

Learn to Live

Term 4, Week 4 (2nd November, 2017)

Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

NOVEMBER 2017

Thu 2	Book Fair Arrives
Fri 3	Twilight Markets Book Fair OPEN on the night
Wed 8	Kindy Transition Group B, Session 6
Thu 9	Book Fair Finishes
Tue 14	Pulse Rehearsal
Wed 15	Kindy Transition Group A, Session 7
Thu 16	Pulse Concert Stage 1 Wanderers Clinic Kindy Photo's 9:30am
Fri 17	Stewart House clothing donation bags due back
Mon 20	P&C Meeting Backyard Rugby League Workshops 3-6
Tue 21	Last Scripture Catholic
Wed 22	Kindy Transition Group B, Session 7
Thu 23	Arts in Action
Fri 24	Stage Talent Quest K-2 K-2 Assembly School Spectacular Matinee
Mon 27	Backyard Rugby League Workshops 3-6
Tue 28	Last Scripture Protestant
Thu 30	Disco

DECEMBER 2017

Fri 1	Stage Talent Quest 3-6 3-6 Assembly
Tue 5	Kindy Transition Group A & B (All Day)
Thu 7	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Fri 8	K-6 Assembly Parent Helper Morning Tea
Tue 12	Stg 1 End of Year Excursion
Wed 13	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



- ◆ Martha Faulconbridge Award
- ◆ Sipahh Fundraising Ventures Straw Drive
- ◆ AFL Auskick Clinics
- ◆ Pulse Performance Nov 16th
- ◆ Twilight Markets—Monster Prize Raffle

Assembly Dates

Fridays commencing 11.30am

November 3	K-2 Assembly
November 10	K-6 Assembly
November 17	3-6 Assembly
November 24	K-2 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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Website: <http://www.faulconbri-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Email: http://faulconbri-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Access student portal: <http://portal.det.nsw.edu.au>

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been another amazing couple of weeks at our school. I am constantly amazed by the range of activities our students are involved in.

A special thank you to Miss Theoharis, Mrs Blackwell and Mr Hewitt, for their additional efforts last weekend at the Celebration Sing Out at Sydney Town Hall. From all reports, our choir students performed beautifully and were complimented by many audience members following the Performance.

Well done to the T-ball and Crickets teams who competed at the Summer Games at Warrimoo Oval. Thank you to Mr Earl and Mr Smith.

Year 6 Bush Dance

Our Year 6 Bush Dance was a huge success on the 20th October. The students did an outstanding job, playing the music, singing and demonstrating the dances throughout the evening. Many Year 6 parents and P&C members supported the evening by manning the food stalls and photo booth. Another big thank you to the Stage 3 team - Mr Earl, Mr Thomson, Mrs Zordoumis and Mr Douglas whose talents and commitment to the students and the school seem endless and inexhaustible.



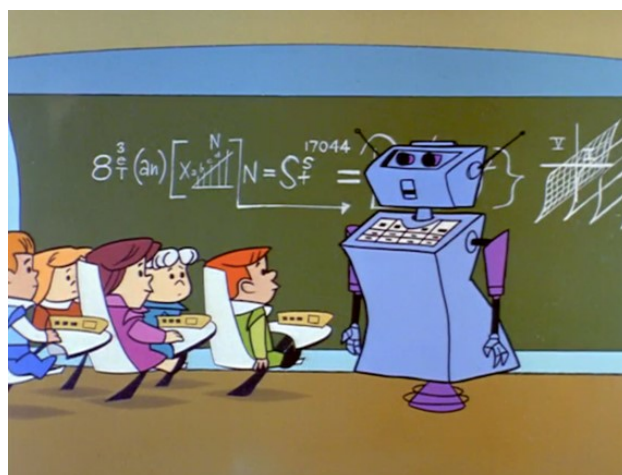
Issues at school

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.

Creating the Vision

Our school is currently at a crucial point in our planning cycle for the next three years. Part of this process is to develop our vision statement for the school plan. This is a time to be future focused, to consider the world our students will be living and working in, and the skills they will need to be successful, engaged and responsible citizens.

In 1963, The Jetsons gave us an image of an imagined future education system. Over 50 years later it is interesting to compare this image to our current educational environment, to consider the latest educational research and the technology which will support learning into the future.



Principal's Report Continued...

This week the staff began the process of developing our future vision. We will be examining our values and beliefs about teaching and learning which will underpin our planning for the next three years. The school plan is an improvement plan. It is transformational. The vision should be intrinsic in our daily practice, and in our improvement plan. It is important that our parents are part of the conversation as develop our plan.

The first step is to help us build our vision. You are invited to participate in a community consultation evening on Wednesday 15th of November at 7pm in the Library. Please RSVP to the School Office if you can attend this meeting.



2018 Organisation

To assist us with planning for 2018, it 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 visit our school to get an enrolment form.

Twilight Markets

I am looking forward to my first P&C Twilight Markets on Friday night. I think the school grounds will be 'buzzing' with activity and excitement. A big thank you to the P&C, especially the Twilight Markets committee for their organisation of this fundraising event for our school. It has been a huge undertaking to coordinate the many facets that are required for a successful event.

Working With Children Check - Reminder to parent/carer volunteers

If you are volunteering in any capacity at school you must have a valid Working With Children Check (WWCC). It is a simple process of applying online at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au. This should be done before you commence volunteering in the school. Once you receive your confirmation email with your WWCC number please bring this to the office. We will also ask you for your

- mobile phone number
- maiden name (if applicable)
- place of birth; and a
- 100 point ID check
- PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER **YOU MUST SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE**, borrow a 'Visitor' badge when you arrive and sign out again when you leave.

To preserve privacy, it would also be appreciated if you would use the main front office door when arriving and departing. Often times, there may be confidential discussions in the hallways, offices and the staffroom of the administration building.

Mrs Carol Frith
Principal

Library News

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

A huge thank you to all parents, students and staff for participating so enthusiastically at our Book Character Reading Picnic Day.

The costumes were amazing, the weather was perfect for a picnic on the oval and, I hope, the day was enjoyed by all!

The Library Monitors especially enjoyed judging the very competitive staff !

CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR

Our next Book Fair arrives this Thursday, November 2. Sales will commence that afternoon at 2.55pm – 3.30pm. It will continue before and after school (except Wednesdays) for one week only. Sales will finish at 9.00am Thursday morning, November 9.

The fair will also be open on Thursday night, November 3, at the Twilight Fair.

There will be a great variety of the latest books and popular items.

It will be a great opportunity for purchasing Christmas gifts and perhaps donating a book to the library, especially if your child is leaving for high school. A presentation sticker with your child's name and class will be placed in the book. I often enjoy opening a book to be reminded of past students, some of whom have their children at FPS now.

With each purchase students will have their names written on a lucky ticket and have the chance to choose something from the fair for up to \$10. A draw will be made from each stage: ES1, S1, S2 and S3.

Free bookmarks will also be given out with each sale.

Orders may be sent to school in clearly marked envelopes.

Eftpos will be available.

Happy shopping!

OVERDUE BOOKS

With the end of the term fast approaching, students need to find and return any books that are overdue as soon as possible. Parent help is often required to help locate them. Students should not be afraid to return late books or to hide any damage. Being able to talk to me about a problem is important.

There are no fines or angry comments from this end – just a happy teacher librarian!

My thanks for your support.

Diane McKay
Teacher Librarian



WELL DONE!

to all students involved in the 2017 Summer Games



CELEBRATION SING OUT!

Over the past weekend, 22 Faulconbridge Choir students and Miss Theoharis took part in a remarkable event – Celebration Sing Out, the annual fundraising concert in Sydney Town Hall for the Music Therapy Unit at Westmead Children's Hospital. On Saturday they gathered with 500 students from 23 other schools for a rehearsal at Granville Public School, the first time all students got together under the baton of Mrs Gwen Blackwell, our own K-2 RFF Music Teacher. Then, with great excitement, everybody assembled at Sydney Town Hall on Sunday for a rehearsal with the 300 strong secondary/adult choir, and the symphony orchestra. The sound was amazing – 800 singers, nearly 100 instrumentalists, and the huge Town Hall organ really made the Town Hall shake.

After rehearsal was completed, singers met their families for some much needed food and drink, then took their places on stage in the Town Hall for the concert. The doors were opened, the eager audience rushed to find the best seats, and the huge Town Hall rapidly filled. The lights went down, the Primary Choir stood as Gwen Blackwell made her entrance, and with the first notes of "I Vow to Thee my Country" it was clear we were in for a very special night. The sound was superb, from 500 young voices, singing with great clarity, purity and strength. "Flooding Rains" created a storm of spectacular visual and sound effects, followed by a varied program – Here Comes the Sun, Fields of Gold, We Will, Corner of the Sky, and Hallelujah, with many audience joining in the final song.



Interval only served to lift the excitement level as the orchestra took the stage, and 300 more secondary and adult singers joined the primary choir. Mozart Requiem opened Part II, then all singers joined together for a wonderful excerpt from the opera Hansel and Gretel. A rock band joined the orchestra, including our own Faulconbridge dads John McInerny on drums and Bruce Hodges on piano, and a stranger, was it John Lennon? appeared to conduct all performers in a medley of Beatles songs, which really had the 130 year old Town Hall rockin' and rollin' and lots of audience joining in the spectacular colour and movement. Not over yet, the audience were brought to their feet to join with all performers in Jerusalem and O Come All Ye Faithful. It was certainly a celebration of the joy of music-making and singing together, to a standard that was quite extraordinary, and all in a wonderful cause – the use of music in the treatment of very sick children. Everybody left the Town Hall walking on air!

If you could not be there, you can still support the cause by visiting csme.org.au/donate. Our Faulconbridge students were able to be there thanks to the wonderful Miss Theoharis, who gave up her entire weekend so that our students could have such a great opportunity and an amazing experience.

Thank you,

Miss T.



CELEBRATION SING OUT CONTINUED

I'm writing this letter in acknowledgement of the wonderful performance from our choir that performed at "Celebration Sing Out" last Sunday. I'm sure all parents, carers and others who attended the evening would agree, our children, with their angelic tones, made the whole performance a resounding success.

From all the parents a heartfelt thanks to Miss T and others, who coordinated our children at both rehearsals and the day itself. Without your undeniable commitment to the safety of our children, things could have easily gone awry, very much appreciated.

What a magical opportunity our children had performing in such a beautiful venue as Sydney Town Hall. If you could only see the excitement and sheer pleasure on their little faces, quite memorable for them, I'm sure, as it was for me personally.



As both a parent and a performer involved in this fabulous evening, it would be remiss of me not to give a special mention to the ever committed Mal Hewitt. In one word "inspirational". Mal's energy spills out to our children and performers alike. We are very blessed to have Mal involved in the music program at Faulconbridge Primary School. For those parents whose children aren't involved in the choir or learning to play an instrument, just ask a parent whose children are. I'm sure they would all agree with me, music is very satisfying and you will certainly make a lot of friends from getting involved.

Warmest regards,

John McNerney



BUSH DANCE



Year 6 students after dancing up a storm at the FPS Family Bush Dance

MARTHA FAULCONBRIDGE AWARD

The Martha Faulconbridge Award acknowledges the invaluable contribution made by members of the community to the operations of the school and education of its students. The annual award was initiated to acknowledge and celebrate the quiet and tireless participation, ideas, commitment and work of one community member each year.

The Award is presented at the Celebration of Student Achievement ceremony on Wednesday, 13th December. Members of the community are invited to nominate a person for his/her contribution to the school. Forms have been sent home with students or you can visit the office.




DRUMMING

CANCELLED

NO Drumming next Monday 6th November.

Drumming will resume on Monday 13th November.

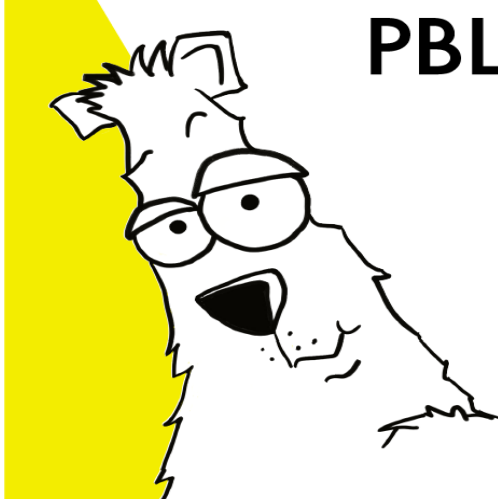




GOLDEN BEAR AWARD

Presented to: **Tm 3, Week 10**

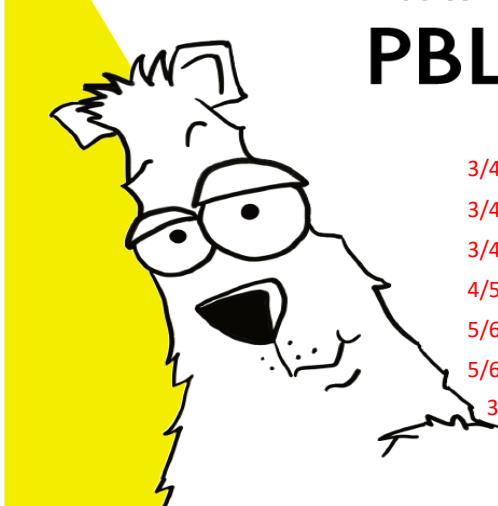
KCL: Benjamin V	3/4BC: Abigail Mc
K/1B: Roven R	3/4M: Lachlan H
1/2H: Kallie B	3/4P: Ryan B
1/2K: Rose N	4/5T: Tarana S
1/2L: Darcy G	5/6T: Alex R
1/2S: Josie L	5/6ZD: Caitlyn M



Faulconbridge Public School PBL Award

Presented to: **Tm 4, Week 2**

KCL: Darcy E, Cooper M
KW: Austin B, Aurelia J, Ella P
K/1B: Georgia H, Indy-Rose B, Myriam S
1/2H: Leilani A, Lincoln B, Cooper W
1/2K: Miah T, Zach M, Jarrah T
1/2L: Tyra L, Zaine M, Molly M
1/2S: Bailey L, Eva H, James G



Faulconbridge Public School PBL Award

Presented to: **Tm 4, Week 3**

3/4BC: Jackson W, Matilda E, Lucas W, Jacob K
3/4M: Laila T, Harry W, Caitlin C
3/4P: Samuel M, Bailey S, Cameron G
4/5T: Caleb C, Ashton D, Harry H, Magor P
5/6T: Tom E, Connor R, Ronan L
5/6ZD: Alexia B, Amelia H, Matthew M
3/4 BC: Pen Licence Award: Liam O, Malik H, Lucas W, Jacob K
3/4M: Pen Licence Award: Dominic P, Lily Q



Faulconbridge
Public School

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



Over 75 Stalls



Food Stalls



Live Entertainment



Raffle Prizes



When: Friday 3 November

Where: Faulconbridge Public School

**Cnr Great Western Highway and Grose Rd,
Faulconbridge, NSW 2776.**

Time: 6-9pm



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Our 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.

Twilight Markets NEED YOU!

you
make it
happen

Got a spare 20 minutes on Friday night? We are seeking more volunteers to help out with the Twilight Markets. All help is hugely appreciated! Volunteers are needed on the gate, in the cafe and on general duties! Be part of the fun and success of our brilliant markets!

Blackboard Cafe MENU



Drinks

Espresso Coffee,
Chai Latte,
Hot Chocolate(Sml) \$3.50
 (lrg) \$4.50
Iced Chocolate,
 /iced coffee\$3
Bottled water
 & poppa's\$1
Milk Sippah Straws\$1

Bagels with cream cheese\$4
 Avocado smash on sour dough
 (GF - available)\$4
 Fruit Cups\$4
 Cakes & Slices
 Brownies,
 Passionfruit slice,
 chocolate caramel slice
 Scones with jam & cream ..\$2
 Cookies & popcorn50c
 Ice blocks50c

New School Banking rewards now available!

The new Term 4 rewards with a Future Savers theme being the pencil case and ear phones are now available. The rewards from last term being the handball and emoji key ring are still available, while stocks last!



You can download a rewards card at the below link.

<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html>

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). All funds raised go towards building the school's math resources.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](https://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

See you under the Big Top on Friday.
The Banking Ladies

DATE:
NOVEMBER 8TH 2017

VENUE:
SPRINGWOOD
NEIGHBOURHOOD
CENTRE
DOWNSTAIRS
OFFICE

TIME: 1PM-3:30PM

Please RSVP by
November 6th
Call 4751 3033



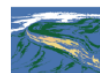
SPRINGWOOD
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
INVITES YOU TO A

Mental Health Focus Group

The focus group is an opportunity to explore the possibilities for a regular group to begin in Term 1 2018

Light refreshments will be provided.

Creative Workshops



BLUE MOUNTAINS
Artfest

Saturday 11th November

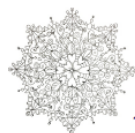
1-2pm Illustrating Workshop by Tohby Riddle \$20 for Yr 3-Adults

2-3pm Cartooning Workshop by Tohby Riddle \$20 for Yr 3-Adults

3-4pm Paper Clay by Naomi Oliver for K-Yr3 \$15



Sunday 12th November



10-11am Mandalas by Leonie Packer for K-Yr4 \$15

12-1pm Mandalas by Leonie Packer for Yr5-Adults \$15



12pm-1pm Paper Craft by Naomi Oliver for K-Yr2 \$15



10:30-12pm Woven Sphere by Branching Out \$25 for 9yrs-Adults



1-2:30pm Tipi/Christmas Tree by Branching Out \$25 for 9yrs-Adults

Visit our website for details and booking forms and email any queries to workshops@bluemountainsartfest.net.au

www.bluemountainsartfest.net.au

Wentworth Falls Public School, Falls Road, Wentworth Falls 2782

WARRIMOO SPRING FAIR

WARRIMOO PUBLIC SCHOOL

10^{AM} - 3^{PM} Florabella Street Warrimoo



MARKET STALLS | JUMPING CASTLES
LIVE MUSIC | BUNGEE TRAMPOLINES
FACEPAINTING | SEEDLING PLANTING
CUPCAKE DECORATING | BBQ | PIZZA
PERFORMANCES | PET ROCK DESIGN
CHA CHA RIDE | UKULELE WORKSHOP
BURGERS | CHAIR O PLANE | ROCK
CLIMBING | SMASHED AVO | & MORE!

Springwood Neighbourhood
Centre is proud to present



Sunday November 26th

At the next
Springwood Growers Market
come into the Centre and
explore the world of
Paleontology.

9am-12:30pm



Richmond Community Services Inc.
(RCSI) & Neighbourhood Centre



Autism Spectrum Diagnosis—next steps WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-8 years	Tuesday 7th November 2017	9.30am—1pm
His, Hers & Ours—Making Stepfamilies Work WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Weds 8th November 2017	6.30 - 9pm
Parenting in the Digital Age	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers	Weds 29th November 2017	6.30 - 9pm
Supporting Your Teen Through High School	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of teens	Weds 21st February 2018	6.30 - 9pm

Gingerbread House Night

GREAT NEWS! OUR GINGERBREAD HOUSE NIGHT IS ON AGAIN IN THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER ~ 7PM

\$35, LOTS OF FUN, SUGAR & LIVE MUSIC

REGULAR ~ CHOC GINGER ~ GLUTEN FREE

HEAD OVER TO THE FACEBOOK PAGE TO BOOK
@BLUEMOUNTAINSSALVOS OR CALL 4751 1802

PLEASE NOTE: MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY FRIDAY 1ST DEC



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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to reduce cancer risk with wholegrains.

New evidence shows that eating wholegrains every day significantly reduces your bowel cancer risk.*

Delicious wholegrains you can incorporate into your family's diet include:

- wholemeal or multi-grain bread, muffins and crumpets;
- wholegrain or whole-wheat breakfast cereals or muesli;
- wholemeal or mixed grain crispbread;
- brown rice, rice cakes, wholemeal pasta, corn, oats, quinoa, rye, spelt, millet or amaranth;
- barley (not the pearl variety) or cracked wheat (bulgur).



We recommend at least four serves of wholegrain or wholemeal foods every day. One serve equals 1 slice of wholegrain bread or ½ cup of cooked porridge.

*Report available online: wcrf.org/colorectal-cancer-2017.

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

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



eSafety



WORKSHOP



About

An eSafety expert from the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner will be delivering a FREE workshop on how you can help keep young people safe online.

For more information visit esafety.gov.au.



Learn how

- young people are using social media and technology
- to make a complaint about child cyberbullying
- we can help remove serious cyberbullying material.



When

Monday 27th November 2017
5:30pm - 6:30pm
Blaxland High School Auditorium
MUST RSVP BY:
17/11/2017
S/Cst Michelle Jancso
4751 0268



Office of the Children's
eSafety Commissioner

esafety.gov.au