

Learn to Live

Term 3, Week 4 (16th August, 2019)

Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

TERM 3 - August 2019

Mon 19	C.A.R.E.S. (Year 4)
Mon 19	P&C Meeting - 7pm in the Library
Tue 20	C.A.R.E.S. (Year 4) Triple P
Wed 21	Group A Kindy Transition
Tue 27	Triple P
Wed 28	Group B Kindy Transition
Wed 28	Fathers Day Stall
Thur 29	Book Parade

SEPTEMBER 2019

Mon 2 to Fri 13	Swim Scheme (FULL)
Tue 3	Triple P
Wed 4	Group A Kindy Transition
Fri 6	Zone Athletics Carnival @ BISP
Mon 9	Kindy Parent Evening Session 2
Wed 11	Group B Kindy Transition
Wed 18	Group A Kindy Transition
Tue 24	Triple P
Wed 25	Group B Kindy Transition

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



- ◆ Swimming scheme (Year 3) (FULL)
- ◆ District athletics carnival
- ◆ Community communication meeting
- ◆ 2019 Celebration Sing Out
- ◆ Year 6 Kindy photo
- ◆ 'Talk Soon. Talk Often' (Yr 5 & 6)
- ◆ Invitation - The Yarning Circle

Assembly Dates

**** NEW TIME ****

Fridays commencing 2pm

TERM 3

16th August K-6
23rd August K-2
30th August 3-6

School Activities Update



Kitchen Garden Classes - Term 3

Monday - 2/3C- 9:30am, 1/2H - 11:30am, 1/2G - 12:30pm, 1/2S - 2pm

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)

Tuesday: 2/3C, 3/4J, 3/4Z, 4/5S

Wednesday: KC, KW, K/1J, 1/2G, 1/2H, 1/2S, 5/6P, 5/6S, 5/6T

Library Days

Tuesday: 3/4Z, 3/4J, KW

Wednesday: 5/6S, 5/6P, KC

Thursday: 2/3C, K/1J, 5/6T

Friday: 1/2G, 4/5S, 1/2S, 1/2H



Music

Monday: KW, K/1J, 3/4ZP, 3/4J

Tuesday: KC, 5/6P, 1/2S, 4/5S

Wednesday: 2/3C, 5/6T, 5/6S, 1/2H

Thursday: 1/2G



Choir

3-6: Sopranos Tuesday 8:00am, Altos Thursday 8:00am in the Main Hall

K-2: 8:15am Thursdays in the Music Room

Grose Road, Faulconbridge NSW 2776

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Email: faulconbri-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Open Day/Grandparents Day

Thank you to everyone who came along today to celebrate Open Day and Grandparents Day. It was lovely to see the large number of visitors to our school, and many staff commented that the crowd was bigger than last year.

The weather was much better this week. Thank you for understanding our need to postpone the event until today. I hope you enjoyed visiting the classrooms, participating in games and activities, having a picnic lunch and attending the K-6 assembly.

Thank you to Mr Earl, Miss Theoharis and Mr Thomson and our school leaders for organising our assembly, which showcased the wind orchestra, primary choir and a drama performance from Stage 3. Also thank you to Miss Waddell and Mrs Carter for working with our Koori Club students, in presenting their response to the NAIDOC week theme of *VOICE, TREATY, TRUTH*.

Supporting one of our families

As you are probably aware, one of our families lost their house in a house fire last weekend. Many people have asked what we are doing to support this family. The best way to support this family is to donate to the Go Fund Me page that has been established. Please see the link below if you would like to help the family get back on their feet.

<https://www.gofundme.com/the-bayliss-family-house-fire-fund>

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

In September our school will be participating in a school readiness test for NAPLAN Online. Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be involved in a NAPLAN online trial this term (9th-20th September, 2019). The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability but is an opportunity for students to experience an online testing environment. It is also an important test of our school's network capacity. The readiness test will include two assessments for Year 5: a writing assessment and a combined literacy/numeracy assessment. Year 3 will only do the combined literacy/numeracy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes. NAPLAN Online has a public demonstration site which can be found at:

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

State and National Athletics representation

Congratulations to Zara Nicholas who represented Faulconbridge Public School, and Sydney West, competing at the 2019 NSW PSSA Athletics Selection Trials on the 8th August 2019 at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre.

Zara competed in the 11 Year Old Girls 100 Metre. She qualified 7th and came 8th in the final with a time of 14.07.

She also competed in the 11 Year Old Girls Long Jump and gained 2nd Place with a jump of 4.69m. This jump has qualified Zara to compete in the School Sport Australia Primary Schools Athletics Championships which will be held in Darwin from Wednesday 18 to Monday 23 September 2019. Well done Zara – we are very proud of you.

Springwood Art show

Thank you to all our students who entered the Springwood Art Show. There was a large number of entries from Faulconbridge PS. The art show judges awarded two winners, and two encouragement awards. The prize winners were William Ortega, Jasmine Vogel, Zara Nicholas and Lily Quinn. Congratulations to you all! Thank you to all the students who participated in the event.



Principal's Report cont'd

Students leaving school early

There are times when you may need to take your child out of school early to attend an appointment. It is always best to make appointments out of school hours however we understand that this is not always possible. Please go to the office to sign out your child. The office staff will page you child over our phone/PA system and have your child come to the office to be collected by you.

Equally, it is particularly important, especially on Open Days or at school events that we know who is collecting your child if they are leaving early. Only parents can sign out their children. If a grandparent, aunt, uncle, neighbour or friend is collecting your child we will need written permission from the parent to release the child into another adult's care. Please make sure that your child knows who will pick them up, and ensure the school receives your written permission prior to the event.

Starting School and 2020 planning

Starting school is a big adventure and our transition to school program has already started. Both Group A and Group B students have now had their first visit each. Our Year 5 Transition buddies did a wonderful job of helping everyone to feel comfortable and included. While there were some nervous moments (especially for the parents) the children all enjoyed their morning at school.

We are already beginning to plan for 2020. In particular we are trying to ensure we have accurate numbers of students in each grade. If you know of anyone who is planning to enrol at Faulconbridge Public School next year, please ask them to contact the school office as soon as possible so we can start the enrolment process. Also, if you are planning to move or leave our school please let us know as soon as possible so we can track our number of students in each grade for 2020.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones have become an important and invaluable part of our modern lifestyle. The school understands that there are times when possession of a mobile phone can provide a sense of safety and security while travelling to and from school.

Mobile phones are unnecessary during school hours as a method of communicating with students given the primary school setting. There are also concerns about the misuse of mobile phones in a school environment e.g. bullying, interruptions in class, distraction, inappropriate photography.

In general, students should not bring valuable items to school – as they can be easily lost or stolen, which is often distressing for a child. However, if a mobile phone is required for the reasons of safety for travelling to and from school the child will be required to deliver the phone to the School Office for safe keeping until the end of the school day.

CUB AWARD MORNING TEA:

Congratulations to our Cub Award winners for 2019:

Term 3 Week 3		Safe	Respectful	Learner
	K-2	William R -	Kaytlin M - 1/2H	Archie B - 1/2H
	3-6	Maisie C - 4/5S	Oscar T - 4/5S	Abbey W - 4/5S

Term 3 Week 4		Safe	Respectful	Learner
	K-2	Brady Z - KC	James D - KW	Marshall M - KW
	3-6	Kira P - 2/3C	Evan L - 5/6P	Brielle P - 4/S

Mrs Carol Frith
Principal



Year 6 Fundraising Committee

INVITATION



Day: Wednesday

Date: 28th August

Time: 3.15-3.45pm

Where: Library



Pedestrian Safety

We are all aware that Grose Rd is a very busy road, particularly at the start and end of the school day.

Recently, our crossing supervisor, Mr O has noticed that some parents and some children are taking risks by not crossing Grose Rd at the designated crossing. Children have been seen popping out from between parked cars further up the road.

In the interests of the safety of all - students, parents and motorists, please use the crossing, and please reinforce this expectation with your child/ren.





GOLDEN BEAR AWARD

Presented to:

TERM 3

WEEK 4

KC	Jayce W	Always being a safe, respectful learner in KC. Well done!
KW	Violet L	Always being a safe, respectful learner
K/1J	Penelope S	Being a safe and respectful learner
1/2G	Benjamin V	Consistently being a safe, respectful learner
1/2H	Elvis A	Always exhibiting the qualities of a safe, respectful learner!
1/2S	Ana K	Her outstanding effort in improving her writing. Well done!
2/3C	Roven R	Showing great focus and determination to complete all his work
3/4J	Lachlan B	Being inclusive of all 3/4J class members
3/4Z	Isabella B	Being a safe, respectful learner
4/5S	Patrick D	Being a respectful class member who is dedicated to learning
5/6P	Lily Q	Being a safe, respectful and creative learner
5/6S	Sahara A	Consistently being a safe, respectful learner
5/6T	Eliza B	Being a respectful learner at all times



3/4J Pen Licence Awards

Darcy G

2019 Communication Channels

In 2018 our school communities' team in consultation with staff and community members have reviewed communication processes and practices at our school. As a result of the feedback we have decided to streamline our communications between home and school. As communication is as only good as the receiver, we encourage all our families to engage with all of our communication channels for 2019.

Newsletter

- Fortnightly, (even weeks) will be sent via eNews, (see attached instructions to sign up for eNews)
- Paper copies will be available in the office
- Please read the newsletter each fortnight as it will include information regarding upcoming events, notes sent home, school timetable and activity updates as well as important general school information.

Website

- The school website will be used for organisational purposes that include a calendar of upcoming events, newsletters, whole school and stage notes, general school information, contacts and promotion

Notes

- All *whole school, stage* and *grade* notes will be sent home via a paper copy, on eNews and on the website.
- *Class notes* that are relevant to your child's class only will go home via Class Dojo and/or a paper copy will be sent home (please see your child's class teacher to sign up for class Dojo)



Facebook

- Facebook will not be used for organisational information. It will include photos of school events, achievements, reminders of upcoming and previously advertised events
- The school Facebook account does allow for community members to private message the school with questions.
- The school will respond to messages via Facebook between 9am and 4pm on school days. For emergency queries please contact the school on (02) 47 512208

Community Communication Meetings

- Will occur twice a year in the evening to inform about current events, learning programs and consultation. Invites will be sent home via eNews and the fortnightly newsletter.

Contact Us

- School email– faulconbri-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- To contact individual class teachers please email the above address and your email will be forwarded to the class teacher or sign up for class dojo for messaging
- Phone: (02) 4751 2208
- Facebook messenger (access via school Facebook page)
- If you require an interview with the class teacher please contact the school to arrange an appointment.

Launch of Celebration Sing Out, 2019

Faulconbridge Choir and Miss Theoharis will again be involved in Celebration Sing Out, the annual fundraising concert for The Children's Hospital at Westmead, on 27th October in Sydney Town Hall. Gordon Hewitt and Lily McNerny represented the school at the launch of this year's program, held at Westmead on Friday 2nd August, where they both spoke about what it means to be part of this special program, and had the opportunity to meet Amy Wallace, the Music Therapist employed with the funds raised by Celebration Sing Out 2018.

2019 will see the 27th annual Celebration Sing Out. These concerts have raised over \$500,000 to support programs to help sick children, mainly at Westmead, and funds raised at recent concerts have supported Music Therapy, now recognised as vital in the treatment of long-term patients. Faulconbridge Public School, and Miss T have participated in most of those 27 concerts, and we must pay tribute to Miss T's commitment to this program during her time at Faulconbridge. In 2019 we also celebrate 80 years since the first fundraising concert in Sydney Town Hall by NSW Public School students in 1939, supporting Polish refugees.

Mal Hewitt

Musical Director, Celebration Sing Out.



Gordon Hewitt speaking at the launch last week



Music Therapists Roxanne McLeod and Amy Wallace – Amy has been employed with funds raised at Celebration Sing Out 2018



Lily McNerny speaking at the launch last week

You're Invited

To Faulconbridge Public School's first ever Yarning Circle!!

Who: Anyone in our school and community interested in improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

When: Thursday the 22nd of August

Where: Meet on the quad straight after school and we will head to the Native Bush Garden, children welcome!

What: A light afternoon tea and an informal chat about what you think is important for your kids in regards to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education. Find out what we have been up to as a school with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education planning.

Why: As a school we believe in the importance and preservation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures.





Faulconbridge Public School will be holding our annual Book Parade on **Thursday 29th August**. (Week 6) We would love for our families and friends to come and join in the fun!

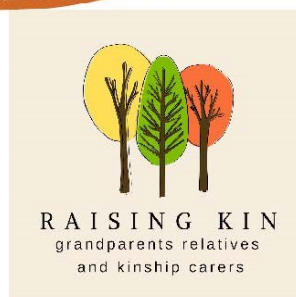
This year's theme is, "Reading is My Secret Power". We would love to see all our students dressed up accordingly! Costumes for the book parade can be inspired by this year's theme or by a character from your child's favourite book!

The parade will start at 12:30 at the Big Top (weather permitting). This will be followed by a reading picnic in the school grounds for recess. The Blackboard Café will be open for our visitors during the festivities.

Our picnic will be followed by a Book Week Book Forum for Stage Two and Three in the hall. Parents and friends are welcome to stay and attend. This will take place straight after our recess break.

We can't wait to see all our students (and teachers!!!) in costume!!!!

Jill Capuyan (Teacher Librarian)



2019

A support group

TERM 3 DATES

Raising Kin is a support group for grandparents, relatives and kinship carers who care for a child who is a relative. This group meet on the first Wednesday of the month during school terms. Come along to meet others who are the primary carers of a grandchild,

2019 Term 3 dates: WEDNESDAY August 7th & Sept 4th

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Venue: Tanderra OOSH, 14 Raymond Rd, Springwood

For more information and to RSVP please call

Jenny on 0450 001 393

Ground Floor, Community & Cultural Hub
108 Macquarie Rd, Springwood

P: 4751 3033

W: sncc.org.au



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Springwood & District Preschool Kindergarten

Open Day 2019

Saturday 31st August

10am to 1pm

Meet the staff and parents and see our extensive range of resources and high quality educational programs. We cater for the individual child and have highly competitive fees.

FOR MORE INFORMATION... Phone: 4751 3360

Email: admin@springwoodpreschool.org.au

www.springwoodpreschool.org.au



Penrith City Children's Choir

invites you to join its third project for 2019

Ancient Echoes

directed by

Lucy McAlary

Boys and girls (7 – 13 years)

Workshops: Sundays 2 and 15 September

Performance: Sunday 22 September

If you love to sing, please join us.

No auditions!

For further information contact the Administrator, Liz Strasser:
0418 202 849 or pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au



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SCHOOL BANKING

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 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.

School Banking day is **FRIDAY**. Each week you just need to give your bankbook to the banking ladies under the big top. Look for Pat the dog.

If you would like to know more about School Banking come see the banking ladies on **Friday morning between 8.30-9 under the big top**, or visit commbank.com.au/sch



TRIPLE P

TERM 3 2019

Come along to our 7 week parenting program.
For parents & carers with children aged 3-8 years.

Every Tuesday from 13th August—24th Sept. 2019
9.00 am to 10.45 am

Held at: Faulconbridge Public School, Grose Road
Bookings essential contact Liz on 02 4758 6811

The program will give you the tools to:

- Encourage positive behaviour from your child
- Deal positively and consistently with problem behaviour
- Take the stress out of parenting

TRIPLE P can also help to develop family relationships assisting children to reach their full potential



- Limited FREE child minding available—MUST BE BOOKED.
- Arrive 8.55 am to settle your children in; and
- Bring a nut free snack and a drink for your child.

THREATENED SPECIES DAY FREE EVENT

BLUE MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTRE

10AM - 2PM SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

TALK PROGRAM 10am - 2pm

10am Anne Carey - Blue Mountains Fauna Project

11am Akos Lumnitzer - The Powerful Owl

12pm Break

1pm Dr Beth Mott - Powerful Owl Program, Birdlife Australia

RSVP required at Cultural Centre Reception or 4780 5410

KIDS ACTIVITIES 11am - 2pm

Badge making, mask making, Threatened Species Day treasure hunt (library), temporary tattoos, education displays, show bags!

ECO - CINEMA 10am - 2pm

A collection of short films and documentaries about local environment and bushcare initiatives.

ENVIRONMENT MARKET 11am - 2pm

Get involved with the local organisations working hard to find solutions for pressing environmental issues!

ART & BOOK DISPLAYS 10am - 2pm

Tallulah Cunningham's 'Fragile Ground' with the Blue Mountains Swamps EEC and SOS Scientist, Deb Ashworth. This year's winning Waste to Art Sculpture 'Powerful Owl Nest' made by Branching Out & the Blue Mountains Community. Threatened Species book display in the library.



ARTWORK BY TALLULAH CUNNINGHAM FOR THE SAVING OUR SPECIES PROGRAM: <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/threatened-species/saving-our-species-program>