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School Rules

Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



Calendar

Week 2	What's on.....
Fri 26/10	Grandparents' Morning Tea
Fri 26/10	Summer PSSA round 9
Week 3	What's on.....
Tues 30/10	School Photographs – class and individual
Wed 31/10	School Photographs – Sport and SRC
Wed 31/10	Middle schooling begins – year 6
Wed 31/10	Creating Chances - yr 5 sport program begins
Thurs 1/11	Westfields Sports HS Transition program - yr 6
Fri 2/11	Summer PSSA - round 10
Week 4	What's on.....
Tues 6/11	Westfields Sports HS Transition program yr 6
Wed 7/11	Russ the Bus – yr 3
Wed 7/11	Happy Diwali – for those who celebrate
Wed 7/11	Creating Chances- yr 5 sport program begins
Thurs 8/11	Bronze and Silver Awards
Thurs 8/11	Westfields Sports HS Transition program - yr 6
Thurs 8/11	Smithfield/Fairfield West Combined Choir – Opportunity to Perform, Smithfield RSL

SCHOOL WEBSITE

<https://fairfieldw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>



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News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to term 4, I trust everyone had a relaxing break and it was great to see the rain, even if it was during the holidays. This term is extremely busy so I encourage everyone to keep an eye on the calendar, to ensure you get to share in all the terrific opportunities provided.

This is the first of our reformatted newsletter, I hope you enjoy it and we will be sending out a survey at the end of the term for feedback. Thank you to Ms Funnell who helped to bring our vision to reality.

This term students have got straight back into learning. Here are some photos of the engaging activities.



Students participating in PE



Year 1 students improving their mathematics skills by engaging in hands on activities.



Year 5 students using their science knowledge to build the tallest tower using spaghetti and marshmallows.



Fairfield West Public School Learning Community says – Bullying No Way!

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Attached to the newsletter is a fact sheet about Anti-Bullying and below is a link with a video that clearly explains bullying and suggests strategies for students to implement if they feel bullying is taking place.

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/Resources/Videos/Pages/VideoPlayer.aspx?VideoID=183>

Regional Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the students who represented FWPS at the Regional Athletics carnival last term. FWPS placed 3rd overall at the carnival and six of our students will be off to State Athletics in term 4! Congratulations to: Jozef Cluff, Pauline Suli-Ruka, Ilaisaane Vunipola, Elijah Sefo, Aaron Quach and Pharrell Ibini-Isei- true champions!

Silly Scientist

On Wednesday all students got to enjoy an interactive production called the Silly Scientist, which was partially funded by the school. This show included interesting facts, fun skits, music, comedy and SCIENCE experiments. The Silly Scientist Show promoted the Australian Curriculum learning outcomes and involves exploring and observing the world using the senses, asking questions and describing changes, making predictions and describing patterns and relationships, and gathering data to develop explanations of events. As you can see the students were extremely engaged!



Staff learning

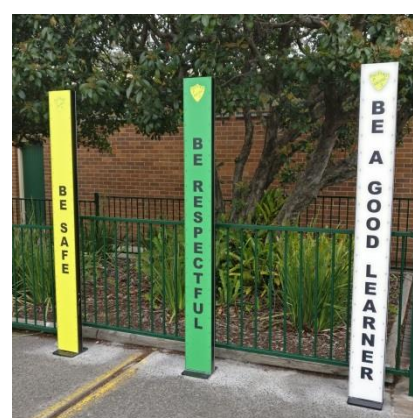
Not only do the students spend their days learning but so do all the staff at FWPS. Over the past two weeks staff members have participated in the following professional learning opportunities:

- Language, Learning and Literacy full day – 3 Kindergarten teachers
- Language, Learning and Literacy half day – 9 stage 1 teachers
- Instructional Rounds with the Community of Schools – 4 teachers and 1 Deputy Principal
- Literacy programming session after hours with the Community of Schools – 10 Stage 1 teachers, 7 Support Unit teachers, 1 Deputy Principal and 1 Instructional Leader
- Using quality literacy texts in the classroom half day – 1 stage 1 teacher
- Leading for Educational Change at the Gonski Institute full day - Principal and 2 Deputy Principals
- Principal PL meeting half day – Principal and 1 Deputy Principal
- External Validation – Principal engaged in the External Validation of two schools as a peer principal in the Far West and in North West of NSW

All staff professional learning ensures that the highest quality of education is provided to all students at FWPS.

School Rules

You may have noticed the beautiful new signs around the school to promote the three school rules. The rulers in the Kindergarten quad are a great place to take a photo of your child and measure their height each year as a memory of their schooling at Fairfield West Public School.



/ respect and acknowledge Aboriginal People as the traditional owners of the land on which / work, live and visit.

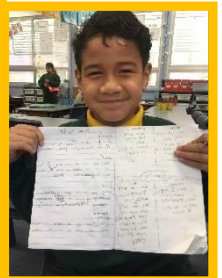
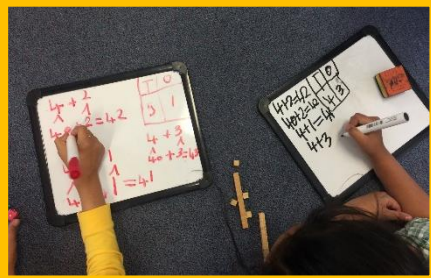


Have a great fortnight!
Genelle Goldfinch

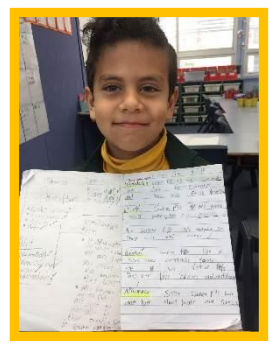
Class report

2M in Term 4

There are lots of exciting new learning experiences happening in 2M this term. We are a class of marvellous mathematicians and we love working in small groups to problem-solve and share mathematical strategies through number talks and investigations.



2M students are learning about compassion by reading and responding to a range of interesting books. We are refining our writing skills and our favourite authors include Aaron Blabey and Roald Dahl! 2M is also continuing to work hard during reading groups to improve understanding of what we are reading through new comprehension strategies and techniques. We have especially enjoyed using our classroom laptops to work on individual research tasks and use interactive technology to create Word Clouds.



1/2W's Class Report

1/2W are back in action this term with lots to look forward to. Our learning journey continues to grow as we explore, investigate and problem solve many learning tasks. We have been working collaboratively this week to solve our number investigations in Maths.

Our love for reading just keeps growing! We are learning to use strategies that will help us understand what we are reading, such as questioning, clarifying and summarising.

Finally, we are proud to say that we are an artistic class engaging in Creative Arts. Last term, we were thrilled to learn and practise a dance item with Westfield Sports HS student teachers, which we later showcased in front of the whole school at the Opportunity to Perform Concert. We learnt how rhythm, dynamics and movement affect dancing and we tried to incorporate what we have learnt into our performance.



Class report

2T Class Report



2T have had a great start to term 4. We have been working extremely hard in the classroom and have enjoyed participating in robotics using Lego. This allowed students to make science and computing come to life through hands-on tasks and real-world projects.



We are so excited to be using Google Classroom at school and at home to complete online tasks and assignments. We are using this to communicate and collaborate with our classmates and our teacher, Mrs Dan.



2S Class Report



2S have had a fantastic start to term 4. We have been working extremely hard in class to create amazing pieces of writing. 2S have been so pleased with their writing that we have been publishing our favourite pieces!

We are so excited to continue our fabulous writing journey this term and create more amazing pieces of work.

2S have also been working towards further improving our reading skills and fluency by reading to our peers!



Student achievements

CONGRATULATIONS!

Term 4 High Achievement Morning Tea Recipients

Grade	Student	Student	Student	Student	Student
Kindergarten	Rochelle Aslani Literacy	Nilam Rezae Literacy	Annie Nguyen Reading		
Year 1	Miesm Sayahi Reading	Le Tran Literacy	Lukas Nissan Literacy	Tasneem Almusawi Reading	Kenneth Chau Numeracy
	Vincent Chea Numeracy	Adrian Pules Literacy	Ellena Eak Writing	Dante Dankha- Reading	
Year 2	Mehrya Amini Literacy	Jacqueline Vo- Doan Literacy	Luke Taifalos literacy and Numeracy	Malcolm Portelli - Leadership	Marina Gorgees Numeracy
	Chace Ekueti Literacy	Jason Truong Numeracy	Vicky Pham Literacy	Ivy Pham - Literacy	Andy Quach Literacy
Year 3	Liem Pham Numeracy	Christopher Tiary Numeracy	Ashton Vu Literacy	Christy Truong Science	Chelsea Sok Literacy
	Isabelle Nguyen Literacy	Justin Nguyen Numeracy	Lachlan Weekes Numeracy		
Year 4	Michelle Lu Literacy	Tracey Nguyen Literacy	Mia Novakovic- Literacy		
Year 5	Jovana Bencun Literacy	Annasophia Huynh Science	Kaitlyn Nguyen Literacy	Mya Puyo Literacy	Angela Gorges Science
Year 6	George Koborsi History	Arlyn Wakil History	Jason Nguyen Visual Arts	Kevin Lu Mathematics	Ali-Moana Tui Literacy

Public Speaking



On Tuesday 23 October, four students from FWPS went to William Stimson PS to represent the school in the Cowpasture and Fairfield Network Public Speaking competition. The students were required to present a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. We are so proud of their hard work.

Alexander Nguyen – Early Stage 1

Chase Ekueti – Stage 1

Grace Sievier - Stage 2

Isabella Biggin - Stage 3.

We congratulate all students for their participation in the school competition!

UNSW 2018 ICAS Assessment

During term 3, 41 students participated in the ICAS Mathematics Assessment. This is usually a quite difficult assessment so it was fantastic to have students receive such wonderful results.

8 students received a Credit: Sarah Lie; Christy Truong; Vivian Dinh; Lianna Le; Chelsea Sok; Justin Nguyen; Angelina Nguyen and Kevin Dinh.

3 students received a Merit: Sulie Lim, Andrej Alavanja and Khoi Nguyen.

Congratulations to all students for participating in the assessment.

Community News

Term 4 Community Hub Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast club	Breakfast club	Breakfast club	Breakfast club	Breakfast club
Sip and Social Weekly starting 22 nd October 2018 9:00am FREE	Walking group Group leader Gisele Weekly starting 23 October 2018 9:15am FREE		Playgroup/ Sing and Grow Kardonia Weekly starting 18 th Oct 2018 9:00am FREE	Teachers Aid Facilitator – Louise Fortnightly Starting 26 October 2018 9:30am (Fully Booked)
Sewing Class Teacher - Nahrain Weekly starting 22 nd October 2018 9:30am Childcare provided FREE	Yoga class Facilitator: Manasa Weekly Tuesdays starting 23 October 2018 11:00am Cost \$5:00 for teacher	Carers Week Celebration 31 st October <u>Auburn Centre for Community 44A Macquarie Rd Auburn</u> 10:00am to 2:00pm FREE		
Hub drop in 11.00am		Monday 22nd October excursion to Power House Museum entry and transport all paid for –Bookings essential		

Bookings essential for child minding please call Gisele: 0478 660 620

Carer's Day

The Community Hub is organising a Community event to celebrate carers.

Come join us to celebrate and be pampered!

Have your hair and nails done; participate in a Yoga class; get creative with lantern making; engage in creating a mosaic; get hands on in the Bunnings' pot plant workshop; enjoy music from a Spanish choir and or listen to bilingual story telling.

Enjoy a Delicious Hot Cooked Meal!

Date: Wednesday 31/10/18

Time: 11am to 2pm

Where: 44a Macquarie Road, Auburn

Auburn Centre for Community

Cost: Free

Please contact Gisele for more information 0478 660 620

Evening of Dance

The FWPS Dance Company performed at an Evening of Dance with Westfields Sports High School last Friday night 19 October at Casula Powerhouse. They performed their dance item 'When I grow up' which is based on the award winning movie Matilda. Students did a wonderful job and represented our school extremely well.



Mathematics Parent Workshop



Parents and caregivers are invited to attend a Mathematics Workshop on Tuesday 6 November from 3:10 - 4:00pm. This workshop will be held in the 5/6E and 3/6V classrooms. The workshop will assist in identifying where your child is at in Mathematics and strategies to move your child forward. Translators will be in attendance as this workshop is particularly aimed at our parents of new arrival students, but everyone is welcome.

Beginning School Well

Our six week program of Beginning School Well has sadly come to an end. We would like to thank Ms Goldfinch, Ms Turnbull, Ms Obeid and Ms Isaac for their efforts in a successful program. The sessions focussed on welcoming new refugee families into our school community and established a sense of connectedness, belonging and trust. The children had fun growing plants, playing, making playdough and healthy fruit kebabs and playing with instruments. We were very lucky to have had so many visitors to the program, including Scott Davidson (Director Educational Leadership), Salvation Army officers and Multicultural Services officers that helped link our new families to our wider community. Thank you to the parents and students who attended the program and we look forward to seeing you at Kindergarten Transition in November.



Once again FWPS will be holding the annual Christmas Grocery Appeal. This is a wonderful community event and I invite all our parents/caregivers and students to participate with us this year by bringing in packaged food, Christmas gifts or toys.

Items can be brought to school any time now and given to the class teacher. We are hoping to fill one or more shopping trolleys to support families in our Fairfield community.

Here are some suggestions of packaged food you can bring in:

Pantry Food	Tinned Food
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cake mixes• Cereal• Coffee• Cordial• Dried pasta• Flour• Juices• Long life custard• Long life milk• Noodles• Pasta sauces• Rice• Pepper/salt• Sugar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asparagus• Baked beans• Beetroot• Carrots• Corn• Pears• Peaches• Pickles• Ham• Peas• Salmon• Soups• Spaghetti• Spam

Community Resources

Each newsletter we will be providing information that may be of benefit to our learning community so that individuals can access if they wish.



Friday 9 November at 2.00pm a meeting will be held in the Community Hub. This meeting is for any parents/caregivers who would like to work together with others to develop opportunities to improve the wellbeing of the whole school community through fundraising and supporting school events.

Salvation Army

In term 3, as part of the Beginning School Well Program, specifically the parent information sessions, we invited Pastor David and Pastor Russell from the Salvation Army to discuss the services that could be accessed by members of our learning community. Below is some of the information they shared about the programs they run.

Where: Salvation Army Fairfield City Corps
Address: 473 Hamilton Road
Contact No: 9757 1067

Monday 9am – 2.30pm

- Food Market: **free** fruit and vegetables
- Help with Electricity and Gas Bills
- Zumba Classes

Wednesday 9am – 2.30pm

- Food Market
- Helping with Electricity and Gas Bills
- Ladies group (10.30am)

Thursday 9am – 2.30pm

- Food Market
- Bread
- English conversation classes (10am-12pm, only during school terms)
- Drive for life (driving lessons):- **free** for individuals between 17 - 25 years (if you are over the age please contact the office)



Thank you to Pastor David and Pastor Russell for visiting our school.