Important Dates:
Please mark these dates on your calendar

February 2015

Fri 20  School Swimming Carnival
Wed 25  School Photos

March 2015

Fri 13  All money due for Milson Island Pedlars’ Fair
Mon 30  Milson Island Camp

April 2015

Thur 2  Back from Milson Island
        Last Day Term 1
Fri 3   Good Friday
Tues 21  Students return T2

Notes Home
- Child Protection
- Band Fees
- Year 6 T Shirts
- Yr 6 Springwood HS Expo
- School Account – Milson Island
- Internet Policy
- Walk to Local Event

Assembly Dates

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School Activities Update

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Classes

Wednesday 6M, 5/6T

Sport Days
Friday  K-2 and 3-6

PE Days
Mon-6M, 5S  Tues— 3/4KL, 4/5T

Library Days
Monday – KJ, 5/6T, 55,6M
Tuesday – K/1B, S.1.T, 3D,
Friday— KRM

Music
Tuesday— 5/6T, 55, 6M
Wednesday— KJ, KRM, 3/4KL, 4/5T,
Principal’s Report

Dear Families and Friends of Faulconbridge Public School,

We are already well into Week 4. There are lots of learning activities happening inside and outside the classroom. As I walk around the school and into classrooms, I see teachers and students engaged and enthusiastic about their learning. It is a pleasure to see teachers and students interacting so well with each other.

Locked Gate into Car Park

From now on, the gate in the teachers’ car park (the double gate) will need to be padlocked everyday due to safety issues with some students. The gates will be locked all day. Parents, students and community members all need to enter the school via the gate near the bus bay and near the crossing. The back gate will also be opened until 9.10am. Also, parents taking their children to Rhonda (before and after school care) must use the gates that I have stipulated. Please do not enter via the ‘teachers’ car park of a morning or afternoon, due to safety concerns.

Staff Changes

From time to time, changes need to occur in classes both with teaching staff and students. For various reasons, the staff at schools may need to make adjustments. As I previously stated, through recent newsletters, a teacher has been appointed to this school after she was involved in the merit selection. As a result, Miss Kidd who is a valued casual member of staff, will once again be placed as a day to day casual. The new teacher, Mrs Nerina Bridges, will commence on Tuesday 24th February. Miss Kidd will be present on the day to help with transitioning children from this class. The class will be known as S.1.B. Mrs Bridges will become a permanent member of staff. For the moment, Miss Kidd will remain as part of our casual staff.

I am sure the Faulconbridge Public School Community will welcome Mrs Bridges and at the same time, welcome Miss Kidd to her new role.

As I stated, staff changes can occur throughout the school. On February 24th, we will be getting a new SAM (School Administration Manager). Her name is Ms Niemann from Mt Victoria School. Mrs Pat Davidson will return to her role of SAO (School Administration Officer) and Mrs Hansen will form part of the part-time component of our school. We thank Mrs Davidson and Mrs Hansen for their care and support throughout the school. At this stage this arrangement will be until the end of Term 1.

P&C AGM

On Monday night, the first P&C meeting for 2015 was held. Congratulations to Mrs Ginett Mills who was re-elected as the P&C President. I’m sure the P&C news will inform you of the other office bearers.

I look forward to working with our parent body, including the P&C.

Behaviour – Zero Tolerance

As part of revising and improving our Student Welfare Policy, the LAST Team (Learning and Support Team) have been looking at data collected from students who are in reflection. From the data collected, some students are re-offending too often. After much discussion, and as a strategy, we have decided to take the action of zero tolerance towards students who hit, kick, punch or cause harm to any students.

If your child touches another student, we are practising zero tolerance. Parents/caregivers of the the student who is hit or has hit, will be notified by any of the Assistant principals or myself. This also applies to students who re-offend in the classroom by disrupting other students’ learning.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.
Pancake Day

I would like to thank Mrs Heather Murray and her group of volunteer parents for cooking the delicious pancakes in order to raise money for the Year 6 gift. The students really enjoyed the variety of pancakes that were available. On behalf of the students, ‘THANK YOU’.

Meet the Teacher

On Tuesday evening of this week, parents/caregivers and teachers had the opportunity to meet and discuss classroom routines and expectations. It was an opportunity for parents/caregivers to ask any questions they may have had or wished to clarify. It was a very successful night and it was well represented by parents and caregivers.

Pedlars’ Fair

Plans are well underway for Faulconbridge’s Pedlars’ Fair. A note has been sent home and there are reminders in the Intercom. Please keep that date free and invite grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone else you know would enjoy a nice day out on Friday 13th March.

Milson Island

A reminder to all senior students attending the camp to make sure any outstanding money is paid by the due date (13th March).

Sport

At this time of year, there are many sporting team trials and games. Please make sure any notes regarding sport are returned if you wish your child to participate. Some of the sports offered are tryouts for district teams. It is the responsibility of parents/caregivers to get your child to some of these activities. The note explains each team sport organisation.

Springwood High School Expo Day – 2nd March

On Monday 2nd March, all year 6 students will be involved in Springwood High School’s Expo. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn more about our local high school and the subjects offered. The students will be involved in taster lessons and some SRC activities.

Special Meeting of the P&C.

Mr Mark Howie Principal of Springwood High School and Deputy Principal Mr Todd Shepherd will be available at the next P&C meeting which will be held on Monday 16th March. They will be available to answer any questions you may have relating to Springwood High School. This is a unique opportunity so please attend if you have questions about our local high school.

AL – Accelerated Literacy Course

The staff will be involved in professional learning sessions in the planning of literacy units using the Accelerated Literacy Model. This model follows the new English Syllabus. The school has invested in class sets of novels for each grade and we are in the process of continuing to plan differentiated work.

As part of Teacher professional learning, we have approached an organisation to upskill teachers in this area. Teachers will be involved in 2 sessions. Due to time constraints in the school week, teachers will need to attend this course on 2 Saturdays. Saturday 28th February and Saturday 14th March.

As a result of attending these two days of professional learning, the school will close on the same day as the students at the end of the year, which is Wednesday 16th December.

Janine Macky
Relieving Principal

Please note that the Blackboard Café will NOT be open on the Swimming Carnival day
### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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Milson Island Camp Update.

Milson Island Camp is now using an online Medical and Consent that needs to be completed for all students attending the camp. Parents and carers will need to follow the link below and provide information relating to dietary and medical requirements. You need the booking number and the start date for the camp and then follow the prompts on the site.

Booking number: 0444370  
Start date: 30/03/2015  

Regards,  
Paul Thomson  
paul.thomson1@det.nsw.edu.au

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**Milson Island**

- **Dates**: 30<sup>th</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
- **Cost**: $385.00  
- **Money Due**: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

*Please ensure all money is paid in full by the due date, as payment has to be made to Milson Island before students depart.*
Springwood High School
Expo Day
Monday 2nd March

Year 6 students will travel to Springwood High by 10am and be treated to:

- Taster lessons. We will split students up into rotating groups across a variety of subject areas (Maths, Drama, Music, Science, PE, Computers / TAS) where students will start to develop a feel for the secondary classroom environment.

- BBQ lunch. Students will be given to a sausage sizzle, fruit and drinks.

- Performances in the Hall. Students will be an audience to following performances: our Jazz Band, a Mock debate, sports talk, Duke of Ed showcase and a display of things to come for next year’s musical.

That evening at 7.30pm, in our School Hall, we invite parents / carers to come along to view the Expo Performance, as seen earlier in the day by your child. Teachers across a variety of subjects will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have in order to ensure your child’s experience at Springwood High is one of engagement, encouragement and fulfilment.
Pedlars’ Fair Friday 13th March

Time: 10.00am - 12.30pm

On Friday 13th March, the school will be holding a Pedlars’ Fair and Parade to assist with fundraising for much needed music equipment. Parents, family and friends are warmly invited and a special welcome is extended to grandparents on the day.

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 children dress up and bring a tray or basket of goods to sell. The students parade before an audience, displaying their wares (like pedlars).

Stage 2 & Stage 3 children use their initiative and group work skills to develop a stall or entertainment for the fair. Children and their families need to start thinking of ideas for the day. Some examples are busking, face painting, spiders, guessing competitions, raffles, carnival games and competitions. Students will need to write their stall plan, people in their group and the equipment needed on paper and give it to Mrs Curzon or Mrs Jansons to book in a playground space for their stall and get their idea approved. Each stall will need to supply a $5-$10 float to start the day. This money will be returned at the end of the fair and be receipted. In addition, students will need spending money on the day.

We are looking forward to bringing our community together to create a memorable day!

Kristy Jansons and Heather Curzon
Pedlar’s Fair Coordinators
PANCAKE DAY

What a fantastic day, it was a huge success and ran rather smoothly, with the canteen made into a major pancake making factory for the morning, we had pancakes flipping and syrup flowing, which helped us make over $500 to go towards year 6

THANKYOU – to all the year 6 kids and Mr McDonald who helped send 300 kids their serves of pancakes, you guys did a fantastic job, well done.

I would also like to thank the year 6 parents Angie Robinson, Rebecca Jeffreys, Sarah Emmanuel, Louise Penrose and Alice Holland who spent 2 hours cooking up a storm, some who were going between 4 pans at some stages (great job guys)

And a HUGE thank you to the 4 stage 1 parents (Ginett, Nicole, Bec and Fab) who all came along just to help out, we really couldn’t have done it without you.

Heather. M (year 6 parent)
Fundraising for the school

School banking is a great fundraiser for our school with commissions received from the CBA each quarter. This money is set aside to purchase learning materials for maths which our kids use in the classroom.

The school receives $5 for every new student account activated as part of the school banking program as well as 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 commission per individual deposit.

We are proud to announce that School Banking earned a total of $1,200 last year for our school. The P&C have also just received the January quarter commission of $238.85 which has been paid directly to the school.

How you can help

We have a great team of volunteers who collect the bank books from the kids each Friday morning and then process the deposits in the boardroom between 9 and 10.30.

We would love some more helpers and you don’t need to be there every week. Come and see us in the boardroom to find out more.

Remember to hand in your bank book before you go to the swimming carnival!

See you on Friday,
The Banking Team
P&C NEWS

www.fpspandc.org.au

FIRST P & C MEETING FOR 2015
Thank you to everyone who came along to the first P & C meeting for 2015. If you have never been to a P & C meeting (or haven’t been to one for a few years), we welcome you to join us. It’s a great way to see what is happening in the school and to have your say. In addition, the Annual General Meeting was held and the 2015 P & C Executive Committee was elected. The Committee for 2015 are –

PRESIDENT Ginett Mills
VICE PRESIDENTS Heather Curzon and Katie Wood-Canty
TREASURER Simon Ebbeling
SECRETARY Julia Thurling
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS Adam Hepper, Kerry Doyle, Melanie Morgan, Lauren Harris, Emily Kemp and Fabrizia Trope
FUNDRAISING CHAIR Heather Murray
PARENT ADVOCATE Kerry Doyle

Congratulations and thank you to all of the above who have taken on these roles to help support Faulconbridge Public School.

FIRST BLUE GUM MARKETS FOR 2015 – LET’S GET BAKING
We are calling on all bakers! The first Blue Gum markets are to be held on Saturday, 28th February. 100% of money raised will go towards the P & C to assist in paying for the student’s injury insurance. To allow the school to use their budgeted funds to purchase needed resources for the school, the P & C pays this insurance which is over $1,500. So, we need as many delectable and tasty treats to assist us in raising as much money as possible. Baked goods can be brought to the office on the Friday afternoon prior (27th Feb) or bought directly to the stall (located under cover, outside the hall) on the Saturday morning (preferably by 9.30am).
A full list of ingredients is to be displayed on the container (along with a name and class if the container needs to be returned). An e blast will be sent out from the school also advising of the markets. Recently a post was put onto the P & C Facebook page requesting volunteers to help and the response was OVERWHELMING!!! All shifts are now covered to man the stall. THANK YOU!!

ICE-BLOCKS & FROZEN FRUIT THIS FRIDAY
Just a reminder to pack 50c for the students to purchase their ice-blocks or frozen fruit (orange quarters and watermelon). Please remind your child/ren not to purchase ice-blocks and frozen fruit for other students due to health and medical reasons. If you are able to assist with the selling of these items, please come along to the canteen at 10.45am on Friday.

Ginett Mills – P & C President