

Learn to Live

Term 4, Week 4 (29th October, 2021)

Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

Please note: All upcoming events are currently postponed in line with current Government COVID restrictions.

Term 4 – November

Fri 26	Donut Day
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Term 4 – DECEMBER

Tues 7	Year 6 Farewell
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Relieving Principal: Mrs K Page

Assistant Principal Stage 1: Mrs N Bridges

Assistant Principal Stage 2: Mrs K Jansons

Rel Assistant Principal Stage 3: Mrs C Hawkins

E-News Updates/ Notes Home

- Updated library days—Term 4, 2021
- P&C Christmas Fundraiser
- P&C donut day
- Dress like a teacher—Friday!
- Kitchen Garden (Kindy)
- A message from Mrs Frith
- Book club
- FunKids update to drop off
- Important return to school update
- Covid arrangements updates.



School Activities Update

Timetables and school activity schedules are currently being reviewed to ensure we abide by the guidelines around cohort groupings as set by the Department of Education and NSW Health. More information will be coming relating to the timetabling of class and school activities

Library Days

Tuesday: 5/6S, 5/6H, 5/6P

Wednesday: 1/2W, 1/2H, 1/2F

Thursday: K/1C, KG, KB

Friday: 2/3P, 3/4Z, 3/4C, 3/4T



Please remember when emailing the school, to please reference your child's class.

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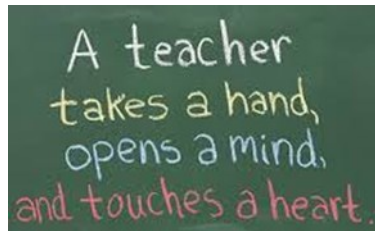
Email: http://faulconbri-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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

Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

World Teachers Day



Today is World Teachers Day and what a well-deserved treat we received here today at Faulconbridge PS! First and foremost, thank you to our incredibly dedicated teachers who have gone above and beyond this year as they have navigated their way through the most challenging of years. Their hard work and commitment hasn't gone unrecognised and I thank them personally for their work. A big thank you goes to our P&C and families who surprised our staff this morning with what can only be described as an incredible feast! We were treated to brownies, cookies, cupcakes, sandwiches, home made sausage rolls and let's not forget amazing coffee! Thank you once again to our teachers and community.



Relieving Principal's Report cont.

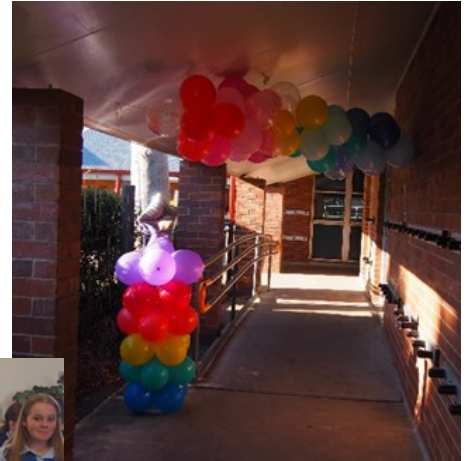
As part of World Teachers' Day and to celebrate the great week we have had, students came dressed as teachers, and some of the staff dressed as students! What a wonderful way to finish off the week. I can definitely see some future teachers in the making!



Relieving Principal's Report cont.

Welcome back to face-to-face learning at FPS!!!

What a wonderful past two weeks we have had and there have been many things to celebrate. First, we welcomed back our Kindergarten and Year 1 students, followed by years 2 – 6 this week, and what a privilege this has been for me as Relieving Principal, to be a part of this. Whilst I know that there were mixed emotions from many of us in the lead up to the return of face-to-face learning, we have seen amazing resilience from the students who have quickly settled back into routines and enjoyed seeing their friends and teachers face-to-face.



Relieving Principal's Report cont.



I would also like to thank the community for your cooperation and understanding in this transition and thank those who have provided the school with feedback around this transition. I acknowledge that having multiple drop off and pick up points and times does add a layer of complexity to some of our families routines but ask that you continue to support us in this arrangement as we ensure that we are working within the NSW DoE education and NSW Health guidelines. Further to this, I would like to clarify some points that have been brought to my attention.

In light of the feedback received, I would like to clarify the following:

- Students who arrive / depart on the bus will enter and exit the school via the gates in the bus bay, regardless of their Cohort grouping, as the safety of the students is paramount.
- Lunch and recess eating time has remained the same with our new playground organisation, though there was some confusion in terms of students being able to continue eating once they moved to their designated play area. This has now been clarified. If students still have some of their food to eat / drink at the conclusion of eating time, they are able to take this with them to their allocated playground and bins will be relocated to enable students to dispose of any rubbish as needed.
- Entry / exit points: I know this has caused some challenges for families with multiple children and that routines have been changed. I appreciate the flexibility of our families in following the entry and exit points for cohort groupings and ask that where possible and safe to do so, these arrangements are followed. The safety of our students and community is our priority, so please make decisions relevant to your family circumstances, prioritising safety.

Relieving Principal's Report cont.

What happened Wednesday?

Just to add to the excitement of our students returning to face-to-face learning, the teachers decided to plan something for Wednesday.....Can you guess what that was?



Staffing Update

It is with mixed emotions that I advise you of some staffing changes that will take effect from 2022. In recognition of high-quality teaching and leadership, both Mrs Nerina Bridges and Mrs Kerry Carter have been successful in promotions through merit selection process and have been appointed to different schools as Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction Leaders, effective from 2022. This is an incredible achievement for both members of our staff, however, know they will be dearly missed by many. I wish them all the best as they continue to follow their dreams and build their professional careers and thank them for their dedication and commitment to our school over the past years. Recruitment processes are currently underway to fill the vacancies and I will be able to advise the outcome of these processes in due course.

Relieving Principal's Report cont.

Year 6 Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported the start of the Year 6 fundraising by entering the guessing competition. There were over 200 entrants, with multiple guesses, incredible, there was 1 student with the exact guess! Congratulations to our winner from 1/2H, please don't eat all 149 of them at once!! \$154.40 was raised and is greatly appreciated. This will be put towards the purchase of a gift on behalf of Year 6, 2021. Look out for next weeks fundraiser, involving ice-blocks.



Drink Bottles

As the warmer weather approaches, please ensure all students have their own drink bottle. If they become empty in the day, students are able to refill these from the taps in classrooms.



See you again Mrs Frith

As you are aware Mrs Frith has accepted a corporate role within the NSW DoE and is expected to return to FPS in Term 4, 2022. Stage 3 presented her with a 'see you again soon' gift as a sign of appreciation and thanks for her work as Principal. We wish her the best of luck in her new role. I will continue as the Relieving Principal of Faulconbridge PS during Term 4.



P&C Update

A reminder that our wonderful P&C are holding some end of year fundraisers. The Christmas fundraiser is giving you the opportunity to showcase your children's artwork on a calendar or tea towel to gift to family and friends. Every purchase made contributes to raising funds for much needed school equipment, programs and resources.

Orders due: 5th November

Artwork due: 9th November

Price:

Calendar \$14

Tea Towel \$25



PLEASE DO NOT PAY ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AS THIS IS A P&C ACTIVITY AND ANY PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE COUNTED OR REFUNDED.

Relieving Principal's Report cont.



On Friday 26th November, the Faulconbridge P&C will be holding a Donut Day fundraiser, thanks to local Blue Mountains business OMG Decadent Donuts. Order forms were sent home last week with further details on pricing. Orders need to be received by 17th November.

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Opportunity Class Placement Test update

To comply with the latest advice from [NSW Health](#) to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmissions, the annual Opportunity Class Placement Test will now take place at a student's own school rather than in examination centres which bring students from across settings and sectors together.

To allow this change to be made, the test date is now 17 November 2020.

The department acknowledges the challenges faced by students during the pandemic response. The safety of our students and staff is of paramount importance.

Marking of tests and student placements will continue to be managed by the High Performing Students Team.

Only students whose parents have received a confirmation email from the High Performing Students Team are eligible to sit the test on the new date of 18 November. The application portal will not be re-opened for new applications.

Placement in an opportunity class will be based solely on the results of the test to ensure the fair and consistent assessment of students across all schools and regions of NSW. Principals will not be required to provide school assessment scores, but are requested to verify the information entered by parents.

Please continue to monitor the [department's website](#) for the latest information relating to high potential students.

Tell Them From Me Annual Survey

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/faulco1> 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.

Relieving Principal's Report cont.

Selective High School 2023 Applications

Please see the below timeline and information for those interested in expressing interest for Selective High School 2023 placement. Please contact the front office, should you require additional information regarding this process and / or your intention to apply.


High Performing Students Team

Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry in 2023

Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2023?

You must apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Key Dates

Application website opens:
19 October 2021

Application website closes:
17 November 2021
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice released:
24 February 2022

Selective High School placement test:
10 March 2022

Placement outcome expected to be released:
8 July 2022

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There may be changes to the procedures in this document.

Check the website at education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

After applying, you will be able to log into your application dashboard to change details and send and receive messages.



The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

Mrs Karina Page

Relieving Principal

Faulconbridge Public School PBL Award

TERM 4

WEEK 4

Presented to:



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3/4Z	Aurelia J	Excellent effort while learning from home.
3/4Z	Phoebe G	Excellent effort in home and class learning.
3/4Z	Nicholas W	Excellent effort in learning from home.
3/4Z	William J	Excellent effort while learning from home.
3/4C	Hunter C	Improvement in home learning.
3/4C	Henry C	Wonderful work in home learning.
3/4C	Juliet M	Being a good friend.
3/4C	Leyton A	Dedication in his learning.
3/4T	Marshall P	Trying his best during home learning activities.
3/4T	Josephine T	Working consistently hard to complete home learning activities.
3/4T	Sophia O	Working consistently hard to complete home learning activities.
3/4T	Noah C	Trying his best during home learning activities.
5/6H	Rori M	Application in set tasks.
5/6H	Max G	Effort and engagement in math tasks.
5/6H	Keira G	Her engagement in all tasks.
5/6H	Tilly W	Her engagement in all tasks.
5/6S	Koby M	Great team work during STEM.
5/6S	Abby C	Fantastic contributions during class.
5/6S	Ben E	A positive attitude towards improving his knowledge of times tables.
5/6S	Harry S	Putting in a great effort in his bookwork.

NSW Department of Education

Don't forget to bring your drink bottle each day!

Refill your water bottle here



Don't drink straight from a water bubbler

SCHOLASTIC



Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Welcome back for another term of fantastic Book Club buying opportunities. Issue 7 will be sent home with students over the next week.

The system called "Loop" is user friendly where parents/caregivers can place all orders online at home using payment from a credit card. Attached below are easy step by step instructions on how to place an order. All orders will still be delivered to the school and passed on to the students if you order within the due date. Any orders placed after the closing date can still be made but will incur a delivery fee and will be posted directly to the home address.

The closing date for Issue 7 is **Monday 1st November 2021.**

If you have any enquiries regarding this new system, please don't hesitate to contact me.

All items purchased earn bonus points which in turn are used to buy valuable books for our school.

Thank you

Annette Reynolds

Book Club Coordinator

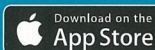
Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
- 2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

[HOME](#) | [ABOUT](#) | [REGISTER](#) | [HELP](#)



LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?

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Item No.

FIND

- 3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

- 4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

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12-28 NOVEMBER 2021

Great
PRIZES for
each stage

Kids

Deadline
to Enter
Friday
5th November

Megalong Books

Toy Shop

Colour Art

Open to
students
yr k - 6

Paint
Draw
Sculpt
Multimedia
Photography

Go to www.bluemtnsartfest.com.au for details and
entry forms.

Start Creating



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Sapphire Coast
27th - 28th Nov



Shoalhaven
4th - 5th Dec

Blue Mountains
11th - 12th Dec

Griffith
18th - 19th Dec

The Creative Kids Voucher valued at \$100 can be used at our camps. Contact service NSW. Then our office with your child's date of birth & the Voucher codes. The difference if any, can be paid by credit card.

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Select your location
Complete the on-line
form & payment

Sat: 10am - 2pm
2pm - 6pm
6pm - 9pm
Sun: 10am - 2pm

