

Learn to Live

Term 3, Week 4 (14th August, 2020)

Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

TERM 3 - AUGUST 2020

Tue 18	IEP Meetings in the LST room
Wed 19	IEP Meetings in the Computer Rm
Mon 24 To Wed 26	Stage 3 Excursion/Camp POSTPONED

SEPTEMBER 2020

Mon 7	Extra Curricular Photo Day Kindy Transition 2021 Parent Information Evening 1 (main hall)
Thu 11	Transition Buddy Training Day
17—18 To 21—25	Mobile Dental Program
Fri 18	Kindy Transition Group A
Fri 25	Kindy Transition Group B

Principal: Mrs C Frith

Assistant Principal Stage 1: Mrs N Bridges

Assistant Principal Stage 2: Mrs K Jansons

Assistant Principal Stage 3: Mr P Earl

Enews Updates

- ◆ NSW Health Primary School Mobile Dental Program Information and consent pack
- ◆ Library note (KB, KC, K/1G)
- ◆ Newsletter - Term 3, Week 4 - 14th August

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED TO VISITORS

The Uniform Shop volunteers will fill online orders only and leave them at the office for collection. You can order via the following link: [Uniform Shop](#)

Assembly Dates

Fridays commencing 2pm

TERM 3

Postponed
until further notice

School Activities Update

Garden Classes - Term 3

Stage 1 - 2/3C, 1/2H, 1/2F, 1/2W

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, 3/4K, 3/4Z, 3/4S, 5/6P, 5/6S, 5/6T

Wednesday: KC, KB, K/1G, 1/2F, 1/2W

Thursday: 1/2H

Library Days

Tuesday: 3/4K, 3/4S, KB

Wednesday: 2/3C, KC, 5/6P

Thursday: 5/6S, K/1G, 5/6T

Friday: 1/2W, 3/4Z, 1/2F, 1/2H

Music

Monday: 5/6S, 5/6T, 5/6P

Tuesday: KC,

Wednesday: 2/3C, 3/4Z, 3/4K, 3/4S

Thursday: 1/2H, 1/2F, K/1G, KB, 1/2W

Choir

3-6: Sopranos Tuesday 8:00am to 8:15am Thursday 8:00am in the Main Hall

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



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Website: <http://www.faulconbri-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

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

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

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

COVID-19 update

We are continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation. We are hopeful that by complying with all the hygiene measures and current restrictions we will keep everyone safe and well at school. This includes restricting access for parents and non-essential adults to the school site and to school events.

Thank you to everyone who is complying with the physical distancing measures for adults by not coming onto the school site. If you need to come onto the school site, please phone the school office (4751 2208) and make an appointment with the staff member you wish to speak to.

Remember not to send your child/ren to school if they are unwell, even if they have mild symptoms. We will make appropriate arrangements to send students home if they become unwell during the school day. For this reason, please ensure that your contact details are up to date at the school office. This includes the emergency contact for your child if you are unavailable.

If you, your child or siblings are COVID-19 tested please let the school office know. When you call please let us know the date of testing and where the test was done. When you have a result please also let us know. This is important information for contact tracing if you receive a positive result.

School Website

If you haven't already seen our videos for Education Week last week, head to the website and take a look at all the things that have been happening at school. The videos are on the home page.

Check-in Assessment for Literacy and Numeracy

With NAPLAN being cancelled this year, the NSW Department of Education is giving us opportunity to do a check-in assessment later this term. The check-in assessment is an optional online reading and numeracy assessment for students in Years 3 and 5. The check-in assessments will supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. The check-in assessments are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. Each assessment consists of approximately 40 multiple choice questions. Students in year 5 will be doing the assessment in the coming weeks. Students in Year 3 will do their assessment at the end of term or early next term.

Mobile Dental

The NSW Health Primary School Mobile Dental Program is coming to Faulconbridge Public School on the following dates:

Thursday 17th September – Friday 18th September 2020

Monday 21st September – Friday 25th September 2020

Every child has the opportunity to have a free dental check at school. This is a joint initiative of the NSW Health and NSW Department of Education. This week an information package and consent form will be sent home for every student. Signed consent forms need to be returned by August 28th to be included in this program. Please note that a separate form is required for each child (siblings can't be on the same form).

All NSW Health staff will be compliant with COVID-19 protocols and will be wearing gloves and masks when interacting with students. This is a great opportunity as children up to the age of 18 are eligible for free dental checks through NSW Health.

Principal's Report cont'd

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.

Updating Contact Details

If you have recently moved residence or updated to a new mobile number, please contact the school office to update your contact details. It is important that our contact information is current in case of an emergency.

2021 planning

We are already beginning to plan for 2021. 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 from our school intake area or leave our school, please let us know as soon as possible so we can track our number of students in each grade for 2021.

Road and Bike Safety

"A member of our school community has contacted the school regarding students and adults riding bicycles on the footpaths near the school and a lack of consideration shown to pedestrians. Students under the age of 10 should not be riding to and from school unless they are under the supervision of an adult.

Footpaths

Since 23 July 2018, children under 16 years of age are allowed to ride on a footpath (increased from children under 12 years of age). Allowing children under the age of 16 on the footpath will help keep them safe until they have the skills, decision making and knowledge of the rules to ride safely on the road.

An adult rider who is supervising a bicycle rider under 16 may also ride with the young rider on the footpath. Children aged 16 or 17 can ride on the footpath, when accompanied by a child under 16 and a supervising adult.

When riding on a footpath, riders must keep left and give way to pedestrians.

For more information on how to stay safe when riding on the footpath, see our [Safe Riding Tips](#).

Helmets

The helmet laws for cyclists of all ages in NSW help prevent head injuries and brain damage from falls and crashes. The Road Rules state that a bicycle rider on roads and road-related areas must wear an approved bicycle helmet securely fitted and fastened. This applies to all bicycle riders, regardless of age, including children on bicycles with training wheels and any child being carried as a passenger on a bike or in a bicycle trailer.

Bicycle Safety Flier:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/media/documents/29450_Ride-a-bicycle-Safely.pdf

Principal's Report cont'd

Cub Award Morning Tea

Congratulations to our Cub Award winners for 2020:

	K-2	3-6
Term 3	Jaxon F - K/1G	Ella P - 3/4K
Week 3	Kaytlin M - 1/2W	Flynn P - 2/3C
	Amelie A - 1/2W	Taylor M - 5/6S

	K-2	3-6
Term 3	Jaxon F - K/1G	Kira P - 3/4K
Week 4	Luke K - KB	Jeremy H - 3/4Z
	Mae B - 1/2F	Jacob O - 2/3C

Mrs Carol Frith
Principal

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year


and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight


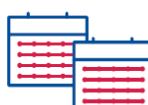
= **4** weeks



= Over **1** year missed

1 day per week


= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed

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NSW Health Primary School Dental Program

NSW Health is working with public primary schools to offer free dental check-ups and preventive care to students as part of a school-based mobile dental program. Your child's school has been selected to participate in this program.

The program involves a mobile dental team making scheduled visits to your child's primary school. During the first appointment a dental check-up and preventive care package will be provided, subject to parental consent.

NSW Health prioritises the health, well-being and safety of your staff and students. The program will utilise all available information provided by NSW Health, the Australian Government and the World Health Organisation (WHO) in relation to COVID-19. Our staff have implemented and reinforced a number of additional, proactive health and safety measures to ensure we can continue to provide your students with the best and safest experience possible. This will include NSW Health staff completing a temperature screen of your child prior to their dental examination.

The program is scheduled to visit your child's school from 17th September to 25th September.

Parent Information and Consent Packs will be sent home, including information sheets, consent forms and the program privacy statement. Parents/guardians who want their child to receive care are advised to:

1. Read all the information provided
2. Carefully complete the consent forms
3. Return the consent forms to the school as soon as possible

More information about the program is available on the NSW Health website:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/primaryschool dental/Pages/default.aspx>



**Brush your teeth
morning and night**



**Eat more
fruit and veggies**



**Choose water
as a drink**



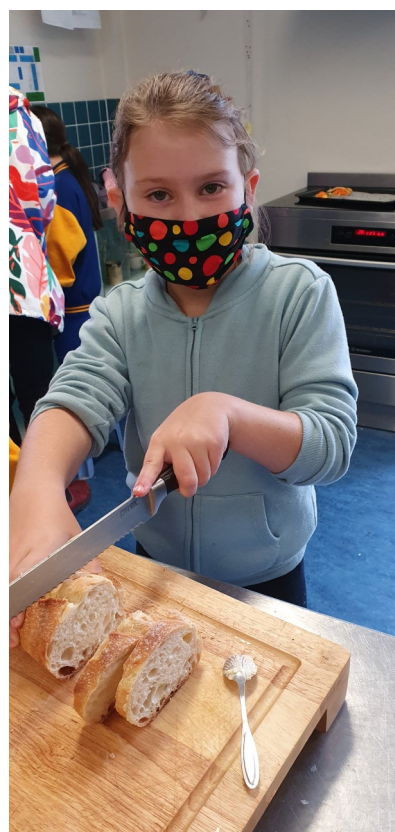
**Have a regular
dental check-up**

kitchen garden



Stage 1 have been having fun in the kitchen this term with cooking with vegetables grown in our school garden. We have been growing different varieties of silverbeet, lettuce and edible flowers. This week, we made vegetable sausage rolls which was a big hit with the students (and staff), making puff pastry from scratch. Our science lessons include what the benefits are of eating seasonal food, why fresh is best and how to use what is growing right now. The students enjoy tasting these science experiments too!

Big thank you to Mrs Henderson and her Mum, Mrs Vamos for making the wonderful masks for students to use during cooking classes to continue to keep everyone healthy and safe. If you would like to donate a gold coin donation to cover costs of the kitchen classes, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Supporting children & young people to cope

Free Wellbeing Webinar

Join Australian Red Cross for a free webinar on supporting children and young people in these tough times.

Are you a parent, carer or grandparent?

Whether because of drought, the Black Summer fires or COVID-19, supporting children and young people has been particularly challenging in recent times. This session will provide information, advice and tips on ways to support children and young people. Ask questions, understand common reactions and signs of stress, and get practical tips of parenting through uncertainty.

Expert Natalie Fraser, psychologist and mother of two, has worked with children, young people and families for 25 years. She has extensive experience working with families in crisis and recovery in both rural and metro areas.

The webinars are free but limited to 500 attendees so register by clicking on your preferred webinar time:

- **Wednesday 26th August 6.30pm – 7.30pm**
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IXxc-NeVTamsRW8Gf_VDaw
- **Thursday 27th August 12.30pm – 1.30pm**
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k18mfmp8RT-kblOuCu3y4g

Can't join us? Recordings will be made available at

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpv0zJJmafLdtuxMkpMWiWdT1KCWYPU6F>

Any problems registering please contact recovery@redcross.org.au



Gateway Family Services
Term 3, 2020
Parenting Programs Summary



Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will be offering the following ONLINE programs in Term 3.

To register please phone: 1300 316 746 or 4720 6500.

**** RESTRICTED NUMBERS****

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching <i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour.</i> <i>Suitable for parents with 2 -12 year olds.</i>	Every Thursday 3rd - 24th Sept 10:00am - 11:30am
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching <i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour.</i> <i>Suitable for parents with 2 -12 year olds.</i>	Every Tuesday 25th Aug - 15th Sept 7:30pm - 9:00pm

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.



Mental Health & Wellbeing

A SPACE FOR CREATIVITY AND SUPPORT



Focus Group

COVID has brought many challenges to everyone's mental health and wellbeing. It has never been more important to have support networks and strategies to help. Here at SNCC we want to be able to offer you the support and connection you need during these unusual times and we need to know what works and what doesn't.

Come along to this focus group to help shape the direction of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Support Group.

When: **Wednesday September 2nd 2020**

Where: **The Hub, Meeting Room 1**

Time: **1:00pm-2:30pm**

RSVP: **Due to COVID room restrictions we will need to take RSVP's to ensure compliance. Please call 4751 3033. If you have any questions ask for Imelda.**

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Springwood Neighbourhood Centre

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Kids Say Street Libraries



Kids Say is a dedicated space on Council's **Blue Mountains Have Your Say** website, where kids (5-12 years) can take part in surveys and give feedback on matters that concern them. Council will use this input to inform decision-making.

Street Libraries are homes for books that kids can borrow, read and return.

For more information and to get involved go to
yoursay.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/kids-say

COVID-19 pandemic restrictions may affect when these Street Libraries will be installed.

