



SCHOOL RULES

Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



Term 4 - Week 9- Friday 3 December 2021

WHAT'S ON

8 December	K-2 Picnic Day
10 December	3-6 Picnic Day
13 December	Class Presentation Day Reports sent home
14 December	Yr 6 Graduation Yr 6 Farewell
16 December	Last day of school
1 February 2022	Yrs 1-6 students return to school



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SCHOOL WEBSITE

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News from the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers

PRESENTATION DAY

To acknowledge the perseverance of students and their families during a very difficult year, all students at FWPS will receive a Presentation Day book and small gift. Each class will have a small presentation on Monday 13 December. Unfortunately, we cannot have grade or whole school assemblies at the moment due to COVID restrictions, but each teacher will make this a special time for the students in their class.

ATTENDING SCHOOL

The Department of Education has set out the following guidelines about students and staff attending school:

Staff and students must not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19.

Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free or
- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available.

In circumstances where students or staff have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Where a person has previously tested positive for COVID-19, NSW Health will provide them with a medical clearance that allows them to return to school or work.

If your child has been absent from school on any given day, please provide a note with an explanation for absence on their return to school or simply call the school to explain the reason for their absence.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND FAREWELL – CHANGE OF DATE AND LOCATION

Both the Year 6 Graduation and Year 6 Farewell will now take place on **Tuesday 14 December at school**. The Year 6 Graduation will take place in the morning and will run under Level 3 Covid restrictions. Unfortunately, we are unable to welcome parents onsite for this assembly. The assembly will be filmed and the recording link provided to families.

We are unable to hold the Year 6 Farewell at Fairfield RSL as previously planned due to Covid guidelines that require a vaccinated parent to attend with every student. Hence the Year 6 Farewell will take place at school during the afternoon of Tuesday 14 December. The year 6 teachers are planning a fun afternoon of games and music. Unfortunately, we are unable to welcome parents onsite for the farewell.

2022 PLANNING

The executive is currently looking at student enrolments for 2022 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.

News from the Principal



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT FOR 2022

If you have a child who is turning 5 or 6 in 2022 it is time to contact the school about the enrolment process.

Do you know of any other family or friends in the Fairfield West area with a child ready for school? Let them know that now is a great time to begin the enrolment process!

Contact the school office on 9604 5568 alternatively you can apply online through the school website <https://fairfieldw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

If you would like to purchase school uniforms, please complete an order form and return it to the office with payment. Your child will be given the new uniform at school. Please see the order form at the back of this newsletter. Please remember to write your child's name and class on all uniform items, especially jumpers and jackets. Any lost items can be easily returned if your child has their name on it.



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:

- Two hours – new K-2 syllabus documents: Deputy Principal, Assistant Principal and Instructional leader
- Two hours – Working with the Big Ideas in Mathematics (Workshop 5) – Assistant Principals, Instructional Leader, Y3-6 teachers
- Two hours – attended Fairfield Network Aboriginal Education meeting – Assistant Principal and Instructional Leader

Enjoy a restful weekend,
Tracy Funnell
Relieving Principal

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



Student Learning ~ 5E



5E has been busy at work recently. We have been increasing our skills using computers which helped when we completed our NAPLAN practice tests online this week.



We have also enjoyed learning how to use drumsticks and making tunes with our music teacher Mr Post. Some of us are thinking of becoming drummers in a band!



To start our day alert and help keep us healthy, 5E has been completing a morning workout and stretch where we try our best to never give up. We feel ourselves getting better and stronger every day!

Student Learning ~ 5/6P

5/6P has had an amazing year. We have shown our dedication and commitment towards our education this year no matter what obstacles we encountered. This year we look back at those amazing memories and experiences.



We have been very fortunate to be able to use the art room. It is such a beautiful space in which to be inspired and create.



Music was an activity that we definitely looked forward to each week. It was challenging but always made us laugh.

It has been such a lovely term and we all had so much to be grateful for.

Community News



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





Our Canteen would like
to offer you the chance to PRE-PURCHASE a Lunch Pack.

ON **WEDNESDAY 8th DECEMBER (K-2)**

PLEASE FINALISE ORDERS

BY **MONDAY 6th DECEMBER** AT YOUR CANTEEN

THE FOLLOWING CHOICES ARE AVAILABLE:

PACK 1  Beef Hot Dog Popper Juice or Apple & Raspberry Drink or Water 400ml Lucky Dip Sweet Treat 	PACK 2  Mac and Cheese (V) Popper Juice 250ml or Apple & Raspberry Drink or Water 400ml Lucky Dip Sweet Treat 	PACK 3  Chicken Nuggets x5 Popper Juice 250ml or Apple & Raspberry Drink or Water 400ml Lucky Dip Sweet Treat 
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ALL FOR THE FANTASTIC PRICE OF \$7.00

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN TO THE CANTEEN WITH CORRECT MONEY

NAME: _____ CLASS: _____ CHOICE OF PACK: _____



- Orange Juice ☐
- Apple Juice ☐
- Tropical Juice ☐
- Blackcurrant ☐
- Water 400ml ☐
- Apple & Raspberry Drink ☐



MONEY ENCLOSED: _____

Please select
drink option
DUE TO COVID-19
NO EXCHANGES ALLOWED

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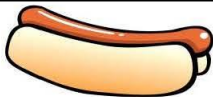





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ON FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER (3-6)

PLEASE FINALISE ORDERS

BY MONDAY 6th DECEMBER AT YOUR CANTEEN

THE FOLLOWING CHOICES ARE AVAILABLE:

PACK 1	PACK 2	PACK 3
		
Beef Hot Dog	Mac and Cheese (V)	Chicken Nuggets x5
Popper Juice	Popper Juice 250ml	Popper Juice 250ml
or Apple & Raspberry Drink	or Apple & Raspberry Drink	or Apple & Raspberry Drink
or Water 400ml	or Water 400ml	or Water 400ml
Lucky Dip Sweet Treat 	Lucky Dip Sweet Treat 	Lucky Dip Sweet Treat 

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MONEY ENCLOSED: _____

**Please select
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Fairfield West Public School Uniform Order Form

Due to COVID-19 regulations, all uniform orders must be pre-ordered through the front office.

Garment	Price	Quantity	Size	Total
Dress	\$35			
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt	\$26			
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	\$28			
Jumper	\$31			
Jacket	\$43			
Culottes	\$27			
Boys' Shorts	\$23			
Track Pants	\$29			
Sports Shirt	\$21			
Legionnaire Cap	\$8			
Baseball Cap	\$8			
Snap Back Hat	\$17.50			
Bucket Hat	\$10			
Beanie	\$8			
Scarf	\$8			
Library Bag	\$8.5			
Total				

We accept EFTPOS and cash payments.

Child's Name:		Class:	
Parent Name:		Mobile No:	
Date:	Payment Method:	Amount Paid:	

Please ensure you clearly label all of your child's personal belongings with their name and class.



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School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Transport
for NSW

Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

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- ☒ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school
- ☒ Have regular income from work, yourself OR your partner

For full eligibility requirements, speak to a Saver Plus Coordinator.

Learn more



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ENROLMENT FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Children in Year 3 and above (in 2022), who have been Baptised in the Catholic Church, may be eligible to enrol in the combined First Reconciliation / First Holy Communion Programme at St. Gertrude's Parish, Smithfield.

To enrol your child please visit the Parish Website and complete the online registration form.

<http://www.stgertrude.org.au/ministries/sacramental-program/enrolment-first-reconciliation-first-holy-communion-2022/>

Enrolments will close on Friday 11th December 2021.

For all enquiries, please call 9725 4317 to leave a message or email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

Face-to-face appointments can be made upon request, please call/email to arrange a time.

God Bless,

Helena Mertin – Sacrament Coordinator – St Gertrude's Parish, Smithfield

Community News

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

The last day of school is Thursday 16 December. If you know your child will not be at school at the end of term but will return for the 2022 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 2022. Please inform the office if your child is **not** returning to Fairfield West Public School next year or will be returning after Tuesday 1 February, 2022.

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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 _____.

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NOTICE OF STUDENT RETURNING AFTER 29 JANUARY 2022

(Please give to office)

My child _____ of class _____ will be returning to Fairfield West Public School next year

but will return after Tuesday 1 February, 2022 due to _____. They will return on

_____.

(reason)

(date)