



The West Express

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School Rules

Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



WELCOME TO FAIRFIELD WEST PS 2020

Calendar

Week 2	What's on...
Fri 7/2	PSSA trials
Week 3	What's on...
Mon 10/2	Kindergarten parent meeting 2.20pm-3.00pm
Tues 11/2	Years 1 and 2 parent meeting 2.20pm-3.00pm
Wed 12/2	Years 3 and 4 parent meeting 2.20pm-3.00pm
Thurs 13/2	Years 5 and 6 parent meeting 2.20pm-3.00pm
Fri 14/2	PSSA begins
Week 4	What's on...
Mon 17/2	Support Unit parent meeting 2.20pm-3.00pm
Week 5	What's on...
Thurs 27/2	Swimming carnival for eligible students
Week 6	What's on...
Mon 2/3	Horsley Zone Swimming Carnival



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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.schools.nsw.gov.au>

News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to our students and their families. A special welcome to the students and families who are joining us for the first time in 2020, including our new group of Kindergarten students. We are very proud of our school as all staff work hard to provide a safe, supportive and exciting learning environment; where each student's individual needs are catered for. We pride ourselves as having a close working relationship with the school community and invite parents and caregivers to contact us any time with queries or feedback. As professionals and specialists in education we are more than happy to discuss any queries you may have, ensuring our responses are based on educational research and years of valuable experience.

I am proud to be the principal of Fairfield West for the past eight years and I am honoured to be working with your children in 2020. Please feel free to contact the office to make an appointment to see me about any matter that you may want to discuss, during the 2020 school year.

Happy New Year – Lunar New Year

Happy New Year to those celebrating in our community, may the year of the Rat bring you all, good health, happiness and prosperity.

New Staff

Welcome to Ms Lenna who has taken up a permanent classroom teacher position through Merit Selection at FWPS and is teaching 1/2I. I would also like to welcome Ms Peters who will be teaching 6P. Congratulations to Ms Tieng, Ms Lam, Mr Calizaya-Jave and Ms Le who were working as casuals during 2019 but have taken up full time temporary contracts for 2020. Ms Campanaro and Ms Hong have also accepted a full time contract at FWPS as a School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) during 2020.

Classes for 2020

This year, classes established will remain as they are. Some students have moved classes due to new information being provided or new students joining our school. We are very fortunate to have Equity Funding which allows us to make extra classes regardless of final numbers therefore, minimising disruption once classes have been established.

How classes are formed

This process is lengthy and involves the following: every teacher that works with your child; the school counsellor; the grade supervisor and the Deputy Principal. It is then presented to the Principal and appropriate changes are made if necessary and then it is approved.

The following is taken into account when making classes: academic achievement; student wellbeing; student behaviour; level of support required by each student; group dynamics of students in a particular year/stage; counsellor recommendations; professional judgement of teachers on the grade which is supported by the grade supervisor; and individual parent feedback based on specific educational, social or emotional needs of a student. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this please contact me.



School Uniform

Fairfield West has a uniform policy, which means that **each** student is required to wear full school uniform to school **every day**. This includes: the school uniform purchased from the uniform shop at Fairfield West PS; a school hat; black shoes; white socks and minimal jewellery including stud earrings. The Department has a “no hat, no play” policy, so please remember a hat daily, otherwise play will be in a shaded area. In 2020 we will be looking very closely at ensuring students are wearing school uniform. Please assist by sending your child to school in uniform. If you need financial assistance with buying the school uniform please come to see me.

Healthy Eating

The food you provide your child each day is what their body relies on to fuel their brain to learn and engage in physical activities. Help us by providing your child with foods that are healthy.



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Breakfast club

Breakfast club runs five mornings a week in the Community Cottage from 8:30am-8:50am for students who require breakfast.



Bell Times

Morning: rings at 8:50 am so all students are ready to move to class by 9:00 am.

Afternoon: rings at 3.00pm, all students need to be picked up as close as possible to this time, and no later than 3:15pm.

If you are running late please contact the office on 9604 5568 so we can let the student/s know, as students often become distressed if they are not picked up on time without reason.

Gate Times

The school gates are automated for student safety. They are open **8.15am-9.30am and 2.50pm-3.30pm**. If you would like to enter the premises during the day when the gates are closed, please press the buzzer on the main gate on Palmerston Road (Cumberland Hwy) and you will be let in to come to the office for assistance.

IMPORTANT Anaphylaxis information- MUST BE DONE EACH YEAR

Parents and caregivers need to provide information from their child's medical practitioner EACH YEAR including an ASCIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan. The plan must be signed by your child's doctor. You will also need to supply an adrenaline auto-injector for use at school. The ASCIA action plan for anaphylaxis is to be followed in the event that the student has an anaphylactic reaction at school.

Please find the link below to assist you: if your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the Anaphylaxis Procedures contain information for parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know.

<https://www.allergy.org.au/patients/information>

Sports results

Each week, sports results and draws are directly uploaded to the school website and not included in the newsletter as this is published fortnightly.

Final newsletter in paper format

This newsletter will be the final time that The West Express will be copied and sent home as a paper copy. The fortnightly newsletter will continue to be written but beginning on Thursday 20 February it will only be uploaded on the school website and on SkoolBag App.

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

Skoolbag App – How to download the Skoolbag App

1. Get your device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add Fairfield West Public School.

If you would like to continue to receive a paper format, please complete the slip on page 10 of the newsletter and return it to the office. Alternatively, each week there will be a limited number available outside the office door.

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

Have a great weekend!
Genelle Goldfinch



Staffing 2020

Staff member	Role
Ms Genelle Goldfinch	Principal
Mr Dalziel Rangiah	Deputy Principal
Ms Tracy Funnell	Deputy Principal
Ms Diane Lazos	Deputy Principal
Ms Grace Turnbull	Deputy Principal
Mr Edwin Prasad	Assistant Principal
Mr David Ottmann	Assistant Principal
Ms Vanessa Mah Chut	Assistant Principal
Ms Ranya Isaac	Instructional Leader
Ms Trang Russo	Instructional Leader

Grade	Class	Teacher	Executive member in charge
Kindergarten			Ms Tracy Funnell Deputy Principal
	KT	Ms Lily Thai	
	KS	Ms Kristee Sharne	
	KR	Ms Jessica Rouel	
	KL	Ms Tayla Linnegar	
Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)			Mr Edwin Prasad Assistant Principal
	1M	Ms Madeleine Costello	
	1C	Ms Shaunagh Compton	
	1B	Ms Danielle Biddlecombe	
	1K	Ms Cassandra Kallu	
	1/2K	Ms Sobara Kina	
	1/2I	Ms Clare Ienna	
	2T	Ms Nadine Tonucci	
	2N	Ms Betty Nguyen	
	2L	Ms Rebecca Lia	
	2P	Mr Edwin Prasad	
Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)			Mr David Ottmann Assistant Principal
	3C	Ms Christina Petrovska	
	3P	Ms Michelle Perkins	
	3M	Ms Jennifer Mandow	
	3S	Ms Caajal Sharma	
	3/4M	Ms Lauren Mrmacovska	
	3/4/5W	Ms Tanja Webb	
	4I	Ms Whitney Isaac	
	4O	Mr David Ottmann	
	4T	Ms Michelle Tjong	

Staffing 2020

Grade	Class	Teacher	Executive member in charge
Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)			Ms Mah Chut Assistant Principal
	5H	Mr Raman Hormis	
	5M	Ms Angela Macri	
	5W	Ms Carmen Wilson	
	5/6M	Ms Vanessa Mah Chut	
	6B	Ms Cassandra Borra	
	6E	Ms Emily El Azzi	
	6L	Ms Michelle Lam	
	6N	Mr Nicolas Bugge	
	6P	Ms Cheryl-Lynn Peters	
Support Unit			Ms Diane Lazos Deputy Principal
	K/6B	Mr Pat Bugge Ms Sarina Varjadic SLSO	
	K/6C	Mr Stephen Carr Ms Dorota Jezierski SLSO	
	K/6D	Ms Kym Kenny Ms Amee Landrigan SLSO	
	K/6F	Ms Amanda Field Ms Janelle Smith SLSO	
	K/6M	Mr Bradley Mah Chut Ms Teresa Juhasz SLSO	
	K/6P	Ms Kamal Ponnann Ms Sue Seymour SLSO	
	K/6T	Mr William Trieu Ms Sandra Santos SLSO	
Community Languages			Mr Dalziel Rangiah Deputy Principal
	Vietnamese	Ms Anh-Nga Le Ms Joanna Boyd	
	Arabic	Ms Hala Dona	
	Assyrian	Anh-Ngoc Le	
RFF and Support			
		Mr Daniel Calizaya-Jave	
		Ms Cassandra Colless	
		Ms Natalie Dan	
		Ms Margaret Godfrey	
		Ms Emily Lam	
		Mr Long Pham	
		Ms Natalie Merheb	
		Ms Smriti Sekhar	
		Ms Choulisa Tieng	
		Ms Crystal Yang	
		Mr Nemanja Grujic	
Music		Mr Brad Post	
School Counsellors		Ms Margery Cordukes Mon, Tues & Thurs Mr Robert Brown Wed & Fri	

Staffing 2020

Administrative Staff member	Role
Linda Keating	School Administrative Manager
Kerry Joiner	School Administrative Officer
Susan Trad	School Administrative Officer – Principal's Assistant
Donna Pitt	School Administrative Officer Mon-Wed
Lyn Mulcahy	School Administrative Officer Mon and Wed
Gary Cameron	General Assistant
Malcolm King	General Assistant
Sandra Spurway	Uniforms
Lynne Park	School Learning Support Officer
Rima Ollino	School Learning Support Officer
Roxana Rosales	School Learning Support Officer Tues-Thurs-Fri
Mouna Ghanem	School Learning Support Officer Mon -Thurs
Taghleb Chimon	School Learning Support Officer Mon - Thurs
Rania Bursic	Community Liaison Officer Mon-Thurs



Meet the teacher information sessions

Next week will be the annual meet the teacher information sessions. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Teachers will provide an overview of class activities and topics.

All information sessions will be held in the school hall at 2.20pm.

Monday 10 February – Kindergarten

Tuesday 11 February – Stage 1 (years 1 and 2)

Wednesday 12 February – Stage 2 (years 3 and 4)

Thursday 13 February – Stage 3 (years 5 and 6)

Monday 17 February – Support Unit

The teachers are looking forward to meeting you!

Kindergarten 2020

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Our Kindergarten students are very excited to have started school and have already begun to settle in to school and classroom routines. They have spent time learning the school rules and getting to know their teachers and the other boys and girls in their classes. Students can be seen smiling and heard laughing on the playground as they enjoy spending time with their new friends.

Becoming increasingly independent is a goal for kindergarten students. Classroom teachers have been working with students to teach them how to listen carefully and follow instructions. They have been practising how to pack and unpack their bags, organise their food for recess and lunch, and look after their belongings. Students are also learning how to participate in class activities cooperatively by taking turns to speak, sharing materials and working together to keep their classrooms tidy.

Of course, Kindergarten wouldn't be Kindergarten without listening to many interesting stories, learning to count, and singing the ABC. Include some art, dancing and games, and we end up with happy little learners!

This year is bound to be a memorable one for the newest members of our school community. We hope the year ahead will bring not only a lot of learning, but a whole lot of fun!



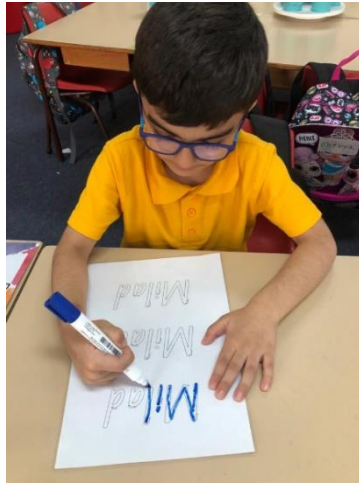
Students are doing lots of activities to develop their fine motor skills



Kindergarten 2020



Students listened to a story about Wiggles the Dog and his first day at school.



Students are learning to write their names.



Students love craft time! We made 'Humpty Dumpty' artworks.



Students loved learning how to play 'Duck-Duck-Goose'.



Students enjoyed making and sharing stories.




Students enjoy structured play with their peers.

Community News

Attendance

Look at the educational impact if your child **is late** to school.....




EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!



Look at the educational impact if your child is **absent** from school.....



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

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

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!




Community News

Community Hub

Activities in the Community Hub have resumed for 2020. Rania Bursic is the Community Hub Leader at FWPS this year. If you would like to join any of the groups or speak to Rania you can contact her in person in the Community Cottage or on 0492 842 572.

Fairfield West Public School Community Hub

2020 Term 1 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
Floristry TAFE NSW Starting date TBC Mondays 9:30am-1:30pm Childminding not provided	English Conversation Sydney Community College 12:30pm- 2:45pm Starting Tuesday 04/02 Childminding provided for FREE	Community Kitchen In Partnership with NSW Health 9:30am – 12:30pm Starting Wednesday 05/02	Playgroup Karitane Starting Thursday 06/02 9:15am-11:15am	Community Gardening IN Partnership with Health Department and Botanic Gardens Workshops Provided by Bunnings and Botanical Gardens Fridays 07, 21 Feb 06 March and 03 April 9:30 am
		 Centrelink Information Session myGov Wednesday 19/02 11:30am-12:30pm	12 3 Magic (Arabic) In partnership with Park Community Thursdays 5/03, 12/03 and 19/03 11:00am-1:00pm Booking Essential	

NEWSLETTER

Being environmentally conscious is a fundamental belief at Fairfield West Public School. Moving forward we will be electronically sending out our fortnightly newsletter via the "Skool Bag App" and on the School website fairfieldw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au unless you nominate to have a hardcopy. If you would like to still continue receiving a hard copy please fill in the below slip and return it to the school office ASAP. We hope you can understand our environmental stance in the community.

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NEWSLETTER Hard Copy Request

The _____ family would like to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter fortnightly.

Eldest Child's Name: _____ Class: _____



Safe People, Safe Places **Student safety to and from school**

The safety and wellbeing of all children is paramount so we need to work together to ensure the safety of the children in our community. The NSW Government Police Force website outlines some useful tips to discuss with your children to help them stay safe. Please look at the link below for the tips. There is a fact sheet translated in 16 languages.

https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/safety_and_prevention/safe_and_secure/resources_-_fact_sheets_and_videos/safe_people_safe_places

It is important that students know how to stay safe when travelling to and from school. If your child walks home please remind them to:

- Walk straight home from school.
- Use busier roads and streets or walk on paths where there are a lot of other people.
- Know where safe places are eg, a shop, service station, library, police station or school. Remind them that if they are frightened they should go to one of the safe places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults who they can look for and talk to if they need help eg police officers, teachers at school, other adults they trust.
- Not to talk to people they don't know.
- NEVER get into a car with someone they don't know. Remind students that if a car stops on the side of the road and they don't know the person inside, do not stop.
- If they are scared and they can use a phone, they should call triple zero (000) and tell the operator they are scared.
- Yell out, "Go away, I don't know you!" if they are grabbed by someone. This lets other people know they have been approached by someone they don't know.