Important Dates:
Please mark these dates on your calendar

**MAY 2016**

**Thu 12**  "Monster Book Fair"

**Fri 13**  Naplan ‘catch up’ 3-6 Assembly

**Tue 17**  Snr Girls Soccer Knockout Competition - Glenbrook ICAS - Digital

**Fri 20**  Zone X-Country K-2 Assembly

**Mon 23**  Start Smart Workshop

**Thu 26**  Start Smart Workshop Book Fair Finishes

**Fri 27**  K-6 Assembly (SRC badges) Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking School Finals

**Sat 28**  Blue Gum Markets

**Tue 31**  ICAS - Science

**JUNE 2016**

**Wed 1**  Pulse Rehearsal (Banks P.S.)

**Fri 3**  3-6 Assembly

**Fri 10**  K-2 Assembly

**Mon 13**  Queen’s Birthday (no school)

**Wed 15**  ICAS - Spelling

**Thu 16**  Walkathon

**Fri 17**  3-6 Assembly

**Wed 22**  Winmalee Cup

**Thu 23**  Back-up Walkathon Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Local Final at (Blaxland East)

**Fri 24**  K-2 Assembly

**Tue 28**  Pulse Rehearsal (Winmalee) Winmalee Cup (back-up) K-2 Excursion (K, KW & 2D)

**Wed 29**  K-2 Excursion (K/1B & 1/2L)

**Thu 30**  K-2 Excursion (1/2C & 1/2ZB) Pulse DISCO

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**Notes Home**

- Blue Gum Markets P&C Stall (KJ & KW)
- Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition Term 2, 2016 (Stage 2 and 3)
- K-2 Weather and Water Excursion
- District Cross Country

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**Assembly Dates**

**Fridays commencing at 11.35am**

**May 13:**  3-6 Assembly (3-6 X-Country Ribbons)

**May 20:**  K-2 Assembly (K-2 X-Country Ribbons)

**May 27:**  K-6 Assembly (SRC badges)

**June 3:**  3-6 Assembly

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**School Activities Update**

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Classes - Term 2**

**Monday:**  1/2ZR, 1/2L, 1/2C, 1B, 2/3D

**Sport Days - Fridays**

- K-2 (9.55 - 10.55)
- 3-4 (12.35 - 1.35)
- 5-6 (1.55 - 2.55)

**PE Days (sports uniform)**

- Tuesday: 5/6M, 5/6T
- Thursday: 1/2L, 1/2C

**Library Days**

- Monday: KW, 1/2C, 1/2ZB (25 mins f/n), 2/3D, 5/6K
- Tuesday: 3/4B, 3/4S, 3/4D

**Music**

- Monday: KW, 1/2C, 1/2ZB (25 mins f/n), 2/3D, 5/6K
- Tuesday: 3/4B, 3/4S, 3/4D

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Relieving Principal’s Report

Dear Faulconbridge Public School Community,

Volunteers are an important fixture at Faulconbridge Public School. Many important programs, like Mal Hewitt’s Infants Choir and Uncle Graeme’s Community Engagement workshops, are completely volunteer run. Volunteers assist teachers in providing more individual attention to students by helping with activities like reading, as well as support classroom activities like gardening and cooking. The P&C, our fundraising committee, Jan Arndell for the work she does beautifying our school… I could go on for pages. In short, volunteers help make our school a more vibrant learning environment for our students. THANK YOU to all those who volunteer at Faulconbridge - your time and talents are truly appreciated.

SHERPA ACCESS
To avoid confusion, Sherpa parents and caregivers are encouraged to use the gates adjacent to the pedestrian crossing both before and after school. While we have a number of staff members that often stay back and work into the evening we cannot always guarantee access to the staff car park. The teachers on bus duty have been reminded to leave the pedestrian gates unlocked at the end of the school day.

CROSS COUNTRY
A big, big thank you to Mr Smith for convening last Friday’s Cross Country Carnival. His organisation and the support of all staff ensured that everything ‘ran’ smoothly on the day. It was particularly heart-warming to see our infants children participate for the very first time and a real highlight watching our exhausted year 6 students support and encourage them around the course.

YEAR 5 ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS IN 2017
Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Online applications opened on Tuesday, 26th April and will close at 10pm on Friday, 13th May (tomorrow). All applications must be made online at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

THE HILLS SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS – YEAR 7, 2017
Students with a strong interest in sport are encouraged to apply to this co-educational High School. Sports offered are AFL, Athletics, Baseball, Cheerleading, Cricket, Football, Golf, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Rugby 7’s (Girls), Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Touch Football (Girls) and Water Polo.

• An Information Night for parents and students seeking 2017 enrolment will be conducted in The Hills Sports High School Assembly Hall on Monday, 16th May, 2016 at 6.30pm.
• Application Forms can be downloaded from the school’s website: hillssport-h.school@det.nsw.edu
• Closing date for the Return of Application Forms: Friday, 20th May, 2016
• APPLICATIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT Faulconbridge Public School Office

NAPLAN
Week three has been and gone and our students who sat NAPLAN have enjoyed the return to our regular class routines this afternoon. Students in Years 3 and 5 are to be congratulated on the mature and calm approach they displayed when undertaking the tests. All papers will be sent off tomorrow after I finish administering make-up tests and parents will receive their child’s results in September.

I look forward to attending my first P&C meeting as Relieving Principal on Monday night. We are so fortunate to have such a dynamic and devoted group of parents supporting our school.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Earl
The 2016 Faulconbridge cross country was held on Friday the 6th May, I would like to thank everyone involved for making this day such an amazing event. Congratulations to all students for their amazing running and good luck to those going through to zone next week.

Mr Smith

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Our Students at Music Camp

Last week from Tuesday 4th May to Friday 6th May Reggie, Josh and I went to the Arts In Action music camp. Reggie and I were selected to attend for vocal group and Josh was in instrumental. Our vocal group was awesome! Our teachers were Mrs Rudolph from Nepean Performing Arts High School and Mr Hearn from Springwood High School. They were both really, really good. When we first arrived we had to audition, and then we got straight into singing. During the four days, we worked on and perfected three songs. They were ‘I See the Light’ featured in Tangled, ‘Safe and Sound’ by Taylor Swift, and ‘Better Be Home Soon’. Performing was the best part of the camp - and the food was the worst. On the last night all cabins had to perform. Josh and I were in the same cabin, and Reggie was in a different one. Our cabin performed a game show. It was a lot of fun. Reggie’s cabin performed ‘Old MacDonald’s Farm’. It was funny. It was a great camp and I’m sure everyone had a wonderful time. Ian T

Last Tuesday through to Friday we went to the Arts In Action music camp. I played trumpet, and Ian and Reggie were selected for vocal group. First we had our auditions, and then we moved straight into our focus groups. On the first night we had a terrible night’s sleep. Every afternoon we had recreational activities. There was a really good obstacle course. I was surprised how quickly the days went. Each of our cabins was rostered for serving meals and cleaning up. The food was not the best at all. On the last night our cabin had to make up and perform an item. Ours was a game show, and my role was doing the sound. On the last morning we had to go straight to our main focus ensembles, rehearse and then it was time for the concert. I thought our concert was great. There was a concert band, a big band, a guitar group and a vocal group. Music camp was a great experience! Josh C
May is Family Reading Month and time to snuggle up together with a great book to read! Scholastic’s theme of READ MORE IN MAY is celebrating its 20th year and has $20,000 in prizes to give away. Visit scholastic.com.au/ for details.

Book Fairs are a great opportunity to build your child’s personal library, giving them encouragement to love reading and become lifelong learners. As each purchase attracts a commission, students enjoy choosing, recommending and voting for the latest and most popular publications to add to our library’s collection. Clifford, the big red dog, will be our guest book character throughout our first fair for the year.

Our “MONSTER BOOK FAIR – READING GIVES YOU GOOSEBUMPS!” arrives on Thursday morning MAY 12. It will take time to set up before sales begin that afternoon after school. It will close and be packed up on Thursday morning, May 26 at 8.55am.

HOW DOES THE BOOK FAIR WORK?
There will be a great range of books including books for early childhood, picture books, novels, information and activity books, posters, book packs and books at special prices starting from $4.00. There will also be a variety of items such as pens, pencils, erasers and sharpeners, starting from $1.00. Classes will visit the fair during library time to write out their “Wish Lists” which the children will take home for parents to use as a guide.

A Book Fair invitation highlighting some books will also be taken home. This includes an Order Form that allows you to pay by phone or online if you are unable to attend the fair with your child/children. A receipt number will need to be taken down & the form brought in to me to supply the books paid for. Orders can also be sent to school, with payment, in a clearly labelled envelope.

Parents, caregivers and grandparents are invited to attend the fair at the following times:

**THURSDAY MAY 12:** After school only – 2.55pm to 3.30pm

**FRIDAY MAY 13 AND MAY 20:** 8.25am to 8.55am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm

**MONDAY MAY 16 AND MAY 23:** 8.25am to 8.55am and 2.55pm to 3.30pm

**TUESDAY MAY 17 AND MAY 21:** 8.25am to 8.55am and 2.55pm to 3.30pm

**WEDNESDAYS:** LIBRARY CLOSED

**THURSDAY MAY 26:** 8.25am to 8.55am. Fair closed, packed up and returned.

With each purchase students will have their names written on a ticket for the chance to choose a free book or items (to value of $10) from the fair. They will also receive a free bookmark. Books can be ordered if stock runs out with a “Last Copy” left for you to view if necessary. If our sales total $4,000, we will receive all the shortlisted titles for Book Week 2016, as an added bonus. I look forward to your support and your interest during the fair.

Diane McKay
Teacher Librarian
Stage 3 students performing *Somewhere Over The Rainbow* for all of the mums at the Mothers Day breakfast, which was hosted by the beautiful people in The Blackboard Café. Croissants, angelic voices and a great cup of joe - is there a better way to start the day?

**Voluntary School Contributions Reminder**

The school contributions at Faulconbridge Public School are considerably lower than the State wide average for NSW Primary Schools. Schools are permitted to increase their voluntary contributions by a maximum of 2.45% on the previous year’s level, which has not been the custom here. We request $30.00 per child for materials - this covers the cost of students exercise books and other classroom necessities including glue, art paper, paints, pens and pencils and $45.00 voluntary contributions per child or $70.00 per family. The voluntary contributions assist with school resources like sporting equipment and specialist subject resources. While it is understood that some families have financial constraints and cannot pay these fees in total, it is possible to pay by instalments - for example $15.00 per term.

Family statements were distributed today reflecting the materials fees. However, as the other fees are *voluntary* they do not appear on your family statement. If possible we ask parents to pay their contributions before the end of the term.

**MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT FLYER COMPETITION**

Design a creative, imaginative flyer (A4 size) that will encourage students to take care of the environment.

Please give your entries to Joshua Craig by Wednesday 25 of May. The winner will be announced in Intercom that week and will have their flyer copied, laminated and displayed throughout the school.

**P&C NEWS**

The next P&C Meeting will be held:-

**Date:** Monday 16th May  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Venue:** Teachers’ Staff Room  
Faulconbridge Public School

**YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!**
Join School Banking on an outback adventure!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and 8 new exclusive School Banking reward items. This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits.

The reward items available for Term 1 are:
- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set

These will be available until further notice is given that they have sold out.

The reward items available for Term 2 are:
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag

Please note that coupons can be carried forward to the next term.

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

A reminder to everyone to ensure that you complete your deposit slips, and if you could keep your tokens in a safe place at home, it would help the banking ladies out.

See you all under the Big Top on Friday.

The Banking Ladies
Dear Parents,

We can’t believe it is already week 3 of term 2. Everyone is still excited about coming back to school and Sherpa!

We had another fun filled week at Sherpa Kids Faulconbridge. We continued to play exciting indoor and outdoor games. The girls loved playing with the dollhouse.

Art and craft is still the hit at Sherpa Kids while sports and games are getting more popular. Our kids also enjoyed sports and outdoor games.

Our before and after school programs received very positive feedback from parents. If you are interested in sending your children to somewhere fun and exciting, please do not hesitate to come to have a chat with our friendly staff, we are located at the school hall or email us on skfaulconbridge@gmail.com

Warm regards

Sydney

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**Next Week’s Highlights**

Craft

Colouring Ins/Painting

Group Games

**Sherpa Kids After School Care Routine:**

- Meet children at designated meeting point/pick up younger children from their classrooms
- Serve afternoon tea in the School Hall
- Quiet play and homework time
- Organised program and outdoor play – weather permitted
- We encourage outdoor activities for as much as possible each afternoon
The simplest way
...to create healthy take away.

Get the kids inspired about cooking with a healthy, homemade take-away style meal. Find full recipes at: eatittobeatit.com.au

Nutrition Snippet

Sausage rolls:
Using beef, lamb, chicken, turkey or pork mince, with lots of grated or finely diced veg mixed in. Or add some tinned kidney beans to the mix.

Hamburgers:
Make a meat, lentil or veggie patty, pile on the salad and serve on a crusty wholegrain roll.

Fish and chips:
Crumb your own fish fillets and oven bake. Serve with oven-baked chunky chips or sweet potato wedges.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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Blue Mountains Orchestra

HOLST’S PLANETS
Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn

Five Variants on “Dives and Lazarus” - Vaughan Williams
The Walk to the Paradise Garden - Frederick Delius
Weber Clarinet Concerto No.2
with Guest Artist
Alexei Dibborski

Training Orchestra will play several musical items
www.bluemountainsorchestra.com.au

SUNDAY 29 MAY 2PM
Blue Mountains Theatre
106 Macquarie Rd, Springwood
Tickets: Adults $35, Children $15, Family $70
$3.30 Booking Fee may apply.
Box Office: 372 3 81 50
www.bluemountains-theatre.com

Lapstone Public School P&C Association presents:

FUNFAIR & FIREWORKS

Saturday, 21 May, 2016 (5pm to 9pm)
Fireworks go off at 7.30pm

Information:
The Enthusiastic Band & Achievement Avenue, Lapstone

Tickets:
Family $25 (prepaid $20)
Adults $10, Child/Concession $5

*Family is 2 adults and up to 4 children
Tickets available at the gate. Prepaid tickets available from the school office. Contact school office for details. (879 2000)

A COMMUNITY EVENT

- Lots of activities to entertain the family
- Chocolate wheel and raffle with great prizes
- Live entertainment including the school and local bands
- Glow sticks - Show bags
- Free sports area - Gourmet food - Coffee - Cake stall - Fairy floss
Ubuntu: the African Children’s Choir high school graduate tour

The African Children’s Choir (ACC) is coming back to the Blue Mountains and Penrith - this time with Ubuntu, a troupe of gifted high school graduates, presented by the charity Kwaya Australia.

The ACC educates some of the poorest children in Africa to university level, helping them break the cycle of poverty and become leaders in their communities. See africanchildrenchoir.com.

Drum and dance workshop: Lawson Public School, Adelaide Street, Lawson. Wednesday, May 18, 7.30pm. Adult $18, child under 16/concession $12, family (two adults and two children) $48.

Katoomba concert: Katoomba High School, Martin Street, Katoomba. Thursday, May 19, 7.30pm.

Springwood district concert: Springwood High School, Grose Road, Faulconbridge. Friday, May 20, 7.30pm.

Penrith district concert: Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School, 115 Great Western Highway, Emu Plains. Saturday, May 21, 7.30pm.

Blue Mountains and Penrith concert tickets: Adult $20, concession $15, child under 16, $12, family $50.

Inquiries: Brendan O’Reilly, ph 0437 347 657.
Winmalee Tennis Club Colouring Competition

To enter our colouring competition bring your entry along to Winmalee & District Tennis Club FREE pink Tennis Fun Day on Sunday 22 May 2016

3 Prize Packs to be won
Pack Includes
- Blue Mountains Aquatic Centre Family Swim Pass
- Tennis Package

One Prize Pack to be won for each age group of 4 years & under, 5–8 years, 9–12 years

Name: ____________________
Age: ____________________
Phone: ___________________
Email: ___________________