

Learn to Live

Term 2, Week 4 (14th May, 2021)

Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

Term 2 – MAY

Thur 13— Wed 19	Book Fair
Fri 14	Zone Cross Country
Tues 25	Panther Trophy

Term 2 – JUNE

Mon 14	Queen's birthday Public Holiday
Fri 18	Winmalee Cup (Netball and Soccer)
Wk10	Parent teacher interviews

Term 3– JULY

Mon 12	Staff Development Day
Fri 16	Athletics Carnival

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

- Zone cross country
- Book Fair

Assembly Dates

Friday's commencing 2pm

May 21st	K-6
May 28th	S3
June 4th	K-2
June 11th	S2
June 18th	S3
June 25th	K-6

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

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

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

National Volunteers Week "Recognise. Reconnect. Reimagine."

Next week, May 17 -23 is an opportunity to recognise the contribution volunteers make to our school and our students. This annual celebration acknowledges the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers. On behalf of the families, students and staff of Faulconbridge Public School, I want to thank those who give their time so generously. I know your time is valuable, and your willingness to contribute some of that valuable time to Faulconbridge Public School shows your commitment to the wellbeing of your child and all of our students.

The contributions you have made by working in the P&C, Blackboard Café, garden, uniform shop, as reading helpers and classroom helpers for example, have really made a difference in our students' educational experience this year.

As you know, students, staff and parents/caregivers here at Faulconbridge enjoy a warm, caring community that fosters the highest standards of academic, social and emotional growth. The efforts of volunteers like you are a vital part of that community.

KINDERGARTEN 2022

Incredibly, it is already time to begin planning for 2022, especially for Kindergarten. Our transition program will begin next term. If you live in our local area and have a child ready to start school in 2022, I would encourage you to enrol your child as soon as possible. We have several families wishing to enrol their children who live beyond our local area, and it is important that the school has an accurate gauge of our local enrolment before accepting any students from outside our local area. Our transition program will begin with a parent information evening early in term 3.

Faulconbridge Public School prides itself on delivering quality programs to students in a warm, caring learning environment. Our teachers are professional, caring and committed to teaching students a broad and balanced curriculum across the key learning areas (KLAs). We also pride ourselves on catering for the individual learning needs of all children. If your child is turning five before 31 July 2021, they can enrol at Faulconbridge Public School for 2022. You can now begin the enrolment process online. There is a link to the online enrolment on the school website under the enrolment tab.

Alternatively, please collect an enrolment form from the office and return as soon as possible. Proof of age for your child will be required. If you know someone who is planning to send their child to school next year, please ask them to contact the school and begin the enrolment process.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

The Department of Education has an Attendance Policy. This policy highlights the importance of students attending each school day. Students who are frequently absent or are late for school miss vital learning experiences that may affect their educational, social and emotional wellbeing. All parents and caregivers have a responsibility to ensure that children attend school each day and to notify the school as soon as possible if their child is away.

If your child is absent you are required to provide the school with an **absence note** explaining why they were away. Please ensure that a **written letter** is provided upon your child's return to school. Schools have a legal requirement to record student attendance.

Currently approximately 10% of students have an attendance of <85%. This means they have missed at least 10 days (2 weeks) of learning already this year. For students whose attendance has fallen < 80% this means they are missing at least 1 day per week of school. When this happens, it is difficult for students to maintain positive social friendships and continuity of learning. I would encourage all parents to actively encourage attendance at school every day. I will be sending letters home next week to parents whose child's attendance is beginning to cause concern.

Principal's Report cont'd

FAMILY COURT ORDERS OR APPREHENDED VIOLENCE ORDERS

Sadly, sometimes relationships break down and the court makes orders that change the contact parents can have with their children or the role they play in making decisions about their children's education. These can be Family Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders. If this happens it is important that you provide the school with a copy of any court orders that could impact on your child's education.

In the absence of any notification to the contrary, the school will assume that both parents continue to retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and should be involved in making any decisions regarding their children's education. This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

Fundamental principles underpinning the Department's response to family law matters that impact on the school:

- School is not the place for family disputes to be resolved. Nor should school staff be asked to resolve such issues.
- For children who are facing difficult family circumstances, school should be a safe haven into which family problems do not intrude.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, please advise the school immediately and provide a copy of any court orders that may be obtained. These orders will be stored securely and only accessed by staff who need to see them in order to plan for your children's learning and support and related issues.

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS

There are several options for contacting your child's teacher, including phone, email to the school email address and interviews. If you need to speak with the teacher, it is often best to organise an interview time where the teacher can give you their full attention. Teachers will endeavour to respond to messages as soon as they are able, usually within 24-48 hours.

[ClassDojo](#) is another way to communicate with teachers. Most classes use the app to connect teachers, parents, and students. It is used to share photos, videos, and messages throughout the school day. All teachers who use Class Dojo will be applying the Quiet Hours function to the app. Quiet Hours will occur each school day from 5pm until 8am the following morning and on weekends.

If you contact your child's teacher during this time, you will receive a notification explaining that the message will be received by your child's teacher once the allocated quiet hours have ended.

STAGE 3 CAMP

Mrs Hawkins, Mr Cleary, Miss Parker and Mrs Curzon took our Stage 3 students to camp at Milsons Island for the whole of Week 3. All reports from camp were that it was a great week, and an opportunity for students to challenge themselves in a range of activities. A huge thank you to our wonderful staff who give up their time from family to give our students such a great opportunity.

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

While restrictions have relaxed it is important to remain vigilant to COVID-19. A reminder to everyone to continue to use the Service NSW QR code when coming into school. Visitors and volunteers should also sign in at the office before proceeding to the classroom, garden, or other activity. We continue to practice hand hygiene with students and additional cleaning is still occurring.

If you are on the school site to collect your child for an appointment, or deliver a forgotten item such as a library bag, we ask that you come to the office. We will call your child to meet you at the office or to collect the forgotten item. It is important that we know who is on the school site and for what purpose. This protocol is in place to keep all students safe as part of our child protection procedures and emergency management.

Principal's Report cont'd

PARENT AFTERNOON PICK UP

It is great to see so many parents coming back into school to pick up their children. A reminder that after the bell you need to leave the school grounds with your children.

Recently, some children have been playing in areas of the school that are not normally play spaces during the school day while parents chat. The rules about play do not change after the bell has gone. The school has a reasonable duty of care whilst students are on the premises during the hours when the school is open for attendance. Parents have a responsibility to collect their children from school and move off the school site. I have spoken to all the students about this matter during the week. There are plenty of local parks where parents can supervise children while they play after school. I would appreciate all parents cooperating in this matter.

P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting is next Monday 17th May at 6:30pm in the library.

CUB AWARDS

Congratulations to our Cub Award winners for 2021:

	K-2	3-6
Term 2	Liam H - K/1C	Ella P - 3/4Z
Week 3	Hunter L - 1/2F	Kiraleigh B - 2/3P
	Freyja T - 1/2W	Ishi M - 3/4C

	K-2	3-6
Term 2	Bliss D - KG	Josh D - 3/4C
Week 4	Amelie A - 1/2F	Noah C - 3/4T
	Harriet W - KB	JS - 5/6S
		Max G - 5/6H
		Owen J - 5/6P

Mrs Carol Frith
Principal



The staff and students at Faulconbridge Public School would like to congratulate Mae B in Year Two for her outstanding art achievement. Mae recently entered an art competition which invited school-aged children from across Australia to recreate Vincent van Gogh's famous Sunflowers. Mae was one of six finalists (selected out of over 1000 entrants)! Her artwork will be displayed in the National Art Gallery of Canberra alongside the iconic original. Not only that, but her artwork will be showcased on billboards, buses and bus shelters across the country, so keep your eyes peeled. Congratulations Mae on this outstanding achievement!



10 Questions with Mrs Zordoumis

By Sarah Yearsley and Sophie Young

1. **How long have you been teaching?** 19 years
2. **How long have you been teaching at Faulconbridge?** 19 years
3. **How do you think you can improve Faulconbridge Public School?** By providing lots of opportunities for everyone.
4. **How do you think kids learn best?** Kids learn best in a caring and supporting environment when they are participating actively and are challenged.
5. **What stage do you teach?** Stage 2
6. **What is your favourite book series?** The Harry Potter series.
7. **When you were a kid, what was your favourite game?** Monopoly
8. **What is your favourite out of coffee or tea?** Tea
9. **What country would you like to live in apart from Australia?** Italy because of the yummy food.
10. **What is your favourite food?** Roast chicken and chocolate.



K-2 CHOIR IS BACK!

A very warm welcome to all students (and parents who wish to join us) in classes K-2. Wednesday morning at 8am, K-2 choir will gather in the Music Room to sing, move, dance, play instruments and generally have fun.

It is a great way to start the day.



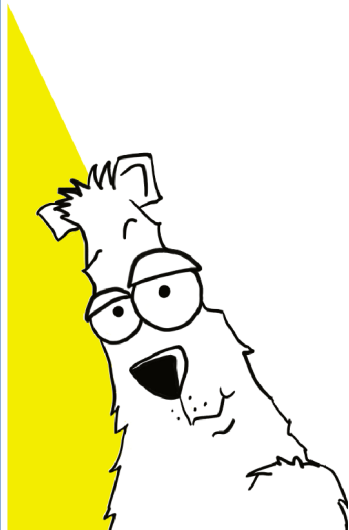
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PBL Award

TERM 2

WEEK 3

Presented to:



Years K - 2

KB	Loretta P	Always demonstrating respect and kindness with all peers and teachers.
KB	Sacha G	Being a hard working and committed learner at all times!
KB	Maximus D	Being kind, polite and thoughtful towards his peers and teachers at all times!
KB	Harriet W	Persevering with hard tasks during her learning. Well Done!
KG	Madeleine P	Fantastic effort in her descriptive writing.
KG	Sienna W	Always trying her best during phonics lessons .
KG	EF	Displaying excellent listening skills during all lessons .
KG	CT	Showing kindness and respect to all of his peers.
K/1C	Tessa M	Being a learner: applying her best efforts to every task.
K/1C	Jagger B	Being a learner: A huge improvement in writing his name.
K/1C	Aliya H	Being a learner: working hard to count backwards accurately.
K/1C	Stella B	Being respectful: Looking at the person talking and listening attentively in instruction times.
1/2H	Max L	Fantastic work in writing!
1/2H	Eloise S	Being an interested and engaged learner!
1/2H	Christopher B	Improvement in focus and effort in his learning!
1/2H	JC	Outstanding effort and engagement with writing!
1/2F	Harrison L	Being a learner by contributing thoughtful ideas in classroom discussions.
1/2F	AS	Being a kind, respectful learner.
1/2F	Kalee B	Being a learner by listening respectfully and participating on lessons.
1/2F	Brady Z	Always producing a high standard of work in writing.
1/2W	Jayce W	Always modelling kind, respectful behaviour .
1/2W	Olive N	Excellent application during independent learning time .
1/2W	William C	Outstanding work in Drama lessons. Well done!
1/2W	Zahli A	Being a kind and thoughtful friend and class mate.
2/3P	Max V	Always trying his best and having a terrific work ethic.
2/3P	Sienna F	Listening and contributing in Math lessons .

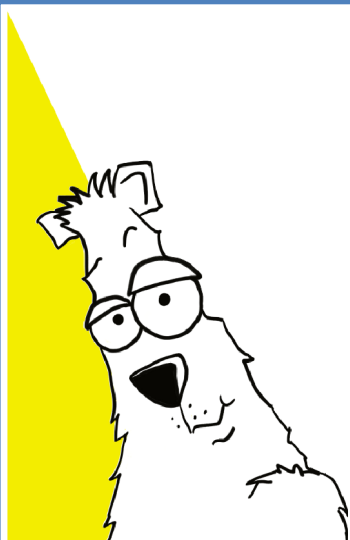
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PBL Award

TERM 2

WEEK 4

Presented to:



Years 3-4

3/4C	Aylah H	Continually putting a smile on everyone's face with her kindness and respect.
3/4C	Hunter C	Showing tremendous effort and concentration in his learning this week.
3/4C	Juliet M	Always attempting each task with great effort and vigour.
3/4T	Kaytlin M	Always trying her best.
3/4T	Hugh L	Being an enthusiastic learner.
3/4T	Josephine T	Always trying her best.
3/4T	Emily D	Being a kind and cooperative student.
3/4Z	Aurelia J	Her creative writing.
3/4Z	Max K	Trying his best in all learning activities.
3/4Z	Maverick A	Always working well and trying his best.
3/4Z	Phoebe G	Her diligent work ethic and her growth in confidence when speaking to the class.

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

Milson Island Camp

On the 3rd of May, Stage 3 went on a camp to Milson Island Sports and Recreation Centre. Over the five days we split up into three groups; Green group, Yellow group, and Blue group. We got put into cabins of around 3, 4 or 5 people.

We did a variety of activities including archery, fencing, orienteering, fishing, BMX, The Amazing Race and canoeing. They were all really fun and enjoyable. Half way through the camp it started to rain but luckily we had our rain jackets. We did fun activities in the recreation hall including a County Fair with a nail salon, massage parlour, a hairdresser, photo booth, a casino, ping pong and sock wrestling.

At Milson Island the food was great. There were chicken wraps and sandwiches, curry and rice and lasagna. For dessert, we had chocolate mousse, chocolate coconut slice and date loaf.

By Eva A and Rose N





P&C Association
FAULCONBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Next P&C Meeting:
Monday May 17th, 6:30pm
in the School Library

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

Meet your committee

This amazing team of people are representing you in the P&C committee for 2021.

Please feel free to contact any of the P&C if you would like more information, come have a chat if you see us at school or come along to one of our meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month (except school holidays), meetings start at 6.30pm in the school library.



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Ashlea Bleijie

Let's come together

Did you know that there are many ways you can volunteer at FPS?

Even half an hour can make a difference!

Kitchen Garden Program: We need helpers in the kitchen, whether you can help for one session or more or even just to come at 2.30pm to help with washing up. Mondays 9-3 anytime or one of the sessions 9.30-11am, 11.30-1pm and 1-2.55pm. Donations of food items are also welcome

Gardening: Are you ready to get your hands dirty?! You don't need to have experience, there is a lot of weeding and other garden work to be done in the school

Environmental and Sustainability Committee: Are you interested in the environment and helping to make the school more sustainable? Why not join the committee to start working on different projects

Blackboard café: Are you available on Friday mornings to help out at the Blackboard Cafe? We're always looking for volunteers to lend a hand in the cafe (e.g. food preparation, drink preparation, order taking, washing up, clean up after close)

Twilight Markets: The Twilight Markets is the biggest event on the P&C calendar and volunteers are always welcome for a variety of jobs, both in the lead up to the event and on the night

Ethics teaching: Would you like to help teach something meaningful to the kids that can be used throughout life? At FPS we have no ethics teachers right now. The training is free and includes lesson plans and all information to be ready to teach. Ethics is for half an hour on Thursday mornings

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to find out more, please email Kate Mandlik at:
info@fpspandc.org.au and she will be in touch!



Are you struggling to make it back in time for our Monthly P&C meetings? Not able to leave the house due to child responsibilities? You can log in to our meetings via zoom! Keep an eye out on the P&C facebook group for meeting log in details.



Kitchen Garden Program Donations

A Huge Thank You to Todarello's for donating fresh fruit and vegetables for use in the FPS Kitchen Garden Program.

Mothers Day Morning Tea @ The Blackboard Cafe

It was wonderful to see all the FPS mothers, families and carers coming down and enjoying a cuppa and treat with their children. The School yard was full of life and chatter throughout the morning. A big shout out to the Blackboard Cafe Volunteer Team who put in so much effort and time to organise and run such a morning. Without them, the Cafe wouldn't be what it is!

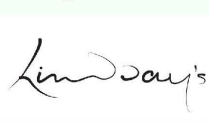


A BIG thank you to Springwood High School for donating scones and their hospitality students for their fantastic service at the Mother's Day morning tea on Wednesday. They helped with table, food and drink service throughout the morning and did a fantastic job!

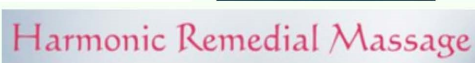


The P&C were also supported by many local businesses to hold a raffle on the morning and give some Mothers some wonderful prizes. Congratulations to all the lucky winners! We are grateful to be a part of such a wonderful community, and thank everyone who helped or supported the morning tea and made it special for our Mums!

Thank you to the following businesses who kindly donated to our raffle:



Creative Hair Stampin Up Sara Louise Photography



Got It!



Free Parent/Carer Webinar Brain Development

Have you ever wondered “why does my child go from 0-100 in a millisecond?”

Do you want help with managing children’s behaviours?

Attend this workshop to help build your knowledge on why children act the way they do.



You will learn about:

- How a child’s brain works
- How a child’s brain development influences their behaviours.

Details:

Date: Friday 4th June 2021

Time: 10:00 – 10:45am. Please log in 5 minutes prior for a 10am start.

Where: Online webinar

1. <https://conference.meet.health.nsw.gov.au>
2. Enter name, click continue
3. Click blue phone button
4. Enter VMR number: 4850455
5. Click ‘join’ (ignore pin request)

- You can access from your mobile, tablet or computer.
- You DO NOT need a microphone or camera
- Any problems please call 4725 9800 and ask for the Got It team.

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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

