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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Fridays –1pm K-2Assembly**  
*(Weekly)*

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Garden Market**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – 6.30 – 8pm**

*Meet the Teacher Night*

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March -2pm K-6 Assembly**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Zone Swimming Carnival**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Yrs 5 & 6 Milson Island Camp**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 2pm K-6 Assembly**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

### **Faulco Friends Update**

Yesterday afternoon the final details of the Licence Agreement between Mrs Rhonda Miller (Faulco Friends) and the Asset Management Unit (AMU) representative Mr Glen Walker, were completed and this ensures Faulco Friends will continue to provide after school hours care at the school.

The meeting of Mr Paul Cole, School Education Director, Mr Carl Robinson, AMU representatives, Mrs Rhonda Miller supported by Mrs Dellena Talbot and I confirmed that Faulco Friends will continue to use areas adjacent to the school hall most of the time, except when school events etc are held there. In that eventuality, the performing arts room (Ms Theoharis' room) will be used.

This is a positive conclusion to the transition from a Community Use Agreement to the Licence, and I am sure is good news for all involved in the process.

### **Road Safety Reminder**

Mr John O'Sullivan has asked me to remind parents, caregivers and students of the importance of complying with road safety rules. Please ensure that students consistently use the pedestrian crossing, as Grose Road is particularly busy during the before and after school rush.

### **Springwood High School Expo**

Our Year 6 students are at the High School today, learning about what to expect next year as they go into Year 7. We appreciate that the staff at the High School are organising this and similar events to ensure a smooth transition for our students.

### **A Block Painting**

As with the erection of the new school sign, the days of rain are affecting the progress of the painting. However, the section of the building that has been completed looks very attractive, and the new colours match the Hall and the Library trim, giving this area a more unified appearance.

## **Student Welfare**

The learning Support team focus is on individual students and their needs and on whole school programs and initiatives which address our core values of Positive Relationships, Personal Growth, Healthy Environments and Learning.

Physical Health is promoted with teaching and learning about nutrition, exercise and prevention strategies relating to Sun Smart and road safety. Our children's mental health is promoted by implementing KidsMatter and Bounce Back programs. As there are a significant number of new staff at the school, these two programs will be a focus for Professional Learning during the Term 2 School Development Days. Mrs Margaret Tafe, who was instrumental in the introduction of these programs, will help support new staff members in this process.

The Learning Support Team focus for the next two weeks will be updating students' education plans.

### **Individual Education Plans (IEPs)**

IEPs are implemented for students who receive Integration Funding Support. The class teacher, School Learning Support Coordinator, parents, carers and other people involved in supporting these students have been, or soon will be, contacted to arrange a suitable time for these planning meetings.

### **Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs)**

PLPs are developed for students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, and again the planning involves teachers, parents and support staff.

### **School Learning Support Coordinator (SLSC)**

Mrs Jodie Zarzinski, the SLSC, works with students and supports staff who are working with students with special needs. She is available on Tuesdays. Due to her recent illness Mrs Nicole Kowald has at times taken this role.

### **Best Start Letter**

Kindergarten students received a note to inform parents that the best Start assessment is now available at the office. The teachers have completed the assessments and the parent information as early as possible for parents. If you have not picked up your child's assessment information, please come to the office at your earliest convenience.

### **Electronic Sign**

The weather is playing havoc with many people's lives and the erection of the sign. We wish the team better luck this Sunday.

### **Band News**

The school has 4 flutes available, and Mr Jarred Baker has organised a tutor. If your child is interested in learning an instrument, this could be a good starting point.

The drumming group will be performing at the K-6 assembly on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March and the Guitar Group will perform on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Parent Teacher Night Reminder**

We hope you are able to attend this event on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Come and meet your children's teachers, listen to the presentation on anxiety in children, and share some light refreshments with other parents and teachers afterwards.

### **Meetings**

Staff are involved in a number of meetings every week, and it might be helpful for parents and the community to be aware of their times and purpose of these.

*Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm* approximately

Whole school staff meetings for Professional Learning, planning etc alternating with Stage meetings

*Tuesday 8.25 – 8.55am* - Learning Support Team meeting

3.30pm today week - Team Meetings – Literacy, Numeracy, ICT

*Wednesday 3.30pm* - Executive meeting

*Working Parties*

Work Health and Safety – 2 meeting a term

Environment and Sustainability (includes Green Team, Gardening Club and Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden staff and parents – Friday 1.30 (this still has to be finalised)

Dorothee Lean

Principal

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Term 1 Wk 2	HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS	POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS	LEARNING	PERSONAL GROWTH
KJ	Ben S	Malik H	Caelum H	Matilda B
KR	Hailey P	Alexander B	Lachlan W	Kayne S
K/1A	Tegan D	Bella C	Zetaya- Maree C	Marissa B
1D	Neive D	Myriam R	Louis S	Ayden B
1F	Jackson C	Nicholas N	Mahailia B	Genevieve M
2T	Hannah W	Shayna J	Tamsyn C	Ronan L
2Z	Jasmine B	Taniora H	Daniel S	Cayden H

**Tear 4 Text Books**  
**Year 4 require a 'Target Handwriting' textbook this year**  
**These books have been invoiced to all Year 4 students and will be handed out on receipt of payment.**  
**Cost is \$13.00**

**In line with the DET guidelines our Voluntary School Fees for 2013 are**  
**\$40 per child**  
**\$65 per family**  
**In addition**  
**\$20 Material Contribution per child**

**Friday 22nd March at 11am in the School Hall**

Come and see me  
have my hair shaved  
to raise money for the  
Leukaemia Foundation.  
Just a gold coin  
donation

## **SHAVE FOR A CURE**

Max Ogle, School Captain, has participated in the World's Greatest Shave in 2012 and raised over \$600 for the Leukemia Foundation, which was well over his expected goal of \$250. This year he has raised the goal to \$500 and will be participating in the World's Greatest Shave at School. Max has not had a haircut since last year as he wanted to grow the biggest 'fro' for the event to make it really special.

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March a Hairdresser from The Gun Shearer, Springwood, will be coming to the school to shave Max's hair. The event will be at 11am in the Faulconbridge Public School Hall. Students who would like to see Max getting the big shave and to donate to the cause will be encouraged to bring a gold coin donation as entry into the hall.

Max has had two Grandparents diagnosed with cancer and has watched them go through the treatment process. For Max it is "just hair" compared to what others have to go through. The money raised helps the Leukemia Foundation support people with blood cancer and their families. It also funds vital research into better treatments and cures for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

## Kindy Update

Our Kindergarten classes have settled well into the routines of school. Stage sport, singing, dancing and assemblies are now underway. Our home reading and sight word programs are about to begin. Kindy teachers are currently implementing programs in their classrooms that students will be able to apply in the less structured environment of the playground. The lessons explicitly address the social, interpersonal and communication skills needed to make friends, play games, take turns, share materials, remain safe, and to identify and deal with feelings. The play equipment used in such lessons will then be used in the playground where Kindy children can apply the skills. The program affirms our school's core values and aligns with the social and emotional skills within Kids Matter.

Jo Fulham  
Assistant Principal

### Attention: Kindergarten Parents

Your child recently attended an interview to complete a Best Start assessment prior to starting school. Your child's Best Start feedback is now ready for collection from the school office.

## School Trivia Night Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm

**Bring your friends and make a table  
Please register names at the office**

**\$15 per table, maximum 8 persons per table**



Question: The front page of the first Blue Mountains Gazette in 1963 was in which language?

Last Week's Answer is..... India

## FYI: free app to the stars UWS Observatory iPhone app



University of Western Sydney Observatory has developed an iPhone app to help bring the news of the universe to the palms of the community. The app is titled 'UWS Observatory' and is free from the iTunes Store. It provides an automatically updated calendar detailing both astronomical events, such as eclipses, meteor showers and moon phases, and a list of public astronomy programs being run at the observatory. The 'observatory calendar' includes the scheduled date and time of each of these programs, the topic of the presentation, a short description and the cost. The UWS Observatory app also contains details about the observatory itself, including an interactive map showing directions to the facility, entry fees and contact details. The Observatory is hosting 'Kids Astronomy Nights' in the April school holidays.

Jo Fulham  
ICT team



## **CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY - 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March is 'Schools Clean Up Day'. All classes will be taking part after lunch.

Please provide your children with gloves .

In case of inclement weather, this activity will be moved to another day.



Thank you  
*Linda Dalkeith*

## **Gardening Club - Fridays**

Gardening Club for all students who have signed permission is every Friday following eating time at lunch. Please send along gardening gloves with your child/ren and a 'dirt shirt' is optional.

Garden Harvest Market will be held on Friday afternoon at the canteen. See you there.

*Lisa Atwood and the 'Garden Gnomes'*



**Reminder ..... Stage 3 Milson Island Camp**

**All money due by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**



**Guitar Lessons  
Fridays**

## School Banking News



**Where:** Under the Big Top

**When:** Fridays from 8.30am-9.00am

We are settling in well with most of the bank books being returned to the correct classes last week. There are a couple of teachers who are learning at the moment. If ever you find that you haven't received your bank book back in time you are still able to make a deposit. Just put the money in a zip lock bag and include a note with your name and class and hand it to the banking ladies.

The new banking awards for 2013 include - a wallet, torch, handball, calculator, knuckles game, moneyboxes and headphones. We will have more information about the token award day for term 1 soon. Watch this space!

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday.

The School Banking Team !!



## LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to our very busy library for 2013!

There are a few changes this year but the library will still operate 4 days per week, with my working days Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mr Edwards will also take a class for library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The timetable below is for your information so that you can take an interest in your child's reading.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1D	6M	5P	3-4-5-6P	2T
K/1A			KR	3T
2Z			1F	KJ
4S				3/4D

To quote author, Paul Jennings: "The one person who will do more than anyone else to help your child to read ..... is you" *and* "if children are to become lifelong readers, we must instil a love of books."

If possible, reading *to* or *with* your child every day for 10 minutes *will* make a difference!

Please encourage your child to:

- Borrow and read on a regular basis.
- Take care of what they borrow.
- Keep books in *one* safe place at home.
- Use a library bag to protect books.
- Return books on time.

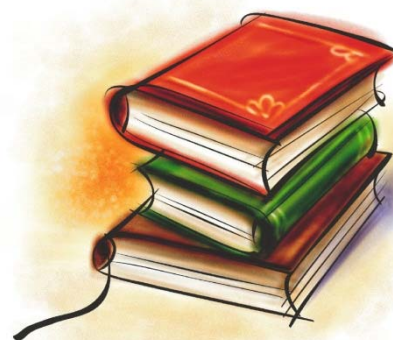
### PARENT HELPERS

We have a number of books ready for covering. If you are able to help out this year, please let me know.

Happy reading!

Diane McKay

Teacher Librarian





## Faulconbridge Public School P&C Association



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### SCHOOL SIGN UPDATE

Due to extreme weather conditions over last weekend and boggy ground conditions the erection of the sign did not take place.

If weather permits, Simon is trying to get a team of helpers together for this Sunday, 3 March 2013 starting at 10am. If you anytime to spare on Sunday, even 1 hour can you please contact Simon Ebbeling 0407 932 475 for further details.

### BLUE GUM MARKETS

Again due to the extreme weather conditions the markets were not held on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Thank you to everyone who made an effort to bake cakes, muffins, slices etc – we appreciate your support.

The next markets will be held on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March – the classes who will be manning the store will be advised shortly and notes sent home accordingly.

### FUNDRAISING MEETING – Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013

You are all welcome to attend the Fundraising Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March starting at 7pm in the staffroom. If you have a passion for fundraising and would like to help raise vital funds for your child/rens school then we would love to see you there!

*Please be advised that you do not need to be a P & C member to attend this meeting*

### CHEFS TOOLBOX MASTER CLASS – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Notes should have been received explaining this fantastic evening to raise money for our school. Tickets will include a night of entertainment with cooking tips, games, prizes and food sampling, recipes and entry into a lucky door prize!

### MY SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

We trust that everyone is having positive experiences with the online ordering system and quality provided by this great local business. Please feel free to pass on feedback regarding the service via email [info@myschoollunchbox.com.au](mailto:info@myschoollunchbox.com.au)

Thanks – P & C Executive



## Yoga is for everyone!

When the body, breath and mind work together, positive changes, both physical and mental occur.

Give yourself a gift.

Unroll your mat (or mine)!

Try an hour or so of Yoga and see what happens!

You are Invited to join us at Falconbridge Community Hall  
Thursday Mornings

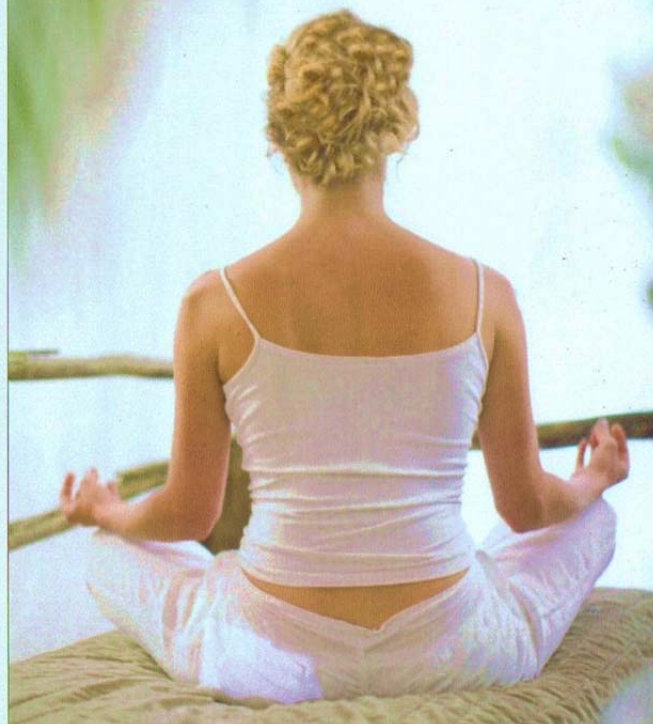
(in tune with school terms)

10:00am to 11:20am

*Please phone*

Carly (IYTA) 02 4751 3373

Any reason for practicing Yoga is a good reason.



Andrew McLeod

Accredited Club Professional NSW TCA Coach

Previously coached in USA and Germany

Qualified PDHPE Teacher

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