

Learn to Live

Term 2, Week 2 (30th April, 2021)

Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

Term 2 – APRIL

Fri 30	Multisport 7 week athletics
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Term 2 – MAY

Mon 3 to Fri 7	Milson Island camp (stage 3)
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Wed 12	Mothers Day Blackboard Café
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Thur 13— Wed 19	Book Fair
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Fri 14	Zone Cross Country
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Tues 25	Panther Trophy
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Term 2 – JUNE

Mon 14	Queen's birthday Public Holiday
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Fri 18	Winmalee Cup (Netball and Soccer)
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Principal: Mrs C Frith

Assistant Principal Stage 1: Mrs N Bridges

Assistant Principal Stage 2: Mrs K Jansons

Rel Assistant Principal Stage 3: Mrs C Hawkins

Notes Home/ ENews Updates

- Welcome to choir 2021
- KB letter
- Milson Island—Final note
- 2021 Panther Trophy
- ICAS assessments
- Premier's sporting challenge
- Information for all stage three parents
- Debating team

Assembly Dates

Friday's commencing 2pm

May 7th	K-2
May 14th	3-6
May 21st	K-6
May 28th	K-2
June 4th	3-6
June 11th	K-2

School Activities Update



Garden Classes - Term 2
Stage 2

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: 2/3P, 3/4T, 3/4Z, 3/4C
Wednesday: 1/2F, 1/2W, 5/6P, 5/6H, 5/6S
Thursday: 1/2H, KB, KG, K/1C



Library Days
Tuesday: 5/6S, 5/6H, 5/6P
Wednesday: 1/2W, 3/4C, 3/4Z, 2/3P
Thursday: K/1C, KG,
Friday: 1/2F, KB, 1/2H
3/4T: Thursday (odd weeks), Friday (even weeks)

Music

Monday:
Tuesday: K/1C, KB, KG, 1/2W, 1/2H
Wednesday: 5/6S, 5/6H, 5/6P, 3/4T
Friday: 2/3P, 3/4C, 3/4Z, 1/2F



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

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Where did our red hats go?

There may be some members of our community who are wondering what happened to the red hats that some students used to wear at school. The red hats had been used to identify students with health issues on the playground. In an effort to update our procedures in line with DoE policy, we have now ceased use of the red hat.

This decision was not taken lightly, and all parents of the students affected by the change were consulted. The students themselves were also consulted to gather their opinions. Results for both consultations were mixed but leaned towards phasing out the red hats. We therefore proceeded to align our school procedures to the DoE policies. We implemented the change at the beginning of 2021 school year.

On Staff Development Day, staff received professional learning requiring teachers to have an in-depth look at each of our students who have emergency response/anaphylaxis plans. The intention was that all students are known, valued and cared for, hence we must know our students with health care needs. Each term staff receive refresher training on knowing the students and their health care needs.

In the early weeks of term 1, all students who previously wore a red hat had their parents contacted via phone by Mrs Jansons in her LST Coordinator role. Parents were offered a blue hat for their child, paid for by the school. Parents were assured that other measures were in place to keep students safe at school including the professional learning on staff development day. Classroom teachers have health care plans accessible in the classroom. All teachers carry photos of these students in their playground bags along with the required health care response. Health care information for these students is also accessible to teachers in the hall, library and music room. The health care plans have been updated and are displayed in the sick bay in accordance with WHS policy.

Student privacy has been considered at every step and the hat changeover was completed in a low-key manner away from other students and community members. For this reason, we had not communicated the change to the broader school community earlier.

Communication, Complaints and Enquiries

Sometimes it may seem that a change has happened, and you have no information about it. We try wherever possible to ensure clear communication with community through the:

- School website;
- School newsletter;
- School Enews App;
- Paper copies of notes requiring permission or payment;
- Most teachers using class dojo for class specific messages.

If you are unsure about something, please ask us. Often a simple conversation can clarify an issue, rather than moving to more formal complaint procedures.

Principal's Report cont'd

Mothers' Day

A big thank you to our enthusiastic P&C for organising the Mothers' Day gifts and stall this week. The students had a fantastic time "shopping" at school. I wish all our Mums a Happy Mothers' Day next weekend. I hope the children look after you and spoil you.

Cross Country

The annual school Cross Country was held last Friday. We can never predict the weather for these carnivals, whether it be cold or hot on the day, but we were blessed with a beautiful day. A big thank you to Mr Smith for his organisation of this event. The top runners in years 3-6 will represent Faulconbridge at the Blue Mountains Zone PSSA carnival on Friday 14th May.

ANZAC Day.

The school's commemorative ANZAC assembly was held last Friday morning before the Cross Country event. Thank you to Mrs Jansons for organising this significant event, the student leadership team for running the assembly and to the students, staff and parents who observed this solemn occasion respectfully.

2021 NAPLAN Tests:

Students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in Weeks 4. I would like students, family and friends to remember that these tests are unable to measure all of what it is that makes each student the valued person they are. The NAPLAN tests results give some very specific information about each student, but cannot say everything there is to say about who they are and what they have achieved.

The teachers at Faulconbridge ensure students are familiar with the test format and go above and beyond to provide appropriate support and guidance both leading up to and during the tests. We reassure students that NAPLAN is an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learnt over time through the school curriculum and we try our very best to reduce anxiety by treating NAPLAN test days as just another event on the school calendar. My main wish is for students to approach the tests with confidence and to try their best on the day.

This year we have elected to do most of the NAPLAN tests online. All students have had an opportunity to do a practice test online. Please note that the Year 3 Writing test will be pen and paper, not online.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted in week 4, from 11-14 May, 2017.

Tuesday 11 th May	Wednesday 12 th May	Thursday 13 th May	Friday 14 th May
Writing Test Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation)	Reading Test	Numeracy Test	Catch up day

Food at school

There are the odd occasions when a student does not bring lunch to school. This can be for a variety of reasons. We want to ensure every child has something to eat during the day. Having enough food and energy helps your child to do their best learning at school. We have a procedure to ensure that children have something to eat if they have not brought their lunch to school.

If your child does not have food at school, we will give them a simple Vegemite sandwich at lunch time and ensure they have some water at the bubbler. We will let you know if we have provided a sandwich for your child via a note home. The note will have a tear off slip to be returned to the office which acknowledges that you are aware of the situation.

This is just another step in ensuring the wellbeing of all our students.

Principal's Report cont'd

Weekly activities for students

Each week there are a number of activities organised for students to participate in. Below is a weekly timetable of the regular activities. For students enrolled in band there are also band tutorials that take place each week at various times. Additionally students in Stage 3 also get opportunities to trial for sporting teams to represent our school at interschool competitions, such as the Winmalee Cup. Our teachers work hard to ensure students have lots of opportunities to engage in school life.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Drumming in music Hall • Stage 3 Dance Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band in music hall • Choir in main hall • Yoga in dance hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-2 choir in music hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir in main hall • Yoga in music hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band in music hall
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 2 Coding Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library • Koori Club in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library
Recess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1 Dance Group 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 2 Dance Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Stage 1 Dance Group 	

Congratulations to our Cub Award winners for 2021.

	K-2	3-6
Term 2	Frankie E - KB	Annabelle W 3/4Z
Week 1	HP - KB	Bailey C 5/6S
	Eira N - KB	Jeremy H 5/6P

	K-2	3-6
Term 2	Winter O KG	Ted R 3/4C
Week 2	Olivia H KB	Owen J 5/6P
	Chris B 1/2H	Boston D 3/4C

Mrs Carol Frith
Principal

Premier's Spelling Bee



The Premier's Spelling Bee was introduced in 2004 as a fun and educational way for NSW public primary school students to engage in spelling. The program includes activities to encourage all students to improve their vocabulary and spelling and to promote literacy skills in combination with the English K-6 Syllabus. The Premier's Spelling Bee will be going ahead in 2021 in an altered format to previous year's competitions (online).

- Junior Spelling Bee – Year 3 and Year 4 NSW public school students
- Senior Spelling Bee – Year 5 and Year 6 NSW public school students

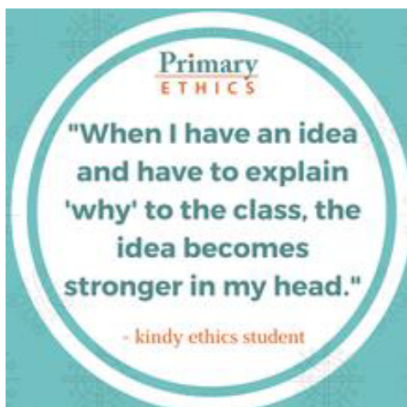
10 Questions with Mrs Hawkins

By Sarah Yearsley and Sophie Young

1. **How long have you been teaching?** 31 years.
2. **How long have you been teaching at Faulconbridge?** 1 term and 2 weeks.
3. **How do you think you can improve Faulconbridge Public School?** I can improve Faulconbridge Public School by working alongside all staff members with the students at the heart of all I do.
4. **How do you think kids learn best?** Kids learn best when others know their strengths and challenges and then support them to be the best they can be.
5. **What stage do you teach?** Stage three
6. **What is your favourite food?** Cadbury dairy milk chocolate
7. **What is your favourite animal?** Dolphin and red panda (can't decide)
8. **What is your favourite instrument?** Drums and bass guitar
9. **What's your favourite shape?** Star
10. **Do you prefer cats or dogs?** Dogs



PRIMARY ETHICS INFORMATION MORNING



Are you interested in helping children develop critical thinking skills?
Primary schools in the Blue Mountains need your help!

Primary Ethics is looking for **more volunteers** so that ethics classes can be made available for K-6 students in the Blue Mountains.

Come along to get more information about primary ethics
11.30am THURSDAY 13 May, Meeting Room 1
Blue Mountains Theatre and Community Hub
106-108 Macquarie Road, SPRINGWOOD.

Volunteer Ethics teachers receive full training from Primary Ethics, consisting of a two-day workshop and short online modules. Lesson scripts are provided.

RSVP is essential for this Covid safe event

To RSVP or for questions email: emailthea@gmail.com by Friday 7 May 2021.

School Cross Country

What a fantastic day we had last Friday with our annual Cross Country Carnival. The beautiful weather allowed for a dry track and fun day for all.



Thank you to Mr Smith for organising the event. After 3-6 ran the track two or three times during the mid-session, it was K-2's turn after Recess. Special mention to S3 students who assisted on the track by guiding our youngest students around, the at times, tricky course. If they were not assisting, S3 students were running the track again and again with our kindies and Stage 1 students encouraging them the whole time. It was lovely to hear the support our oldest students offered especially when students wanted to give up.

Thank you also to our families who came along to cheer their child/ren. It was lovely to have you back at an event supporting our students.

The placings for each age group are below with the top 6 (8+ years) heading off to District soon. More information to come.

Girls	Kindy	Year 1	Year 2	8 & 9	10 Years	11 Years	12 & 13
1st	Harriet W	Eva D	Amelie A	Cailin O	Katie B	Rose N	Teagan W
2nd	Bella G	Heidi J	Alyssa O	Sophia O	Sarolt P	Abby C	Chloe W
3rd	E F	Olive N	Clea B	Alyssa O	Kira P	Erin D	Teagan W
4th	Freya B	Rouge M	Sienna F	Lillian O	Annabelle W	Eva A	Sarah Y
5th	Aurora L	Zahli A	Emrys N	E B	Georgia H	Alina B	Emma G
6th	Alba M	Delilah R	Mae B	Sienna F	Myriam S	Leah M	Sofia L
7th	Olivia H	Marley W	Lila L	S F	Afiya H	Bella H	Mia G
8th	Audrey S	Mia A	Amelia F	Violet L	Emily D	Ella O	Tilly W

Boys	Kindy	Year 1	Year 2	8 & 9	10 Years	11 Years	12 & 13
1st	Samuel C	Archie G	Anton B	Josh D	Noah C	Cameron D	Jack R
2nd	Will A	William P	Henry W	Henry C	Felix K	Rafferty C	Lachlan B
3rd	Joshua R	Luke K	Brady Z	Ashton D	Bodhi C	Asher B	Ben E
4th	Jackson G	L L	Tennyson D	Josh G	Harry S	Tadgh F	Remy L
5th	Brodie V	Tom R	Jayden K	Henry W	Lachlan S	Seamus O	Ethan T
6th	Harry B	Elijah R	N F	Ted R	Bronson M	Koby M	Patrick D
7th	Remy L	Fionn C	Archer C	Yanni G	Boston D	Jackson S	Jaxon A
8th	Sacha G	Xavier M	Lochie C	Dom W	Jacob O	Jeremy H	Angus W



SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

It's Book Fair time again!!!! Faulconbridge Public School will be holding our annual Book Fair this term!

We are so happy to announce that our Book Fair will be back to normal this year!!!! Parents are welcome on site in the mornings and afternoons. Please make sure that you sign in with the QR code on the school gate.

Students are also able to purchase books during the lunch break.

*The Book Fair will take place in the library and will open on **Thursday 13th May** after school. On each day after this it will be open*

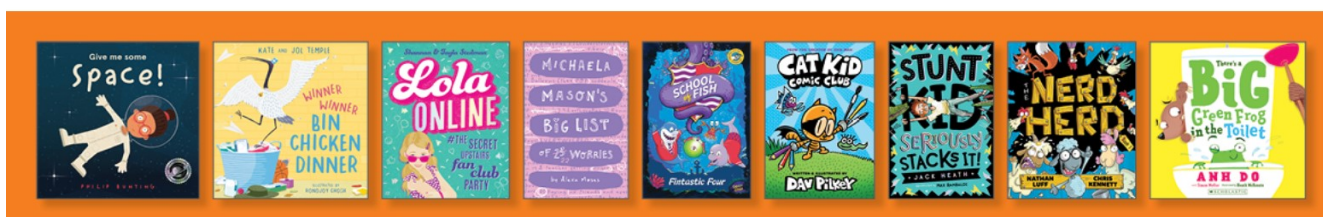
- In the mornings from 8:30
- Lunchtimes
- In the afternoon until 3:30

(Please note that the Book Fair is not open Monday 17th May, as the library is closed on Mondays.)

*The last day of the Book Fair will be **Wednesday 19th May**.*

A vast array of fantastic children's books and stationary will be available during this time, so come along and support our school while encouraging your child to read for enjoyment!!!!

Mrs Jill Capuyan



NSW PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE



Years 3 to 6



The NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge (PSC) was developed and implemented in 2008 to support the NSW State Plan for reducing overweight and obesity in childhood. Since 2008, the PSC has evolved to include a suite of programs aimed at addressing the Premier's Priorities for Tackling Childhood Obesity and meeting the recommendations of the Auditor General's Report on Physical Activity in NSW Government Primary Schools.

The flagship program of the PSC is a 10-week physical activity challenge for students in public schools. The overarching objective of the Challenge is to get more students more active, more often. With the goal of encouraging all students to participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

All students in Years 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to participate in this challenge in the coming weeks. Dates are still to be confirmed.



P&C Association

FAULCONBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Next P&C Meeting:
Monday May 17th

www.fpspandc.org.au
info@fpspandc.org.au



Who's ready for their Friday morning coffee??

Blackboard Cafe will be open to Students, Parents and Carers on Friday Mornings from 8:25am

Please ensure you comply with COVID requirements so we can continue providing this service to our school community.

Blackboard Cafe is moving towards zero waste.

Please use our recycling/compost crates that have been place out for your cafe waste.

Bring your own KeepCup

Get 50c off each coffee you purchase when using your KeepCup. We would like to encourage students to bring own keep cups for hot chocolate too.

**Purchase a KeepCup from the Blackboard Cafe and receive a FREE coffee on us (While stocks last)*

We've got you covered!

Oat and Soy milk are available at the cafe. We are also working towards having Gluten Free and Vegan options available each week

Environment & Sustainability Sub-Committee

The Faulconbridge P&C are excited to announce the introduction of an Environment and Sustainability Sub-Committee lead by Andrea Ketterling.

The Environment & Sustainability Sub-Committee will exist to promote environmental sustainability, educate and empower stakeholders and students to make decisions to adopt sustainable practices at school and in our everyday lives, work with the Faulconbridge Public School student Environment Minister on ideas and initiatives, and increase the positive impact of our initiatives for the broader community.

Congratulations Andrea and all those who have been consistently passionate about the School's efforts towards sustainability!

If you would like to be involved, please email Andrea at: info@fpspandc.org.au

Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Mothers Day to all the Mums, Grandmas and Nannas in the FPS community.

Mother's Day at Blackboard

The Blackboard Cafe will be open on **Wednesday 12th March**

for a special Mother's Day morning.

Come down and spoil yourself with a coffee and a treat

A BIG Thank you to all those who put their hand up to volunteer for Mother's day this year:

Andrea, Stefanie, Jodie, Ben, Megan, Ben G, Lauren, Vanessa, Thea, Fab, Bianca, Inna, and Felicity.

And of course a big thank you to Meagan for doing an amazing job organising everything.

Your help both behind the scenes packing gifts, and on the front line handing them out was invaluable! You have helped make the whole event run smoothly and will no doubt help make many Mums happy this Mother's Day!



Welcome to the team!

Welcome Thea and Kate who have joined the P&C team as Parent Advocate (Thea) and Volunteers Representative (Kate).

If you would like to contact Thea or Kate please email: info@fpspandc.org.au



Look us up!

Keep up to date with what's happening and be a part of the discussion. Join the faulconbridge Public School P&C facebook group.

Twilight Markets

If anyone is available to assist with the Twilight Markets this year, please email Melanie Morgan at info@fpspandc.org.au for more information

AFTER-SCHOOL CREATIVE WRITING CLASSES

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Morning Tea for Parents with Children on the NDIS

We'd love to hear your thoughts about what we
can do to support you as you support your child.

Join us at 11am on Tuesday 18th May
for a cuppa and a conversation at the Mid
Mountains Neighbourhood Centre in Lawson

For more information call Liz on 4758 6811 or Kerin on 4759 2592



Healthy Lunch Box recipe

Zucchini muffins.



Ingredients

2 zucchinis, grated & liquid squeezed out
1 carrot, grated
125g tin corn kernels, drained
1 small red onion, finely diced
1 cup baby spinach leaves, chopped
1 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
6 eggs, beaten
1 cup reduced-fat tasty cheese, grated

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with muffin liners.

Heat a non-stick frypan over medium heat and cook the onion until translucent. Allow to cool.

Place all ingredients into a large mixing bowl and mix until well combined.

Divide the mixture between the 12 muffin liners. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until muffins are golden and a skewer comes out clean.

For more recipes visit:
healthy lunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box



Fitness 4 Autism

Fun home workouts for the whole family

Online May 2nd

10am - 1pm

Join live or watch the replay later.

An online fitness festival designed specifically for people to exercise together at home and have some fun. Varied sessions streamed right to your device over the 3 hour event, instructed by experts in autism, yoga, boxing, 80s retro aerobics and more.

Tickets are \$12 per group /household

Anyone can participate, fun workouts for all capabilities. Get a group together or do it alone, while helping to make a difference to these kids.

Buy tickets at

<https://events.humanitix.com/fitness-4-autism>

Prizes for the best home workout video on the day



IT TAKES A VILLAGE PLAYGROUP

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS, AUNTIES, UNCLES AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE CARING FOR CHILDREN 0-5 YEARS OLD.

Bring your little one along for some fun activities, stories and craft!

Have a chat and a cuppa with other carers while the children play.

Where: Tanderla, 14 Raymond Rd, Springwood

When: Mondays, fortnightly from 10am to 12pm

What to bring: A snack for your child. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Contact:

Johanna Webster, Thrive Services: 4782 1555

Tonje Akerholt, Springwood Neighbourhood Centre: 4751 3033



New Venue

RAISING KIN
grandparents relatives
and kinship carers

Raising Kin is a support group for grandparents, relatives and kinship carers who care for a child who is a relative. This group meets on the first Wednesday of the month during school term.

TERM 2 2021 DATES:

Wednesday

MAY 5TH AND JUNE 2ND

10:00AM-12:00PM

NEW VENUE:

FAULCONBRIDGE COMMUNITY HALL

9-9A HOME STREET

FAULCONBRIDGE

For more information or to RSVP

please contact

Jenny on 0450 001 393

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