting is hard work, working parents have many priorities but our children’s understanding about the value of a good diet is important. It is always a delight to see how enthusiastic the students in the cooking lessons are about cooking and eating dishes made with fresh fruit and vegetables.
PULSE
On Tuesday the PULSE rehearsals were held at the Opera House and this morning Miss Theoharis and our students left for a very long day – more rehearsals and the performance tonight. As they left in the bus this morning they all looked very smart in the choir black T-shirts, black pants, socks and shoes. It is one of the performance highlights of the year and I am looking forward to attending the concert tonight.

Stage 2 Tennis
The Stage 2 students had their first of three tennis lessons yesterday. These lessons are provided free of charge to the school by Springwood World of Tennis, and we appreciate the provision of this opportunity to learn about a sport in which Australia has long excelled. Future champions and lifelong social players may have their first taste of the game because of this kind offer.

Professional Learning Update

English Planning Days
This week all class teachers are working hard in developing more English units. Yesterday Stage 2 teachers were working on a unit based on the Alison Lester book ‘Are We There Yet?’ and today Stage 1 teachers are using a range of folk stories as the basis for a unit. Our students are very fortunate to have access to the books and the programs.

Dyslexia Course
Tuesday afternoon saw more than 20 members of staff participate in the first ‘Understanding Dyslexia and Significant Difficulties in Reading” course. This 20 hour Professional Learning Program is a combination of online learning and face to face presentations.

Maths Planning Day
Next Thursday Mr Earl and Miss Shand will continue working on incorporating the new Maths syllabus outcomes in our school’s Scope and Sequence. The new Syllabus, which becomes mandatory next year, is already being implemented at our school this semester.

Strategic Plan Presentation
Mrs Macky and I attended a Western Sydney Region course last Friday which introduced the new Strategic Plan format and outlined the requirements for the 2015 – 2017 planning processes.

More Congratulations
The school has been informed that Annabelle B of 6M has been offered a Year 7 position at the Nepean High School of Performing Arts. We congratulate Annabelle in her success.
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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Sport Uniform

Friday each week is the only day that students are required to wear their sport uniform. All classes, including K-2 have sport on Fridays.

Sorry .....Swim Scheme 2014 is full

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

Linda Dalkeith
Swim Scheme Organiser

Attention Dance Group Parents!
An important reminder:
The tickets for the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival go on sale at 9am on Monday 18th August from the Joan Sutherland Centre or online at http://www.jspac.com.au/
These tickets sell fast so book early.

Mrs Jansons

Book Club
The latest issue of Book Club has gone home. Please have your orders and money in NO later than Friday 29th August.
SORRY - NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.
Thanks
Mrs Reynolds

On Line Payments
Many parents/caregivers make on line payments which is great. However, the permission notes that go with these payments are not being sent in to the office. Students are not permitted to attend events without the signed permission.
Office Angels
Tickets will soon be on sale for the 2014 Schools Spectacular – *This is Australia*. The Schools Spectacular is a brilliantly choreographed and costumed production featuring over 3,500 singers, dancers and musicians representing more than 400 NSW public schools from across the state. This year’s show pays tribute to the diversity that Australia offers, not only in its landscape but through people and the history of our nation.

Please note the introduction of a new tiered ticket structure – Platinum, Gold and Silver – to provide a range of pricing options for individuals and families.
An exclusive priority booking period for schools will extend from Monday 11 August to Friday 29th August 2014.
Please request ticket order forms at the office.

*Mrs Lean*
P&C NEWS

RESULTS FROM 2014 WALKATHON

It is with great pleasure I am able to announce to you all that the total amount raised from this year’s walkathon was $12,432!! This is a wonderful effort and all of the students who collected sponsors should be proud of their efforts. The major prize winners were –

1st Prize  
Oscar M – 1F  
Raised $805

2nd Prize  
Ashton D – 2T  
Raised $372

3rd Prize  
Myriam R – 2J  
Raised $300

Monique R – 5/6S  
Raised $300

Congratulations to these students for their outstanding achievements. 😊

The money raised from this year’s walkathon is to be used to fund various items / projects which have been requested by the SRC on behalf of the students.

The class which returned the highest percentage of their forms and won an afternoon tea provided by the P & C was 1F.

DEDICATED P & C WEB PAGE

The dedicated P & C webpage is ready for you all to view!! The webpage is www.fpspandc.org.au. This page has been designed to provide the school community with any P & C communication and to act as a link between parents / carers and the school. A HUGE thank you to Mr Adam Hepper (P & C Secretary) for taking the initiative to set up this page that will be a wonderful tool for us all.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A note has been sent home seeking helpers for the upcoming District Athletics Carnival which is on Friday, 22nd August. The canteen is run by the P & C and we are calling out for anyone who can assist between 7am and 2.30pm. There are different time slots on the sheet so you can pick which one suits you best. You don’t need to have a student participating in the carnival to come along and help. Volunteers are so important in a school community to help make these events a success for Faulconbridge Public School.

NEXT BLUE GUM MARKETS.

The next Blue Gum Markets are to be held on Saturday, 23rd August. For parents / carers of students in 1ZR and 2/3T classes, could you kindly return your notes to the office advising if you are able to man the stall or bake for the day. We need at least 2 helpers on each shift for the markets to go ahead 😊

P & C MEETING

The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday, 18th August at 7pm in the teacher’s staffroom. Please come along. EVERYONE is welcome

Ginett Mills – P & C President
School Banking News

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

Prizes for Term 3

If you have 10 tokens then you can choose from the following prizes right now!
- Penguin or Shark plush toy keyring (only in term 3)
- Whale share pencil case (only in term 3)
- Dollarmites moneybox (term 3 and 4)
- Swimming bag (term 3 and 4)

Coming up next term there will also be a Projector cup and a set of Sea streamers.

Missing your bank book?

If you find that your bank book hasn’t been returned at school, then please let us know and we can chase it down for you.

If you lose it at home we can replace it too. Just come and see us on Friday morning or send a note in to the banking team.

While you are waiting for your deposit book to be found or replaced, you can still bank. Put your money in an envelope and make a note on the front with your name, class, student banking number and the amount and we can process the deposit for you.

See you Friday,

The Banking Team
Over 400 artworks from artists, photographers & galleries plus artisan crafts.

Opening Night: Friday 26th August
Doors open 7.00pm for
7.30pm start.

Featuring - Panel Discussion Q&A:
Artists’ Perspectives on the Archibald Prize
Including 2014 Finalists, Matthew Lynn, Mick Bets and Winter Magic Festival Artist 2014, Dr. Alison. 
Saturday 30th August - 9.30am-6pm
Sunday 31st August - 9.30am-4.30pm
Closing of Show with Sirosa Maria (PAC 702).

Where
Springwood High School,
Grosa Rd, Fassifern Valley.

Tickets
Friday Night $35
Includes Light Supper & Wine
Sat & Sun - Adult $25
Concession $12.50
Family $40
Tickets at door or School Office.

For more information contact (02) 4751 9261
or email springwoodartsshow@gmail.com

Artsworks supported by Government, Canna Park, Tots & Kids, Alex’s Kitchen, Berrybrook, Berrybrook, Lyme, strategic, David’s Burgers, Northside Burgers, Diana, Burgers, David, Bev’s, McBriar, Steve, Windham, and School Council.

Proudly brought to you by the Springwood High School PAC

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The Art Club
After School Art with Liz

FREE FIRST LESSON
TUESDAY 19th August

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
Liz Macdonald 0432 956 786 theartclub@yahoo.com

Offering a wide range of media including clay & printmaking
and different themes each term

Term 3 Classes: Tuesdays after school for 5 weeks
3.05 - 3.45 pm Kindergarten and Younger class
4 - 5.30 pm Older children

ALL WELCOME TO COME & TRY IT OUT
Liz Macdonald 0432 956 786 theartclub@yahoo.com
A pair of child’s glasses were handed in at the office. Found on Coomassie Ave.

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

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PO BOX 139 SPRINGWOOD NSW 277

Thought of the Week
Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.

Vincent Van Gogh

NSW Family & Community Services

Do you want to be an Aboriginal Foster Carer?

Community Services is looking for Aboriginal people willing to become a foster carer. You can be single, married, in a de facto or in a same sex relationship. You can be renting, buying or you may own your home. You can be working or not working.

As an authorised carer of a child or young person, you will receive ongoing support and you may be entitled to a carer allowance to assist you with providing care. Standard Care Allowances are detailed below:

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For more information on becoming a foster carer please don’t hesitate to contact a staff member in the Aboriginal Foster Care Recruitment Team based at the Mt Druitt Community Services Centre on (02) 8887 7400 or you can email to james.conaty@facs.nsw.gov.au