

## Learn to Live

Term 4, Week 6 (16th November, 2017)

### Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

#### NOVEMBER 2017

<b>Fri 17</b>	Stewart House clothing donation bags due back  Martha Faulconbridge Award Nominations due back
<b>Mon 20</b>	P&C Meeting Backyard Rugby League Workshops 3-6 Stage 2 Talent Quest - Hall 3
<b>Tue 21</b>	Catholic Scripture Celebration (Hall 9-10:30am)
<b>Wed 22</b>	Kindy Transition Group B, Session 7 Stage 3 Talent Quest - Hall 3
<b>Thu 23</b>	Arts in Action
<b>Fri 24</b>	K-2 Assembly School Spectacular Matinee
<b>Mon 27</b>	Backyard Rugby League Workshops 3-6
<b>Tue 28</b>	Stage 1 Talent Quest Heats  Catholic Scripture Celebration (Hall 9-10:30am)  Last Scripture (whole school)
<b>Thu 30</b>	Disco

#### DECEMBER 2017

<b>Fri 1</b>	Stage Talent Quest 3-6 3-6 Assembly
<b>Mon 4</b>	Backyard Rugby League Workshops 3-6
<b>Tue 5</b>	Kindy Transition Group A & B (All Day)
<b>Thu 7</b>	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
<b>Fri 8</b>	K-6 Assembly Parent Helper Morning Tea
<b>Mon 11</b>	Stg 2 End of Year Excursion Stg 3 End of Year Excursion
<b>Tue 12</b>	Stg 1 End of Year Excursion
<b>Wed 13</b>	Student Achievement

**Principal:** Mrs C Frith

**Assistant Principal Stage 1:** Mrs K Jansons

**Assistant Principal Stage 2:** Mrs N Bridges, Miss Theoharis (Relieving)

**Assistant Principal Stage 3:** Mr P Earl

### Notes Home



- ◆ Stage 2 End of Year Outing permission note
- ◆ Sipahh Fundraising Ventures Straw Drive
- ◆ Stage 1 End of Year Outing permission note
- ◆ Stage 2 End of Year Outing permission note (coming next week)

### Assembly Dates

Fridays commencing 11.30am

November 17	3-6 Assembly
November 24	K-2 Assembly
December 1	3-6 Assembly
December 8	K-6 Assembly

## School Activities Update

### Kitchen Garden Classes - Term 4

Monday - KCL, KW, K/1B

### Sport Days - Fridays

K-2 (9.55 - 10.55)

3-4 (12.25 - 1.25)

5-6 (1.55 - 2.55)

### PE Days (sports uniform)

Wednesday - Stage 1

Tuesday - Stage 2

Monday - Stage 3

### Library Days

Monday: 1/2K, 3/4M, KCL, K/1B

Tuesday: 3/4P, 1/2H, 3/4BC

Thursday: 4/5T, 5/6ZD, 5/6T, 1/2L

Friday: 1/2S, KW

### Music

Monday: KCL, KW, K/1B, 1/2H, 1/2S

Tuesday: 4/5T, 5/6ZD, 5/6T

Wednesday: 1/2K, 3/4BC, 3/4P, 3/4M, 1/2L



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## **Principal's Report**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### **Twilight markets**

What a fabulous evening we had on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November for our P&C Twilight Markets. The weather did not look friendly during the day, but the sun shone and the wind died down to give us a perfect spring evening. Congratulations to the P&C, particularly the Twilight Markets sub-committee for great organisation and preparation for this event. We had many visitors to our school community on the evening who commented to me on the beautiful community feel in our school. I am very proud of our school and community for the effort and cooperation that went into such a successful event.

### **Springwood High School Presentation Night**

On Tuesday night, I had the privilege to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Springwood High School Presentation night. There were many awards presented to our past students and many family names I recognised from our school. It is always timely to be reminded of where our Faulconbridge students are heading in the future and the amazing opportunities that the local comprehensive high school can offer our students.

### **Mid Mountains Learning Community**

The Principals of the Mid Mountains Schools met together last week with representatives of the Blue Mountains Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) to discuss our plans for Aboriginal Education in the mountains. This includes building our understanding of Aboriginal culture, histories and languages for all students. At Faulconbridge Public School we will be working to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan within our next school plan 2018-2020, and to develop our understanding of custodianship and our totem, the glossy black cockatoo.

### **PULSE concert**

I am looking forward to attending the PULSE concert this evening at the Sydney Opera House. I know the PULSE choir students and our PULSE dance student, Chloe Schofield have been rehearsing and preparing for this evening performance. Thank you to Miss Theoharis for her continued dedication to the choir activities in our school. A big thank you to the parents who commit time and energy to the additional rehearsals. I am sure it will be another fabulous evening of entertainment, and a very special experience for our students who are performing.

### **2018 Organisation**

To assist us with planning for 2018, it is helpful to know the number of students anticipated at our school. Reasonably accurate student numbers are required to assist our planning processes for next year. The number of students affects class structures, staffing requirements and the school budget. If you know you will be moving out of the area, please notify the school office ASAP. Likewise, if you know of a new family moving into the area, please ask them to visit our school to get an enrolment form.

### **Emergency drill**

We had our planned emergency evacuation drill last Wednesday. It went very well and even included our transition Kindy students for 2018. All students moved sensibly to our evacuation point and everybody was accounted for. These drills are an important requirement of our Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) plan. After each drill the WHS team reviews our procedures and discusses any issues or changes with staff. When we do a drill, we will let you know through our Website, E-News App and Facebook page. We also inform the local police that this is a drill.

## Principal's Report Continued...

### Playground issues

We have had some issues recently with missing hats, jackets and food missing from lunch boxes. Teachers are following up with issues as they are raised. We ask for your partnership and support in dealing with these issues through open communication, and reinforcement of values and expectations. We are addressing the issues of missing items, both individually and collectively, using our PBL structures with a focus on the PBL expectation of **Respect people and property**. As an incentive teachers will be giving cub awards for students who are taking care of their own property and not moving items that do not belong to them. Names written in jackets and hats, and on other items also help us to quickly return property to the rightful owner.

The Toilet area is an area where issues have arisen recently. Some damage is occurring, and we are currently trying to pinpoint the source of the problem. Again, we ask for your help in curbing inappropriate behaviour by reinforcing positive values and appropriate behaviour.

Our PBL expectations for the toilets are:

Safe:	Flush, wash and leave Walk in these areas Be sensible with water
Respectful:	Wait your turn Give others privacy Turn off taps
Learners:	Return promptly to class or playground Report problems to teachers

If issues arise for your student at school, please speak to your child's class teacher first. It is always best to make an appointment to see or speak to the teacher, so they can give full attention to the issue. We have fair processes and procedures which help us to investigate and resolve issues. If the issue is regarding behaviour, teachers are in the best position to reinforce our PBL values of safe, respectful learners. If there is an issue with another student, please do not approach and speak to that child. Again, it is best to contact the class teacher or stage supervisor, explain the situation and trust that we will follow our processes and procedures to resolve the issue. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

### Awards

Students are given 'Cub Awards' to provide them with immediate recognition of positive behaviours. The following students are to be congratulated for showing Safe, Respectful and/or Positive Learning behaviours throughout our school:

Term 4, Weeks 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6					
Jacque S (3/4M)	Kaiya P (3/4M)	Jack R (1/2S)	Miah T. (1/2K)	Thomas D (1/2H)	Sarah Q (1/2L)
Caeden B (1/2K)	Carissa P (KCL)	Melissa S (3/4P)	Lily C (3/4P)	Baxter H (3/4M)	Teagan W (1/2L)
Benjamin V (KCL)	Caden T (3/4M)	Alex D (1/2H)	Tegan D (4/5T)	Niklas O (3/4BC)	Zara N (3/4M)
Owen J (1/2S)	Leah Mc (1/2H)	Eva H (1/2S)	Jacob K. (3/4BC)	Melissa S (3/4P)	Kate E (4/5T)
Sienna K (K/1B)	Aisha H (1/2K)	Lilah A (KCL)	Alex R (5/6T)	Joel P (5/6ZD)	Ben K (3/4P)

## Principal's Report Continued...

### Developing our future vision

In developing our future vision for our school, we would like to hear from you. There was an opportunity on Wednesday night to come along and share ideas. As this opportunity was not widely attended, I would like to ask you to take a moment to get creative and provide us with your vision for the next three years.

Please write a headline of a newspaper story about the school at the end of 2020. It should describe the significant success the school has had. You can write a few lines of the story too, if you want to elaborate. Alternatively, you can write a description of the school as you would like it to be in 3 years' time.



The staff and the stage 3 students have also participated in this activity and it would be fantastic if we also heard from our parents, as we develop our next school plan for 2018-2020.

Please drop your contribution into the office or email it to the school.

### Road Safety Reminder

We have had some reports of poor road safety behaviour being demonstrated by some students on the way home from school. This has occurred at the lights at the Great Western Highway and also near the bollards on Chapman Parade. Could you please take a moment to talk about road safety with your child, particularly when they are walking home from school. Teachers will continue to reinforce road safety messages at school.

Mrs Carol Frith  
Principal



### Road Safety Reminder

Whether you're walking or riding your bike or scooter, please make sure you stop, look and listen before crossing the road at all times. Your safety is important to us.



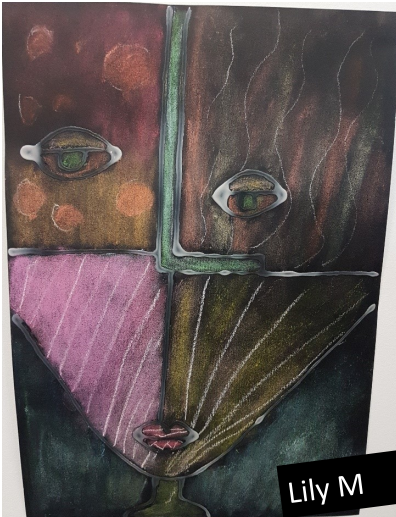
## Donations of **SOCKS** **AND UNDIES** needed!!

All donations of both new or good condition pre-loved kids socks and undies in assorted sizes would be greatly appreciated.



### 3/4P Cubic Self Portraits

We studied Pablo Picasso and created our portraits based on cubism. We used pencil, PVA glue and chalk pastels. We blended the pastels using our fingers and then created patterns on top.





# Our Students at the 2017 Celebration Sing Out Concert



On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, I had the pleasure of accompanying 22 very excited choir students from our school to the Sydney Town Hall where they performed at the 2017 *Celebration Sing Out* Concert.

After months of hard work it was fantastic to see them perform with pride and enthusiasm together with 500 other primary school students, 300 secondary student and adult choirs and an amazing orchestra led by our very own Mr Mal Hewitt.

Our students were, as always, outstanding ambassadors for our school! Congratulations to all of them.

I would like to thank Mr Mal Hewitt and Mrs Gwen Blackwell for their tireless efforts with the students throughout the year. They helped produce what was undoubtedly one of the best *Celebration Sing Out* concerts in which we have participated.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to the parents of our students for their help and support leading up to and including the day of the rehearsal and evening performance. Without your generosity this experience would not have been possible for our choir.

All proceeds from this concert, which currently stands at approximately \$30,000, will be going to 'The Music Therapy Unit' at Westmead Children's Hospital. This will enable the music therapists to work with some very sick children suffering from different types of diseases such as cancer. Music Therapy plays a significant part in a sick child's healing.

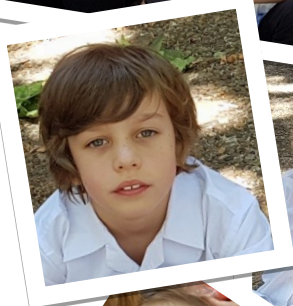


Yours Chorally  
Dimitra Theoharis

... is a wonderful addition in the lives of all children!









# Visit from Eastlakes Public School Pen Pals

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 4/5T and 3/4BC's Pen Pals from Eastlakes Public School came to the Blue Mountains to visit us. We spent an amazing day together doing a lot of fun and exciting activities.

We met them as they arrived, welcomed them to our school and walked with them to the cola area outside of the hall. It was here that Uncle Graeme Cooper and our Indigenous presenter Yammandirra did Welcome to Country and performed a smoking ceremony.

Then we went down to the big oak tree outside of the music room to enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch. We spent the remainder of lunchtime playing together.

After lunch we were split into 4 groups to complete several activities including

- taking our Pen Pals for a tour around the school
- doing some activities in the Computer Room with Mrs Bridges including using Google Earth to locate and compare where we lived
- learning about and completing some fun activities about the bush with Mr Thomson
- learning about Indigenous culture from our Indigenous presenter Yammandirra. We even had our faces painted with ochre.

Following the activities we got to spend some free time in the playground with our Pen Pals during recess. When recess was over we gathered under the big top where we thanked our visitors for coming and we presented their teachers with a small gift. They also thanked us for their day and gave us a beautiful pot plant.

We hope that our Pen Pals enjoyed their day as much as we did. We sadly said our goodbyes and waved them off.

By *Mia and Tarana*

4/5T







## Talent Quest 2017

Congratulations to all the students who have been practicing for the school Talent Quest! Your auditions were amazing and we look forward to seeing you perform for your stage on the following dates:

ES1/S1: Tuesday November 28, 2pm

Stage 2: Monday 20, 2pm

Stage 3: Wednesday November 22, 11:45am

**Please put the above dates in your diary!**


**Initial dates were incorrect.**

Stage finals will be in the big school hall. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

Please remember: Due to the overwhelming number of entries, all students must only perform a 2-minute piece on the day of your stage final. The judges will then vote on which performances will perform at the whole school Talent Quest final on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Stay tuned for more information!





# GOLDEN BEAR AWARD

**Presented to: Tm 4, Week 5**

<b>KCL:</b> Connor W	<b>3/4BC:</b> Jacob K
<b>KW:</b> Isabella O, Parker A	<b>3/4M:</b> Oliver T
<b>K/1B:</b> Nicholas W	<b>3/4P:</b> Isabel C-E
<b>1/2H:</b> Aryelle T	<b>4/5T:</b> T
<b>1/2K:</b> Eloise H	<b>5/6T:</b> Rhiannon M
<b>1/2L:</b> Saffryn A-S	<b>5/6ZD:</b> Danielle H
<b>1/2S:</b> Owen J	

**3/4P: Pen Licence Award:** Benjamin K, Ryan B, Jasper W



## Faulconbridge Public School PBL Award

**Presented to: Tm 4, Week 4**

<b>KCL:</b> Noah C, Amelia A, Oliver R
<b>KW:</b> Anton K, Matias B, Isabelle S
<b>K/1B:</b> Kael M, Larnie L, Nicholas W
<b>1/2H:</b> Alex D, Bailey C, Patrick D
<b>1/2K:</b> Ella O, Crue-Bobb A, Andrew B
<b>1/2L:</b> Matthew C, Sarah Q, Sian W
<b>1/2S:</b> Josie L, Lachlan B, Eve L, Oscar T

**CONGRATULATIONS**

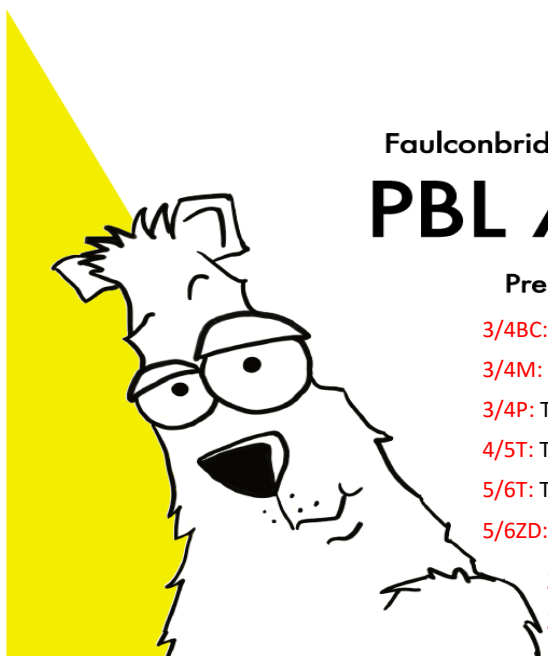
You've read 30 books

Jackson Stanford

Max Gammidge

Abbey Woods

Tyra Lewis



## Faulconbridge Public School PBL Award

**Presented to: Tm 4, Week 5**

<b>3/4BC:</b> Oscar Q, Lochlan W, Sahara A
<b>3/4M:</b> Lale Y, Kaiya P, Ewan L
<b>3/4P:</b> T.B.A
<b>4/5T:</b> T.B.A
<b>5/6T:</b> T.B.A
<b>5/6ZD:</b> T.B.A

**3/4 BC: Pen Licence Award:** Marissa B,  
**3/4P:** Gareth R, Bailey S, Logan H, Eliza B



Faulconbridge  
Public School  
Annual Twilight Market  
Friday 3rd Nov 2017 6pm-9pm



Our Market night was a raging success with a profit of \$11,500 going back to our school. A big thank you to the Committee who put their heart & soul into making this night a success, Melanie Morgan, Sarah Emmanuel, Kathy Waghorn, Lauren Harris, Emma McSeveny, Amanda Hodges, Kerry Doyle, Sarah Spinks, Vanessa Connor & Mr O.

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers on the night, from helping the stall holders unload, manning the school stall, collecting gold coin donations or anything in between it was greatly appreciated.

The feedback we have been getting from stall holders, visitors & the general public has been overwhelming & here is just a small amount of the feedback we have received

"Great atmosphere, fantastic job organizing the event. Congrats "

"having a separate 'food court' was a fantastic idea"

"Overall very well organised market lots of quality stalls, food and entertainment and lighting in stall area better placed then previous year."

We can't wait to do it all again next year!! Bring on the 2018 Twilight Markets!!





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## Thank you to our amazing 2017 Twilight Market Sponsors!!



Our first sponsor !! A family owned Pet Supply place located in Blaxland, Penrith, St Marys & Bathurst. So if you are in need of any Pet supplies head on down to their shop at Blaxland Shopping Centre & check them out!!

City Country Pets and Supplies offers a comprehensive range of pet food and accessories at extremely competitive prices



Our second sponsor is another local business providing support & advice for first home buyers, refinancing loans, consolidating debt, investment loans, property car & asset finance.

Their moto—Our Clients dreams are our passion



Our third sponsor is another fantastic local business who has supported our school for the last few years. The first point of call for all your storage needs in the Blue Mountains. They have you covered with a complete range of packing supplies & trailer or moving truck service. For all your secure self storage needs with easy access units in a size that suits your needs you can't look past these guys!!



Our fourth sponsor is another locally owned business - servicing Sydney Metro, Penrith, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury & The Greater West. The leading edge in metal roofing - we understand the need for meticulous workmanship, quality materials and client satisfaction. Specialising in Roof Replacement, Gutter Replacement and Gutter Guards, you can rely on these guys for the right roof solution for you!!



Our fifth & final sponsor!! Another locally owned business!! Providing YOU with Personal financial Solutions. Trusted, local broker that will work to find the right solution for your situation.

Passionate about "finding the right financial solutions".

Not only do they help clients with home and investment loans, they specialise in taking your businesses financial needs out to the market and getting you huge benefits.