



The West Express

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School Rules

Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



Calendar

Week 8	What's on...
Thurs 19/3	Harmony Day- CANCELLED
Fri 20/3	K-6 assembly hosted by stage 3 at 11.45am – CANCELLED
Fri 20/3	Final return date for High School Expression of Interest forms
Week 9	What's on...
Week 10	What's on...
Thurs 2/4	Autism Day- CANCELLED
Week 11	What's on...
Tues 7/4	K-2 Easter Hat Parade – CANCELLED
Wed 8/4	Cross Country Carnival – CANCELLED
Thurs 9/4	ANZAC assembly 10.00am – CANCELLED



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

News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and caregivers,

Fairfield West PS is **open** and **classes are continuing**. The question on most people's lips is what is happening to make students, staff and the community safe regarding COVID-19 and is the school closing?

My answers to you are facts that I obtain directly from the Department of Education.

NSW Education has been planning and operating in accordance with NSW Ministry of Health advice to support the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

The decision about when and if the school is to be closed will be a directive made by the Department of Education. Any update or advice regarding school closure will be relayed to the school community straight away.

Due to the social distancing strategy adopted by the government, all of our extracurricular activities have been cancelled including: Carnivals, special celebrations- Harmony day, Autism day, K-2 Easter Hat parade and our annual Anzac Day assembly, as well as, upcoming excursions/incursions.

Split recess and lunch for all students has been introduced to reduce the number of children in the playground. We currently have three recess times and three lunch times. This will continue until the social distancing strategy ceases. We ask students and parents in the afternoon to exit the school grounds quickly at 3:00pm to avoid congestion and the gathering of large groups of people.

Consistent with current guidelines, students and staff who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with our current practice, if any student becomes unwell we will implement our infection control guidelines. Parents will be contacted and asked to pick up their child from school. Please ensure you can be contacted during the day.

We, as a staff are making every effort to reinforce hygiene practices with all students and ask that this be supported at home.

We have had community members enquiring about resources to support hygiene practices, as these are scarce to the general public at the moment. We have been able to source additional soap, hand sanitiser, cleaning products and paper towel for each of the classrooms through the vigilant spotting of some enterprising staff members and the shopping others have done on behalf of the school through the day and in personal time. We have enough until the back ordered resources through our regular channels arrive.

We understand that these may be times of heightened anxiety for many families and ask that we extend patience and respect during this uncertain period.

On walking around the playground and visiting classrooms the students appear happy and are being well supported by their fabulous teachers.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the teachers, the SLSOs, the SASS team and the executive who have been doing an outstanding job teaching and supporting the students, while implementing all recommendations.

I also want to thank the community, your cooperation is appreciated and I will endeavour to keep you updated as any advice changes. I encourage you to call the school if you have any questions regarding any arrangements.

Included at the end of the newsletter are some translated notes.

News from the Principal - Genelle Goldfinch

Easter Raffle

At the moment we may not be feeling as chirpy as we usually are, but we have created something special for you to participate in - an Easter Raffle. There are over 20 prizes including eggs, bunnies, Easter activity books and more. As you can see, there is an amazing assortment of prizes. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2. Please pay your classroom teacher who will enter your details on a spreadsheet. No physical tickets will be issued for hygiene reasons. Please support the year 6 Fundraiser.



Staff learning

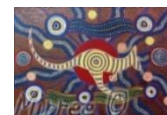
Not only do the students spend their days learning, but so do all the staff at FWPS. Over the past two weeks staff members have participated in the following professional learning opportunities. All professional learning has been cancelled until further notice.

- Language, Learning and Literacy – three early stage 1 teachers
- Early stage 1 coaching – one Kindergarten teacher and one interventionist
- Instructional Rounds – three teachers
- Stage 1 coaching – one stage 1 teacher
- Two full days library professional learning – one SLSO
- Educyte professional learning – one Kindergarten teacher and one Deputy Principal
- Full day Principal leadership mentor – Principal
- Full day State Council - Principal

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

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

Enjoy a relaxing weekend!
Genelle Goldfinch



Student Learning

6P with Ms Peters

It has been a very busy start to the year for 6P. Students of 6P have settled in seamlessly to their final year of primary school and are looking forward to tackling any challenges.

6P's motto for this term is 'Do your best', where all students strive to achieve to the best of their abilities and reflect on all their accomplishments. Students in 6P are intrinsically motivated to learn and participate in a range of differentiated learning tasks that are catered to their individual needs to ensure their academic goals are being met. We engage and collaborate in a positive hard-working environment to consistently achieve and exceed our personal best.



In music we are learning how to play the guitar. The students have learnt how to play the 'Hokey Pokey' and 'Better When I'm Dancing'.



As a class we are focused on achieving our goals from an academic and social perspective. Children have enjoyed working as a team and achieving these goals.



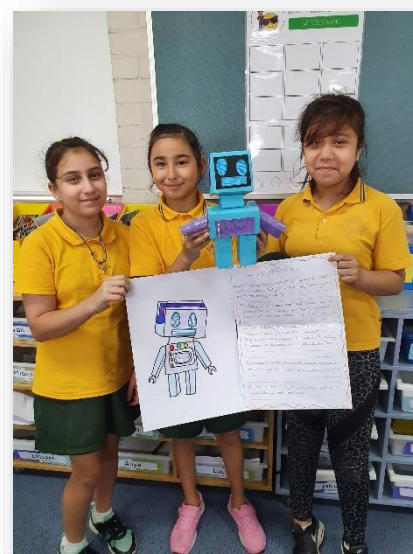
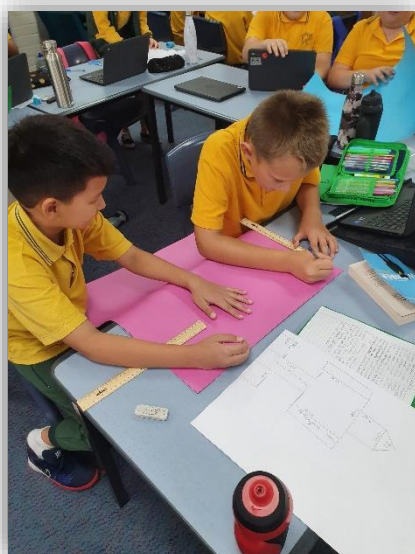
At Fairfield West Public School, we value wellbeing. One way to spread positivity within our school is through expressing gratitude. Each day students have the opportunity to reflect about one thing they are grateful for and share this with class. We engage in mindfulness practices.

Student Learning

6N with Mr Bugge



6N have had a wonderful start to the year and have been dedicated to their learning. Students have participated in various collaborative tasks such as designing 3-D robots to scale. 6N students needed to create their own 2-D plan before manipulating this plan and creating awesome 3-D robots. Check them out below!



Students have also been heavily involved in collaborative ICT use, where they have been extending their knowledge in being able to communicate and upload work in preparation for their high school years.



We are excited about the events ahead in our final year, and have been diligent and motivated to ensure that our last year in primary school is full of wonderful and lasting memories.

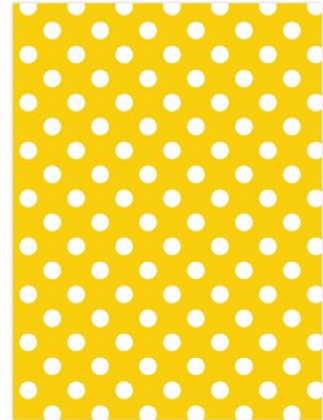
Follow us on 
<https://twitter.com/6N>
MrBugge

Academic Challenge

On Thursday 5 March, six students represented our school at the Academic Challenge at Fairfield HS. They competed in a challenge which combined the areas of Mathematics and Technology. They worked well as a team, collaborating at times and delegating tasks on other occasions as they worked through a range of STEM activities. Eight schools participated and our team was placed second, which was an excellent result. The students are looking forward to next term's challenge.



Term One
Academic
Challenge



Community News

Community Hub- ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED

Planned activities in the Community Hub have unfortunately been indefinitely suspended due to the social distancing strategy put into place by the Australian government.

Rania Bursic is the Community Hub Leader at FWPS this year. If you have any concerns, Rania will be available for interpreting in the school's office Monday to Thursday.

Playgroup

Last week our Assyrian playgroup had a guest speaker from Sunnyfield Disability Services to present parents with the latest information about services available to the community and answer any queries that they may have had.





Practise simple hygiene by washing hands regularly



1 Wet hands



2 Apply soap



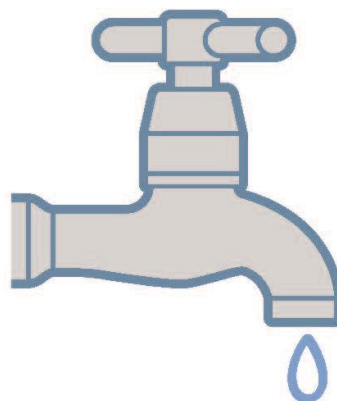
3 Lather & scrub



4 Rinse hands



5 Turn off tap



6 Dry hands



Spend 20 seconds washing your hands.

How to Handrub?

RUB HANDS FOR HAND HYGIENE! WASH HANDS WHEN VISIBLY SOILED

 **Duration of the entire procedure: 20-30 seconds**



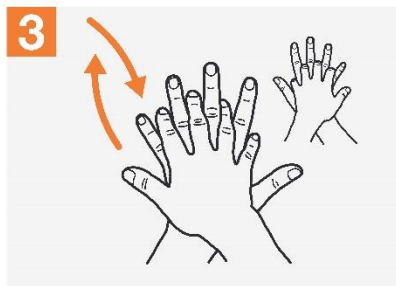
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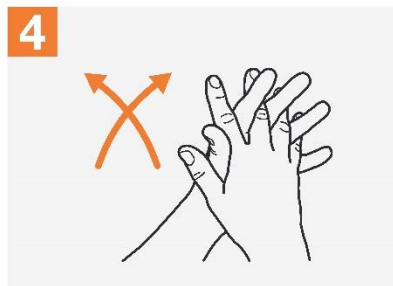
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2 Rub hands palm to palm;



3 Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa;



4 Palm to palm with fingers interlaced;



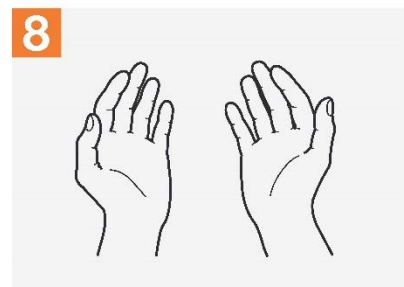
5 Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked;



6 Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa;



7 Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa;



8 Once dry, your hands are safe.



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