

## Learn to Live

Term 1, Week 10

(30th March, 2017)

### Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

#### MARCH 2017

<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 4</b>	Freddo Day
<b>Thur 11</b>	Book Fair Arrives P&C Mother's Day Stall
<b>Mon 15</b>	P&C Meeting
<b>Wed 24</b>	Pulse Rehearsal

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



- ◆ Stewart House Donation Drive (eldest students only)
- ◆ P&C Mother's Day Stall (Thurs 11th May)
- ◆ AFL Paul Kelly Cup - New date

### Assembly Dates

Thursday April 6: Anzac Assembly @ 11.30am

## 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,

The school has been abuzz with excitement, energy, activity, music, creativity, team work and lots of fun. I have loved hearing the beautiful singing around the school from choirs, the beat of our African drummers and the limitless enthusiasm of our band students in their tutorials. The vibrancy and energy throughout the school has been a delight to behold.



### 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 me for a special morning tea, courtesy of the Blackboard Café.

The following students are to be congratulated for showing Safe, Respectful and/or positive learning behaviours throughout our school:

<b>Week 9</b>	Evie B. (34P)	Jacqueline S. (34M)	Ben E. (12H)	Summer L. (34P)	Tim G. (K1B)	Chloe W. (12S)
<b>Week 10</b>	Matilda B. (34P)	Matias (KW)	Anton (KW)	Joel P. (56ZD)	Lachlan B. (12S)	Alex B. (45T)

### WORKING BEE:

A massive thank you to all those that we able to attend Saturday's Working Bee. Lots of hands made the assigned tasks easier than anticipated and we were successful in spreading mulch, weeding gardens, pruning plants and edging some of our footpaths (thank you, Mr Smith). I would also like to thank our General Assistant, Mr Glen Purdy, for giving up his Saturday morning to support us on the day. The working bee is a great place to meet other members of the school community in a relaxed environment. If you can come along even for an hour or two to lend a hand you will making a big difference to our great school.

### SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY:

As part of our school's self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary. This survey asks about parent satisfaction with the school. Your opinion is extremely important to us and will help us to understand our community's needs.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W2HJLFN>

### 2017 NAPLAN TESTS:

NAPLAN tests are held in May each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Parents or carers of students who sit for the NAPLAN tests will receive a written report of their child's achievement later in the year.

The NAPLAN student report will show your child's results in the key areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show the national average, the range of results for the middle 60% of students nationally and your school's average for each test. This means you will be able to compare the performance of your child against other students in the same year of schooling. The additional student report will list all the questions in each test, along with a brief description of each question. This report will show you which questions your child answered correctly.

A common assessment scale is used on each NAPLAN report so that you can track your child's progress through the years. For more information go to: [www.nap.edu.au/information/key-dates](http://www.nap.edu.au/information/key-dates)

## Relieving Principal's Report Continued...

### **HARMONY DAY:**

Last week students participated in activities and celebrations to help them understand how Australians of different backgrounds live together. It provided a great opportunity for students to learn that not only do they share common ground with other cultures, but also that our differences make Australia a special place to live.

There are some fascinating statistics about Australia's diversity that can be good conversation-starters:

- around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- we identify with about 300 ancestries
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi
- more than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

*\* These facts are taken from Census Data.*

Thank you to Mrs Bridges for providing us with the opportunity to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land, and celebrate the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.



### **VISITORS—SIGN IN SIGN OUT:**

Department of Education requires all visitors to the school to present to the office on arrival and sign in and once completing the visit you need to sign out. This assists in the case of an emergency and for the school to know who is on site. This includes parents attending meetings and/or assisting in classroom.

### **LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAMS:**

Staff at Faulconbridge Public School monitor each student's progress and provide additional learning support if it is required. Some students may require specialist help in their learning programs, perhaps because they are experiencing learning difficulties or because they exhibit a particular talent or talents that should be developed. Our school uses learning programs and specialised staff where needed and we work in partnership with parents and carers to assist students who have special learning needs.

#### *Catch Up Numeracy:*

Catch Up Numeracy is a structured one-to-one intervention for learners who find numeracy difficult. It enables learners who struggle with numeracy to achieve more than double the progress of typically developing learners.

Catch Up Numeracy involves 15-minute individual sessions delivered twice a week. It is grounded in academic research and addresses 10 key components of numeracy:

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| • Counting verbally        | • Work problems    |
| • Counting objects         | • Translation      |
| • Reading and writing      | • Remembered facts |
| • Hundreds, tens and units | • Derived facts    |
| • Estimation               | • Ordinal numbers  |

## *Relieving Principal's Report Continued...*

Implemented by Mrs Jansons, this intervention is suitable for all struggling learners whose Number Age is significantly below their Chronological age.

### *MacqLit:*

MacqLit is an explicit and systematic reading intervention program for small groups of older low-progress readers. The primary focus of MacqLit is on phonics and/or word identification, and is supported by connected text reading to ensure skills are generalised to authentic reading experiences. The carefully constructed sequence of lessons teaches essential skills such as:

- Letter-sound correspondences presented in an easy to hard sequence,
- Strategies for decoding multi-syllable words,
- Prefixes and suffixes, and
- Generalising component skills through connected text reading.

Each lesson is designed to last one hour, and is delivered at least four times a week by our School Learning Support Officer, Mrs Reynolds. The program is specifically aimed at struggling readings in year 3 through to high school.

### *MiniLit:*

Similar to MacqLit, MiniLit targets our struggling readers in years 1 and 2. It is a Tier Two school-based program (up to four students per group) that consists of 80 carefully structured lessons:

- Level 1: Teaching the basics of letter/sound knowledge and decoding skills for CVC words
- Level 2: Extending word attack knowledge by teaching commonly used digraphs and longer words

It is a practical, systematic, explicit and effective model for teaching reading skills, and is implemented by our School Learning Support Officer, Mrs Curzon.

### *Reading Recovery:*

Reading Recovery is available to students in Year 1 who are experiencing difficulties with reading and writing. Students in Year 1 are assessed to be included in this program. Individual students are taught for 30 minutes each day for between 12-16 weeks (maximum 20 weeks) by Mrs Cottam, our specially trained Reading Recovery teacher, to accelerate their progress to the average classroom level.

### *Rainbow Reading:*

Rainbow Reading is an audio-facilitated reading recovery program aimed at varying age groups. Books are levelled, colour coded, and are accompanied by a specially recorded audio CD (with MP3 file) to provide support for readers. Cloze (Text Completion), Text Sequencing, Word Search, Writing and Dice Game sheets provide meaningful text-related activities. Mrs Cottam monitors the progress of our stage 2 and 3 students on this non-threatening, supportive and enjoyable program.

### *Enrichment Programs:*

Faulconbridge Public School runs an extensive range of enrichment programs for highly capable students. These programs are designed to extend student knowledge across a variety of subject areas including Literacy, Numeracy, Science, Technology and the Arts. Each term, staff members are released from face-to-face teaching to implement special programs that enable selected students (K-6) to experience opportunities that they may not otherwise be able to. Mr McDonald has been doing some wonderful work with some of the school's up and coming artists this term, while Mrs Jansons has enjoyed challenging some of our top mathematicians from stage 2. The programs change every term and aim to complement all other curriculum programs within the school.

## ***Relieving Principal's Report Continued...***

### **HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE:**

We have had one confirmed case of hand, foot and mouth disease. Unfortunately this weather is great for bugs so here is the information from the Department of Health that you may find useful:

#### *Description:*

Hand, foot and mouth disease is a common viral infection. It is not related to the disease in cattle with a similar name (foot-and-mouth disease). Symptoms of hand, foot and mouth disease include tiny blisters on various parts of the body, including in the mouth, and on the fingers, palms of hands, buttocks, nappy area, soles of the feet, upper arms or upper legs. The blisters last a little longer than a week. Some children may also have a fever, sore throat, runny nose or cough. Vomiting or diarrhoea are uncommon. The most troublesome symptom is often the blisters in the mouth, which make it difficult for the child to eat or drink.

#### *How does it spread?*

The virus is in the fluid of the blisters and can be spread by becoming airborne during coughing, singing, talking, etc. The virus is also found in the child's faeces, and can be present in faeces for several weeks after the child has recovered.

#### *Incubation period.*

The incubation period is usually 3–5 days.

#### *Infectious period.*

People are infectious as long as the blisters contain fluid.

#### *Exclusion period.*

Children with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded until all blisters have dried.

#### *Responsibilities of parents and caregivers:*

- Keep the child at home until all the blisters have dried and the child is feeling well.
- Encourage cough and sneeze etiquette and hand hygiene at home.

#### *Controlling the spread of infection:*

- Teach children about cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Allow blisters to dry out naturally. The blisters should not be deliberately burst because the fluid within them is infectious.

#### *Treatment:*

Usually no treatment is required.

### **THANK YOU:**

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Colette Stratford for all that she does to run the P&C's uniform shop. Many of us underestimate the time and effort that goes into this role and I know that Colette makes herself available most days to ensure that orders are delivered to families in a timely manner.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Earl



# FUTSAL



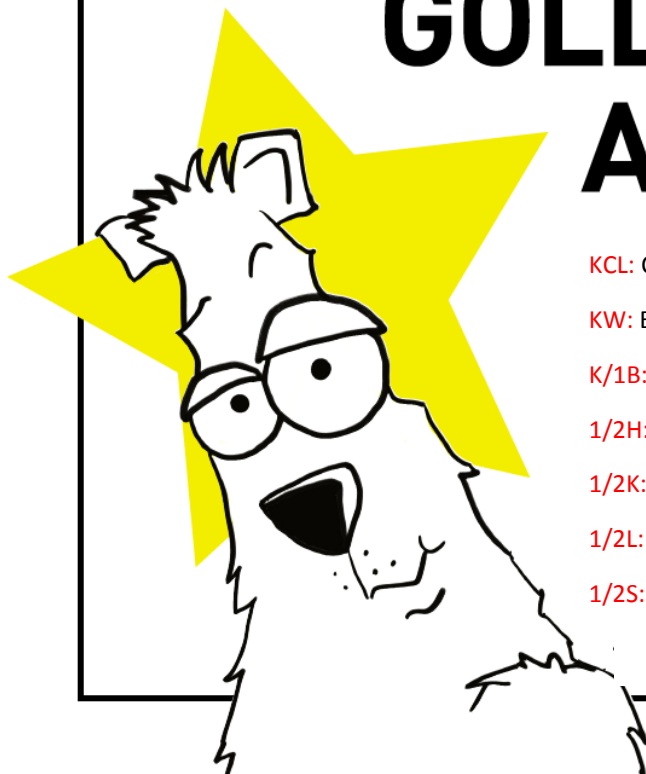
On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, Faulconbridge PS sent seven students to the 2017 NSW FUTSAL competition at Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre. The students competed against a high level of competition on the day and represented their school extremely well.

Thank you for making this such an enjoyable experience,

Mr. Smith



# GOLDEN BEAR AWARD **Week 8**



**KCL:** Carissa P

**3/4BC:** Sahara A, Marissa B

**KW:** Ella P

**3/4M:** Laila T

**K/1B:** Cody M

**3/4P:** Milan A

**1/2H:** Emma G

**4/5T:** Khaemon A-S

**1/2K:** Bella B

**5/6T:** Sam F

**1/2L:** Teagan W

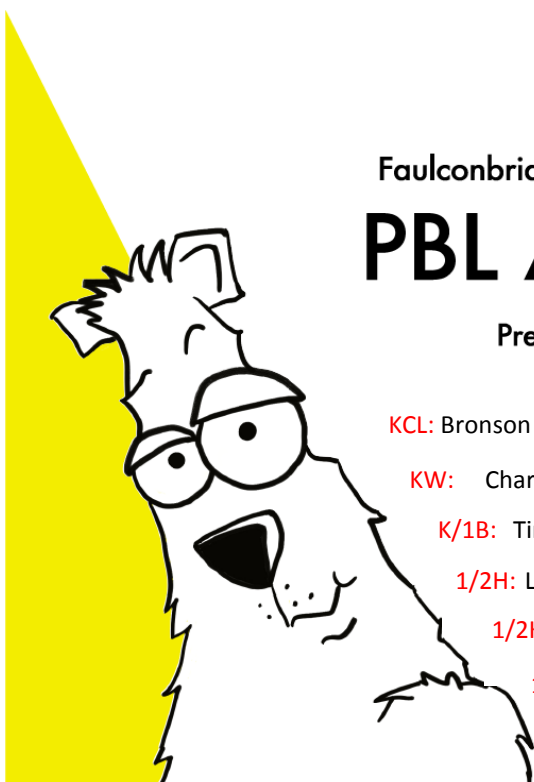
**5/6ZD:** Hannah W

**1/2S:** Zachary A

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## PBL Award

Presented to: **Week 9**



**KCL:** Bronson M, Benjamin V, Oliver R

**KW:** Charlotte B, Emmaline B, Taurin L

**K/1B:** Timothy G, Koby M, Archie W

**1/2H:** Leilani A, Ben E, Tilly W

**1/2K:** Rose N, Keira G, Andy G

**1/2L:** Piper K, Darcy G, Erin D

**1/2S:** Max C, Cooper E, Josie L



# HARMONY DAY

## 21 MARCH 2017



On March 21<sup>st</sup>, Faulconbridge Public School celebrated Harmony Day. It was lovely to see everyone dressed in orange or their cultural colours.



Thank you to the staff and students for the way you participated on both days. Special thanks to Mr Thomson for teaching all of us some traditional dances including The Galopede from Australia, The Gay Gordon from Scotland, The Troika from Russia and The Heel Toe Polka from Europe. Thank you also to Mr Herron and the stage 3 musicians for the time and effort you put into the day! Everyone had a ball!





# HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH 2017



Due to the wet weather, our *Garden of Harmony* took place in the cola on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>.

This involved all students decorating a boy or girl template in the traditional colours of their background or in the colour orange to represent Harmony.

Students then formed the shape of a heart to show that Faulconbridge Public School is inclusive and a place where diversity is accepted and embraced.

**Happy Harmony Day to all!**  
**From the staff and students at FPS.**



## PARLIAMENT NEWS

# Opening Parliament 2017

On Friday morning, week 9 Stage 3 had their opening Parliament. All the Ministers introduced themselves and their committees. They outlined their goals for 2017. During question time, Year 5 asked very strong questions to the Government proving that they will be a worthy Opposition.

The SRC representatives from each class were invited to witness Parliament and will soon be able to voice their opinions.

The next Parliament will be held early in Term 2. The Ministers will be hoping to have their Motions passed, bringing positive changes to our school.

Thank you,

Written by: Minister for Communication,  
Faith Palomino

Shadow Minister for Communication  
Regan Huggins



## Milson Island - Stage 3 Camp

**Final payments for camp are due by the end of  
Term 1, Friday 7th April.**

Please complete the Medical and Consent Form at:

<https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/facilities/medicalandconsentform>

Also, if you haven't already done so it is vital that you enter the following details to complete the online form by Monday 10th April.

Booking Number: 465568

Booking Start Date: 01/05/2017

Booking Venue: Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre





## **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

Pedlar's Fair Coordinators



Cancer Council  
NSW

Nutrition Snippet

# The simplest way

...to make one ingredient ice cream.

Treat your kids to some homemade ice cream, minus the sugar and additives. Just 100% fruity goodness. Delicious!

## Ingredients:

4 – 5 ripe bananas



## Method:

- \*Slice the bananas into small pieces (about 1.5cm thick is ideal).
- \*Put the slices in a Ziploc bag and freeze them overnight.
- \*Place the frozen banana slices into a food processor. You may need to break up the slices a bit if they've frozen together in clumps.
- \*Blend until the mixture becomes smooth and creamy.
- \*Spoon the blended mixture into a shallow dish and pop in the freezer for about two hours.
- \*Scoop it out and serve immediately.

Watch the video: [eatittobeatit.com.au](http://eatittobeatit.com.au) (recipes section).

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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Nepean Blue Mountains  
Local Health District



BLUE MOUNTAINS MUSICAL SOCIETY

# JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

BLUE MOUNTAINS THEATRE  
MAY 20 - JUNE 4

BOOKINGS 4723 5050 or [www.bmms.org.au](http://www.bmms.org.au)





# Faulco PS P&C

**President: Sarah Emmanuel**

**Email: [faulconbridge.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:faulconbridge.pandc@gmail.com)**



## Playground Upgrade

After a lengthy discussion at the most recent P&C meeting, the Committee has decided that it is high time a collective effort was made to upgrade the rather sad playground

equipment. Increased wear and tear over the years has now resulted in limited play times on the equipment due to the need for constant supervision to ensure adequate safety for students. Discussion mostly centred on the allocation of funds from previous earmarked projects. The P&C had previously committed \$20k to upgrade the kitchen facilities but both Mr Earl and the P&C agreed that the changed class structures for Kitchen Garden have rendered the need for the upgrade unnecessary. Further, it was agreed that an upgrade to the playground area was of greater importance and benefit to the children. The P&C Committee agreed that further funds can be provided to support the project and future fundraising can also be allocated to ensure success.

There will be further discussion on the playground upgrade at the next P&C meeting so please come along and offer your thoughts and ideas.

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### NEXT MEETING

Next P&C Meeting 15th May 7pm, Library. All Welcome! Wine & nibbles provided.

**2**

### FACEBOOK

Find us at "FPS P&C", also "Blackboard Cafe FPS" and stay in touch.

**3**

### BE INFORMED

P&C meeting minutes are posted to the P&C Facebook page. Copies are also in the cafe.



## Blackboard Cafe: Pedlars' Fair 7/4/2017

Families are warmly encouraged to attend the outrageous frivolity that is the Pedlars' Fair. The Blackboard Cafe will be serving hot drinks and some warm foods when the sugar gets too much. All takings on the day go to school projects so each hit of coffee is directly helping you and your child!

## Join Our P&C

It's easy to join the P&C. Come along to any meeting to listen to what is happening and join the conversation. To vote, just pay \$2 to become a member. Wine and cheese offered at each meeting to keep the conversation flowing.

## 18 YEARS AND COUNTING!

On behalf of the Faulco P&C and all of the children, families and the local community, huge thanks and high fives go out to Mr O on 18 years of service. In all weathers, Mr O meets, greets, farewells and chats with every kid at his crossing. Parents know that when their little one runs ahead Mr O will be there to stop the traffic and get them to school safely.

Let's all give Mr O a special high five this week and thank him for all his commitment to the school and its families.

## Become a Volunteer

Volunteering opportunities exist NOW. Would you like to volunteer your time or skills but not sure how. Here is a list of just a few of the ways in which you can get involved.

**Blackboard Cafe:** The cafe is seeking volunteers to join the team. You don't have to be available all the time or even like coffee! Drop by the cafe and have a chat.

**Garden:** Love gardening? Have a bit of time? Ask at the office or catch Mikala in the garden on a Friday to help out. You can work in the garden whenever it suits you so great if you have a bit of time to turn the sod.

**Classroom helpers:** Many teachers welcome helpers for reading, maths and other group times. Ask your classroom teacher how you can help.

**Join a Committee:** The fundraising committee, P&C committee and Parent Advocacy group all welcome newcomers and new ideas. Look out for meeting times.

**Events:** Come along to school events and ask if you can help. Helpers are often needed for setting up and packing away.



## WHAT'S GOING ON?

- \* **Blackboard Cafe:** The Blackboard Cafe is part of the P&C with funds raised from sales going directly to school projects. Opening hours are Wed & Fri 8.30-10.30am. Enjoy a cuppa, a piece of cake and a chat with friends! The cafe also has a Facebook page - go to Blackboard Cafe FPS for the latest news. You can also order your Pedlars' Fair food here.
- \* **Ice-blocks:** Last ice-block day is this Friday 31st! 50c is all it takes to create a little ice-block joy.
- \* **Mothers' Day Stall:** The Mothers' Day stall and breakfast will be going ahead with its usual sort of chaotic excitement in Term 2. If you can help out with wrapping gifts, shhh don't tell yourself or your partner what you wrapped, or at the gift stall or cafe on the day, let us know. Dads, let's see you there!



# 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.

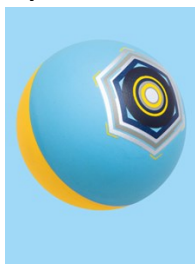
The rewards available during 2017 are:

- 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**





**Leura Gardens Festival 2017**  
**Saturday 30 September - Sunday 8 October 2017**

The Leura Gardens Festival has been held every year for the last 52 years and has become a much loved spring event in the Upper Blue Mountains. Every year the 9-day event attracts visitors from far and wide.

The primary objective of the Festival is to raise funds for the Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital to purchase much needed medical equipment.

Management of the Festival is in the hands of a voluntary committee which is supported during the Festival by around 400 local volunteers. Every effort is made to contain our costs and paid support is kept to the absolute minimum, thus ensuring low operating costs and greater return for our charities.

**Would you like to become involved?**

We are once again recruiting adult volunteers for the 2017 Festival. Volunteers are not required to have a deep knowledge of gardening – what's more important is to have a welcoming and outgoing manner. Volunteers can assist by being a friendly face in one of the gardens, by selling entry tickets or helping visitors from far and wide enjoy a great festival experience. We also need volunteers who can help behind the scenes with setting up before and packing down after the Festival.

Volunteers can nominate the dates and times they wish to be involved.

For more information, contact the Festival Volunteers Co-ordinator: by email - [glennbanderson@icloud.com](mailto:glennbanderson@icloud.com) or phone - 02 4784 1638

If you are not able to volunteer but would like to experience 11 magnificent gardens, save the date for a visit to Leura in the Spring.

Visit the website at: [www.leuragardensfestival.com.au](http://www.leuragardensfestival.com.au)

<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS</b>			
<b>Monday 10th April 2017</b>			
Multi-Sport	9am-3pm	4-13yrs	\$25
<b>Tuesday 11th April 2017</b>			
Indoor Soccer	9am-3pm	4-13yrs	\$25
<b>Wednesday 12th April 2017</b>			
Gymnastics	9am-3pm	4-13yrs	\$25
<b>Wednesday 19th April 2017</b>			
Multi-Sport	9am-3pm	4-13yrs	\$25
<b>Thursday 20th April 2017</b>			
Indoor Soccer	9am-3pm	4-13yrs	\$25
<b>Friday 21st April 2017</b>			
Gymnastics	9am-3pm	4-13yrs	\$25



Register now!  
 4732 1755 or [penrith@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:penrith@pcycnsw.org.au)  
 A yearly membership is available for \$10  
 100 Station St, Penrith



## INFANTS & PRIMARY KID'S HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Winmalee Public School Hall WINMALEE (Next to Pinaroo Vacation Care)



**April 2017**

**Hours 9am - 3 pm**

**Food and drinks supplied**

<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Supporters:</b> Winmalee Public School Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre Pinaroo OOSH. Lions Club. Mountains Family Support Services Winmalee Hub Local services and businesses and many others who are not listed.  <b>Thank you.</b> For information and booking regarding this Program please contact: Springwood Uniting Church Office - Ph. 0247513951 Program Coordinator: Mary-Ellen Jamieson on Mob. 0415533491  <b>Cost \$10</b> <b>Per child</b> <b>Concessions Available</b>
<b>All Day Quiet Space</b> Books to read, cards, games, cushions and rest area. Fun Craft Activities		<b>All Day Quiet Space</b> Books to read, cards, games, cushions and rest area. Fun Craft Activities	
<b>KIDS IN SPACE</b> Build a rocket ship or hover craft. Explore the solar system. <i>Maybe find some new creatures.</i>		<b>10am-12md</b> <b>Roll up! Roll up!</b> <b>For Carnival Day.</b> Hoopla, 3 legged race, sack races, beanbag toss, eating contest popcorn, and face painting 	
<b>Kids in the Kitchen</b> Moon rock slice Solar System kabob Alien cupcakes		<b>Crazy Painting</b> 	
<b>TOWER BUILDING COMPETITION</b>		<b>Marble Run Challenge</b>	

This is an activity run & coordinated by Springwood Uniting Church with the generous support of Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre



# WHAT'S ON AT PENRITH OBSERVATORY IN APRIL

Saturday 8 7pm – 9pm	<b>Public Astronomy Night – The Building Blocks of Planets</b> Making a planet is a lot like putting together a puzzle, you require many small pieces to come together to complete the larger picture. We look at the smaller objects found within our solar system and how they form into larger objects. We cover all types of small celestial bodies with a focus on the Rosetta Mission and future NASA programs. Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome area and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting)
Friday 14 10am – 12pm	<b>Hands on Workshop – Rockets</b> Lots of fun for children ages 4 - 12. Build and launch paper rockets using compressed air and watch a demonstration of a real rocket launch. Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome area and SAFE viewing of the Sun through a specialised telescope (weather permitting)
Saturday 22 7pm – 9pm	<b>Public Astronomy Night – Space Junk</b> Orbital debris is circling around our planet. How did it get there, why do we care and what can we do about it. Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome area and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting)

## Cost for Public Astronomy Programs:

\$18.00 Adult

\$12.00 Child/Concession

\$50.00 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

Children under 3 years of age free.

\$15.00 per person (children and accompanying adults) for hands-on workshops

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

[https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith\\_observatory/whats\\_on](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on)

## Join our Easter Family Night

**FREE**



**Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Date: Thursday 6th April**

### Activities:

Performance by The Blue Mugs - 30 piece ukulele band!  
 A Petting Zoo - baby alpaca, lamb, goats, piglets, rabbits & ducks!  
 Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Major Prize draw, Kids Craft  
 Music, Games, Free Sausage Sizzle and Refreshments  
 PLUS special Appearance from The Easter Bunny

Bookings recommended – for more information or to book speak to a team member in-store or go to [www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au) and locate your nearest store.

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*Be inspired by Lindsay's  
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**DRAW & PAINT - SO YOUR CAT CAN BE PART OF  
AN ADVENTURE IN A WALL FRIEZE!**

**THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 10 -1PM (5-10YRS)**

**Cost \$35**

**Please call Gallery reception 4751 1067**

Bookings are made in advance and placement is by payment.  
 Children will be supervised during a break  
 to have the snacks they have brought.  
 Please come and watch the story being presented at 1pm



FINAL TOUR DATES

A free travelling exhibition that tells the story of Australia's involvement in the First World War, featuring artefacts from the Australian War Memorial.

**BOOK FREE TICKETS NOW AT  
[WWW.SPIRITOFANZAC.GOV.AU](http://WWW.SPIRITOFANZAC.GOV.AU)**

We will be hosting free children's activities at the Experience from 17 - 21 April. Find out more and register your interest at [www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/sydney/activities](http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/sydney/activities)

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**FREE!**

Festival fun  
Jumping Castle  
Petting Zoo & more!

**Sun 9th April 2017**  
Springwood Baptist Church, 313 Macquarie Rd.  
2x sessions:  
10am-12pm & 12pm-2pm