

Learn to Live

Term 2, Week 1 (27th April, 2017)

Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

MAY 2017

Mon 1 Fri 5	Stage 3 Milson Island Camp
Tues 9	Freddo Day
Thur 11	Book Fair Arrives P&C Mother's Day Stall
Fri 12	School X-Country
Mon 15	P&C Meeting
Tues 16	X-Country Back-Up
Wed 17	Start Smart Workshops
Thur 18	Start Smart Workshops
Fri 19	District X-Country
Wed 24	Pulse Rehearsal

JUNE 2017

Thur 8	K-2 Pet Ownership Workshop
Mon 12	Queens Birthday (Public Holiday)
Mon 19	P&C Meeting
Tues 20	Winmalee Cup
Tue 27	Winmalee Cup Back-Up
Thur 29	Disco

Relieving Principal: Mr P Earl

Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 1: Mrs K Carter, Miss S Kidd

Assistant Principal Stage 2: Mrs N Bridges

Notes Home



- ◆ Stewart House Donation Drive
- ◆ P&C Mother's Day Stall (Thurs 11th May)
- ◆ Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

Assembly Dates

Fridays commencing 11.25am

May 5 K-2 Assembly

May 19 3-6 Assembly

May 26 K-6 Assembly

School Activities Update

*Australian Maths Competition
Money is now **OVERDUE***

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Classes - Term 2

Monday - 3/4BC, 3/4M, 3/4P

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

Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been delightful this week to welcome all students and staff back from their Easter holidays, and to see everyone looking so relaxed and refreshed after the nice long break. It is always lovely to see the students excited about being back at school.

ANZAC DAY:

Congratulations to all students who represented our school community at the ANZAC day commemorations in Springwood on Tuesday. We had more than 55 students in attendance, including every member of our student executive, in school uniform.

Well done to you and your families and thank you to Mrs Curzon, Mrs Bridges, Mr Douglas and Mrs Henderson for coordinating our school's representation at this important community event.



The school's commemorative ANZAC assembly was held at the end of term 1.

Thank you to Mr McDonald for organising this significant event, the student executive for running the assembly and to the students and staff who observed this solemn occasion respectfully.



CUB AWARDS:

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

Week 11	Amelia G.	Honey N.	Oscar T.	Caleb C	Lilah A.	Angus W.
Week 1	Darcy E.	Benjamin V.	Milak H.	Taylor M.	Jessica B.	Madelyn W.

I received a lovely card from a family this week that I would like to share with you:

Thank you very much for making the time to enable my son, and the other lucky students, feel so valued. Inviting them to attend 'A Special Morning Tea' is such a simple yet powerful form of positive reinforcement.



Relieving Principal's Report Continued...

2017 NAPLAN TESTS:

Students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in week 3. I would like students, family and friends to remember that these tests are unable to measure all of what it is that makes you the valued person you are. The NAPLAN tests results give you some very specific information about yourself but it cannot say everything about who you are and what you have achieved.

The teachers at Faulconbridge ensure students are familiar with the test format and go above and beyond to provide appropriate support and guidance both leading up to and during the tests. We reassure students that NAPLAN is an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learnt over time through the school curriculum and we try our very best to reduce anxiety by treating NAPLAN test days as just another event on the school calendar.

My main wish is for students to approach the tests with confidence and to try their best on the day.

The NAPLAN tested will be conducted from 9-11 May, 2017.

Tuesday 9 May	Wednesday 10 May	Thursday 11 May
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Writing Test	Reading Test	Numeracy Test

Friday, 12th May: A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer. This is a matter for consideration by individual parent/carers in consultation me. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing.

Please make an appointment with me or your classroom teacher if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN. Addition information can be found at: www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support

CROSS COUNTRY:

Our annual school cross country carnival will be held on **Friday, 12th May** at school. The top runners in years 3-6 then represent Faulconbridge at the Blue Mountains Zone PSSA carnival. Parents are encouraged to attend the day, if available. We can never predict the weather for these carnivals, whether it be cold or hot on the day. A good supply of water for your child is highly recommended. Keep an eye out for more information from Mr Smith in the upcoming weeks.

STAFF CHANGES:

I would like to welcome Mr Tim Cleary to the Faulconbridge team. Tim has recently moved to the Blue Mountains from Kalgoorlie and will be working with students in 4/5T for the duration of term 2. Mr Brandjes will replace Mrs Jansons as the school's Learning and Support coordinator and will be released from class every Tuesday by Mrs Lucy Cooper.

Relieving Principal's Report Continued...

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR:

Our School counsellor, Mrs McArthur works with students, parents or carers and teachers in a variety of ways.

Her work includes:

- counselling students
- assisting parents or carers to make informed decisions about their child's education
- assessing students' learning and behaviour
- assisting schools to identify and address disabilities that affect students' learning
- liaising with other agencies concerned with the well-being of students.

School counsellors are members of schools' student welfare and learning support teams. With the agreement of parents or carers, school counsellors will pass on to teachers, information that will assist them to better meet the needs of their students. Whether working with students, parents or carers, or teachers, school counsellors will explain how they work, listen carefully to what is said, help clarify options and encourage informed decision-making. School counselling is a confidential service and school counsellors will check with students, parents or carers before passing on information (such as the results of tests of learning difficulties) to others. Please contact your classroom teacher and/or Mr Brandjes if you would like your child to be referred to Mrs McArthur through the school's Learning and Support team.

SCHOOL PLANNING: 2018-2020

2017 will see the final evaluation of the 2015–17 school plan and the formulation of strategic directions for 2018–2020. Our targets over the past three years have been around improving aspects of numeracy and literacy, student wellbeing and community engagement. Progress towards our targets will outlined in the Annual School Report, which will soon be available on the school website. Shortly the school will be seeking the views of the school community to develop the directions for the next three-year plan.

CLUBS:

One of our PBL rules is that our students have a plan for play during lunch and recess breaks. To support this staff have offered to run a number of different clubs during those times. Your children may be interested in one or more of the following activities:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Library	Library	Stage Band	Library	Library
		Coding Club		Stg. 3 Dance	Gardening Club
					Stg. 1 Dance

Recess	Spanish lessons		Ukulele Club (beg.)	Drawing Club	
			Stg. 2 Dance		

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Earl

Peer Gynt fundraiser

Thank you to all the students and families who sold chocolates to fund raise for Peer Gynt. We have raised a MASSIVE \$3017.05 so far!

Congratulations to Reggie H who won the 5kg Favourites box in the raffle.

All left over chocolates will be for sale on Freddo Day, Tuesday 9th May.



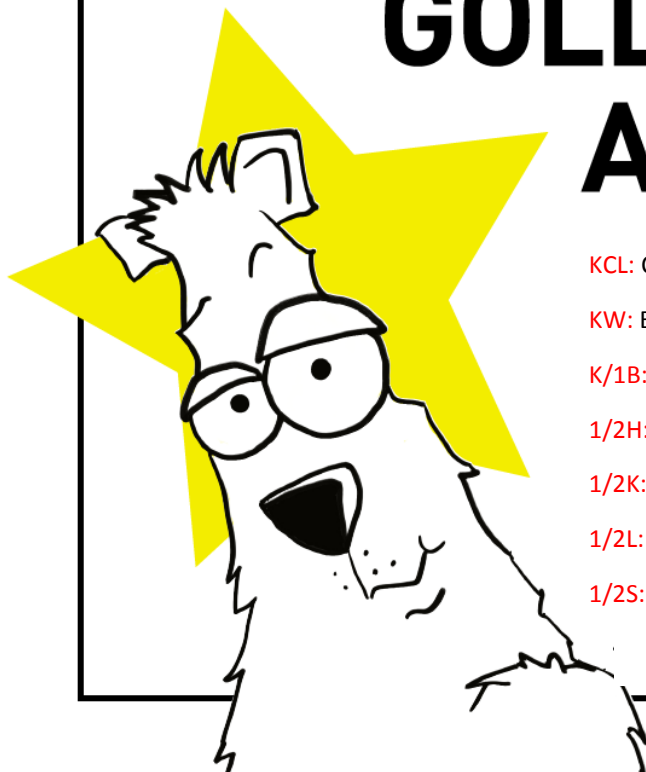
ANZAC

Commemorative

Assembly



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

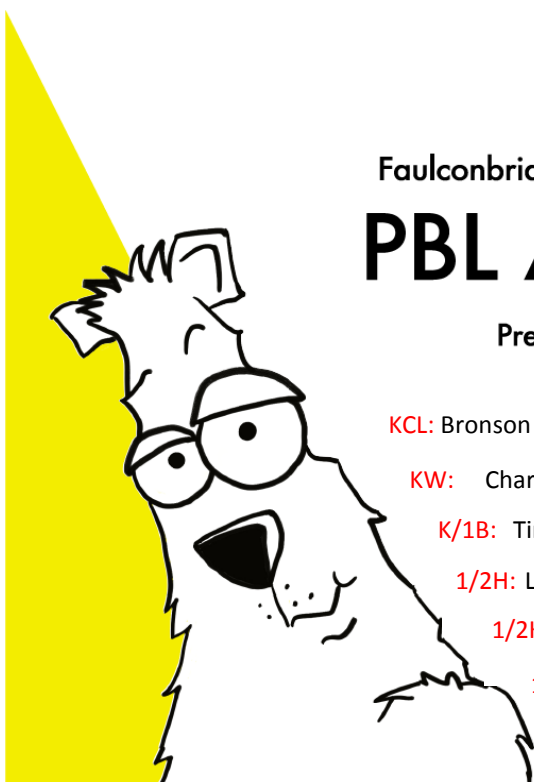
1/2L: Teagan W

5/6ZD: Hannah W

1/2S: Zachary A

Faulconbridge Public School

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

Outdoor Learning Area



A big thank you to Mr Smith for coordinating and assisting with the construction of our brand new outdoor learning area.



New School Banking rewards now available!

The new Term 2 rewards with a Future Savers theme being the 3D Chalk Set and the Tablet Case are now 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. First quarter 2017, we raised \$273.91

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

Springwood East Timor Support Group

INVITATION

18th Anniversary

*To aid educational and
medical initiatives
in Timor Leste*

Trivia Night



Saturday 20th May 2017

7.00pm for 7:30pm start

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168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood

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