

Learn to Live

Term 3, Week 10 (25th September 2020)

Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

Term 4 - OCTOBER

Mon 12 Oct	First day of Term 4. Students and staff return.
Fri 16 Oct	Athletics Fun Day (students only) (Yr 3-6)
Wed 21 Oct	Book Week
Fri 23 October	Athletics Fun Day back up day (students only) (Yr 3-6)

Term 4 - NOVEMBER

Tue 10	C.A.R.E.S - Year 4 only
Thu 12	C.A.R.E.S - Year 4 only Book Fair starts
Wed 25	Book Fair Ends

Term 4 - DECEMBER

Wed 16 Dec	Last day of Term 4
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Reminder. Please ensure that your child brings a **drink bottle to school each day.**

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

- ◆ Athletics Fun Day (3-6) and Year 2 students turning 8 in 2020 who wish to participate
- ◆ Mufti Day - Year 6 Gift Fundraiser
- ◆ P&C Fundraiser - Gingerbread House Orders

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](#)

School Activities Update

Garden Classes - Term 4

Early Stage 1 - KB, KC, K/1G

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



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

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tell them from me survey

I would like to thank all the parents and community members who have completed the recent Tell Them From Me survey. Community consultation is highly valued at Faulconbridge Public School and we thank you for your input. To date 62 parent and community surveys have been completed which shows our school community is keen to engage with the school and give feedback. The results will be analysed next term and help us with our end of school planning cycle evaluations and our planning on how to move forward in the next cycle. If you haven't yet had a chance to complete this survey you may click on the link below which will take you to the survey page.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/8v8mr>

Staff Award

This week Mrs Harrison received a School Performance Excellence Award from the Regional North Operational Directorate. This was to acknowledge the amazing work Mrs Harrison did through the home learning period earlier this year. Among the many tasks during home learning, she created a private youtube channel that took our Stage 1 students through synthetic phonics lessons while working from home. Additionally, Mrs Harrison organised, compiled and uploaded countless photos of our students and teachers to design a virtual Easter Hat Parade which was important to maintaining our community connection through a challenging time. This prestigious award was well deserved by Mrs Harrison and it is heartwarming to see one of our teachers acknowledged in this way.

Fundraising

Thank you to all of our students and families who supported today's fundraising event by wearing your sport mufti clothing and donating a gold coin to the Year 6 end-of-year gift. There has not been a lot of opportunity for the current Year 6 to fundraise this year so your continued support is needed and very much appreciated. The total of today's fundraiser will be reported early next term.

Bus travel and Opal cards

This is a friendly reminder that all students catching the bus to and from school are expected to tap on and top off using their Opal card. This is important as the data collected is used to allocate bus services to our school. If your child catches the bus, please assist us in ensuring that they have their Opal card ready for travel. If you need to update your address or get a new opal card please click on the link below which will take you to the Opal card website. The process to update your address or and get a new card is quite simple and will only take a few minutes.

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/home#/>

Please see the Code of conduct for students travelling on buses in NSW (below). It clearly states the expectation that students tap on and off when boarding and leaving the bus. We thank you for your support in ensuring your child has a valid Opal card.



Principal's Report cont'd

Bush fire season

Bush fire season generally operates from 1st of October through to the 31st of March. Our school is currently preparing for the Bush fire season by reviewing all our procedures to ensure everybody will be kept safe in the event of a Bush fire.

Parents and community members can do their part by ensuring they have the school eNews app downloaded on your smartphone. During a Bush fire emergency we endeavour to make regular Bush fire updates via the app. Downloading and checking the RFS fires name me app which is also free for smartphones also assists with getting the most up-to-date information. During term four we will enact a Bush fire drill to check all our systems are in place.

Please refer to the instructions later in the newsletter to install the free eNews app on your phone.

Holiday Mindfulness

I'd like to wish all our students and families a peaceful and relaxing break for the next two weeks. Term times can be very busy and sometimes we forget to take the time needed to keep our minds happy and healthy. Please take care of each other and find some time to connect as a family and among friends. Taking a bushwalk, sitting in the garden in this glorious Spring weather or meeting a friend at the park are activities that support our wellbeing. Whatever your family decides to do, make it count! I look forward to hearing about your endeavor's when we all return to school on Monday, 12th October.

Term 4 Restrictions

The Department of Education has recently released Term 4 guidelines in regard to COVID-19 restrictions. In summary,

Things that will stay the same:

- Parents are still not permitted to enter the school without a prior appointment
- Singing/chanting still to be avoided
- P&C meetings are to remain online
- Stage cohort mixing is still to be avoided
- Whole school assemblies are not to exceed 15 minutes

Things that will change:

- Interschool visits will be permitted with a COVID safe plan.
- Transitions to high school and kindergarten can proceed with strict guidelines
- Excursions can recommence
- Opportunity Class test has been rescheduled to the 18th November

If you would like to look at these guidelines in closer detail, click on the link below.

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

Cub Award Morning Tea

Congratulations to our Cub Award winners for 2020:

Term 3 Week 9	K-2	3-6
	Luke K - KB	Molly M - 3/4Z
	Mady W - 1/2F	Cameron D - 3/4Z
	Ashton D - 1/2H	Lilah A - 3/4S

Term 3 Week 10	K-2	3-6
	Adeline E - 1/2W	Kiah S - 5/6P
	Ishwari M - 1/2F	Ellaria S - 3/4K
	Callum M - KB	Nate B - 2/3C

Mrs Kristy Jansons - Relieving Principal

Code of Conduct for school students on buses

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes:

Behaviour on buses

- Use appropriate language not offensive or racist language
- Fighting, spitting, feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus is not permitted
- No eating or drinking (other than water) - unless for medical reasons or the bus operator gives written permission.
- Offer seats to adults including people with a disability, elderly or expectant mothers
- Do not push or shove other people
- Do not bully or harass other passengers or the driver
- Avoid attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency
- Do not play music at such volume that it may distract the bus driver or other passengers.

Safety on and near buses

- Obey reasonable directions from the driver (e.g. where to sit or to remain in the bus)
- Remain in your seat - do not move around the bus unnecessarily
- If standing, remain behind the front passenger seat and keep a secure hand hold at all times
- Keep bags and other items clear of the aisle
- Do not allow any part of your body to protrude out of the bus at any time
- Wait for the bus in a quiet and orderly manner - including at bus interchanges
- Stand away from the roadside until the bus comes to a complete stop
- Allow other passengers to leave the bus before stepping onto the bus in a single line
- Wait until the bus stops before moving to get off the bus at your designated stop
- Cross the road where and when it's safe to do so, use crossings/traffic lights where available.

Legal considerations on buses

- Wear the seat belt properly adjusted and fastened, if one is available
- Obey the law that bans smoking on buses
- Ensure that buses are not vandalised - report any damage, e.g. graffiti and window etching, to the driver
- Do not interfere with bus property, equipment and signage
- Do not leave rubbish on the bus, or at bus stops or interchanges.

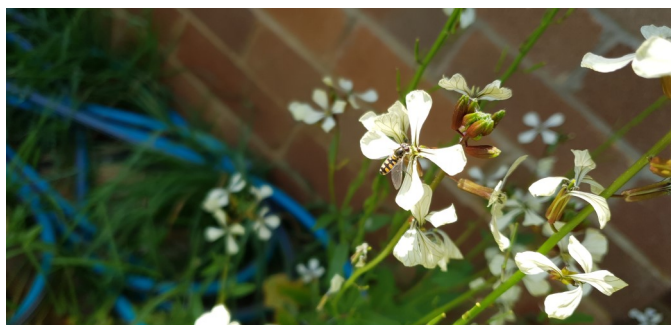
Using bus passes:

- Show travel passes or tickets to the driver on boarding and to Authorised Revenue Protection Officers, NSW Police Officers or bus company representatives when requested
- Use the travel pass only for its intended purpose - do not lend your pass to other students or borrow a pass from them
- Swipe or 'dip' passes in ticket readers if available when boarding
- **If issued with a School Opal card, always tap on when boarding and tap off when leaving the bus.**

Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of bus travel passes, banning students from travelling on buses and/or police prosecution and court action.

Kitchen Garden—End of term update

Thank you to all our wonderful students for joining us in our science in the garden program. We have had a wonderful time cooking, tasting, growing, building, exploring and bonding. Our science experiments of growing beans showed that the best medium to grow seedlings in was a mix of homegrown compost and coir seedling mix. I hope you get a chance to grow some seeds these holidays. May the practical life lessons continue to help you grow. Thank you Stage 1 students for a fun term! Happy holidays!





BOOK WEEK 2020 – Term 4, Week 2.

On Wednesday 21st October, Faulconbridge Public School will be celebrating Book Week as a school. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character. They can also dress up in the theme of this year, “Curious Creatures, Wild Minds”. All students who dress up will go into the draw to win a book prize. These prizes will be drawn from each stage group.

We are unsure of what the celebrations will look like at this stage, but we are looking forward to a fun day, following restriction guidelines that are in place at the time!

Mrs Jill Capuyan

Teacher/Librarian



GET READY KIDS!



**This school holidays
Find the clues for the Bush Fire
Preparedness Kids Quiz**

**Visit any of 4 Mid Mountains Parks to
find the answers:**

- Bullaburra Village Green
- Wilson Park Lawson
- Gloria Park Hazelbrook
- Weroona Park Woodford

**Download a Quiz sheet from
www.mocs.org.au or
www.facebook.com/MOCsBlueMountains**

Prizes to be won!

**Quiz runs from 26th September to
9th October**



Contact hub@mocs.org.au for more information



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:
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Newsletters

- 08 Apr 2016 [T1 Wk 10 newsletter](#)
- 29 Mar 2016 [newsletter T1 Wk 10](#)
- 15 Mar 2016 [P & C Newsletter - Term 1 Week 8](#)
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- 16 Feb 2016 [W4 T1 Newsletter & School Grounds Map](#)
- 02 Feb 2016 [Wk 2 T1 Newsletter](#)
- 08 Dec 2015 [Wk10 T4 Newsletter](#)
- 24 Nov 2015 [Term 4 Week 8 Newsletter](#)
- 10 Nov 2015 [Term 4 Week 6 Newsletter](#)
- 29 Oct 2015 [Information Book](#)
- 27 Oct 2015 [Newsletter T4 W4](#)
- 13 Oct 2015 [Upgraded Parent Communication](#)
- 13 Oct 2015 [Newsletter T4W2](#)
- 01 Sep 2015 [Newsletter W8 T3](#)
- 18 Aug 2015 [Newsletter T3 W6](#)
- 18 Aug 2015 [Newsletter T3 W6](#)
- 05 Aug 2015 [Newsletter T3 W4](#)
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Richmond Community Services Inc.



Groups & Workshops

Responding to the needs of the community

<u>Helping Teens with Risky Behaviour</u> 10 PLACES ONLY BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL	Parents/ primary carers of Teens	Weds 14th October 2020	6.30 - 9pm
<u>Stress Management for Dads</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE 10 PLACES ONLY BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL	Dads	Two weeks ongoing: Mondays 12th & 19th October 2020	6.30 - 9pm
<u>Healthy Anger Skills for Parents</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE 10 PLACES ONLY BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	3 weeks ongoing 3 x Saturdays 17th, 24th & 31st October 2020	10am –12.30pm
<u>Toddler Behaviour - Tactics for Parents</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE 10 PLACES ONLY BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of children aged 0-12 years	Weds 21st October 2020	6.30 - 9pm
<u>Older, Wiser and Well-Connected</u> 10 PLACES ONLY—waiting list BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL	For those 60 years and over	Fortnightly 3 x Mondays 2nd, 16th & 30th November 2020	10am—12.30pm
<u>Calm Kids</u> 10 PLACES ONLY BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL	For primary school kids aged 10-12 years with anxiety	Ongoing 4x Tuesdays: 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th November 2020	3.30-5pm

To book in for any of these: Call 4588 3502 Mon – Thursday or e-mail: admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au

This page changes all the time as it is constantly updated as we develop new activities.

NB: All groups have a restriction of 10 participants to enable social distancing for Covid19 so BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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