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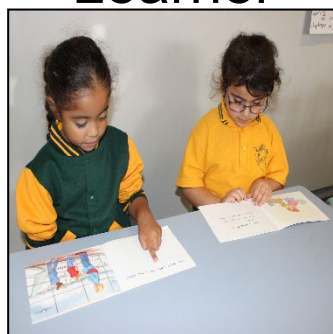
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Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



Calendar

Week 2	What's on...
Thurs 24/10	Auskick- Back Oval 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Fri 25/10	PSSA, Recreational Swimming and Recreational Tennis
Week 3	What's on...
Tues 29/10	High Achievement Morning Tea at 10.45am
Tues 29/10	Year 6 Middle Schooling
Tues 29/10	Beginning School Well 9.15am -10.45am
Thurs 31/10	Auskick- Back Oval 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Fri 1/11	PSSA, Recreational Swimming and Recreational Tennis
Fri 1/11	Community Garden information session at 9.30am
Week 4	What's on...
Mon 4/11	Kindergarten Orientation
Tues 5/11	Year 6 Middle Schooling
Tues 5/11	Beginning School Well 9.15am -10.45am
Thurs 7/11	Auskick- Back Oval 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Fri 8/11	PSSA, Recreational Swimming and Recreational Tennis
Fri 8/11	Russ the Story Bus visit – Year 5 students



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SKOOLBAG APP

Fairfield West Public School now has a Skoolbag App. Newsletters, dates can now be delivered straight to your smart phone. For instructions on how to download the app visit our School Website.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and caregivers,

External Validation

Once during a five-year cycle, schools undergo an external validation of the evidence of their school self-assessment. Schools engage in discussions with an external panel and have their self assessments validated using the School Excellence Framework (SEF). The panel, comprising of a Principal School Leadership (PSL) and a peer principal, meet with the school leadership team and determine whether the school's evidence supports their self-assessment using each element of the SEF. An external validation panel report, which includes the school determined next steps in the self-assessment process is provided to the school following an external validation. Ongoing self-assessment supports school improvement by ensuring critical and timely assessment of progress and achievement on performance. It prompts schools to regularly reflect on activities and the impact of improvement strategies to sustain growth in student learning.

This morning Fairfield West Public School underwent the process of External Validation.

The panel supported that the evidence presented by FWPS supports the on balance judgement made in relation to the School Excellence Framework in the following ways:

Learning Domain

Learning Culture – Excelling
Wellbeing – Excelling
Curriculum – Sustaining and Growing
Assessment – Sustaining and Growing
Reporting – Excelling
Student Performance Measures – Delivering

Teaching Domain

Effective Classroom Practice - Sustaining and Growing
Data Skills and Use - Sustaining and Growing
Professional Standards – Sustaining and Growing
Learning and Development – Excelling

Leading Domain

Educational Leadersip - Excelling
School Planning, Implementation and Reporting - Excelling
School Resources – Excelling
Management Practices and Processes - Excelling

Diwali

To all the families who will celebrate Diwali on Sunday 27 October, Happy Diwali! I hope you enjoy your celebrations with your family and friends.



News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

Presentation Day - changes to 2019 times

This year Presentation Day will be held on **Tuesday 10 December**. Students who will be receiving an award will be presented during a special Presentation Day assembly.

K-2 assembly - 9.15am-9.45am.

Years 3-6 assembly - 10.00am – 11.30am

Please note:

- Students receiving an award will be given a limit of two tickets per family to attend.
- Please make alternate arrangements for children under school age as we will be unable to accommodate them.
- It is expected that family members stay for the duration of the assembly.

These changes should provide the students receiving an award the recognition they deserve. I thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Sun Protection

As the weather warms up so does the intensity of the sun. Students **MUST** wear a school hat every time they are in the playground. You can purchase a school hat from the Community Cottage each morning between 8.30am-10.00am or 2.30pm-3.30pm. If your child does not have a school hat, they will be asked by teachers to play under one of the covered areas at recess and lunch. This procedure is to ensure your child is protected from the harsh effects the sun can have on their skin.

Selective High School Applications – Year 5 students applying for Year 7 Selective HS in 2021

Applications are now open and will close at **10pm on 11 November 2019**. The test will be held on 12 March 2020. Download the [Application information \(PDF 791KB\)](#) for entry in 2021 or return the slip to Ms Mah Chut who will provide you with the application information. Please note that all applications must be completed online.

Child protection

During term 4, all students K-6 will participate in Child Protection lessons. During these lessons your child will learn about their bodies and how to keep themselves safe. Permission for your child to participate annually in these lessons was sought at enrolment.

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:

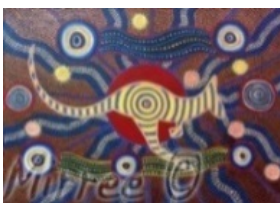
- Full day Instructional Leader Masterclass – two Instructional leaders and two class teachers.
- One half day Language, Learning and Literacy for stage 1– one Assistant Principal and three teachers.
- Full day Leadership professional learning – Principal and four Deputy Principals.

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

Have a wonderful weekend,

Genelle Goldfinch

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



Student Learning

K/4P has had an amazing year so far. We have had some great learning experiences, including learning about Australia and other countries. We enjoyed performing many interesting science experiments and learning about minibeasts.



Trip to the Zoo

We had a spectacular time at Taronga Zoo.



K/4P has cooperated in a range of other activities including Book Week, the annual FWPS Art Exhibition, developmental play, cooking, gardening and Club activities.



We continue to work hard to achieve our learning goals.

Student Learning

Welcome to 1K

This year has been a very exciting year for us! It has been super exhilarating as we have explored many new learning experiences, adventures and opportunities! Have a look at us working extra hard, looking sharp for our school photographs and indulging in fabulous school events and excursions.



We will continue to work hard and enjoy this last term together as a class.



Student Learning

Year Six Fundraising

Many thanks for supporting our Treat Tuesday at the end of last term. We raised over \$1000 which is going towards the Year Six Farewell. Our Frozen Fridays have now started again and gelato will be on sale for \$2 after school every Friday. Gelato will be available in vanilla, chocolate, mango and bubblegum. We thank you for your continued support.



Academic Challenge

Last term 6 students represented our school at the Academic Challenge at Fairfield HS. They competed in a challenge which combined the areas of History and Library. They worked well as a team, collaborating at times and delegating tasks on other occasions as they worked through the amazing race style challenge. They achieved an excellent final result of second place and the students are looking forward to this term's challenge which combines Sport and Creative Arts.



Student Learning

Stage Three Camp

Week Ten of last term saw over 80 stage three students head off for a three day camp with Outdoor Education at Morisset. The students participated in a range of activities including canoeing, abseiling, archery, high ropes and much more. The night activities were also great fun as the students held their own county fair, listened to stories by the campfire and participated in a games night. Students represented Fairfield West PS admirably with their excellent manners and have-a-go attitudes. They learnt a lot about persistence and pushing themselves to achieve more. The students made new friends and enjoyed interacting with peers from other classes and grades. Many thanks to everyone who made this camp such as success.

The stage three camp for 2020 will support the Government topic that students will be studying in History next year. It will be a three day camp to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains and will cost approximately \$350. Hopefully this early information will give families more time to budget for the excursion as it will be an excellent opportunity for the students at FWPS.



Museum of Contemporary Art Together Young Team Member Program

Last week Cindy and Liam, MCA artist educators, worked with some of our stage three students to conclude the Together Young Team Member Program. This program involved 16 stage three students with the highlight being an intensive week at the Museum of Contemporary Art in week 8 of last term. During this week our students learnt about artworks and artists in the MCA whilst developing their leadership skills. The week culminated in our students leading 25 adults on a gallery tour. The students were able to use the microphone to introduce artworks and lead visitors through an art appreciation activity. The students developed their skills throughout the week and thoroughly enjoyed the program. We look forward to more links with the Museum of Contemporary Art in the future.



Sporting News

PSSA

Summer PSSA will be starting back up again in Term 4.

Friday 18.10.19 PSSA Results

Cricket V **S** @ Avery Park
Jnrs- 118-44 **WIN**
Snrs 103-71 **WIN**

Softball v **S** @ Avery Park
Boys 9-1 **WIN**
Girls 9-6 **WIN**

T-ball v **S** @ Avery Park
Boys 6-5 **WIN**
13-14 **LOST**

Newcombeball v **CW** @ Endeavour
Jnrs 12/15 9/15 **LOST**
SNRS 8/15 15/10 10/15 **LOST**

AFL v **FH** @ Endeavour
Jnrs 19-29 **LOST**
Snrs 16-43 **LOST**

Touch v **S** @ Endeavour
Girls 4-0 **WIN**
Boys 6-0 **WIN**

Friday 25.10.19 PSSA Fixtures

*All games are scheduled to begin at
9:30am.*

Cricket V **SJP** @ St Johns Park Oval

Softball v **SJP** @ St Johns Park Oval

T-ball v **SJP** @ St Johns Park Oval

Newcombeball v **S** @ Endeavour

AFL v **BP** @ Endeavour

Touch v **SJP** @ Endeavour



Community News

Breakfast Club Helpers needed

Each day parent volunteers and teachers run Breakfast Club for the students at FWPS but more volunteers are needed. If you are able to support this program by distributing breakfast to students between 8.30am-8.50am, please contact Ms Funnell or Ms Isaac on 9604 5568.



Community Hub term 4 calendar



Fairfield West Public School Community Hub

2019 Term 4 activities timetable



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast club 8.30am-8.50am	Breakfast club 8.30am-8.50am	Breakfast club 8.30am-8.50am	Breakfast club 8.30am-8.50am	Breakfast club 8.30am-8.50am
Sewing Class Run By: Nahrain & Vivian 9:30am Childcare provided FREE Starting Monday 21/10	Beginning School Well Run By: Ms Obeid and Caroline 9:15am – 10:45am Starting 15, 22 and 29 October	Community Kitchen In Partnership with Health Department 9:30am – 12:30pm Starting Wednesday 16/10	Playgroup Run By: Kardonia Starting Thursday 17/10	
	English Conversation Run By: Ms Edworthy 12:30pm – 2:45pm Childcare provided FREE Starting Tuesday 15/10			

If interested in any activities, please contact Caroline Isaac on 0449 157 143 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

KINDERGARTEN 2020 ENROL NOW

If you have a child turning 5 before 31 July, 2020 and they will be starting school next year, please come to the front office to pick up enrolment papers.

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Russ the Bus

On Friday 8 November 2019 Russ the Story Bus, the Sydney Writers' Festival's beloved 'library-on-wheels', will be visiting Fairfield West Public School.

Russ the Story Bus is a magical bus for primary school students that celebrates storytelling, reading, creativity and encourages a lifelong love of books.

Each student taking part will be invited on Russ to select a free book of their very own to keep, as well as taking part in an interactive talk presented by a children's book author or illustrator. The author will share their love of books, discuss their craft and inspire children to think creatively about reading, writing and storytelling.

The author visiting Fairfield West is Jules Faber, who is both an award-winning children's book illustrator and award-winning cartoonist. Jules has illustrated over 30 books, including Anh Do's *Weirdo* and is now the author/illustrator of the new series, *Max Crack*.

1-2-3 Magic Course

Congratulations to our Parents who participated in the 1-2-3 Magic Course.

In this course they learned Emotion Coaching and how to resolve difficult behaviour in Children from 2 – 12 years.

The course was run by Susan Isaacs and organised by The Parks Community Inc for 3 weeks.

Would you like to participate in the same course? Our school will run it in the school next Year.



Fairfield Christmas Grocery Appeal

We would like to invite all families to make a donation to the Fairfield Christmas Grocery Appeal. If you would like to make a donation, please ensure your items are non-perishable pantry items (see list below for examples). All donations can be given to classroom teachers or delivered to KL's (Miss Linnegar) classroom by Friday 29 November. All donations are appreciated and will be supporting less fortunate people over the Christmas period.

Pantry item examples: cake mixes, cereal, coffee, cordial, dried pasta, flour, juices, long life custard, long life milk, noodles, pasta sauces, pepper, rice, salt, sugar, tea or oil.

Tinned food examples: asparagus, baked beans, beetroot, carrots, corn, pears, peaches, pickles, ham, peas, salmon, soups, spaghetti, spam, tomatoes or tuna.

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Australian Government
Department of Human Services

We would like to thank Mr Honey Padilla for delivering the information session to our Beginning School Well parent group on Tuesday 18 September. Mr Padilla is Multicultural Service Officer from the Department of Human Services and talked about the Tax family benefit. He also explained who can get it and how much you are entitled to. He explained how to claim it and much more information relating to this subject.

Eligibility basics:

- Have a dependent child or full time secondary student aged 16 to 19 who isn't receiving a pension, payment or benefit such as Youth Allowance
- Provide care for the child for at least 35% of the time
- Meet an income test.

From **10 June 2019**, the Department changed how they recover money that the family owe from Family Tax Benefit (FTB). Read more about it on: www.humanservices.gov.au

Mr. Padilla will represent another Information Session Wednesday 6 November 11:30am to 12:30pm.

The session will be about the payments to people who provide daily care for someone with severe disability, a medical condition, or who is frail aged. All are welcome to come!

Contact F.W.P.S Community Hub Leader for more details! Caroline 0449 157 143



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The Salvation Army

Last Tuesday we had a visit from Mr. David Delany from The Salvation Army to our Beginning School Well Group.

The Salvation Army is a Christian charitable organisation which located On 473 Hamilton Road, Fairfield West. Please see the Flyer Below for the services that they provide.

Please take a flyer from F.W.P.S community Hub for more details!

 <p>Salvos Unnected For Emergency Relief Assistance</p> <p>If you find yourself in financial crisis or need any assistance Please call 1300 371 288 Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm</p>	 <p>Money care Financial Counseling/Budgeting</p> <p>Feeling overwhelmed with your credit card, debt & other repayments Call Trace on 0428 259 563 or 02 9633 5011 Monday - Thursday 9am - 4:30pm</p>	 <p>Community Caseworker</p> <p>Addressing & assisting immediate needs, referring clients to appropriate services & following up with clients. Also, Positive Lifestyle Program (PLP) & Affordable Medication Scheme available Call Aster on 0427 073 980 for more information Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am-4:30pm</p>	 <p>Fruits & Vegetables Giving to community members Every Monday 10am Please Bring Your Own Bags</p>	 <p>Bread Giving to community members Every Thursday 10am Please Bring Your Own Bags</p>
 <p>LOAN No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)</p> <p>We may be able to provide a NILS to you & your family to ease the stress when something goes wrong. For more information Call Gemine on 0437 793 634 or Jessica on 0447 424 646 Monday - Thursday 9am - 2:30pm</p>	 <p>Food Market 473 Groceries, Personal Care & Cleaning product ect Everything is discounted Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 2pm Call 02 9725 3908 for more information</p>	 <p>FREE ZUMBA Tuesday 10am - 12pm Call Tina on 0452 561 176 for more information</p>	 <p>Employment Plus Assistance with Resumes & Interview Skills & Cover Letters</p> <p>For Asylum Seekers, Refugees including Women & Youth who are on bridging visa & has work rights in Australia Call Aditi on 0481 838 713 or email: aditi.sharma@salvationarmy.org.au For more information Thursday 10am - 1pm</p>	
<p>FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES</p> <p>For New Arrivals, Refugees & Asylum Seekers</p> <p>Tuesdays 6pm - 8pm @ Fairfield Library 17 Kenyon Street, Fairfield 2165 Thursdays 10am - 12pm @ The Salvation Army 473 Hamilton Road, Fairfield 2165 Saturdays 10am - 12pm @ Fairfield Library 17 Kenyon Street, Fairfield 2165 During School Terms Call 9725 3908 or 0417 149 839 for more information</p>	<p>DRIVE FOR LIFE</p> <p>For people between 17yrs - 25yrs But if you are above 25 yrs & interested in the driving program, you can still contact the office on 9737 106 or James Redwood on 0417 083 921 Every Thursday 9am - 1:30pm</p>	<p>SOUP KITCHEN 473</p> <p>Community Lunch</p>  <p>Gold Coin Donation Monday - Thursday 12pm - 130pm All are welcome!</p>		

Community News



South West Sydney
Legal Centre

Thank you Evrim and Manal from South West Sydney Legal Centre for delivering an information session regarding driving and traffic offences.

South West Sydney Legal Centre offers advice and legal representation for qualifying driving offence matters listed at participating Courts. Their legal services are specifically directed to supporting those who would struggle to afford private fees to access the legal system.

They can assist people who are facing injustice, abuse, hardship or discrimination.

They also has **FREE TELPHONE LEGAL ADVICE 9601 7777, Tuesday 12:30pm – 2.00 PM and 4.00pm-6.00PM, Thursday 12:30 – 2 PM.**

Please take a flyer from F.W.P.S community Hub for more details!



South West Sydney Legal Centre is a community legal centre. We provide legal services for people living or working in the Liverpool, Canterbury-Bankstown and Fairfield Local Government Areas. We may be able to assist people outside of these areas if they cannot find help elsewhere.

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Free telephone legal advice
- Free legal education seminars for community workers and community groups
- Free or reduced-fee assistance with the preparation of legal & court documents
- Free or reduced-fee legal representation for eligible individuals subject to available resources and priority ranking of matter type

LEGAL PROBLEMS WE CAN ASSIST WITH:

DRIVING & TRAFFIC
OFFENCES

UNFAIR DISMISSAL

EMPLOYMENT
PROBLEMS

CRIMINAL CHARGES

MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY
DAMAGE CLAIMS

WILLS

POWER OF ATTORNEY

DISCRIMINATION

FAMILY LAW

ENDURING GUARDIANSHIP



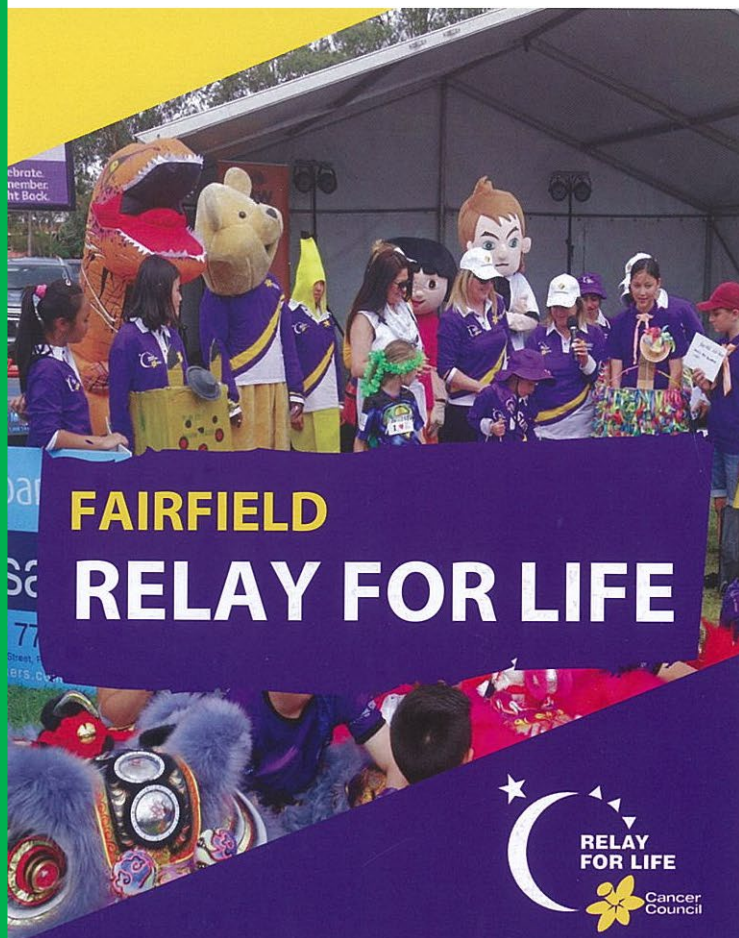
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TUESDAY 12.30 - 2 PM | 4 - 6 PM
THURSDAY 12.30 - 2 PM

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FAIRFIELD RELAY FOR LIFE



Register today!

cancercouncil.org.au/fairfieldrelay

16 - 17 November, Fairfield Showground

Relay For Life celebrates cancer survivors, remembers those we've lost, and unites the community for one cause – a cancer-free future.



WHAT IS RELAY FOR LIFE?

Relay For Life is a fun and moving overnight experience that raises vital funds for Cancer Council's research, prevention and support services. The theme in 2019 is 'Around the World' and we're calling on everyone from Fairfield's diverse community to unite together for one cause – a cancer free-future.

WALK OR RUN

You and your team can stay at the event for an hour or the full 24 hours. Set up your stall next to the track and enjoy the day. Our opening lap starts with our event VIPs - cancer Survivors and Carers. This year's event has an array of entertainment, a group head shave, lion dancing and more.

WHY RELAY?

When you make a donation to Relay For Life, you are helping Cancer Council support families affected by cancer when they need it most, speak out on behalf of the community on cancer issues, empower people to reduce their cancer risk, and find new ways to better detect and treat cancer.

REGISTER TODAY

Visit www.cancercouncil.org.au/fairfieldrelay or contact Denise Daynes on (02) 9354 2078.