

Learn to Live

Term 4, Week 10 (19th December, 2018)

Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

DECEMBER 2018

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| Wed 19 | Billy Cart Derby Talent Quest Showcase 12pm Yr6 Guard of Honour Last day of school for students |
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| Thu 20 | Staff Development Day |
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| Fri 21 | Staff Development Day |
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JANUARY 2019

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| Mon 28 | Public Holiday |
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| Tues 29 | Staff Development Day |
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| Wed 30 | First School Day Grades 1 to 6 Kindy Best Start Interviews |
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| Thur 31 | Kindy Best Start Interviews |
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FEBRUARY 2019

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| Fri 1 | Kindy Best Start Interviews |
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| Mon 4 | Frist Full School Day Kindy |
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| Tues 12 | Swimming Carnival @ Lawson Pools |
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| Fri 22 | Zone Swimming Carnival @ Glenbrook Pools |
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| Thu 28 | School Photo Day |
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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



- ◆ *RoboKids - Register & pay online (info in this newsletter)*
- ◆ *Stage 1, 2 & 3 Equipment lists (sent home with reports)*
- ◆ *School Band Enrolment Form (to be given out 2019)*
- ◆ *Stage 3 Camp- Milson Island 2019 (Deposit should have already been paid back on December 7th to secure your place)*
- ◆ *Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease Alert*

Assembly Dates

Fridays commencing 11.30am

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Share Our Space

Your school is a vital part of our community, and we want you to use it. During these upcoming holidays participating schools across NSW will be opening up their play areas for your enjoyment.

For more details visit schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

Tell us what you think about the Share Our Space program by visiting: goo.gl/iBv3x2

This pilot is an initiative of the NSW Government.



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



Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2019 Planning

Our preliminary planning for 2018 is underway. We will have composite classes in all stages and across stages also. At this stage, the staffing of classes is:

Early Stage One: Mrs Carter/Mrs Bridges, Miss Waddell, Mrs Johnston;

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Stage Two: Mrs Jansons, Mr Cleary, Mrs Zordoumis/Mrs Price, Miss Slawski;

Stage Three: Miss Slawski, Mr Thomson, Miss Theoharis, Mr Smith;

Learning Support: Mrs Bridges and Mrs Cottam;

Kitchen Garden: Mrs Langworthy;

Music RFF: Mr Earl;

Library: Mrs Capuyan/Mrs Rooney

In 2019 Mr McDonald is taking leave.

We would like to farewell Ms Paull and Miss Kidd and thank them for their work at our school. We know that the students and families appreciate their teaching and they will be missed. We wish them well as they take up new positions in other schools.

Celebration of Student Achievement

What a wonderful day we had at our Celebration of Student Achievement.

It was a time to recognise the accomplishments of students across the school and to acknowledge the active participation of our Year 6 students over the last seven years in the life of the school.

A big thank you to Mr Earl, Mr Thomson and the organising committee for planning and delivering such a well organised event.

It was a moment to shine for our Concert Band, Wind Orchestra, String Ensemble, Drumming group, Junior Choir and Senior Choir, who all performed with gusto.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and community members who came along to support our students.

But most of all thank you to the students. It was a long ceremony, and it was quite warm in the hall. The boys and girls were very well behaved and demonstrated respect for the award winners and the speakers at the microphone.

End of year processes and payments

At the end of the year there are many administrative processes that need to be undertaken. One of these is to chase up **outstanding fees**. This is particularly so for band, with the school currently out of pocket for 3,747.00. This money is used to pay the band tutors who give individualised tuition to students each week, to purchase the sheet music, and maintain the school band instruments. Fees need to be paid promptly to cover the expenses of running the band program for students.

We would appreciate all outstanding fees being paid as soon as possible.





Principal's Report Continued...

Primary Ethics information

A recent information sheet to parents about SRE (scripture) and SEE (ethics) classes incorrectly suggested it takes six months to train volunteer ethics teachers.

This is a misunderstanding. Primary Ethics has contacted the school to confirm that it takes just two days of workshop training, plus an hour or two of preparation work on their online learning portal to prepare for the workshop. Volunteers also require a Working with Children Check.

Please consider volunteering with Primary Ethics to teach if you'd like to see more ethics classes at the school – **classes can't take place without trained volunteers**. You can find more information on their website at <https://primaryethics.com.au> or turn to the last page of this newsletter.

Holiday Safety

As we approach the summer holiday season, it is timely to remember to be safe around waterways and pools. I have included a message from the Sydney Childrens' Hospital regarding water safety in this newsletter.

Road safety over the holiday season is important also, especially if new bicycles, scooters or skateboards are given as present. Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle, and if riding on the footpath be aware of driveways and cars reversing.

I hope that we all have a safe holiday season and return to school in 2018, happy and healthy.



Kids Can Drown Without a Sound!

Drowning is a leading cause of death for children under the age of five years. In NSW an average of 13 drowning deaths and 84 non-fatal drowning incidents occurred in children aged 0-17 years in the period 2002 to 2015. Non-fatal incidents can cause permanent damage to the child's brain, heart and lungs. Most parents think they will be able to hear if their child is drowning, but in fact it is very silent and quick.

The 'Kids Can Drown Without a Sound' campaign from Kids Health at The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network 'aims to raise water safety awareness and encourage families to take appropriate precautions when children are in or near water.

To help prevent child drowning:

1. Have a compliant pool barrier that is used correctly and maintained regularly
2. Adult supervision of children (within arm's reach) in and around water is essential
3. Teach children water familiarisation and swimming skills
4. Learn CPR and remember that any attempt is better than none at all

Recent research reveals that across all ages, people of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and newly arrived to Australia are at higher risk of drowning incidents. This is likely to be due to lack of familiarity with water activity and swimming ability in some people.

The 'Kids Can Drown without a Sound!' resources are available for download in 17 different languages from the Kids Health website: <http://kidshealth.org.au/inflatable-and-portable-pools> or printed copies for order free of charge from: <http://kidshealth.org.au/resources-order>

Award Morning Tea

Congratulations to our Cub Award winners:

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| Term 4 | Emily S - 4/5P | Kiah S - 4/5P | Ryan T - 5/6M |
| Week 9 | Kira P - 1/2D | Matthew C - 1/2D | Tyra L - 1/2B |

And finally...

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas, New Year and holiday.

Mrs Carol Frith - Principal





Building Australia's pipeline of Innovators and Problem Solvers

For those interested in the Robokids program being offered after school in 2019, please visit the link below to book.

The booking links for Robokids are below:

K-2 booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZRXM>

3-6 booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZR XR>

Share our Space

Schools are the heart of our communities and offer a range of quality recreational and play facilities.

Over the coming school holidays, the NSW Department of Education is rolling out a Program at 184 schools across the state, which will open up the playgrounds, ovals and sports fields for the whole community to enjoy.

Faulconbridge Public School will be participating in the program during these school holidays. Local members of the community will have access to our school oval via the Meeks Crescent gate.

The gates will be open between:

| School Holidays | Dates | Time |
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| Summer | 24 Dec 2018 - 25 Jan 2019 | 8am - 6pm |

A security guard will be in place to monitor safety and security, and gates will be locked at closing time each evening. As always, if you need to report a security issue at the school, you can call security 24 hours on 1300 880 021. For more information on this program, please visit schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au or contact us on 1300 482 651.



Year 6 Billy Cart Race



Gateway Family Services

Parenting Group Programs

Term 1, 2019



| Program | Date & Time | Location | Registration |
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| <p>Circle of Security</p> <p><i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0-12 year old.</i></p> | <p>Every Wednesday</p> <p>20th Feb - 3rd April</p> <p>7:00pm - 9:00pm</p> <p><i>* NO Childcare</i></p> | <p>Blaxland Uniting Church (Back Hall)</p> <p>70-76 Old Bathurst Road, BLAXLAND EAST</p> <p>(Onsite parking available)</p> | <p>Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)</p> |
| <p>Tuning In To Kids</p> <p><i>Emotionally Intelligent Parenting</i></p> <p><i>Learning to better talk & understand your child to help manage your child's emotions & behaviour.</i></p> | <p>Every Wednesday</p> <p>6th Mar - 27th Mar</p> <p>7:00pm - 9:00pm</p> <p><i>* NO Childcare</i></p> | <p>Penrith Church of Christ (Rear Hall)</p> <p>158 Stafford Street, PENRITH</p> | <p>Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)</p> |
| <p>1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching</p> <p><i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 2-12 year olds.</i></p> | <p>Every Monday</p> <p>18th Feb - 4th March</p> <p>9:30am - 11:30am</p> <p><i>* NO Childcare</i></p> | <p>Blackheath RSL</p> <p>Cnr Station Street & Bundarra Road, BLACKHEATH</p> | <p>Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)</p> |
| <p>Bringing Up Great Kids</p> <p><i>Learn about mindfulness & reflection, promoting positive interactions, the meaning behind children's behaviour and ways in which parents can take care of themselves & find support when they need it.</i></p> | <p>Every Thursday</p> <p>28th Feb - 4th April</p> <p>7:00pm - 9:00pm</p> <p><i>* NO Childcare</i></p> | <p>Lawson Community Pre-School</p> <p>16 Honour Avenue, LAWSON</p> | <p>Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)</p> |

For more information and Individual Flyers go to:

www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au or www.facebook.com/GatewayFS

Gateway family services parent group program is funded by DSS and NSW FACS.

Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parent groups to communities from St Marys to Blackheath.

Thanks to MMM for providing childcare for the Daytime groups.

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



KIDS CAN ACT – HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS JANUARY 2019

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT RATE

| MON 14TH JAN SPRINGWOOD | TUES 15TH JAN SPRINGWOOD | WED 16TH JAN SOUTH PENRITH | THURS 17TH JAN SOUTH PENRITH | FRI 18TH JAN SPRINGWOOD |
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| 8.30- 1.30PM The Magic Glasses | 9.00 -2.00PM The Day The Toys Came To Life | 9.00- 3.00PM Where On Earth Are We? 1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie | 8.30-2.30PM The Cake Shop 1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie | 9.00-2.00PM The Mystery Of The Secret Door |
| 1.30-5.00PM Mime It | 2.00-5.00PM Drama Fun 101 | | 2.30-5.00PM Puppetry | 2.00-5.00PM Storytelling Magic |
| MON 21ST JAN SOUTH PENRITH | TUES 22ND JAN SOUTH PENRITH | WED 23RD JAN SPRINGWOOD | THURS 24TH JAN SOUTH PENRITH | FRI 25TH JAN SPRINGWOOD |
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Bookings & info www.kidscanact.com.au Cathie 0414 475 158

*The owner reserves the right to cancel workshops if they do not have a viable number of children enrolled.

Norman Lindsay Gallery and Museum



All Day Holiday Art
Mon January 14, 2019

Clay modelling
10 - 12.30pm

Make a 3D model of an animal that you love while learning slab and pinch pot techniques! You can make it a mini tree house too



Shadow Puppets
1.30 - 4pm

Invent a character or choose one you know and learn how to make it into a puppet to tell a story. Have the show ready for pick up time!



Bookings essential Placement is by payment in advance
Suitable for kids 7 -12 yrs Cost: \$90 including materials.
Supervised lunch 12.30- 1.30 & free play incorporated during the day. Please bring your own snacks and lunch



NORMAN LINDSAY GALLERY and MUSEUM
14 Norman Lindsay Cres Faulconbridge
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**Ethics Classes at Faulconbridge
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Join an active and growing community in the Blue Mountains

Teach children *how* to think not *what* to think

An Ethics Teacher

- ☐ Engages children in learning about ethics
- ☐ Is a good listener with a genuine interest in helping young people
- ☐ Commits to teaching one class each week during school terms

Ethics Teachers undertake

- ☐ Police and Working with Children checks
- ☐ Full free training in Primary Ethics curriculum delivery
- ☐ Ongoing online training

We need more ethics teachers!

We have lots of students enrolled to do ethics classes.

PLEASE HELP!

Learn more and apply online **www.primaryethics.com.au**

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