



School Rules

Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



The West Express

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SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

WHAT'S ON

18 November 2020	Kindergarten Orientation
25 November 2020	Kindergarten Orientation
1 December 2020	High School Orientation
2 December 2020	Kindergarten Orientation
15 December 2020	Year 6 Graduation
16 December 2020	Students' last day of school



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SkoolBag

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

News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and caregivers

NAIDOC week

NAIDOC was celebrated at Fairfield West PS during the week of 8-15 November. This year's theme *Always Was, Always Will Be*, was discussed with the students. Teachers drew the students' attention to the recognition that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years and that Australia has the world's oldest oral stories, amongst many other important facts.

Diwali

Happy Diwali to the students, families and staff who celebrated on Saturday 14 November.

Sun Safety

As the weather heats up the strength of the sun's damage also increases, please ensure your child brings a school hat every day to wear during recess and lunch. These can be purchased at the front office \$10 or \$15 depending on style. A snapback hat can be purchased for \$17.50. We also encourage students to drink water.

Attendance

Students need to be at school every day to maximise learning. When a child misses a day at school they are missing out on many learning and social experiences. Please see the picture below to see how much schooling is missed over a student's school life by missing just one day a fortnight or week.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

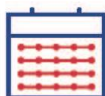
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
M T W T F
M T W T F

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4 weeks



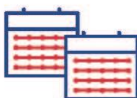
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Over 1 year missed

1 day per week
M T W T F
M T W F

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8 weeks



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Over 2.5 years missed

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News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

2021 Kindergarten Enrolments

The time is getting closer!!! If you have a child who is turning five or six next year, please contact the front office to collect an enrolment form. **Kindergarten Transition will be occurring in a different format** to comply with COVID restrictions. So, we encourage enrolment as quickly as possible to avoid missing out on this valuable transition. The families who have already enrolled a child and have completed paperwork will be contacted to advise of the new transition plans. If you have neighbours or friends living in the area with children who will be attending Fairfield West Public School in 2021, please advise them to contact the school office on 9604 5568 to enrol their child.



2021 Planning

The executive is currently looking at student enrolments for 2021 so class sizes can be organised. If you are going on a holiday before the end of the year or leaving during the break and not returning until after the school year begins, please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to the front office as soon as possible. You can also call the office on 96045568 and inform an office staff member. We need to know this information so we can keep your placement open.

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, mostly remotely:

- Half day ongoing Language, Learning and Literacy – two Assistant Principals and four teachers
- Half day ongoing Language, Learning and Literacy – three early stage 1 teachers
- Half day Language, Learning and Literacy – three stage 1 teachers
- Two hours Strategic Improvement Plan – Principal and Deputy Principal
- Half day Gifted and High Potential learners PL – one Assistant Principal and seven stage 2 teachers
- Full day executive planning – Principal, three Deputy Principals and four Assistant Principals
- School Leadership Institute several meetings – Principal

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

I hope you have a restful weekend!

Genelle Goldfinch

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



Student Learning

Term 4 in KT

We have had a very busy and exciting term filled with lots of fun and learning.



We love to read and write every day and enjoy participating in independent activities that help consolidate and improve our literacy skills.



We have been developing our understanding of place value by learning to represent and rename two-digit numbers as tens and ones.



Last term, we planted some vegetables to help Farmer Joe. Those vegetables are still growing and we take turns to water them every day. Have a look at our cucumbers sprouting!

During music lessons with Mr Post, we have been learning how to play different melodies on the glockenspiel.



To celebrate Book Week, we all dressed up as a character from our favourite story. We had so much fun parading in our costumes with our class.

Student Learning

1/2K

Check out our learning experiences.
We have come a very long way in our learning journey and have made many educational and social gains.



1/2K in 2020

1/2K had an interesting year. We had a great start in term 1 and then we explored learning from home, where students learned ICT skills on how to communicate with their teacher and submit their learning journey via a range of devices.



Check out our
Twitter handle:
FairWestPS

Student Learning

Learning in 1/21

In 1/21 we are enthusiastic and energetic learners who readily take on all the exciting learning opportunities available to us at FWPS. We thoroughly enjoyed making our puzzle piece display that celebrates our individual uniqueness and reminds us of the importance of teamwork.

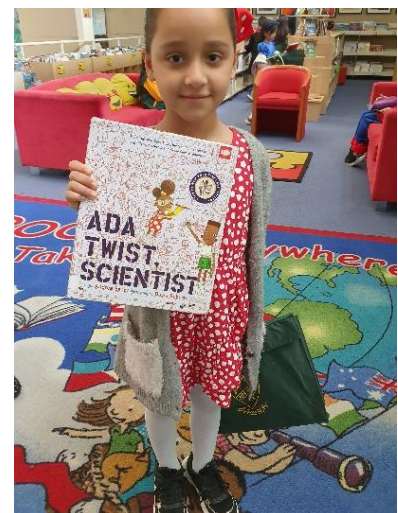


In writing, we learned about the Sydney Harbour Bridge- its construction and significance to Australians. To accompany our description writing, we illustrated the Sydney Harbour Bridge through scratch art to reveal a colourful icon underneath!

Our class Maths investigations involve hands-on learning and lots of mathematical thinking as we ask questions about different topics. Our weekly Library lessons start with an exciting library challenge where we find books based on a literacy theme explored in class.



This term, we also enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book character for Book Week Dress Up Day. Check out some of our costumes below!



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Free eBooks and audio books

You can access books online while at home. This will be excellent to use during the school holidays. Please follow the instructions below.

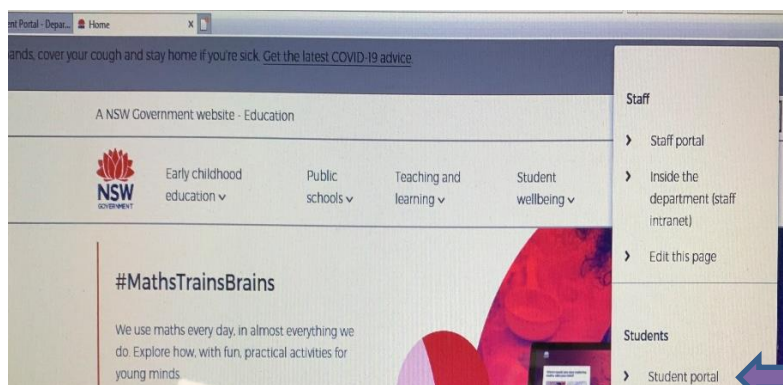
How to access eBooks and audio books from home:

There are three options for you to choose:

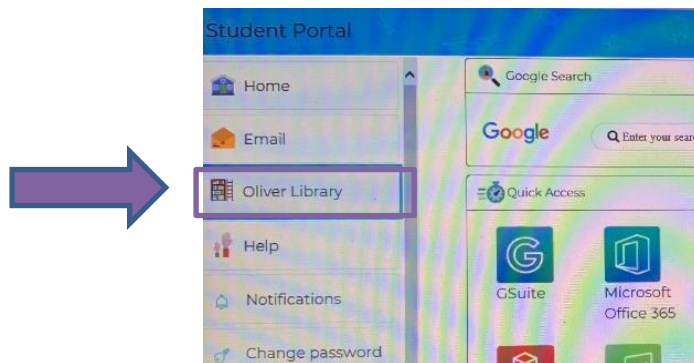
Option 1. Log into Oliver/orbit

Open browser (google chrome/explorer)

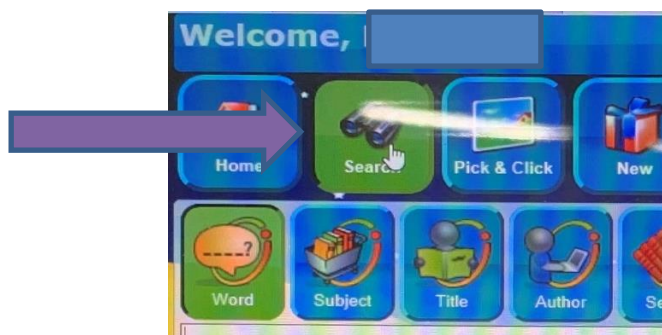
Go to: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/>



Click on student portal and Sign in using your DoE user name and password



Click on Oliver



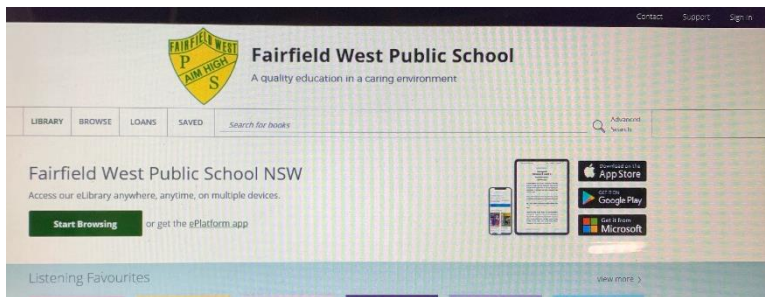
Type the word Wheelers in the search bar and all eBooks will be displayed.

You can search for any book title in the search bar also.

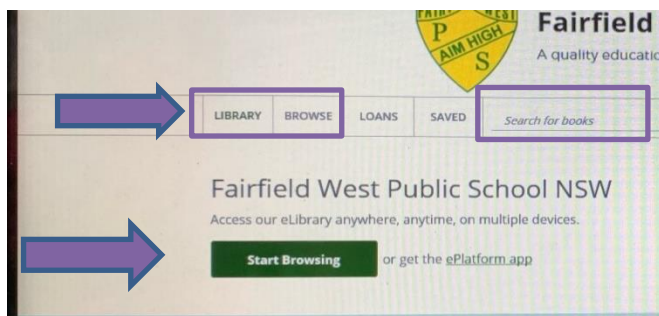
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Option 2. Open browser (google chrome/explorer)

Go to: <https://fwps.eplatform.co>



Sign in using
your school login
details

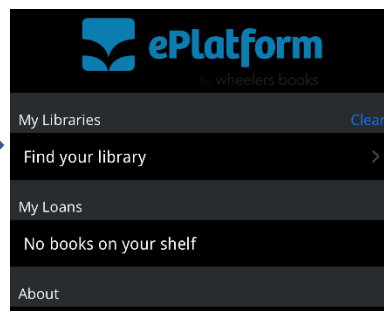


Once you are in you can click
on LIBRARY/BROWSE or
start browsing.
You can also search for book
titles here.

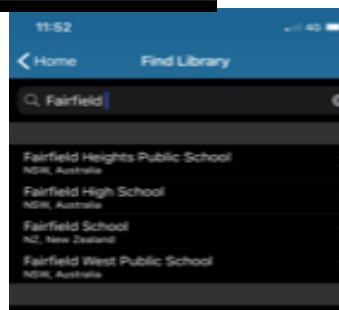
Option 3. Download the app on your device: Wheelers

1. Find your library- Fairfield West Public School

Click on Find your
library.



Start typing Fairfield
West Public school.



2. Sign in- Use your school login details : Username and password:



Start browsing

Community News



!!!! "Its Summer Time" !!!!

Our School Canteen would like

to support you with a Lunch Pack to welcome summer!

ON WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER

Please finalise pre-order to ensure your child receives their pack

BY MONDAY 7th DECEMBER AT YOUR CANTEEN

THE FOLLOWING CHOICES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY:

PACK 1

Beef Hot Dog or

Chicken Hot Dog

Popper Juice 250ml

or Quench 350ml

or water 400ml

Frozen yogo snapz



PACK 2

Chicken Chippies x5 or

Chicken Nuggets x5

Popper Juice 250ml

or Quench 350ml

or water 400ml

Frozen yogo snapz



ALL FOR THE FANTASTIC PRICE OF \$6.50

PLEASE PLACE ORDERS VIA CANTEEN

NAME: _____ CLASS: _____ CHOICE OF PACK: _____

Select one below

- Quench ☐
- Orange ☐
- Apple ☐
- Tropical ☐
- Blackcurrant ☐
- Water ☐

Select one below

- Beef Hot Dog ☐
- Chicken Hot Dog ☐
- Chicken Chippies x5 ☐
- Chicken Nuggets x5 ☐

DUE TO COVID-19

NO EXCHANGES ALLOWED

MONEY ENCLOSED: _____

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WILL YOUR CHILD BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL AT THE END OF TERM 4?

The last day of school is Wednesday 16 December. If you know your child will not be at school at the end of term but will return for the 2021 school year, please write a note to the class teacher stating the date/s of absence and reason. An 'Application for Exemption from Attendance' (available from the office) **MUST** be submitted if your child is going to be absent.

Is your child leaving Fairfield West Public School?

In order to plan our classes for next year, it is vital we know the number of students who will be enrolled at our school in 2021. Please inform the office if your child is **not** returning to Fairfield West Public School next year or will be returning after Friday 29 January, 2021.



NOTICE OF STUDENT LEAVING (Please give to office)

My child _____ of class _____ WILL NOT BE returning to Fairfield West Public School next year. Their last day will be _____. The school they will attend next year is _____.



NOTICE OF STUDENT RETURNING AFTER 29 JANUARY 2021 (Please give to office)

My child _____ of class _____ will be returning to Fairfield West Public School next year but will return after Friday 29 January due to _____. They will return on _____.
(reason) (date)