

## Learn to Live

Term 1, Week 4 (17 Feb)

### Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

#### FEBRUARY 2017

<b>Tue 21</b>	Scripture begins
<b>Mon 13</b>	African Drumming Starts
<b>Wed 15</b>	Parent Information Evening
<b>Thur 23</b>	School Photo Day *Sibling Photo's approx 8.20am SHS Expo
<b>Fri 24</b>	District Swimming Carnival @ Glenbrook

#### MARCH 2017

<b>Tue 14</b>	Paul Kelly Cup @ Summerhayes Park
<b>Thur 16</b>	Stage 3 Futsal
<b>Thur 30</b>	Maths Road Show
<b>Fri 31</b>	Maths Road Show

#### APRIL 2017

<b>Fri 7</b>	Pedlars Fair
<b>Mon 24</b>	Pupil Free Day
<b>Tue 25</b>	Anzac Day

#### MAY 2017

<b>Thur 11</b>	Book Fair Arrives
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Relieving Principal: Mr P Earl

Assistant Principal Stage 1: Mrs K Jansons

Assistant Principal Stage 2: Mrs N Bridges

Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 3: Mr P Thomson

### Notes Home



- ◆ Stage 3 Camp - Milson Island
- ◆ SAKG - 5/6T, 5/6ZD, 4/5T
- ◆ Photo Envelopes for class & individuals have been sent home (family photo envelopes available at the office)

### Assembly Dates

Fridays commencing at 11.30am

Feb 24:	K-6 Assembly
Mar 3:	K-2 Assembly
Mar 10:	3-6 Assembly
Mar 17:	K-6 Assembly

## School Activities Update

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Classes - Term 1

Monday - 5/6T, 5/6ZD, 4/5T



### 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)

Tuesday - T.B.A  
Tuesday - T.B.A  
Wednesday - T.B.A

### Library Days

Monday: KW, 1/2K, 1/2L, 1/2S  
Tuesday: 3/4P, 1/2H, 3/4BC  
Thursday: 4/5T, 5/6ZD, 5/6T, KW, 3/4M  
Friday: K/1B, KC



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

## Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are excited to announce that we will be launching as a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Positive Behaviour for Learning is a whole-school program that actively promotes positive behaviour. It enables students to develop a clear understanding of required expectations, become responsible for their own behaviour and work

together to create a positive, productive and harmonious learning community. Our school-wide expectations will be represented by our mascot, *Polar Bear Larry*.

INTRODUCING...		POLAR BEAR LARRY
		
<b>POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING</b>		
<b>Safe</b>	<b>Respectful</b>	<b>Learners</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear a hat when outdoors</li> <li>Enter and exit all areas safely</li> <li>Keep hands and feet to yourself</li> <li>Use equipment in an appropriate manner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respect people and property</li> <li>Talk politely and use good manners</li> <li>Walk quietly so others can continue learning</li> <li>Listen and follow adult instructions</li> <li>Be honest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a problem solver</li> <li>Be a prompt and active learner</li> <li>Always do your best</li> <li>Participate when required</li> </ul>
<p>Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an exciting school-wide behaviour initiative. It is a systematic, whole school approach to address problem behaviour and reduce its effects on student outcomes and on the school community as a whole. PBL encourages positive behaviour from students, which has been shown to improve their self-concept and motivation to learn.</p>		
<p>A consistent and proactive approach to behaviour</p> <p>Regular recognition for positive behaviour</p>		<p>Explicit instructions in social skills</p> <p>Clearly defined expectations</p>

PBL is a data driven program. Therefore, what we learn from the data, such as, specific inappropriate behaviours which we need to address, effects what we do throughout the school in PBL. A PBL committee meets three times a term to organise the implementation of PBL and review data. Each week, the school will have an area of focus that involves explicit teaching and support of positive behaviours. Teachers and students will participate in lessons that involve discussion, role-play and reflection.

Information on our new school-wide recognition system will be published after the launch along with a copy of our teaching matrix (core curriculum of expected behaviours).

### School eNews:

For many years now we have used a school app and bulk email service for essential school communication. Parents have indicated that this has been positive initiative so we will therefore be continuing with this service in 2017. As of next week all parents and caregivers can expect to receive news, emergency information, newsletters, notices, reminders and calendar events in their nominated email accounts. The administrative staff will spend time manually entering your nominated email addresses into this system. Please ensure that we have your preferred email account on file so that you don't miss out.

### Gates and Early Arrivals:

Due to safety issues, the Meeks Crescent gate is locked during school hours. Locking and unlocking gates is one of the roles carried out by our school prefects. For that reason, the gate on Meeks Crescent is locked at 9.15am. Please keep this in mind if you use this gate in the morning as we would not like anyone to be inadvertently locked in and have to go the long way round. The gate is unlocked at approximately 2.30pm.

### Appointments:

All of us at Faulconbridge Public School value the partnerships between teachers and parents which are such a powerful factor in our students' learning. If there is something you wish to discuss with a member of staff, please contact the school to make an appointment. This enables the teacher to set aside time for the discussion to be held at a time suitable to both of you, and uninterrupted by other responsibilities.



Some lovely veggies from our school garden.

Picture by Lou Lou

## Relieving Principal's Report Continued...

### District Softball:

Zane Palmer has been selected to represent our school in the Blue Mountains District Softball team. This is a significant achievement for a student in year 5. Congratulations Zane.



### Anaphylaxis (peanut allergy):

If you are aware that your child has allergies or is anaphylactic please contact the school office immediately. At Faulconbridge Public School an Action Plan is developed for all known anaphylactic students and those who have allergies. Staff members are trained in the use of EpiPens and Health Care Plans are developed to support mild to moderate allergic reactions as well as severe allergic reactions. Your support by sharing this information about your child with the school and staff, enables us to assist your child in a planned manner should an allergic reaction occur. There are an increasing number of students at Faulconbridge who have allergies to food. These allergies range from having a minor effect to being life threatening in some cases. In order to minimise discomfort to students, we request that students do not bring nuts to school and that peanut butter and Nutella are not used as sandwich spreads.

**Parents are also encouraged to discuss with their child the importance of eating their own food and not sharing with others. The school appreciates the support of students and parents in this matter.** Ingested peanuts can cause the most life threatening reactions. However, these can also be triggered by skin or eye contact with the food or even inhalation of food particles containing peanuts. Currently we do have students in the school who are sensitive to nuts and nut products. We are asking all parents to assist us in keeping our school safe.

**Custody Orders and Other Legal documents:** If your child is covered by parenting agreements or custody orders can you please provide an updated copy to the school if they have expired or changed as soon as possible.

### Parent Information Evening:

It was wonderful to see such a large proportion of our school community at our 'Parent Information Evening' last night. Thank you to everyone who attended, the class teachers and Mrs Jansons and Mrs Curzon for their support on the BBQ. It was pleasing to see so many parents in the classrooms, hearing about the learning programs and activities that their children will be accessing throughout the year.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Mr Earl



### Reminder - Health Care Plans

It is the time of year for all Health Care Plans to be reviewed and updated. If you have previously given the school a health care plan (Eg Asthma, anaphylaxis, allergies) and the plan was written over 12 months ago, could you please make an appointment with your doctor and provide the school with an up-to-date plan. Your help with this is very much appreciated!

Kristy Jansons

Learning and Support Team Coordinator

# The String Group

Dear parents and carers,

Mr Herron and I are planning to start up a string group at the school, rehearsing at lunchtime on Tuesdays. This would be open to any orchestral string players at the school, of any level (violin, viola, cello, double bass). Could you please let me know if your child would be interested in joining us? If you could also let me know what instrument they play (if they're not one of my students already), and approximate level/ time playing, that would be helpful.

We're both really excited about this new opportunity to build the strings community at the school and develop the children's skills.

Thanks! Hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,

Mrs Painter



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**Book Clubs**

Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Welcome back for another year of fantastic Book Club buying opportunities. This year we have changed the way we order. This new system called "Loop" is user friendly where parents/caregivers can place all orders online at home using payment from a credit card.

Attached below are easy step by step instructions on how to place an order. All orders will still be delivered to the school and passed on to the students if you order within the due date. Any orders placed after the closing date can still be made but will incur a delivery fee and will be posted directly to the home address.

The closing date for Issue 1 is **Wednesday 22nd February**.

If you have any enquiries regarding this new system, please don't hesitate to contact me.

All items purchased still earn bonus points which in turn are used to buy valuable books for our school.

Thank you

Annette Reynolds

## Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the LOOP, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or  

Follow these **easy** steps!

1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.  
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

[HOME](#) | [ABOUT](#) | [REGISTER](#) | [HELP](#)    
LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?    

3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

*That's it!* There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

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## P&C NEWS

[www.fpspandc.org.au](http://www.fpspandc.org.au)

### **P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (A.G.M) AND 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING FOR 2017**

The first P & C meeting for 2017 will be held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the teacher's staffroom. EVERYONE is invited to attend. If you have never been to a P & C meeting and want to know what it's all about we'd love for you to come along. In this weeks' edition of the newsletter you will also find information on what the P & C is all about and what it means to be part of this wonderful committee. The P & C is a fantastic way to be part of Faulconbridge Public School. If you have any queries regarding any of the positions you are more than welcome to contact me (Ginett Mills – current P & C President) on 0414746483.

### **P & C WEBPAGE & FACEBOOK PAGE**

The P & C have a designated webpage. This can be found at [www.fpspandc.org.au](http://www.fpspandc.org.au). We use this page to communicate with the greater school community. It is also where uniforms orders are to be placed.

The Facebook page is FPS P&C - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/312583545485195/>

A reminder that the Facebook page is for P & C related queries only. The P & C cannot answer queries which need to be directed to the school. There is a policy for the page and any negative comments will be deleted. Advertising on this page will also be deleted.

### **ICE-BLOCKS THIS FRIDAY**

Just a reminder to pack 50c for the students to purchase their ice-blocks. Ice-blocks are sold to the students at lunch time after the 2<sup>nd</sup> bell rings. Students must first sit and eat prior to lining up. Please remind your child/ren not to purchase ice- for other students due to health and medical reasons.



### **PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM P & C PRESIDENT**

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who has supported the P & C over the past 3 years and myself whilst I have been the P & C President at Faulconbridge Public School.

I have now held the position for 3 years and am unable to hold it for another.

I hope that as many of you as possible become involved with the P & C this year. It's a wonderful opportunity to help with the growth of our amazing school.

**THANK YOU AGAIN**

Ginett Mills – P & C President



## ***FAULCONBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C***

### **What is the P & C?**

The P & C is much more than a group of parents, carers and citizens who meet once a month to discuss various matters and to act as a voice between the school community and the school directly. The members of the P & C are a committed and focused group of individuals whose common goal is to better the “whole” school experience for each and every student at the Faulconbridge Public School

### **What roles are available?**

The P & C is made up on an Executive Committee and other members of the community who choose to come along to meetings.

The executive roles are: President, Vice President (x 2), Treasurer, Secretary, Executive Members x 6, Fundraising Chairperson and Advocate Member.

### **What will my duties include?**

Copies of roles and responsibilities will be available at the first P & C meeting. A copy can also be emailed to you if required. Roles can be discussed with Ginett Mills (current P & C President) if you have an interest in any of the positions. Contact phone – 0414746483

### **When are meetings held and how long do they go for?**

Meeting are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month (excluding school holidays – meetings may be held to make of for these if needed). They commence at 7pm sharp and go for approximately 1.5 hours. The first meeting for 2017 will be longer as there is a meeting followed by the first AGM (Annual General Meeting) for 2017. It is here that new positions will be voted in.

### **Is there a cost to be involved?**

There is no cost to come along to the P & C meetings. However, if you would like to have the right to vote at the meetings and also if you hold a position on the Committee, there is an annual fee of \$2.

# School Banking

Welcome back for another great year at FPS. We are excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

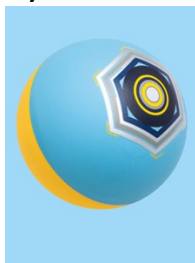
The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



Rewards for Term 1 rewards with a Future Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

**Cyber Handball**



**Colour Change Markers**



For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Please download and complete the reward redemption coupon which can be found:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank/personal/apply-online/download-printed-forms/school-banking-parent-pack-rewards-card-colour.pdf?ei=bl3-tl-download-reward-card-colour>

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).

## 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**



## 1920s Period Dress Competition—with prizes #



February 25/26 (Saturday & Sunday) 10am to 4pm  
at Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum

### \*Entry in competition

\*See the Model T Ford display

\*Enjoy Morse Code demonstrations

\*Kids relive old-time school days

\*Chill out to the Kate Woolfe Trio's

Sunday sessions of great jazz hits

\*Experience all the Museum's great attractions and Steam Tram rides

### \*Included in regular admission prices



#### #Categories:

- Most Historically Correct Outfit - PRIZE: Family Pass to Norman Lindsay Gallery (Faulconbridge)
- Best Individual Outfit - PRIZE: 3 hour Cab Experience on Steam Tram or Train at VHLDHM
- Best Dressed Family Group (2 or more, with one under 16) - PRIZE: Coles Gift Card
- Funniest Outfit - PRIZE: Family Pass to VHLDHM

JUDGING AT 3PM SUNDAY—NO NEED TO BE ON SITE!

#Please note: Entrants will be entered in all four categories. Judge's opinion is based purely on their own input and has no official bearing on the Museum or its parent body, Transport Heritage NSW Limited. Images taken on the day may be displayed to the public over the weekend, will be used for judging, and may be used for promotional purposes by the Museum.



Contact: Keith Ward (02) 4751 4638 (leave message)  
Web: [valleyheightsrailmuseum.info](http://valleyheightsrailmuseum.info)



## TRAINS, TRAMS & MODEL TS

"Showcasing transport in the 1920s"

this event returns in conjunction with the

## THE ROARING 20s AND ALL THAT JAZZ Festival



Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017



- See Displays from the Model T Ford Car Club, Nepean & District Historical Society and Sydney Morsecodians.
- Inspect the collection of locomotives and carriages that provided the spine to our transport system in the 1920s.
- Ride our heritage listed Steam Tram that operated in Sydney from the 1890s to the 1930s.
- Let the kids experience how to text a message during the 1920s - Morse Code style, before teaching them a lesson in the historic school classroom.



- Dust off your 20s gear and enter into our "Period Dress Competition". Four great prizes to be won.

- On Sunday - Enjoy three follow up performances by well-known Mountains Band the Kate Woolfe Trio as they perform their smooth renditions of 1920s classic jazz numbers.



Come along - Join in the atmosphere and have heaps of fun. Be there or be square.

Further details - See our Website and Facebook pages.

Website: [valleyheightsrailmuseum.info](http://valleyheightsrailmuseum.info)

Email: [info@valleyheightsrailmuseum.info](mailto:info@valleyheightsrailmuseum.info)

Phone: 02 4751 4638 (leave message if unanswered)



# My School Lunch Box REVAMPED

## Fresh, healthy, convenient.

At My School Lunch Box, we aim to overhaul the traditional canteen menu with our own fresh, healthy and delicious alternatives. Using only the freshest ingredients, biodegradable packaging and an easy online ordering system, we provide quality, care and convenience.

Servicing schools in the Blue Mountains and beyond since 2013, we are an established service that looks forward to making delicious lunches, and delivering them to your children.

For any enquiries, call Rae on 0425346704 or email us at [info@myschoollunchbox.com.au](mailto:info@myschoollunchbox.com.au)

Check us out online, and start ordering today.

[myschoollunchbox.com.au](http://myschoollunchbox.com.au)



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to get kids eating more fruit and veg.

Learn how to create easy, budget-friendly family meals, entice fussy eaters and eat well to prevent cancer.

Cancer Council NSW's Eat It To Beat It program hosts free Fruit & Veg Sense workshops at schools across NSW.



In these 90-minute workshops we give you simple tips and ideas on:

- saving money by eating more fruit and veg;
- changing family favourites into healthy meals; and
- learning clever ways to entice fussy eaters.

All participants receive a FREE recipe book.

We have proven results that this workshop helps parents to eat more fruit and veg. And if you eat more fruit and veg, your children will too!

Ask your school to register via [eatittobeatit.com.au](http://eatittobeatit.com.au).

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://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.







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now for  
**junior afl**

[www.play.afl](http://www.play.afl)

## Blue Mountains Kangaroos

Girls and boys (5 - 17 yrs.)

### ***Come and Try AFL***

AFL teaches kids how to have fun,  
work as a team and improves fitness.

Why not come and give it a go!!

Sunday 19 th Feb 9.30 - 11.30am

Tom Hunter Park Faulconbridge



***For more details:***  
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