

Learn to Live

Term 3, Week 10 (17th September, 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 3 – SEPTEMBER

Fri 17	Last day of Term 3
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Term 4 – OCTOBER

Mon 4	Labour Day Public Holiday
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Tues 5	First day of Term 4
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Term 4 – DECEMBER

Tues 7	Year 6 Farewell
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Please remember when emailing the school, to please reference your child's class.

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

E-News Updates

- Winner announcement
- Mrs Frith on leave
- Book Thief Winner
- Relieving Principal
- Year 6 Farewell News

School Activities Update



Kitchen and Garden Classes - Term 3
Stage 1

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

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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Website: <http://www.faulconbri-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

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

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

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank You

Thank you to Faulconbridge students, staff and families for making me feel so welcome during my short stay at Faulconbridge Public School. I have certainly enjoyed my time at Faulconbridge, even though this time has occurred during very different circumstances. It has been enjoyable meeting students, staff and speaking with some parents/carers over the phone throughout the last two weeks of term 3.



It is important to recognise the efforts of families with home learning throughout term 3. Faulconbridge staff have greatly appreciated the support provided by parents, carers and grandparents with online learning during the term. Thank you for your efforts!

It is also important to recognise the efforts of teaching staff, administration staff and support staff who have worked incredibly hard throughout term 3 and risen to the challenges of providing online home learning for Faulconbridge Public School students, within an extremely complex environment. Thank you for your efforts!

It is always extremely pleasing when school communities are able to work together, to help each other through such challenging times.

I would like to wish all Faulconbridge families and school staff a restful break and an enjoyable term 4. Enjoy the down time that school holidays will bring – a chance to recharge the batteries, ready for term 4

Term 4 online learning will commence on Tuesday 5 October, as Monday 4 October is a public holiday.

Staggered Return to School Plan

As you may be aware the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, in conjunction with the NSW Department of Education and NSW Health, announced on Friday 27 August, a staggered return to school plan for term 4. The plan is for some students to start to return to school on Monday 25 October (Term 4, Week 4), as outlined below.

- From Monday 25 October (Term 4, Week 4), select cohorts under stay-at-home rules – starting with students in Kindergarten and Year 1 – will return to face-to-face learning under Level 3 plus COVID-safe settings, as long as community transmission and vaccination rate requirements have been met.
- From Monday 1 November (Term 4, Week 5), students in Years 2 and 6 will return to face-to-face learning under Level 3 plus COVID-safe settings, as long as community transmission and vaccination rate requirements have been met.
- From Monday 8 November (Term 4, Week 6), students in Years 3, 4 and 5 will return to face-to-face learning under Level 3 plus COVID-safe settings, as long as community transmission and vaccination rate requirements have been met.

Further information will be sent to all Faulconbridge families, early term 4 regarding the guidelines around the return to school procedures.

In the meantime, the Department of Education continues to ask for parent support with home learning and strongly urge all parents/carers to keep their children at home to participate in home learning. Schools will remain open for parents who are essential workers and are required to send their children to school.

If you have any questions, please contact the school on 4751 2208.

Take care, stay safe and stay connected!

Mr Sean Montgomery

Relieving Principal



GOLDEN BEAR AWARD

TERM 3

WEEK 10

Presented to:

KB	Caitlin S	Demonstrating safe, respectful, learner behaviours at all times!
KG	Violet M	Consistent effort during home learning.
K/1C	L L	Being a safe, respectful learner at all times.
1/2F	Clementine M	Always being a safe, respectful learner.
1/2H	Xavier R	Being an excellent learner during home learning!
1/2W	Zahli A	Outstanding work during term three both at school and at home.
2/3P	William S	Always being a safe, respectful learner.
3/4C	Theodore R	Dedication and consistent hard work while learning from home.
3/4Z	Lucy R	Outstanding effort with all work.
3/4T	Ashton D	Working consistently hard to complete online lessons.
5/6P	Matilda M	Continuous efforts through online learning and being a respectful and supportive peer.
5/6S	Eva A	Outstanding contributions during online learning.
5/6H	Tyler K	An awesome effort during online learning.



CUB AWARDS

Congratulations to our Cub Award winners for 2021:

Term 3	Week 9	Week 10
Lachlan R (ES1)	Clea B (S1)	Bailey C (S3)
Archie B (S2)		

Term 3	Week 9	Week 10
Remy L (ES1)	Harrison L (S1)	Conor O (S3)
Emily D (S2)		

10 Questions with..... Miss Keir

by Sarah, Sofia and Alice



- 1. How long have you been teaching?** I have been teaching primary students for under a year.
- 2. How long have you been teaching at Faulconbridge?** 4 months.
- 3. How do you think you can improve Faulconbridge Public School?** I am not so sure I could improve it; it is such a great school already. All I can do is try to be the best teacher/mentor/colleague that I can be.
- 4. How do you think kids learn best?** When they are in a positive, safe, and exciting environment that offers fun, engaging, and interactive experiences aligning to what their interests may be.
- 5. What stage do you teach?** The awesome Stage 3.
- 6. What is the first thing that you will do after lockdown?** Visit my family and friends!
- 7. What is your favourite science experiment?** This is hard, there are so many cool science experiments, but I guess I love seeing different chemical reactions and anything that involves baking soda can be pretty exciting .
- 8. What is your favourite movie and why?** Well, I have many because I do have a love for Marvel, Disney and Christmas. But any of the Harry Potter movies would have to be my favourite as I grew up reading and loving the movies as they came out. I love the magic and the different world the stories take you to.
- 9. What is you favourite cake?** Bee sting, but you also can never really go wrong with chocolate cake .
- 10. Why did you come to Faulconbridge Public School?** Because I had heard how wonderful FPS is and after I completed my final practicum, I was delighted to be able to stay and work with such a beautiful school.

Tell Them From Me Survey

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/fulco1> 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 Staff at Faulconbridge Public School

Construction Work

Our school has recently received correspondence from Blue Mountains City Council about construction works near our school:

Construction of Kerb Ramp Faulconbridge Public School

Blue Mountains City Council has been successful in receiving funding to construct a new kerb ramp in the vicinity of Faulconbridge Public School. The School Zone Infrastructure sub-program is part of the \$540 million Federal Stimulus NSW Road Safety Program. The aim of the program is to deliver improvements to pedestrian and cycling facilities to better connect children and their parents and carers to their schools.

Council has identified the need for a new kerb ramp on the corner of Grose Road and Meeks Crescent. The construction works are due to commence on Wednesday 22nd September and concluding on Friday 24th September 2021.

This construction has been timed to coincide with school holidays, weather permitting.

To ensure work zones are safe, traffic and pedestrian management may be implemented during the works. Temporary fencing may also be installed as required. Please follow the signs and directions from traffic controllers. While every effort will be made to reduce the impact to the school, Council is aware that temporary inconvenience may be caused during construction. Pedestrian access to the school should still be available for those that need to access the school at this time. These works may also generate an increase in noise at times.

Council appreciates your cooperation and understanding while this project is being implemented and trust the outcome will be beneficial to the school community.

NSW Department of Education

Stay COVID safe



Our school is open for those students:

- ☒ **who cannot be educated at home**
- ☒ **whose parents and carers are essential workers.**

There is minimal supervision available on site to support these students.

All other students must stay at home, learning from home, as directed by the NSW Health Public Health Order.

Thank you for supporting our teaching and school community to stop the spread of COVID-19.



Follow health advice and keep your child home if they are unwell.



For the latest information, visit
education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

education.nsw.gov.au



P&C Association

FAULCONBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thank you and Congratulations.

We made it!!

Congratulations to everyone for making it through the term of home learning!!!

Thank you to our wonderful teachers for supporting and teaching our children on and off site with their learning. And thank you for helping and supporting parents and carers to making this term run smoothly at home.

A Big Thank You to our Awesome Teachers at FPC



From FPS P&C.

Faulconbridge Public School Cookbook

Most of you may be aware that we are in the early stages of planning a Faulconbridge PS cookbook, where we will showcase our amazing Kitchen Garden Program, our school as a whole, our wonderful families and the Faulconbridge community.

We want this to be a book that is gifted, treasured and sits on families bookshelves for decades to come. We want it to be a time capsule of our school community and to showcase a collaboration from all the students, teachers and families of our school.

We already have a project team that consists of Beth Healy and Mrs Langworthy (our wonderful Kitchen Garden educators), Andrea Ketterling (our P&C Environment & Sustainability Chair) and a couple of other very generous parents who are keen to be involved. But as we are expecting this to be quite a big project, we would love to welcome any other volunteers who can help coordinate this school and community project. I know we have some very talented families in our mix so if this is something you would like to be involved in, please email meaganwitton1@gmail.com



Next P&C Meeting: Monday 18th October

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



Unfortunately we have made the hard decision to postpone the Faulconbridge PS P&C Trivia Night to the first quarter of 2022. Given current circumstances and projected restrictions, we believed it was unlikely we could fill a room with 100+ people. The show will go on and a new date will be announced as soon as we get clearer advice of restrictions. We have emailed all ticket holders but if you have purchased a ticket and have not received the email please contact info@fpspandc.org.au

DONUT DAY

Thanks to local Blue Mountains business, OMG Decadent Donuts, the P&C will be holding a Donut Day fundraiser in term 4.

Watch this space...more details to come!



It's Holidays!!!



We hope you all enjoy a break over the holidays and get to catch up with family and friends with our new freedoms of outdoor recreation. Enjoy the time away from 'classroom' learning and enjoy the outdoors, explore nature, go for a walk or ride and make memories with your children.

Hopefully we can all return to Term 4 with a renewed energy and positive outlook

Reminder

There will not be a September P&C meeting, as the date falls in the school holidays.

See you in October!

Policy update

In the August P&C meeting the P&C's code of conduct and Grievances, Complaints and Procedures Policies were passed and will be uploaded onto the Faulconbridge Public School P&C website

Sunsmart Snippet

How does sunscreen work?

When we protect our skin by applying sunscreen correctly, we reduce our risk of skin cancer.



Sunscreen reduces the amount of UV radiation reaching your skin by providing a barrier to absorb or filter UV rays away from you skin. This prevents damage to the cells below.

When UV levels are 3 or above, sunscreen should always be used with other forms of sun protections such as clothing, hats and shade.

www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box



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Looking for something
different to do this
school holidays?

Join us on
22 Sept 2021, 10am
via Zoom

Create a God's eye
or
Ojo de Dios

A simple weaving
technique of Mexican origin
which has spiritual significance
to its original creators,
the Huichol people of
Western Mexico

Grab these items:

- Any colour/thickness Wool
- Chopstick, dowel
or paddle pop stick

to book your spot or more info
contact: tracy@thriveservices.org.au

Gateway Family Services

Term 4, 2021

Parenting Programs Summary



Program	Date & Time	Location	Registration
Tuning In To Kids <i>Emotionally Intelligent Parenting</i> Learn how to better talk & understand your child to help manage your child's emotions & behaviour. Suitable for parents of 2-8 years old.	Every Monday 11th Oct - 8th Nov 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* NO Childcare available</i>	ONLINE via ZOOM	Ph: 0490 662 498 OR Email <a href="mailto:groups@gatewayfamily
services.org.au">groups@gatewayfamily services.org.au
Circle of Security <i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0-12 year old.</i>	Every Tuesday 12th Oct - 30th Nov 7:30pm - 9:00pm <i>* NO Childcare available</i>	ONLINE via ZOOM	Ph: 0490 662 498 OR Email <a href="mailto:groups@gatewayfamily
services.org.au">groups@gatewayfamily services.org.au
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching <i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 2-12 year olds.</i>	Every Thursday 28th Oct - 11th Nov 10:00am - 12noon <i>* NO Childcare available</i>	ONLINE via ZOOM	Ph: 0490 662 498 OR Email <a href="mailto:groups@gatewayfamily
services.org.au">groups@gatewayfamily services.org.au
Circle of Security <i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0-12 year old.</i>	Every Thursday 14th Oct - 2nd Dec 7:30pm - 9:00pm <i>* NO Childcare available</i>	ONLINE via ZOOM	Ph: 0490 662 498 OR Email <a href="mailto:groups@gatewayfamily
services.org.au">groups@gatewayfamily services.org.au

For more information and Individual Flyers go to:

www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au or www.facebook.com/GatewayFS

Gateway Family Services parenting programs are funded by DSS and DCJ.

Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parent groups to communities from
St Marys to Blackheath.

Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone.



School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with **respect**

We **prioritise** the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.



We create
collaborative
learning
environments

We
all play
our part

We work
in partnership
to promote
student
learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process:
education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.

