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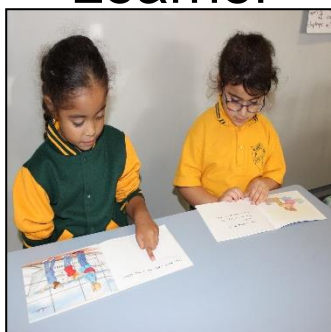
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Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



Calendar

Week 8	What's on... Education Week
Thurs 12/9	Auskick- Back Oval 3.15pm- 4.15pm
Fri 13/9	Learn to Swim- ends today
Fri 13/9	SSW Athletics Carnival
Fri 13/9	K-6 Assembly- Stage 1
Week 9	What's on...
Tues 17/9	ICAS English Test
Wed 18/9	Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm
Thurs 19/9	ICAS Maths Test
Thurs 19/9	Auskick- Back Oval 3.15pm- 4.15pm
Fri 20/9	Horsley Zone Gala Day
Week 10	What's on...
Mon 23/9- Wed 25/9	Stage 3 Camp
Thurs 26/9	Auskick- Back Oval 3.15pm- 4.15pm
Fri 27/9	Last day of Term 3
Week 1	What's on... Term 4
Mon 14/10	First day of term 4- students and staff



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SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and caregivers,

BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA CEREMONY

On Wednesday 4 September, our three captains Lucas, Chrestina and Pedro very respectfully represented Fairfield West Public School at a ceremony commemorating the Battle for Australia at Smithfield RSL. They lay a wreath on our behalf to honour not only the fallen, but also to be mindful of and give thanks to the number of servicemen and women who are currently fighting for our freedom.



2019 Premier's Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Samra Smajic (6P), Anisha Samy (5K), Chelsea Sok (3/4C) and Micah Xayamongkhoun (3/4C) for their participation in the regional final of the 2019 Premier's Spelling Bee. These students attended Warwick Farm Public School on Tuesday 3 September to compete against other students in the local area, spelling words of increasing difficulty over a number of rounds. Although they didn't win the competition, they demonstrated maturity and good sportsmanship, which makes us very proud. Thank you, parents and teachers, for supporting our students' involvement in this esteemed event.



A Fantastic Achievement

Mirabelle Naaman is the 10-12yrs Girls NSW PSSA Golf Champion! The championship has been running for twenty years and **all** Primary Schools, not just public schools compete. Mirabelle is the second youngest winner in the championships's history and the very first winner from Sydney South West. Congratulations to our Number 1 Golfer!



AFL AUSKICK CLINICS- Every Thursday - 5 September – 7 November

It was fabulous to see so many of our students take up the opportunity to take part in the AFL games and activities offered on the back oval last Thursday. The weather was perfect and the students enjoyed the very engaging session with their friends. The clinics will continue until 7 November.



International Competitions and Assessments for Schools, (ICAS) 2019

ICAS Assessments are designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. Every year over a million students participate in ICAS around the world. Last week, 20 Fairfield West students participated in two ICAS Assessments- Digital Technologies and Science. Students were focused and determined to complete their assessments successfully. The new and improved online version means that supervising teachers can track the students' progress as they complete it. There are two more assessments scheduled to take place during Week 9 with 73 students enrolled to participate. ICAS English on 17 September and ICAS Maths on 19 September.

Parent/caregiver survey – Tell Them From Me –Please complete

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>.

*******To access the survey for our school go to:** <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/fwps19>

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

Cooking up a storm in 1-6T

1-6T have had a very productive and exciting year so far. We have been learning about a variety of new and interesting topics. Cooking has been one of the most enjoyable and engaging life skills learnt, especially when we get to taste the yummy treats!



Our visit to Taronga Zoo was one of the highlights of the year. Check out our brilliant Art Exhibition artwork we displayed during Education Week.



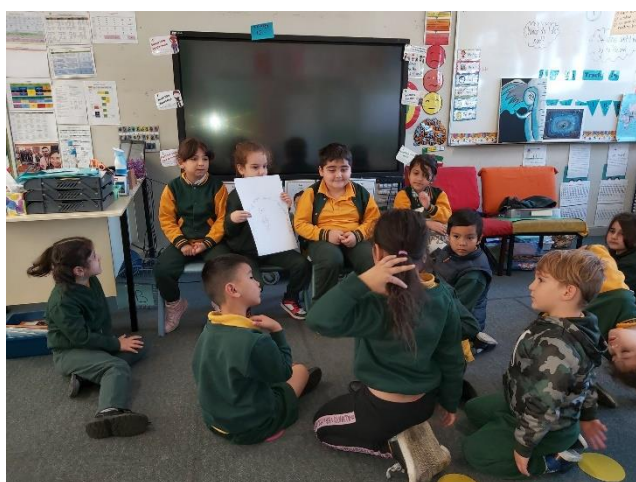
Student Learning

A term of growth in 1B

Term 3 has been a wonderfully productive term so far, participating in a wide range of exciting learning opportunities! #TEAM1B have been learning to become more confident learners in the classroom, demonstrating the ability to role play in front of an audience and to take part in several hands-on learning activities.



Taronga Zoo Excursion



Hotseating time! A wonderful way for students to fully appreciate and comprehend characters and themes of stories.



Art Exhibition – We had a wonderful time admiring the fantastic work our school showcased during Education Week.



Hands on learning – A Whole class effort during mathematics, where we had to order numbers 1-30 using our knowledge of place value and teamwork!

Follow us on Twitter – Search for the tag [@1B_MrBugge](https://twitter.com/1B_MrBugge)



Student Learning

Stage 2 Excursion to The Rocks Learning about the Arrival of the First Fleet

On Wednesday 4 September Stage 2 went to The Rocks in the city to learn about the First Fleet. We first went on the bus for one hour then we arrived. On the bus, everyone was having fun and laughing! When we arrived we walked to First Fleet Park to eat our recess. It was a really sunny day, which was good! Unfortunately, there were lots of Ibis birds trying to eat our food!

Next, we met our guides. My group's guide was Harry. He talked to us about the First Fleet then we dressed up. Students dressed up as convicts, doctors, free settlers, governors or others. Then we went on a tour! We stopped at significant locations around the Rocks, with different students being asked to stand up in front of the group and learn about their characters. For example, I dressed up as John Hudson and learned that he received 50 lashes for sneaking out of his hut after 9pm. Ouch!

As we walked around The Rocks, we discovered that most of the places were made out of sandstone. One of the places we visited was Nurse's Walk, which is where the British doctors set up a hospital. We learned that there were 11 ships in the First Fleet and they were led by Arthur Phillip.

The excursion was super fun! I would definitely go again. I loved how we got to dress up as characters and got to explore places.

By Alysar Alyoussef, 3/4C



Sporting News



Congratulations to both our Year 5 and Year 6 PSSA Netball teams, coached by Ms Petrovska, for making it to the Grand Finals this year. A big thank you to the staff, parents and family members who came out and supported the students on the day.

We are very proud to announce that our **Year 6 Netball team** won their grand final and are the **Premiers for 2019!** They played exceptionally well and beat Cecil Hills 8-7. Congratulations!!! Our Year 5 Netball team played well in their game against Governor Philip King, but unfortunately lost 24-4. We are extremely proud of their efforts and are **Runners Up for 2019!**

Congratulations to both our Junior and Senior Rugby League teams, coached by Mr Hormis, for making it to the Grand Finals for the 4th consecutive year. A big thank you to all the members who came out and supported the students on the day. The senior team finished off the regular season undefeated but unfortunately lost in extra time 24-22. The juniors turned their early season slump around to finish 2nd but unfortunately went down 30-12.



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

Caroline Isaac will be working as the Community Hub leader on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the rest of the year. Please contact Caroline if you are interested in any of the hub activities listed in the timetable below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Breakfast club	Breakfast club	Breakfast club	Breakfast club
Sewing Class Teacher - Nahrain 9:30am		NSW Health Community Kitchen Facilitator – Paul and Caroline 9:30am -12.30pm	Playgroup and story time Facilitator - Kardonia 9:00am
	English Conversation class Facilitator- TAFE teacher 12:30pm to 2:45pm Free Childminding		Teachers Aid Course Facilitator – Belinda 9:30am to 2:30pm Free Childminding (began in term 2)

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.

Community News



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

- laptops & tablets
- lessons & activities
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
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To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*



*Using Centrelink's payments as a guide to, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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Contact your local Saver Plus Coordinator

Phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355

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FREE advice session - South West Sydney Legal Centre

South West Sydney Legal Centre is a community legal centre, providing legal services for people living in Bankstown, Fairfield and Liverpool Local Government Areas. Services include Free telephone advice, free legal education seminars for community workers and community groups.

Legal Problems SWSLC can assist with Driving and Traffic Offences, employment problems, criminal charges, Motor Vehicle Property damage claims, wills, power of Attorney, family Law, Enduring Guardianship, Neighbourhood disputes, consumer complaints and consumer Debts.

If you can't speak English you call TIS 131450 and then Call SWSLC on 9601 7777 Tuesdays 12:30- 2pm and 4-6pm and Thursdays 12:30-2:00 pm

*** At Risk of Losing your Licence or Having your licence suspended ? *** Facing a large fine? ***

There may be other options- South West Sydney legal Centre offers advice and legal representation for qualifying driving offence matters listed at participating courts. Come and join us on 25 September at Community Hub Cottage at 9:30 to find out for about options available for fines, driving and road rules. Session will run for 1,5-2 hours

Morning tea will be provided, Arabic Language Assistance will be provided.

DATE: 25 September

TIME : 9:30 (Morning Tea from 9:10 am)

LOCATION: Community Hub Cottage

TOPIC: Driving and Traffic offences

School Holiday Activities



Free activities for primary school students at The Reserve Bank Museum

Students will receive an interactive presentation on banknote security features and get a sneak peek at the new uncirculated \$20 banknote. They will also be taken on a guided journey through the Museum and learn about the history of Australia.

Cost:

Free (Registration essential)

Booking Information:

- Expressions of interest are now open for the Spring school holiday period.
- For further information, session times, and to register your child please visit the Museum website.
- Registrations will close on 20th September at 5.00 pm.



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RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA

Children's Week Event

Thursday
3rd October
10am – 1pm

Prairiewood Youth and Community Centre,
194-222 Restwell Road, Prairiewood

FREE child friendly activities
on the day includes:

Animal
petting
farm



A
wonder
tree



Face
painting



Reading room · Magician show · Performances and art exhibition from local schools · Sausage sizzle · Lucky door prizes · Playdough shapes · and many other activities for children of all ages

A collaborative event between
Parks Community Network Inc
and the Fairfield Family Events
Working Group

