

Learn to Live

Term 3, Week 6 (28h August, 2020)

Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

Term 3 SEPTEMBER 2020	
Mon 7	Extra Curricular Photo Day
Thu 11	Transition Buddy Training Day
17—18 21—25	Mobile Dental Program
Fri 25	Last day of Term 3

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

- ◆ Dental envelopes due Friday
- ◆ Last week to enter your books for the Premier's reading challenge
- ◆ Student absence COVID-19 flowchart for parents and caregivers
- ◆ Updated COVID guidelines for Term 3

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, Altos Thursday 8:00am in the Main Hall
K-2: 8:15am Thursdays in the Music Room

Postponed
until further notice

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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,

SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) Recognition

Every day of the school year SASS staff face new challenges in the running of our public schools and the provision of the quality education which our children will need for life during this century. They are constantly adapting to change so that our children can have the best education possible. SASS staff are a dedicated group of professional workers who are often overlooked in the school setting. This year more than ever whether they work in the office, the library, the classroom or the school grounds, all our SASS staff have played an important role through the COVID-19 pandemic. I would like to personally thank them for their tireless efforts to ensure our school and our students have been well supported.

Recognition Week gives the whole school the opportunity to demonstrate to SASS staff that they are valued members of the school community. Please individually take the time this week to thank them for the high level of dedication they give to their work. Our dedicated SASS staff are:

Name:	Position:
Roz Niemann	School Administration Manager
Julie-Ann Thorndike	School Administration Officer
Kimberly Rayner	School Administration Officer
Karen Scaramuzzi	School Administration Officer
Annette Reynolds	School Learning Support Officer
Benita Henderson	School Learning Support Officer
Wendy Wood	School Learning Support Officer
Sophie Holloway	School Learning Support Officer
Sally Curteis	School Learning Support Officer
Glen Purdy	General Assistant
Margaret Hogan	Cleaning Staff
Jina	Cleaning Staff

Band Fees

While current COVID-19 restrictions are limiting band rehearsals, we are continuing to offer music tutorials for all band members. Our band fees cover the employment and payment of the band tutors, purchase music and instruments, as well as maintain instruments that are hired so they are in good working order for the students.

A big thank you to the parents who have paid their band fees for last semester and for this semester. You may not realise that the band program costs about \$30,000 each year to run. In comparison to private music lessons our band fees are quite modest, especially when you consider the calibre of our band tutors. Mr Earl spends a large amount of time organising and coordinating the band program. It wouldn't happen at all without Mr Earl, his energy, enthusiasm and passion for providing students with quality musical opportunities at school. It also happens with the support of parents paying fees in a timely manner.

Due to the costs involved, students may not be able to continue with band if fees are not paid. We cannot pay for band tutorials if fees are not paid. If there is any difficulty in paying band fees please contact Mrs Frith or Mr Earl to organise a payment plan.

The Tell them from Me survey

Tell Them From Me is an online survey system devised by The Learning Bar that helps schools capture the views of students, teachers and parents.

The Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has engaged The Learning Bar to offer its **student** feedback survey, its *Focus on Learning* **teacher** survey and its *Partners in Learning* **parent** survey to NSW government schools. This is a great opportunity to engage with school and your quality feedback is highly valued. Our community team will be using the data from all three surveys to continuously improve our school. Please see the information later in the newsletter.



Principal's Report cont'd

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 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.

School Community Charter

The school community charter has as its focus:

Collaborative – working in partnership to promote student learning;

Respectful – treating each other with respect and fairness;

Communication – communicating in a positive and constructive manner.

Respectful communication is a right in all workplaces. Staff have a right to feel safe and respected at work. Every member of staff in our school works hard to ensure all students are known, valued and cared for. Occasionally, we receive communication that can be interpreted as aggressive or even dismissive of the effort that our teachers and other staff members go to for the students. I am always concerned for the wellbeing of my staff when this happens. Every member of staff comes to school each day to focus on teaching and learning. Issues arising from communications received have the potential to move the focus away from the students and the learning program. I would request that if there is a problem or complaint that you make an appointment with the teacher, an assistant principal or myself and have a conversation. Most issues can be dealt with through collaborative, respectful communication.

Attendance at school

Parents must ensure students attend school every day the school is open for their instruction. If a student is absent please provide an explanation for the absence by means such as a telephone call, written note or email to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Attendance at school is promoted when parents work in partnership with the school to plan and implement strategies to support regular attendance at school, including communicating with the school if they are aware of issues impacting on their child's attendance or engagement with school.

In line with our current COVID-19 guidelines, please keep your child/ren at home if they have mild cold or flu symptoms and get a COVID-19 test done. They can return to school when we have a copy of the negative test result (screen shot) and they are symptom free.

Cub Award Morning Tea

Congratulations to our Cub Award winners for 2020:

Term 3 Week 5	K-2	3-6
	Archie G - KC	David S - 2/3C
	Cove D - K/1G	Miah T - 5/6S
	Cameron S - 1/2F	Gemma W - 5/6S

Term 3 Week 6	K-2	3-6
	Henry C - 1/2W	Abbey T - 3/4SP
	Max L - 1/2F	Saxon L - 5/6P
	Jayce W - K/1G	Sarah Y - 5/6S

Mrs Carol Frith
Principal

COVID-19 Update

We have received some updated guidance for schools and families regarding students and staff who are unwell with flu-like symptoms, that you may find helpful. If you have further questions now or in the future please do not hesitate to contact the school or check the Department of Education Advice for Families webpage:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

- Students should only return to school when they have received a negative COVID-19 test result and their symptoms have resolved. Confirmation of the negative COVID-19 test result must be received and sighted by the school. Negative test results are communicated by NSW Health through SMS notifications.
- Schools are not required to obtain a paper based written report of the test results from parents. Parents should be advised they only need to request an SMS from the provider as evidence which they can then share with the school. These can be emailed to the school at faulconbri-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste, and loss of smell), even mild symptoms, should not be at school.
- If, after testing negative, the person has ongoing symptoms which persist beyond 10 days, the person (staff or students) should arrange to see their doctor. The medical assessment should consider whether the symptoms are typical for that person (for example seasonal, allergic rhinitis), and provide documentation for the school if this is the case.
- If there are new symptoms at any time, the person should be tested again. Isolated incidents of sneezing or coughing may not indicate that a student is suffering from an illness. Staff will talk with students about how they are feeling to determine if a cough/sneeze is an isolated incident or whether the student is unwell. Where a student is unwell arrangements should be made to send them home.

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.



Transport Access Program

Faulconbridge Station Upgrade

Project update

September 2020

Upcoming work in September

Construction on the Faulconbridge Station Upgrade is progressing well, with lift shaft excavation and toilet upgrade work continuing throughout August. Construction activities in September will include:

- upgrading the footpath near the lift work area on the Great Western Highway
- upgrading the footpath between the footbridge and the Railway Avenue commuter car park
- concreting work and installing steel structures for the two lifts
- installing electrical services and concrete work on the platforms
- upgrading the existing male bathroom on the platform.

Equipment to be used during this work will include excavators, compactors, mobile lighting towers, mobile cranes, elevated work platforms, delivery and concrete trucks, power and hand held tools.

Night work – Tuesday 1 September to Friday 4 September 2020

To maintain safety and avoid disruption to the bus stop near the lift work area on the Great Western Highway (westbound), night work will be carried out between **8pm and 5am** from **Tuesday 1 September until Friday 4 September 2020, weather permitting**.

This will allow footpath upgrade work to be completed near the lift on the Great Western Highway side of the station. The footpath will be reopened during the day for use. For the safety of workers, there will be a temporary lane closure on the Great Western Highway (westbound) during this work. Traffic control and signage will be in place to help pedestrians and motorists with these temporary changes.

We will also work over two nights (between 8pm and 5am) to replace a two-metre segment of concrete footpath between the Railway Avenue commuter car park and footbridge. Pedestrian access will be maintained from the footbridge to the commuter car park via the stairs.

Weekend work – Saturday 12 September to Sunday 13 September

Work will be carried out continuously from **6am Saturday 12 September until midnight on Sunday 13 September 2020** during a scheduled Sydney Trains trackwork weekend when trains are not operating.

Weekend construction activities include installing scaffolding, installing electrical services and concrete work on the platforms. The construction equipment will be positioned as far away from residential areas as possible with regular respite periods during noisy work.

There will be a temporary lane closure on the Great Western Highway (westbound) during this work. Traffic control and signage will be in place to help pedestrians and motorists with these temporary changes. The footbridge will remain open to pedestrians.

Please visit transportnsw.info or call **131 500** for information about replacement buses during this time.

For more information call **1800 684 490**,

Email projects@transport.nsw.gov.au or visit www.transport.nsw.gov.au/faulconbridge

For urgent enquiries or complaints regarding construction activities, please call 24 hours **1800 775 465**

Temporary traffic changes – Great Western Highway

Throughout our work, there may be occasional temporary traffic changes on the Great Western Highway near Faulconbridge Station, including single lane road closures to accommodate large vehicles undertaking construction work and to enable concrete work at the Great Western Highway lift work area.

Subject to approval, from mid September until end of the year, we may receive intermittent delivery of steel from a large delivery truck using the Great Western Highway (westbound) between **Monday and Friday from 10am and 2pm**. Traffic control and signage will be in place to help pedestrians and motorists with the temporary traffic changes.

Temporary access changes – between footbridge and commuter car park

From Monday 14 September 2020, work to upgrade the ramp between the footbridge and Railway Avenue commuter car park will begin. The first stage of work (September and October 2020) will involve creating a temporary work area by installing fencing, constructing a temporary ramp, installing tree protection zones and relocating the kiss and ride parking space (by one car length). Pedestrian and vehicle access will be maintained at all times. Directional signage will be in place to help pedestrians and motorists with these temporary changes.

Toilet closure

The existing male toilet on the platform will remain closed for refurbishment and is expected to re-open in October 2020. Please use the alternative toilet on the platform.

Standard construction hours

Our construction hours are now 7am to 6pm every day, including public holidays. We understand extending construction hours to weekends and public holidays may cause disruption for the community but all efforts will be made to minimise impacts where possible and ensure strict environmental conditions relating to noise, vibration and dust management are adhered to.

Keep in touch

If you would like to be added to the project distribution email list, or for more information on the Faulconbridge Station Upgrade, please contact us on **1800 684 490** or email projects@transport.nsw.gov.au. For all urgent enquiries or complaints regarding construction activities, please call our 24-hour Construction Response Line on **1800 775 465**. Thank you for your patience as work continues on important transport infrastructure across NSW.

Italian

Il presente documento contiene importanti informazioni sulle iniziative nel campo del trasporto pubblico nella vostra zona. Se desiderate i servizi di un interprete, contattate il Servizio traduzioni e interpreti al numero 131 450 indicando di voler parlare con Transport for NSW al numero (02) 9200 0200. L'interprete vi aiuterà a condurre la conversazione telefonica.

Spanish

El presente documento contiene información importante sobre proyectos de transporte público en su área. Si requiere los servicios de un intérprete, llame al Translating and Interpreting Service al 131 450 y pídale que llamen a Transport for NSW, teléfono: (02) 9200 0200. Luego el intérprete le ayudará con la traducción.

Greek

Το παρόν έγγραφο περιέχει σημαντικές πληροφορίες σχετικά με δημόσια έργα μεταφορών στην περιοχή σας. Αν χρειάζεστε τις υπηρεσίες διερμηνείας, παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε με την Υπηρεσία Μεταφράσεων και Διερμηνείας στο 131 450 και ζητήστε τους τηλεφωνήσουν στις Συγκοινωνίες στη ΝΝΟ στο (02) 9200 0200. Ο διερμηνέας θα σας βοηθήσει στη συνέχεια με τη μετάφραση.

German

Dieses Dokument enthält wichtige Informationen über die Planung der öffentlichen Verkehrsmittel in ihrer Umgebung. Falls Sie einen Dolmetscher benötigen, wenden Sie sich bitte an die Dienststelle für Übersetzer und Dolmetscher unter der Nummer 131 450 und bitten diese Transport for NSW unter der Nummer (02) 9200 0200 anzurufen. Ein Dolmetscher wird Ihnen dann mit dem Übersetzen des Texts helfen.



This document contains important information about public transport projects in your area. If you require the services of an interpreter, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450** and ask them to call Transport for NSW on **(02) 9200 0200**. The interpreter will then assist you with translation.

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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**

NSW Department of Education

Refill your water bottle here

Reminder. Please ensure
that your child brings a
drink bottle to school
each day.



Don't drink straight from a water bubbler



Come and play SOFTBALL with Blue Mountains!

Rego days!
Sun 30th August
Sun 13th September
10am - 1pm
Lomatia Park
Springwood

Family friendly and fun
for all ages, 4 to 94!

Season commences Sat
10th October 2020

Register online today!
Google Blue Mountains
Softball or call 0403 166 207



LOVE LOCAL Lessons

These school holidays don't miss Love Local Lessons!



Watch eight free, online tutorials for both adults and children, featuring local talent such as Head Coach of the Young Matildas and Future Matildas Leah Blayney, hula-hooping superstar Suzy Spindoll, 8 Things chef Misha Laurent, and Pinot & Picasso's Brock Waugh.

- Soccer Skills: Beginner
- Circus Skills: Hula Hooping
- Cooking Beef Burgundy
- Soccer Skills: Intermediate
- Circus Skills: Juggling
- Painting The Three Sisters
- Soccer Skills: Advanced
- Circus Skills: Poi

Each video is available at:
bmcc.nsw.gov.au/love-local-lessons



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

Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 2-12 year olds.

Every Thursday

3rd - 24th Sept

10:00am - 11:30am

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching

Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 2-12 year olds.

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.



Dear Parents and/or Carers,

Please help us by letting us know what we are doing well and what we can do better in our school.

Click on this link <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/8v8mr> to complete the annual 'Tell Them From Me' parent survey. All responses are anonymous and provide the staff with valuable feedback.

We thank you for your ongoing commitment and support in our shared role of educating our students.

The 'Our Community' team.

Kitchen Garden:

We have an issue in the garden with cockatoos eating our seedlings but thankfully our students are the best problems solvers! For our science project this term, we have been brainstorming, designing and building scarecrows for the garden. With new confidence that our plants will grow under Marco Polo's protection, we planted pumpkin, zucchini, lettuce and radish seeds.



In the kitchen, they have been cooking up a storm with delicious pumpkin scones and healthy lemonade. Thank you so much for the donations of lemons and homegrown pumpkin. We really appreciate your support. Once again, thank you to Mrs Henderson and Mrs Vamos for the masks. With stricter procedures and safety measures in place, we have been able to have kitchen cooking classes this term. If you would like to contribute and donate a gold coin donation to cover costs of kitchen classes, we would be very grateful. Thank you :)

