

# Faulconbridge News

## **Learn to Live**

Term 4, Week 8 (6th December, 2019)

### **Important Dates:**

Please mark these dates on your calendar

Principal: Mrs C Frith

Assistant Principal Stage 1: Mrs N Bridges, Mrs K Carter (Relieving)

Assistant Principal Stage 2: Mrs K Jansons Assistant Principal Stage 3: Mr P Earl

### **Notes Home** Stage 3 Canberra Excursion—2020

- Talent Quest—Tuesday 17th December



### **Assembly Dates**

Fridays commencing 2pm

TERM 4

6th December K-6

	DECEMBER 2019				
Fri 6	Summer Games - Warrimoo Oval				
Tue 10	Talent Quest practice-after lunch				
Wed 11	'Got It' Group 8:30am to 12:30pm Parent Helper Morning Tea 10:50 to 11:25pm				
Thu 12	Celebration Student Achievement at Springwood High School 10am				
Fri 13	Reports go home Poetry Final				
Mon 16	End of Year Outings: Early Stage 1 Stage 1 Stage 2 Stage 3				
Tue 17	Talent Quest (middle session)				
Wed 18	Last day of school for 2019				

## **School Activities Update**

Kitchen Garden Classes - Term 4 Monday - K/1J - 9:30am, KW - 11:30am, KC - 1:00pm

**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, 3/4J, 3/4Z, 4/5S

Wednesday: KC, KW, K/1J, 1/2G, 1/2H, 1/2S, 5/6P, 5/6S, 5/6T



Tuesday: 3/4Z, 3/4J, KW Wednesday: 5/6S, 5/6P, KC Thursday: 2/3C, K/1J, 5/6T Friday: 1/2G, 4/5S, 1/2S, 1/2H



Monday: KW, K/1J, 3/4ZP, 3/4J Tuesday: KC, 5/6P, 1/2S, 4/5S Wednesday: 2/3C, 5/6T, 5/6S, 1/2H Thursday: 1/2G



### Choir

3-6: Sopranos Tuesday 8:00am, Altos Thursday 8:00am in the Main Hall K-2: 8:15am Thursdays in the Music Room



**Volunteer Morning Tea** 

## **INVITATION**

You are cordially invited by the staff to attend a special morning tea. The is our way of showing our appreciation for your help this year.

> Day: Wednesday Date: 11th December Time: 10.50—11.25am

Where: School Hall



Grose Road, Faulconbridge NSW 2776

PO Box 249, Springwood 2777 

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### **Principal's Report**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Staffing changes

Over recent years our school has had some teaching positions filled by teachers as temporary appointments. They are on a contract for up to one school year. Under Department of Education staffing guidelines these positions can only be filled for a period of up to one school year at a time.

Miss O'Toole has accepted a temporary position at Whalan Public School for 2020. I would like to thank her for her contribution to our school over the last year. I know she will be missed by students, staff and parents. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her well for 2020 and beyond.

Mrs Galbraith, Miss Kemp and Mr Cleary will be continuing at our school in 2020, and we welcome a new teacher, Mrs Fysh, to join our teaching team.

Our school Counsellor, Mrs Pat McArthur, has also indicated that she will be taking leave early in 2020, prior to retiring. Mrs McArthur has been an incredibly key member of our school learning support team. She has good working relationships with many families in our school and her expertise will be greatly missed next year.

In the final newsletter of the year I will indicate which teachers will be teaching which stages of learning. It is expected that our class structures will be similar to the class structures this year.

#### Year 6 Farewell

Our wonderful Year 6 students gathered together with staff on Tuesday night at Springwood Golf Club to celebrate the end of their primary school years. What an amazing group of young people with so much potential for the future. I love their energy and enthusiasm for everything they do. Thank you to Mr Earl and the Stage 3 teachers for taking such good care of these students throughout the year. There were many comments last night about how much change and maturity we have seen in all the students this year. Thank you also to the team of staff and parents who planned the event at Springwood Country Club, and to the staff at the club who made the evening flow smoothly. The flowers were amazing, and the cupcakes were delicious.

Moving to high school is a significant moment for any child and their family. It can be a time of mixed emotions for families too. For some families it is the first child to enter the world of high school, and for some families of this grade it is their last child leaving primary school, and the cutting of ties to Faulconbridge PS. We would like to thank those families for their years of diligent support of the many events and opportunities including choir, band, dance groups, walkathons, camps, book week parades, concerts, musicals and sporting events. These are the special memories that the students will take with them from our school into their future learning.

### **Prefect Selection**

On Wednesday our Year 5 nominees for school leadership presented their speeches to the rest of the school. I was very impressed by the high calibre of their presentations. They all spoke with calm and poise, and with little evidence of the nerves I know they were all feeling. Regardless of the outcome, this team of students will be fantastic to work with next year. Following the speeches, students returned to their classes to vote. Votes have been tallied and our school leaders for 2020 will be announced at the Celebration of Student Achievement next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

This is an important moment for these students, and it is character building. There were 25 nominees, and only 8 will be in the leadership team. I have reminded them all that this process is about their peers selecting the leaders. It is not about friendships and it is not about popularity. I would like to thank those parents of the nominees who have let the students undertake this process without interfering. It can be a fine line between supporting your child through challenges and interfering in a school process that has been reviewed to ensure equity and fairness to all participants. I have heard of other schools where students and parents actively campaign for votes. Thankfully, our processes allow all students the opportunity to participate with the same level of support provided to each nominee.

### Parent Helper Morning Tea

We would like to thank all the volunteers who have assisted in our school and classrooms in 2019. The staff will be providing a morning tea in the school hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 10:50 – 11:25am to say "thank you" for your ongoing support of our school. Please join us if you can.



### Principal's Report cont'd

### **Schools Spectacular**

Chelsea Z of Year 1 represented Faulconbridge Public School in the Schools Spectacular this year. The theme was "Stars" and she certainly was a little star! Chelsea took on the lead role of ET in the segment entitled "Out of this World" which was based around ET landing on Earth and searching to find her way back home to her mum. Chelsea also danced in the K-2 segment entitled "Wish Upon a Star. Chelsea was a perfect role model for Faulconbridge Public School.

Schools Spectacular will be televised on Channel 7 on Saturday 7 December at 7pm. I would encourage you and your family to check out the show. It is a remarkable example of public education excellence in action!



### Academic excellence with ICAS

The University of NSW ICAS is an international academic assessment program that takes place each year across 20 countries. It assesses higher order thinking and problem-solving skills across English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies. We had many students participate in these assessments, and certificates were awarded at the 3-6 Assembly 2 weeks ago.

Last week I attended the ICAS Medal ceremony at UNSW to see one of our students, Owen Jansons, awarded a Medal for his results in the Year 4 Digital Technologies assessment. This is a highly prestigious honour with only 3 students across NSW and the ACT gaining this level in Year 4. Congratulations Owen on your award. It was a very proud moment to see one of our students' academic achievements being acknowledged at a national level.



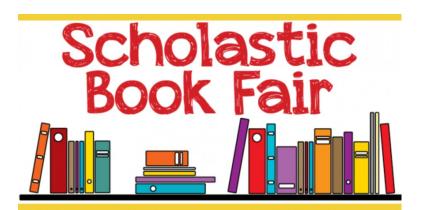
### **Cub Award Morning Tea**

Congratulations to our Cub Award winners for 2019:

		Safe	Respectful	Learner
Term 4	K-2	Ava W - 1/2G	William J - K/1J	Elka L - 3/4J
Week 7	3-6	Sienna G - 5/6P	Willow H - 5/6P	Bronson M - 2/3C
Term 4	K-2	Alexander M - 2/3C	Ashton D - K/1J	Sienna K - 2/3C
Week 8	3-6	Emily D - 2/3C	Ben F - 5/6P	Jeremiah H - 5/6S

Mrs Carol Frith - Principal





Our Book fair in support of Quambone Public School was a roaring success!!!

Thanks to your support we have raised \$1776 for Quambone Public School to spend on Scholastic resources!!! What an amazing effort!!!

On Thursday, school parliament, Mr Earl and myself took part in a virtual classroom experience with QPS, where we were able to tell them the fantastic news!!!

You can imagine their heart-warming reaction when hearing the news!!!

Thank you Faulconbridge Public School for supporting a school in need. We can't wait to hear what Quambone PS use these much needed funds for!

Mrs Jill Capuyan

Teacher Librarian















# Year 6 Farewell





# GOLDEN BEAR AWARD

### Presented to:

**TERM 4** 

WEEK 8

	KC	Ella H	Always being a safe, respectful learner!
/	KW	A Bridges	Always being a safe, respectful learner-well done!
1	K/1J	E Nimmett	Being a safe and respectful learner
	1/2G	Hugh L	Being a safe, respectful learner all year!
	1/2H	William C	Displaying the qualities of a safe, respectful learner!
	1/25	Amalee W	Always being a safe, respectful learner! Well done!
	2/3C	Keira G	Coming in to class every day wanting to work hard and improve in every subject
	3/4J	Lachlan B	Being a safe, respectful learner
	3/4Z	Eva H	Always being a safe, respectful learner
	4/5S	E Gresham	Always being a mature and respectful member of 4/5S
	5/6P	Marissa B	Always being a safe, respectful learner
	5/6S	Gabriel D	Being a focused learner in class

Being a respectful learner at all times

5/6T

Kate E

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# **Summer Holiday Art Workshops**

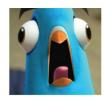
























07 Jan: 9.30 - 12.30pm Scooby Doo Illustrations 8 - 17 yr olds.

08 Jan: 9 - 3pm Intense Sea Monsters then Posca Star Wars Characters 8 - 17 yr olds.

10 Jan: 9.30 - 12.30pm Macaroon Charms Polymer Clay (Jewellery) 8 - 17 yr olds.

13 Jan: 9.30 - 12.30pm Hammer & Nail Wall Hanging Fairy Lights Wire 8 - 17 yr olds.

**15 Jan: 9 - 3pm** \*Spies in Disguise Pigeon Paper Craft then Fire Flies in a Jar \*6 - 12 yr olds.

17 Jan: 9.30 - 12.30pm Watercolour Waterscapes (like landscapes) 8 - 17 yr olds.

21 Jan: 9.30 - 12.30pm \*Hungry Caterpillar Food Painting Fruit & Sweets in Watercolours \*6 - 12 yrs.

22 Jan: 9.30 - 12.30pm Chinese Zodiac Animals in Posca Pens 8 - 17 yr olds.

24 Jan: 9.30 - 12.30pm Jamanji Animals in Pastels 8 - 17 yr olds.

More info and booking at: www.ebbandflowlifecoach.com







### Enrol Now, Pay Later, Art Classes 2020!

**High-School Visual Art Classes**, year 6 to year 10 students. Exploring visual arts, Wed | Fri after school.

HSC Visual Art Classes, year 10 to year 12 students with HSC in sight. Honing art and design skills, Tue evenings.

**Kids Holiday Art Workshops**, 8 - 17 year old students visual arts. Some younger craft focused.

Adult Art Classes, relaxing past time, exploring creativity, learning techniques, various media, Fri evenings.

Adult Therapeutic Art Group, expression, mindfulness and learning how to enjoy art as a therapeutic tool, Thursdays.

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### SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

SPRINGWOOD WORLD OF TENNIS, SPRING STREET, SPRINGWOOD

Option 1: Mon 13th to Fri 17th Jan 2020 (9AM to 3PM)

(Circle)
Option 2: Mon 20th to Fri 24th Jan 2020 (9AM to 3PM)

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### **SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER**

Church On The Lawn
Winmalee Anglican
BBQ + fun for kids from 5:30pm
Carols from 6:30pm
Kids come dressed as their favourite
nativity character.

### **TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER**

Christmas Extravaganza-great for kids! 6pm The Factory

Late Service
10pm The Factory
Drinks + nibbles from 9pm

### WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER

8am at Christ Church 9am at Winmalee Anglican 9:30am at The Factory

The Factory 28 Lawson Road Springwood Christ Church 345 Great Western Highway Springwood Winmalee Anglican 349 Hawkesbury Road Winmalee



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