

## Learn to Live

Term 1, Week 6 (2nd March)

### Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

#### MARCH 2017

<b>Tue 14</b>	Paul Kelly Cup @ Summerhayes Park
<b>Thur 16</b>	Stage 3 Futsal
<b>Sat 18</b>	Working Bee
<b>Mon 20</b>	P&C Meeting
<b>Tue 21</b>	Harmony Day
<b>Thur 23</b>	Fundraising 'Freddo Sale' \$1 each
<b>Thur 30</b>	Maths Road Show Yrs 4,5 & 6
<b>Fri 31</b>	Maths Road Show Yrs K,1,2 & 3 Fundraising Freddo Boxes Due Back

#### APRIL 2017

<b>Thur 6</b>	Anzac Assembly
<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
<b>Mon 15</b>	P&C Meeting

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



- ◆ Futsal Championships - Selected Students
- ◆ Year 6 T-Shirt Order Form
- ◆ Maths Roadshow
- ◆ Whole School Play (Peer Gynt)
- ◆ Fundraising Drive - Cadbury Chocolates

### Assembly Dates

Fridays commencing at 11.30am

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

Wednesday - Stage 1

Tuesday - Stage 2

Monday - Stage 3

### Library Days

Monday: 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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## Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of week 6! Thank you everyone for making the start of the 2017 school year very successful. Our first few weeks were filled with excitement, especially by our Kindergarten students. They were such a delight and looked great in their school uniforms. It is very pleasing to tell you that our students are well settled and working in a very pleasing manner. The children's conduct and efforts are very encouraging.

Many thanks to all who were able to attend our most recent Parent Information Evening. At Faulconbridge, we believe that a solid partnership between the student, the school and the home is a key ingredient in achieving positive outcomes for students and we look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Our congratulations go to our School Captains and Prefects, House Captains and to all of our Year 6 students. Our thoughts are with them as they step up to the challenge of leadership and I am confident that they will make a huge difference at Faulconbridge in 2017.

### **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 emergency information, newsletters, notices, reminders and calendar events in their nominated email accounts. The administrative staff are in the process of 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.

**Please note that newsletters will now be distributed on a fortnightly basis with important pieces of information communicated via School eNews and Facebook as they arise.**

### **PBL LAUNCH:**

PBL was launched at Faulconbridge Public School last Friday. Our students were introduced to PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) at a fun-filled assembly where the school community met our PBL mascot, Polar Bear Larry



Positive Behaviour for Learning, known as PBL is an evidence-based whole school systems approach that:

- addresses the diverse academic and social needs of every student to support them to be successful
- supports students in early childhood settings through to senior years of schooling
- enables schools to establish a continuum of supports that are intensified to meet the needs of every student
- is team driven, using a problem solving approach (data, systems and practices) that engages students, parents and all school staff
- establishes positive social expectations for all in the school community
- provides a framework for the school and its community to collectively support the wellbeing of every student.

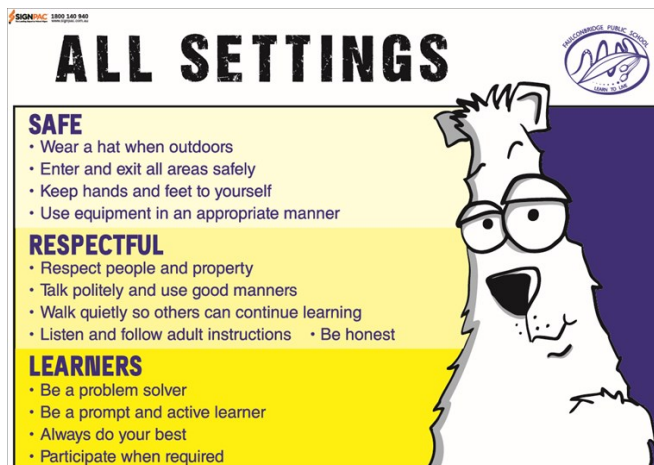
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When implemented well:

- students respond positively as they have been taught what is expected of them
- staff deliver consistent responses to student learning and behaviour
- students feel safe and cared for at school. Their parents, family and community are more involved in their school
- unproductive and challenging behaviour can be significantly reduced for most students.

### PBL Expectations:

Throughout 2017 students will be involved in lessons that specifically teach and practice expectations in every internal and external area of the school. These lessons are developed by staff and work on the premise of everybody, everywhere, every time.



Below is our 'Behaviour Expectations Matrix'. These clear expectations are taught and implemented across the school.

	All Settings	Technology Room	Library	Halls	Big Top Assemblies	Playground	Bus Lines	Toilet Blocks
<b>SAFE</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>• Pack up and log off your computer</li> <li>• Leave food and drink outside</li> <li>• Follow the Internet User Agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk at all times</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the hall areas appropriately</li> <li>• Walk, unless instructed, at all times</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sit in your class lines</li> <li>• Depart, following teachers' instructions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wait for the teacher on duty before entering the courts and oval</li> <li>• Play in designated areas</li> <li>• Running games on courts and oval only</li> <li>• Kicking games on the oval only</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay seated on the verandah at all times</li> <li>• Arrive promptly</li> <li>• Ask for permission before leaving the area</li> <li>• When your bus arrives, line up sensibly at the gate and wait for the teacher on duty.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flush, wash and leave</li> <li>• Walk in these areas</li> <li>• Be sensible with water</li> </ul>
<b>RESPECTFUL</b>	<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>• Follow staff instructions</li> <li>• Leave your workspace neat and tidy</li> <li>• Only use your own technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look after books and equipment</li> <li>• Leave your workspace neat and tidy</li> <li>• Leave hats, food and drink outside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter and leave calmly and quietly</li> <li>• Return the equipment to its appropriate place</li> <li>• Respect the achievement of others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be seated in your lines before the 2<sup>nd</sup> bell</li> <li>• Keep equipment still during assembly</li> <li>• Be respectful of other people's personal space</li> <li>• Respect the achievement of others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect the environment</li> <li>• Play fairly and by the rules</li> <li>• Share equipment and space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow other passengers to exit the bus before boarding</li> <li>• Talk politely and use good manners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wait your turn</li> <li>• Give others privacy</li> <li>• Turn off taps</li> </ul>
<b>LEARNERS</b>	<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on your own workspace</li> <li>• Stay on task</li> <li>• Keep computers at original settings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Borrow books and read regularly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen and follow instructions</li> <li>• Participate in all activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen attentively</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn the rules of the game</li> <li>• Encourage others to join in</li> <li>• Take turns and cooperate</li> <li>• Have a plan for play</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help younger students</li> <li>• Have your Travel Card ready for the bus driver</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return promptly to class or playground</li> <li>• Report problems to teachers</li> </ul>

## Relieving Principal's Report Continued...

### Positive Reward Systems:

At Faulconbridge Public School we operate three reward systems concurrently. These systems encourage positive behaviour and link directly to the school's expectations of being Safe, Respectful Learners.

### Cub Awards:

Students are given 'Cub Awards' to provide them with immediate recognition of positive behaviours. These are issued by teachers and/or executive across all settings and are collected in each classroom. All Cub Awards are placed into either an infants or primary draw with one student from each expectation being selected as the Safe / Respectful or Learner Student of the Week. Those six students are then invited to join the principal for a special morning tea, courtesy of the Blackboard Café. They will also be acknowledged in the school's newsletters.

- o **Safe**
- o **Respectful**
- o **Learners**

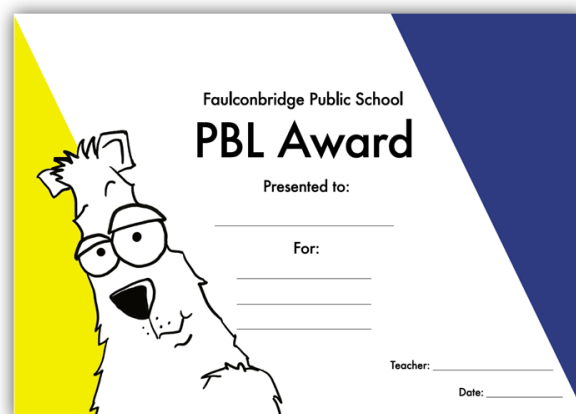


### PBL Awards:

PBL awards will be issued by classroom teachers at K-2 and 3-6 assemblies. The school will acknowledge three students from each class that have demonstrated Safe, Respectful or effective Learning behaviours throughout the school.

### Golden Bear Awards:

These gold-embossed foiled certificates are issued by classroom teachers at K-6 assemblies, twice a term. Students who demonstrate outstanding behaviour in all three expectations will be publicly acknowledged in front of the school community as they are presented with their prestigious award.

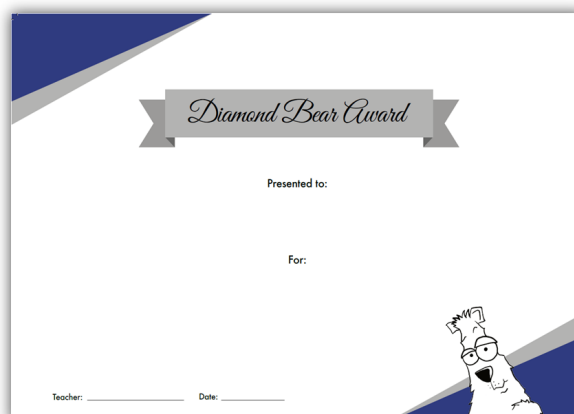


### Diamond Bear Awards:

Class teachers will select one student from their class and present them with a Diamond Bear Award at our Celebration of Student Achievement assembly. Students who have consistently demonstrated outstanding behaviour across all three expectations will be publicly acknowledged by the school community at this significant event.

### Additional Awards:

- Individual teachers will also implement individual rewards systems in their classrooms. These may include Class Dojos, prizes boxes, table points etc. These tangible rewards systems will be accompanied by positive verbal feedback and link directly to our school's PBL expectations.
- They will also issue 2 x Academic Achievement awards for excellence in Numeracy and/or Literacy and 2 x Merit Certificates for application and academic improvement at the same Celebration of Student Achievement assembly.





## Relieving Principal's Report Continued...

We are all very excited about this whole-school behaviour initiative. If you would like to know more, I will run a short presentation at our next P&C meeting and answer any questions that you may have.

### WORKING BEE:

Working Bees at Faulconbridge are so much more than a means of ticking off a 'To Do' list. They are opportunities for families to connect with each other and work together to support their school. Plenty of time is allowed for conversation over a cuppa and some morning tea. Kids are welcome too, and often love the chance to explore the grounds and spend time with friends outside the context of the school routine.

Please join us on **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March** from **10am**. We will concentrate on putting the school's gardens back in shape after this long, hot – and now wet – summer. Please bring tools with you on the day – wheel barrows, gloves, secateurs, spades, shovels, rakes, buckets, trowels and leaf blowers.

### DISTRICT ATHLETICS:

Congratulations and thank you to the students who represented our school at last week's District Swimming Carnival. I am very proud and pleased to announce that our school finished second overall. You will find a full report over the page. A big thank you to Mr Douglas and Mrs Henderson for officiating and managing our students on the day.



### WORKING WITH CHILDREN DECLARATIONS:

All parent helpers who are working in classrooms (including the kitchen and/or garden) or on school excursions and events must have a valid working with children declaration. You only have to complete this declaration once whilst you are at our school. However, you are unable to assist in classrooms if you haven't completed this form. Forms are available from the front office.

The form and proof of identity needs to be presented at the office. Once again we appreciate greatly your support and thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Congratulations and thank you to the families who support National Bandanna Day last year. Our school raised \$1100 to help support young people living with cancer.



### Band Social

I would like to extend an invitation for you and your children to join us at our very first band social on Wednesday, 8th March. This will be an opportunity for new families to connect with current families, and for you all to meet our wonderful tutors.

I am excited to announce that I have been able to arrange for Richard Percival - author of the Teacher on Tap books - to be our guest speaker for the evening. Richard has been a teacher, clinician and lecturer in music for more than thirty years. He is a member of the A.M.C. and A.P.R.A. and has music published in both Australia and the U.S. He continues to write and arrange for

ensembles as diverse as chamber orchestras, big bands, latin ensembles and small groups. His presentation on 'The Art of Practising' and 'Playing and Musical Instrument and Your Brain' is outstanding and full of tips on how to take the pain out of practising, something that I think we can all relate to. I will provide a BBQ and nibbles on the night so for catering purposes please RSVP at your earliest convenience. [peter.earl2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:peter.earl2@det.nsw.edu.au)

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Earl

# FAULCONBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Proudly Presents*



Peer Gynt is Faulconbridge Public School's major performing arts event for 2017. The play will put the school bands, dance groups, choir and drama ensembles on the one stage. Peer Gynt is a Norwegian Play by Henrik Ibsen that has been adapted by Mr Thomson for our school. Edvard Grieg wrote the Peer Gynt Suite for the play and will be the School Band's focus for the year. The Choir and Dance groups will also use this suite and become part of the narrative of the play. Peer Gynt will replace the school's Showcase performance in 2017. Students will have the opportunity to be in as many of the performance groups as possible.

**Producers: Ms Kidd and Mrs Reynolds**

**Production Team: All FPS staff**

**Starring:**

**Stage 3 as Lead Roles/Featured Roles**

**Stages 1, 2 and 3 as Ensemble**

**Auditions – Term 1 Week 5**

**Rehearsals Commence – Term 1 Week 7**

**(Selected lunchtimes and recesses – a schedule will be provided)**

**Performances: Term 3 Week 10 (Specific performance times and dates will be provided later)**

# Zone Swimming



## Carnival

What an amazing day it was.....

We had 25 students represent Faulconbridge Public School at the Zone Swimming Carnival last Friday. We would like to congratulate all of those students on their amazing efforts, results & sportsmanship.

We finished 2nd overall and we have 14 students who have made it through to the Regional Carnival on the 15th March at Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre. For a school of our size that is an outstanding achievement.

*Special mention to Isabelle I, who was named 11yrs Girl Zone Champion- Well Done Isabelle!!*

Also to Ayden B, Krystal W, Isabelle & Cayden H who will all be representing Faulconbridge PS in individual events at Regional and to our Jnr Boys Relay (Ayden B, Lachlan H, Oscar M & Jayden S), Snr Girls Relay (Jasmine B, Isabelle I, Grace R, Emma H), Snr Boys Relay (Haydn M, Taniora H, Alex R & Cayden H) all of those students will be representing Faulconbridge PS in the relays at Regional- Congratulations and Good Luck!!

Lastly, thank you to all the parents for your help, support & cheering on the day.



Thank You,

Mr Douglas & Mrs Henderson







## NEWS ALERT!

# Pedlars' Fair Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

**Time: 10.00am - 12.30pm**

### What is it?

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 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.

### What do we do?

**Kindergarten and Stage 1** children come dressed in fancy dress and parade with a container, tray or basket containing donated goods to be sold. Each class will have their own table of donated goods to sell. After the parade, the teachers and parent helpers sell the goods while the children are free to visit the stalls and buy items. Children will need spending money on the day. Visitors to the school can also purchase goods from the tables.

### What things can be made to sell?

Any craft items, homemade toys, novelties, pre-loved books, fresh fruit, plants, cakes and slices. It would be good to have a variety of goods as generally there is an oversupply of cakes.

**Stage 2 & Stage 3** children will 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 see Mrs Curzon or Mrs Jansons to book in a playground space for their stall and to get their idea approved. Each stall will need to supply a \$5-\$10 float to start the day. This money will be returned to the owner and it will be receipted at the end of the fair.

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

Kristy Jansons and Heather Curzon

Pedlars' Fair Coordinators







On 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, Miss Theoharis and Faulconbridge Senior Choir took part in Celebration Sing Out in Sydney Town Hall to raise funds for the Music Therapy Unit at Westmead Children's Hospital, along with 700 primary, secondary and adult singers. On Tuesday of this week, Lucy and Magor travelled to Westmead to present, with students from Penrith, a cheque for \$15,000, proceeds from the concert. These funds will be used specifically to develop further the neonatal program, using music with newborn babies. **Mal Hewitt**

*Today I went to The Music Therapy Unit at Westmead Children's Hospital I went with Magor and Mr Hewitt to present a \$15 000 cheque raised at last year's Celebration Sing Out Concert. There were also three children from Penrith Public School. We watched a video clip which showed a baby that was about to have surgery. To help relax the baby a woman was playing the harp. We also had some morning tea. It was delicious. I loved the experience of going and seeing what they do in music therapy and look forward to hopefully going back again.* **Lucy**

*I went with Mr Hewitt to deliver a cheque for \$ 15 000 to The Music Therapy Unit at Westmead Children's Hospital. It was fun. I learned that I am a really lucky person compared to other children in hospital. Those children are very sick. They have had a harder life than me who has had a perfect life in comparison.* **Magor**



# GARDEN CLUB



Gardening Club is an interest group open to all students K-6.

It is held on Fridays at lunchtime (10:55 - 11:25am).

It is separate to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Scheme which is held during class time.

Bring along gardening gloves if you have them.

Any parents/carers who wish to join us in the garden are most welcome. We meet Fridays 9am - 12pm.

Thank you,

FPS Garden Gnomes



## Year 6 Easter Fundraiser

To kick start fundraising for a farewell gift to the school, Year 6 will be holding an Easter Hamper Raffle and Easter Egg Guessing Competition.

Tickets will be on sale before school in weeks 9 & 10 near the big top.

**Tickets:**  
\$1 per raffle ticket  
50 cents per guess

Prizes drawn at Pedlar's Fair Friday 7th April



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We have vacancies in all age groups at the moment. Please contact the District Manager, Dianne Strahan, to find out meeting times and to arrange 2 free visits.

E: [sw.districtmanager@gmail.com](mailto:sw.districtmanager@gmail.com)

M: 0414 406 239. (call or message)





# Faulco PS P&C

## From the P&C Committee

Faulconbridge P&C welcomes the 2017 Committee

The first meeting of the P&C was held this month with a record number of parents in



attendance. On behalf of the 2017 Committee and the broader school community, I would like to extend a huge thanks to Ginett Mills for the contribution she has made to Paulconbridge Public School. I would also like to extend a very heartfelt thanks to Heather Curzon whose contribution to the school and committee has been both tireless and selfless - always with a view to improving education and wellbeing for students. Julia Thurling, Heather Murray, Emily Kemp and Bec Barron have also made outstanding contributions to our school for which we all owe a debt of gratitude. A special thanks to regular members also as their contributions and hard work were an asset to this team. I would like to introduce and welcome the 2017 P&C committee:

President: Sarah Emmanuel

Vice President: Mikala Holdsworth

Vice President: Louise Loomes

Treasurer: Simon Ebbeling

Secretary: Kerry Doyle

Executive Members: Kate O'Grady, Melanie Morgan, Lauren Harris, Jacqui

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### NEXT MEETING

Next P&C Meeting  
Mon 20th March 7pm.  
School Library. All  
Welcome!

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### FACEBOOK

Find us at FPS P&C and  
leave any comments or  
questions.

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### SUGGESTIONS

Drop by to the office or  
the Blackboard Cafe  
and leave a suggestion  
or idea.



### Blackboard Cafe

In exciting news the P&C has purchased a new fridge for the school. The fridge is a hugely welcome addition to the cafe & kitchen.



### Kitchen Garden

The Faulco kitchen garden would like to extend a welcome to anyone wanting to help out. Catch Mikala in the garden or ask at the office.



Hyslop, Amanda Hodges and Kathy Waghorn  
 Committee Advocate: Sue Rogers  
 Fundraising: Amanda Hodges  
 Blackboard Cafe: Sarah Emmanuel

The committee would like to extend a very warm welcome to new and returning families and friends of Faulconbridge. If you have any ideas, feedback or suggestions we would love for you to come along and share them (or have a chat in the playground, email, facebook). I look forward to a fantastic year at Faulconbridge Public and can't wait to hear your suggestions as to how we can make this an even better school for our children, the teachers and the community.

Here's to a happy and fun-filled 2017.

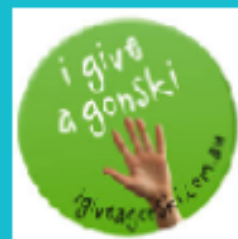


Families and friends sharing ideas at the National P&C Day at the Blackboard Cafe

## Join the Faulco Team!

Your School Wants You. If you've got ideas, suggestions or feedback, we would

love to hear from you. You can share your thoughts at the next P&C meeting, by adding an agenda item, putting your suggestion in the box or dropping by for a chat. But if you want to help out in other ways we welcome you to come along and tell us what you would like to do. Just an hour here or there is wonderful help. Classroom helpers, gardeners, ethics and scripture teachers are always needed. Let us know and we'll point you in the right direction.



**Give a Gonski**  
 FPS needs Gonski funding too. To help out, write to the state minister for Education, The Hon. Robert Stokes, MP, GPO Box 5341, Sydney 2001. Or [igiveagonski.com.au](http://igiveagonski.com.au)

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

- \* Ice-blocks continued to be a favourite for the kids each Friday. Pack 50c in their lunch box and be your little one's favourite!
- \* Digging Club. The P&C have discussed the much-loved digging club and is looking to recreate the joy that is digging in mud and having a role to play. If you have skills in landscaping or can offer dirt, rocks or logs then let us know.
- \* Faulconbridge PS is looking to move to the online reading and numeracy program, Sunshine Online [www.sunshineonline.com.au](http://www.sunshineonline.com.au). The P&C has agreed to fund this program throughout the school.



# 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.

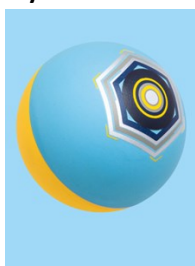
The rewards available during 2017 are:

- 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). All funds raised go towards building the school's math resources. Last quarter 2016, we raised \$148.62.

## 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**



# SENSORY CONCERT



A high quality classical concert for all members of the community, especially for children with sensory needs.

PRESENTED BY pianist Grace Kim, with violinist Rebecca Chan (Australia Piano Quartet), and Elizabeth Neville, cello (Sydney Symphony Orchestra).

MUSIC BY Bach, Beethoven, Haydn, Saint Saëns and Bartok.

COLLABORATING PROFESSIONALS: Josey Sharpe, Occupational Therapist and Jane Wearn, Psychologist.

DATE Saturday, 1 April 2017 • TIME 10.30am, 12pm, 1.30pm

VENUE Lower Mountains Anglican Parish, 1 Wascoe Street Glenbrook, NSW.

CONTACT [sensoryconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:sensoryconcerts@gmail.com) or phone Louise on 0401 418 126

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## Penrith City Children's Choir

is about to start its first project for 2017

### 'Shake the papaya down'

directed by

Lucy McAlary

Boys and girls (7 – 13 years) are invited to join us for this project:  
Workshops Sundays 12 and 19 March

**If you love to sing, please join us.**

No auditions!

For further information contact the Administrator, Liz Strasser:  
0418 202 849 or [pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au](mailto:pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au)

## PROTESTANT SRE (SCRIPTURE) INFORMATION

Many have found that their lives have been greatly enriched in many ways through knowledge of the Bible's contents given to them as a child.

Protestant SRE is provided by a team of teachers and helpers representing the local Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian, Uniting, Salvation Army and independent churches.

Protestant Special Religious Education (scripture) is taught by trained local volunteers from a set curriculum that aims to present the Bible's teaching on who God is, what he has done in the world, and how we can know and respond to him. The curriculum can be viewed at:  
[www.cepstore.com.au/c/71/primary-school](http://www.cepstore.com.au/c/71/primary-school)

The benefits of children receiving a Bible-based religious education at school include:

- An awareness of the biblical story, which has formed a big part of our Australian cultural heritage and ethics
- Encouragement to see deeper aspects of life than just our material existence (E.g. ethical, spiritual, eternal)
- A more accurate understanding of ourselves – our human nature and choices
- The knowledge to make an informed decision for themselves about belief in God

All children are welcome at Protestant Scripture. If you would like to enrol your child in Protestant Special Religious Education, please nominate "Protestant" on the school's enrolment form.



If you have any questions about Protestant SRE, please feel free to contact Steve Young, Minister at Anglican Churches Springwood, on 4751 1065



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://www.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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