

Learn to Live

Term 3, Week 4 (10th August, 2017)

Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

AUGUST 2017

Fri 11	Jump Rope for Heart Launch
Fri 18	Grandparents' Day
Wed 16	Kindy Transition Group B, Session 2
Mon 21	P&C Meeting
Wed 23	Kindy Transition Group A, Session 3
Wed 30	Kindy Transition Group B, Session 3

SEPTEMBER 2017

Tues 5	Poetry Stage Finals
Wed 6	Kindy Transition Group A, Session 4
Thur 7	Choir Rehearsal - Stage 2 Penrith Public School
Sun 10	Peer Gynt Rehearsal
Tues 12	Peer Gynt Rehearsal (whole day)
Wed 13	Kindy Transition Group B, Session 4 District Athletics Carnival
Thur 14	Peer Gynt Tech Rehearsal AM
Mon 18	P&C Meeting

Relieving Principal: Mr P Earl

Assistant Principal Stage 1: Mrs K Jansons

Assistant Principal Stage 2: Mrs N Bridges, Miss Theoharis (Relieving)

Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 3: Mr P Thomson

Notes Home



- ◆ Peer Gynt Ticket Sales (instructions for online ordering)
- ◆ Pulse Choir & Celebration Sing Out
- ◆ Stg 2 Blue Gum Camp
- ◆ Schools Spectacular Matinee (Years 3-6)
- ◆ Father's Day Stall (P&C)
- ◆ Stage 1 Recorder Club

Assembly Dates

Fridays commencing 11.25am

August 11	3-6 Assembly
August 18	K-6 Assembly
August 25	K-2 Assembly
September 1	3-6 Assembly

School Activities Update

Kitchen Garden Classes - Term 3

Monday - 1/2H, 1/2K, 1/2L, 1/2S

Sport Days - Fridays

K-2 (9.55 - 10.55)

3-4 (12.25 - 1.25)

5-6 (1.55 - 2.55)

PE Days (sports uniform)

Wednesday - Stage 1

Tuesday - Stage 2

Monday - Stage 3

Library Days

Monday: 1/2K, 3/4M, KCL, K/1B

Tuesday: 3/4P, 1/2H, 3/4BC

Thursday: 4/5T, 5/6ZD, 5/6T, 1/2L

Friday: 1/2S, KW

Music

Monday: KCL, KW, K/1B, 1/2H, 1/2S

Tuesday: 4/5T, 5/6ZD, 5/6T

Wednesday: 1/2K, 3/4BC, 3/4P, 3/4M, 1/2L



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

Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Students, K-6, recently participated in our school Athletics Carnival. What an outstanding job they all did! The most crucial aspect of the athletics carnival is the level of participation and effort by all of our students. For me, participation with pride by every student and taking the opportunity to be the best they can be is a reflection of the desirable attributes of a citizen of Faulconbridge Public School. Well done to all those students who participated and my thanks and appreciation to the parents and the Blackboard Café who supported the event. Without your support, such events could not be as successful as they are. Everything ran smoothly on the day thanks to the flexibility and professionalism shown by the carnival's organisers, Mr McDonald and Mr Brandjes. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding leadership, energy and hard work of the teaching staff on the day. Students will receive their place ribbons at this Friday's 3-6 Assembly. Parents and Caregivers are cordially invite to join us in the hall from 11.30am.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY / EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY: Friday, 18th August

Please put this date in your diary so that you can join in celebrating the range of educational activities on offer at Faulconbridge Public School. This year's theme is **I Learn, We Learn**. It is a celebration of our schools' commitment to ensuring:

1. *System-wide improvement:*
Every student, every teacher, every leader and every school will improve every year.
2. *High expectations for all:*
A culture of high expectations for our students and our educators sets high standards, which leads to high achievement.
3. *Personalised student learning:*
By teaching to the strengths and needs of each individual, students will be better able to reach and exceed their potential.
4. *Wellbeing:*
Every student will be known, cared for and respected.
5. *Creating stronger ties with local communities:*
Parents and carers are our schools' partners in the education and wellbeing of each student.

Here at Faulconbridge we acknowledge and recognise the significant contribution that grandparents make to their families and would like to take the opportunity to thank them for their ongoing love and support. The day will include classroom visits, an assembly showcasing some of the Creative and Performing Arts opportunities available at the school, and an afternoon of games and activities.

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Time	Activity
11.30	Open Classrooms
12.10	K-6 Assembly and Performances - Hall
1.15	Extended Recess
2.00	Old fashioned games and activities (led by year 6)

The Blackboard Café has kindly offered to remain open to ensure that we all have access to good coffee, tea and range of delicious treats. We hope to see you and our students' Grandparents on the day.

SICKNESS:

The school has been hit with a wave of sickness over the past couple of weeks for both students and staff. As well as the normal winter colds we have had a nasty strand of Influenza reported. Whilst we usually encourage parents to send children to school, please, if your child is sick, keep them home until they are better. A child who has had a fever needs to be free from a temperature for more than 24 hours before returning to school.

THE TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY:

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 21 August and 13 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

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 2	Piper (12L)	Freya (34P)	Taniora (56T)	Alina (12S)	Andy (12K)	Sarah (12L)
Week 3	Jeremiah (34BC)	Emily D. (56ZD)	Max (12K)	Sam (12S)	Regan (56ZD)	Danielle (56ZD)
Week 4	Emma (56T)	Starsan x2 (56ZD)	Zachary (12S)	Rose (12K)	Cameron (12K)	

Relieving Principal's Report

OUR PBL FOCUS :



1. Be a problem solver

NAIDOC DAY ACTIVITIES:

Children from all classes participated in a range of activities last Wednesday to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures and communities and to recognise the valuable contributions they make to our country.

To celebrate, we welcomed Dion Drummond who presented his show focusing on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and deepening student knowledge and understandings in this area. Students also painted Aboriginal symbols and words on rocks and placed them along the track in the bush.

Well done to Mrs Carter and Miss Waddell who coordinated this wonderful day.

CAR PARK:

The safety of our students is paramount in our regulations about parking. The school car park is available for staff cars only. Parents are requested to park outside the school and to observe local parking regulations at all times.

Although in many areas of law, my authority finishes at the school gate we need to be aware of our precious children entering and leaving school each day. Quite often parents and neighbours have raised concerns about illegal parking and other vehicle infringements directly outside the school grounds by parents of our students. Please respect the law and assist with keeping our children safe.

NSW SCHOOLS IN NAPLAN:

Recently the Department of Education outlined the progress of NSW Schools have made in NAPLAN. ACARA released the 2017 Preliminary NAPLAN results last Wednesday. It has been a very strong year for NAPLAN performance in NSW schools. NSW has achieved our highest ever mean scores for Year 3 in reading and in numeracy. Across NSW our commitment to early intervention in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 is now showing up in unprecedented improvement in results for our Year 3 students.

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Numeracy results in both Years 7 and 9 are very strong. For Year 9 numeracy, NSW students are the strongest performers in Australia. Of particular note is the improved performance of Aboriginal students. In Year 9, the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students in the proportion of students at or above the minimum standard has substantially decreased.

As a result of these efforts we have now reached the Premier's Priority target, to increase the proportion of NSW students in the top two NAPLAN bands by 8% by 2019, early. Our challenge now is to maintain and further improve this performance in coming years. We know there is much more to quality education than a single, annual test.

We will get our school results in coming weeks.

NAPLAN ONLINE:

An exciting change to NAPLAN is coming soon. In the future, NAPLAN will be delivered online to students. There are many benefits of this for students as well as schools. There will be a much faster turn-around with student results being available within a couple of weeks of sitting the test. This will mean schools can use the data to address learning needs of students in a timely manner rather than the current state where data is several months old by the time the school receives it.

Another key improvement will be the capacity of the online assessment to respond to answers provided by a student and tailor the test to their ability. Currently it is very difficult for high achieving students to show growth in NAPLAN as there are only a small number of harder questions. The responsive test will continue to increase the difficulty of the test to enable students to demonstrate their true knowledge and skills.

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be involved in a NAPLAN online trial in week 6 of this term (21-25 August, 2017). The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability but is an opportunity for students to experience an online testing environment. It is anticipated that the readiness test will include two assessments: a writing assessment and a combined literacy/numeracy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes. Public demonstration site is found at:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-onlinepublic-demonstration-site>

DANCE WORKSHOP

Last week, Chloe S, Danielle H. and Charlotte H. attended a dance workshop with the Sydney Dance Company. We congratulate these girls on being selected to participate at this very special event.



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SPELLING BEE:

Congratulations to Lily Q. and Ella H. from Stage 2, and Emma H. and Starsan A. from Stage 3 for being declared the winners of yesterday's Spelling Bee. We wish you all the best of luck at the regional finals and know that you will do us proud. Thank you to Mr Brandjes for giving our children the opportunity to participate in this event.



BAND FUNDRAISER:

I would like to finish by thanking the community for supporting our school's band program. Last term's fundraiser ended up raising close to \$4,000, a figure that well exceeded our original target of \$1,600. That money will be used to purchase a tenor saxophone, a French horn and much needed auxiliary percussion. Thank you to Mal Hewitt for coordinating such a successful event, our parent/staff band – John McInernery, Bruce Hodges and James Renwick, all of you for your generous support, and to our band students for playing so brilliantly on the day.



Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Earl

Peer Gynt



Dear parents/caregivers,

It's showtime! Tickets for Peer Gynt are now available.

Cost: \$4.70 with a 30 cent booking fee per ticket (\$5.00 in total)

Seating Options:

- Children Only Silver Bench Seating. Children in this area must be able to sit independently from their parents.
- General Seating Area for rows A-C. These seats are not elevated.
- Rows D-E in general seating. These rows are elevated.

Session Times and Dates:

SESSIONS	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
Tuesday 19 September 2017 12:00 PM		OPEN SELECT
Tuesday 19 September 2017 6:00 PM		OPEN SELECT
Thursday 21 September 2017 12:00 PM		OPEN SELECT
Thursday 21 September 2017 6:00 PM		OPEN SELECT

Use the following link to select your seating and purchase your tickets.

<https://www.trybooking.com/RCIG>

Any questions or issues regarding the purchase of tickets, please contact Mrs Bridges.

Kind regards,
Peer Gynt Committee



Our Visit to Eastlakes PS

On Monday 26th June, 4/5T and 3/4BC visited their pen pals at Eastlakes PS.

Eastlakes PS is located in Sydney's Eastern suburbs.

Up until this point, both classes had sent letters and emails to their pen pals.

All students were incredibly excited to meet their pen pals for the first time. The pen pals showed us around their school and we spent some time getting to know each other in their classrooms. We danced and played together on the oval and play equipment. We were fortunate to eat some amazing food, made by the parents of our pen pals.

At the end of the day, it was time to say goodbye to our friends. This part was sad but we are excited to know that they will be visiting us soon.

Written by 3/4BC



MindQuest

MindQuest 2017

Glenwood HS

Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Ave

Glenwood 2768

Saturday 9 & 10 September 9.30am-3.30pm



The 85th MindQuest program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over **36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program**. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences drama, lego robotics, chemistry and much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$195 (including GST). Send your applications in early to avoid disappointment.

Closing date: Monday 14 August 2017

Please collect a brochure from the school office if interested or see Mrs Zordoumis for any queries.

Thankyou

Natalie Zordoumis

Faulconbridge Public School PBL Award

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

KCL: Cooper M, Lilah A, Alieria B

KW: Jacob O, Isabelle S, Anton K

K/1B: Roven R, Nicholas W, Larnie L

1/2H: Bailey C, Kallie B, Patrick D

1/2K: Max B, Felix Q, Miah T

1/2L: Jacinta P, Jeremy H, Teagan W

1/2S: Jack R, Annabelle B, Eve L



New School Banking rewards now available!

The new Term 3 rewards with a Future Savers theme being the handball and emoji key ring are now available. The rewards from last term being the 3D Chalk Set and the Tablet Case are still available, while stocks last!



We recently conducted an audit of the CBA School Banking database, and notes were issued to all students that had at least 10 tokens to be redeemed for a reward. Please indicate on the note which reward they would like and we'll order it and it should be available in a couple of weeks.

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. For the second quarter 2017, we raised \$169.77

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

Blue Mountains Vietnam Veterans & Associated Forces Inc.

cordially invites you to attend our

Annual Parade & Memorial Service

Sunday 13th August, 2017

The parade will be assembling at 11:00am, at Macquarie Rd, Springwood. The service will be followed by a social function at the Royal Hotel, Springwood to which members are invited.

**This year our Guest of Honour is
The Hon Brendan Nelson AO BMBS FRACP
(Hon) FAMA**

Dr Brendan Nelson commenced as Director of the Australian War Memorial on 17 December 2012. In addition to being Director of the Australian War Memorial Dr Nelson is a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at ANU; a member of the Chief Scientist's Advisory Council; Patron of Lifeline ACT; Patron of Trish MS Research; Patron of the Weary Dunlop Foundation; Patron of the NSW RSL and Services Clubs; Ambassador for Legacy Australia; Patron of Soldier On and ambassador for the Reserve Defence Forces.

***Please advise our
Association of your
intention to attend by
1st August & whether you
intend to lay a floral tribute
or book to be presented to a
local school.***

***If no RSVP received we will
assume non attendance.***



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WEEKEND WORKSHOP LEARN ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AFFECTING YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADOLESCENTS AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

THIS WORKSHOP TEACHES ADULTS HOW
TO SUPPORT THE MENTAL HEALTH OF
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADOLESCENTS, AND
HOW TO ASSIST THEM WITH A MENTAL
HEALTH CONCERN OR CRISIS.

Date: **Saturday** September 9th and
Sunday September 10th

Time: 9:00-5:30pm

Venue: Winmalee Neighbourhood
Centre. 62 White Cross Rd
Winmalee

Cost: \$95 (cash on the day or by prior
arrangement)

RSVP: Springwood Neighbourhood
Centre 4751 3033 by September
6th

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