

Learn to Live

Term 4, Week 4 (9th November, 2018)

Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

NOVEMBER 2018

Fri 9	Kindy Graduation Photo's Sports Photo's Year 6 & Staff Muck Up Photo's Tuning into Kids Workshop
Wed 14	Group A Kindy Transition and Kindy Parent Evening Session
Fri 16	Tuning into Kids Workshop
Mon 19	Interrelate - Stage 2 and 3
Wed 21	Group B Kindy Transition Murama
Thu 22	Scripture Christmas Concert 10am
Fri 23	Tuning into Kids Workshop
Tue 27	Norman Lindsay - The Magic Pudding 5/6CT, 5/6M, 5/6T, 4/5P *
Wed 28	Norman Lindsay - The Magic Pudding 2/3S, 3/4J, 1/2B, 1/2D, 3/4ZR *
Fri 30	Norman Lindsay - The Magic Pudding 1/2H, KS, KSC, K/1W * Tuning into Kids Workshop

DECEMBER 2018

Tue 4	Yr 6 Orientation Day Kindy Transition - A&B Full Day Yr 6 Farewell - S'Wood Golf Club
Thu 6	Final Scripture
Fri 7	Tuning into Kids Workshop Hire-a-Helper Day-Yr 6 Fundraiser
Wed 12	Celebration Student Achievement
Mon 17	ES1/S1 End of Year Movie Outing
Wed 19	Yr6 Guard of Honour Last day of school for students

* Students in 4/5P, 3/4ZR & K/1W who catch an early bus will need to make alternative arrangements on their allocated excursion day

Principal: Mrs C Frith

Assistant Principal Stage 1: Mrs N Bridges, Mrs K Carter (Relieving)

Assistant Principal Stage 2: Mrs K Jansons

Assistant Principal Stage 3: Mr P Earl

Notes Home



- ◆ *Extra-Curricular Photo Day/Kindy Graduation Photo's*
- ◆ *K-6 Norman Lindsay Excursion - The Magic Pudding*
- ◆ *Year 6 Farewell Dinner Invitation & permission note*
- ◆ *Hire-A-Helper Day - Year 6 Fundraiser*
- ◆ *Parent Teacher Interviews - 1/2D ONLY*

Assembly Dates

Fridays commencing 11.30am

TERM 4

November 9	3-6 Assembly
November 16	K-6 Assembly
November 23	K-2 Assembly
November 30	3-6 Assembly
December 7	K-6 Assembly
December 14	No Assembly

School Activities Update



Kitchen Garden Classes - Term 4

Monday - K/1W, KSC, KS

Tuesday - 1/2B

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 - KS, KSC, K/1W, 1/2B, 1/2D, 1/2D, 2/3S, 5/6T

Tuesday - 3/4J, 3/4ZR

Monday - 4/5P, 5/6M, 5/6CT

Library Days

Monday: 1/2H, K/1W, KSC, 4/5P

Tuesday: KS, 5/6T, 5/6M, 3/4J

Wednesday: 1/2B, 1/2D

Thursday: 2/3S, 5/6T, 3/4ZR

Music

Monday: KS, 3/4J, 1/2D, 3/4ZR

Tuesday: K/1W, 5/6T, 4/5P

Wednesday: 1/2B, KSC, 5/6T, 5/6M

Friday: 1/2H, 2/3S



** Date Change**

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

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Twilight Markets

We had another fabulous Falconbridge evening last Friday night for our annual Twilight markets. The weather was kind to us until just after 8pm when the storm rolled in. But it could not dampen the spirits of the volunteers who put in a huge effort to make the markets another successful event for our school community. A big thank you to our P&C Twilight markets team for their continued effort and enthusiasm in planning and implementing the event, and fundraising for our school.

External Validation

Last week our school underwent an external validation process which measured our school performance against the 14 elements of the school excellence framework. Our school was validated by a panel consisting of a Principal, School Leadership and a Peer Principal. Our staff have worked hard to identify our evidence, annotate and analyse the evidence, and make judgements against the statements of excellence. This has been an intensive process and I would like to thank all the teachers for their ongoing commitment to our school and their professionalism. We received very positive feedback from the panel and it was a very affirming experience. There will be further information about this process in our 2018 Annual School Report.

Dogs on school grounds

I have recently noticed an increasing number of dogs being brought onto the school grounds.

It is timely to remind families that The Companion Animals Act provides that dogs are prohibited from school grounds whether they are leashed or unleashed. It is an offence which carries a penalty ranging from \$1,100 to \$11,000 depending on whether the dog is designated a dangerous breed or not. This does not apply to police, guide or assistance dogs.

This is a health and safety issue for all members of the community. Dog's behaviour can be unpredictable in noisy, busy environments and our school cleaners should not be cleaning up from our four-legged friends. In an effort to comply with the Companion Animals Act of NSW we request that you leave your dogs at home. If your family enjoys walking to school with their dog, please stop and say goodbye at the school gate.

<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-and-cats/responsible-pet-ownership-program/prohibited-areas-dogs>



School Attendance

Congratulations to the families who have made a great effort to have their children at school every day.

There is an area that the school can do better and that is getting to school on time each morning. The first few minutes in each classroom is very important for setting up the plan for the day's learning activities. Children do not have a positive start to the day if they walk in late and they miss the instructions for the first activity. Students are marked as absent on the attendance register if they walk in to the classroom after the rest of the class has entered. Mornings are considered prime teaching and learning time for classrooms and you can help by aiming for "In line, on time" each morning.

Arriving at school

We have some students who are arriving at school before our 8:25am bell. This bell signals that there is a teacher on duty to supervise students before school. Students arriving earlier than this are asked to sit near the canteen. This is to ensure their safety until a teacher is on duty. When the bell goes at 8:25am the teacher/s on duty will supervise students on the quad area until the 8:55am bell. If you need to drop your child to school before 8:25am we have an Out of School Hours (OOSH) service – Sherpa - on site, who may be able to assist you with care in the mornings. Please contact Sherpa for information.

Principal's Report Continued...

Award Morning Tea

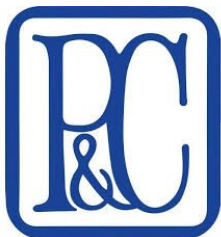
Congratulations to our Cub Award winners:

Term 4	Kaiya P - 3/4J	Abigail M - 3/4J	Roven R - 1/2D	Rebecca M - 3/4J
Week 3	Ella H - 1/2H	William J - KS	Alyssa G - K/1W	
Term 4	Harry W - 3/4ZR	Archie L - 4/5P	Felix M - 2/3S	
Week 4	Aryelle T - 2/3S	Amelia F - KS	Piper K - 2/3S	

New School Signage

We recently had our school signage updated to reflect our current logo and school colours.

Mrs Carol Frith
Principal



Message from the P&C

Thanks to everyone who was involved in the recent Twilight Markets. Although the weather wasn't in our favour it was still a fantastic event for our community. We will have all the paperwork and expenses finalised shortly and we should know the profit total from the night at our next P&C meeting. We do know that the 10kg of coins that were banked today were very heavy :)

Today students may have come home with their colour run prizes. Thank you to all those who helped with the event as well as collected donations. **Our school raised \$11,800** which will be a great contribution towards our school. Thank you to all the behind the scene work and for the group of ladies who spent a couple of hours today gathering prizes for distribution. The staff are currently working on Future Focused Learning and are currently compiling a list of resources required. They will be in touch with us when they require financial contributions towards this.

Don't forget that ice blocks are available on Friday lunchtime for 50c. YUM!

Our next P&C meeting is Monday 12th November and we encourage people to come along and get involved.

Have a great weekend.
Sarah Emmanuel - P&C President



On Thursday 1st November, Falconbridge Public School was lucky enough to host author, Jodie McLeod!

All classes took part in a reading and short workshop with Jodie. All stages provided her with interesting and relevant questions, which led to some fantastic and informative conversations!

Feedback from both staff and students was hugely positive, as was Jodie's experience at our lovely school!

Many students also took the opportunity to buy Jodie's book on the day. I'm sure it will be treasured for years to come!

(If you missed out, books can be purchased at <http://www.jodiemcleod.com/books.html>)

Thank you Jodie McLeod for visiting Falconbridge PS!

Mrs Capuyan



LIBRARY NEWS

KU FAULCONBRIDGE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

During the course of the year, Faulconbridge Public School has undertaken a huge clear out of our Big Books in the library.

We currently have a wide range of Big Books left in the library for classroom use but we had also accumulated many resources which were no longer suitable for our school.

We decided to offer these valuable resources to our neighbours, KU Children's Centre, Faulconbridge.

KU director, Renate, was delighted with the donations and is already seeing these Big Books being used in the programs running for the children at KU.

We are so happy to see our donations being utilised and cherished in another educational setting!

So are Renate and the staff and children at KU!

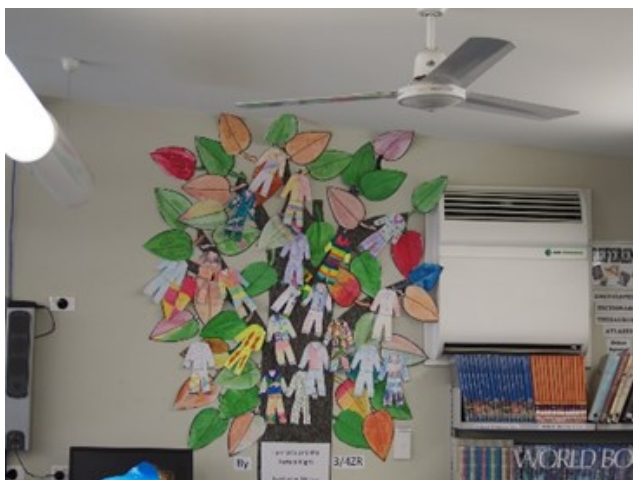
Mrs Jill Capuyan



Thank you parents and caregivers for your support of our Week 1 Book Parade!

The costumes, presentations, artwork and the turnout on the day were fantastic and both the staff and students had a wonderful time!

We were lucky with the weather and everyone really got into the spirit of the day!



Our Students at the 2018 Celebration Sing Out Concert

On Sunday 28th October, I had the pleasure of accompanying 15 Stage 2 choir students from our school to the Sydney Town Hall where they performed at the 2018 *Celebration Sing Out* Concert.

On Saturday they spent three hours rehearsing at Granville Public School for the concert. On Sunday they also rehearsed for the concert at the Sydney Town Hall, which took place later that evening. It was a long, tiring yet rewarding weekend.

After months of hard work it was fantastic to see them perform with pride and enthusiasm together with 500 other primary school students and 300 secondary student and adult choirs.

Our students were, as always, magnificent! Congratulations to all of them.

I would like to thank our conductors Mr Mal Hewitt and Mrs Gwen Blackwell for their tireless efforts with the students throughout the year. They helped produce another wonderful concert in one of Sydney's grandest venues.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to the parents of our students for their help and support leading up to and including the day of the rehearsal and evening performance. Without your generosity this experience would not have been possible for the children.

The choir were also very excited to spot our very own Mr Earl in the audience. We would like to pass on a special thankyou to him for giving up his Sunday evening to come along, watch and as always support our school choir.

All proceeds from this concert will once again be going to 'The Music Therapy Unit' at Westmead Children's Hospital. This will enable the music therapists to work with some very sick children suffering from different types of diseases such as cancer.

Music Therapy plays a significant part in a sick child's healing.



... is a wonderful addition in the lives of all children!

Yours Chorally
Dimitra Theoharis



I loved the concert because there was a very big audience and we all had our timing right for singing. Eliza B

I loved singing in the CSO and would love to do it again. Being part of an organisation that helps sick children made me really happy. I sat nearly in front of the ginormous organ and heard the noise blasting out of the enormous pipes. I recommend CSO to anyone who has a passion for singing whether you're in the audience or performing yourself. Lale Y



It was an honour witnessing the Stage 2 Faulconbridge choir as they delivered an astounding performance with the common goal of raising funds for the music therapy program at Westmead Children's Hospital. We were completely unprepared for the magic and moving energy that came along with hearing Faulconbridge perform on stage in such a grand setting. We are so deeply proud of not only our daughter but also our school and relentless dedication of our wonderful teachers. Deniz Y

We loved every minute of the concert. Thank you for giving the children the opportunity and a big thank you to you for all your time and commitment

Cassandra Palmer

This was our second year of CSO and we loved it as much as the first. Such a beautiful venue and experience for the children and a fantastic cause.

Kathy Balson

The Primary Choir sounded magnificent..... wonderful Ragazzi too.

Special thanks to Faulconbridge for the long trips you had to endure on rehearsal and concert days – you are heroic!

Thank you, Miss T for giving countless hours of your own time and your own musical skills and experience to give your young charges a priceless experience and opportunity that they will never forget. I know that music can heal, and that music changes the lives of our students for the better.

Mal Hewitt

Celebration Sing Out!

Another outstanding success for Faulconbridge Singers

This annual event in Sydney Town Hall presented our students with great opportunities and great challenges, but also resulted in great achievements:

- OPPORTUNITIES**
- To perform in one of Australia's greatest public halls, an example of the finest of Victorian architecture, built in sandstone by a young colony made rich by gold and wool
 - To sing with a magnificent pipe organ which, when completed in 1892 was the largest in the world
 - To sing in a choir 800 strong, made up of primary, secondary and adult singers (aged 8 to 80!)
 - To sing with an outstanding symphony orchestra made up of teachers, advanced students and professional musicians
 - To sing some of the greatest choral music, from classics like Danny Boy and You'll Never Walk Alone, songs by Paul Jarman and Harley Meade to Carmina Burana by Carl Orff.
- CHALLENGES**
- To learn AND memorize 13 songs in the program
 - To master the pronunciation of the Latin words, and memorize them
 - To keep turning up to morning practices at school at 8 am
 - To attend rehearsals on concert weekend – 3 hours at Granville on Saturday, 3 hours at Sydney Town Hall on Sunday, then perform on Sunday night
 - To maintain concentration throughout the hours of rehearsal and performance
- ACHIEVEMENTS**
- To produce the most beautiful sound heard from a Primary Choir in many years, perfect in tone and rich in quality
 - To maintain that sound quality when surrounded by secondary/adult choir, orchestra and organ
 - To stay awake and keep focussed during the many hours of rehearsal and performance
 - To give great joy and pleasure to a very enthusiastic packed house
 - To contribute to the work of Music Therapists, making a difference to the lives of sick children at Westmead Children's Hospital, to the tune of \$30,000

In my 40 years of conducting singers, young and old, in Sydney Town Hall and Sydney Opera House, the 2018 Celebration Sing Out will live in my memory as one of the finest.

HOWEVER, none of these opportunities, challenges and achievements for Faulconbridge could happen without the expertise, commitment, the dedication and the willingness to give countless hours of her own time of our incomparable Miss Theoharis. She has seen, as I have, the lives of students changed and enriched by these experience, so she keeps on doing it, but we must never take her generosity for granted.

Thank you, Miss T, for making a difference to the lives of thousands of Faulconbridge students over many, many years. It is my hope, as a Faulconbridge Dad, that you will keep doing it for many more.

Mal Hewitt
Musical Director, Celebration Sing Out

Dear Families/Carers,

You're invited to our next Community Communication Meeting on Monday the 26th November for a 7pm start.

The agenda for the evening is as follows:

- Discussion about the congestion relating to the lack of parking around the school
- Consultation around a streamlined communication plan for 2019
- Ethics volunteer training

Your attendance and input into important matters of our school is welcomed and appreciated. We value strong working relationships between staff and our community, as we work together to continually improve the educational outcomes of our students.

Please come along, have your say and enjoy a cuppa too!



Gateway Family Services

(An activity of Blaxland Uniting Church)

& Mountains Outreach Community Service

In Partnership presents...



Tuning In To Kids

Parenting Group

Emotional Intelligent Parenting

- o Learn how to
 - Be better at talking with your child
 - Be better at understanding your child
 - Help your child to learn to manage their emotions
 - Help to prevent behaviour problems
 - Help your child to manage conflict

Shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence, making & keeping friends, better concentration at school, able to calm down when upset or angry and tend to have fewer childhood diseases.



Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone.

Come along to our 6 Week Parent Group!

For parents and caregivers with children aged from 2 – 8 years old

LOCATION: Faulconbridge Public School
Grose Road, Faulconbridge

WHEN: Friday 2nd November –
7th December, 2018

TIME: 9:30am – 11:30am

COST: Donation

Register at Gateway: 1300 316 746

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE
- MUST BE BOOKED



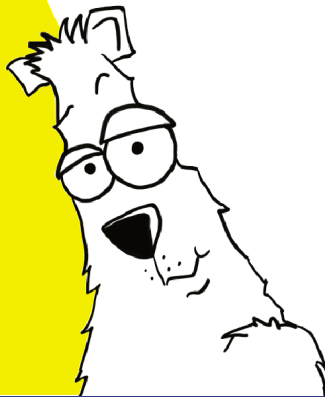
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PBL Award

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WEEK 4

Presented to:



3-6 Assembly

2/3S	Remy L	Demonstrating outstanding multiplication skills
2/3S	Andrew B	Demonstrating outstanding STEM skills
3/4J	Jackson W	Improvement in punctuation and editing skills
3/4J	Saxon L	Engaging positively in Poetry lessons
3/4J	Jack R	Taking on challenges in Mathematics
3/4J	Sian W	Taking her learning seriously and trying her best
3/4ZR	Lachlan B	Being a responsible and respectful learner
3/4ZR	Harry W	Excellent work during Poetry lessons
3/4ZR	Sarah Y	Always trying her best
3/4ZR	Winter M	Excellent work during Poetry lessons
4/5P	Jeremy K	Producing a great Rhyme Scheme in Poetry!
4/5P	Noah B	Displaying safe, respectful behaviour in the playground
4/5P	Ella H	Creating an excellent acrostic poem about the beach
4/5P	Jeremiah H	Displaying a thorough understanding in Science lessons!
5/6CT	Indigo L	Being a motivated and independent student with a great love of learning
5/6CT	Lucy E	Developing a positive attitude to all her learning and a keenness to always improve
5/6CT	Bailey S	Putting a great amount of effort into his learning in the past few weeks
5/6CT	Hunter P	Your great work in Maths and the enthusiastic manner in which you take on different challenges
5/6M	Sae B	Always being a respectful person
5/6M	Sienna G	Showing respect to all around her at all times
5/6M	Jessica M	Excelling in Mathematics lessons
5/6M	Mia S	Excelling in Mathematics lessons
5/6T	Tom E	Being a respectful student at all times
5/6T	Oscar M	Improvement in creative story writing
5/6T	Willow H	Her sensible and mature responses in discussions
5/6T	Nicole C	Always working enthusiastically in class



3/4J Pen Licence Awards

Rebecca M
Alina B
Evan L



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WORKSHOP

Blue Mountains Youth Choir presents..

French Songs

Fun and very French

Sunday
18th Nov 2018
1.30-4.30pm
Lawson Mechanics
Institute
Children ages 8-16
\$40

Register online at
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or phone 0409 602 016
by Nov 11



Student's work

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