



SCHOOL RULES

Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



WHAT'S ON

The West Express
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9 March	SSW Swimming Carnival
11 March	Selective HS placement test
1 April	Last day of Term 1

Thursday 4 March 2021

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



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News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and caregivers

Meet the Teacher afternoon

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who were able to attend the Meet the Teacher afternoons this week in a COVID safe way. We appreciate your continued interest in, and support of your child's education. This year there is a strong focus on improving reading, numeracy and attendance, with the introduction of programs such as InitaLit in K-2 classrooms to support this. Attendance is the key to student learning so your child/children need to be at school every day they are well to maximise their achievement. Coming late to school and/or leaving early from school also has a negative effect on your child reaching their full potential. Please ensure that all appointments are made after the school day or during the holidays and that children are in bed early so they do not sleep in.

| NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

Tell Them From Me survey

This term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students will not be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

This survey is only completed by students in years 4-6. You will receive a note about this survey that only needs to be returned if you do not want your child to complete the survey.

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:

- Ten hours InitaLit – Deputy Principal, Instructional Leader, 2 Assistant Principals and 13 staff members
- Three hours Disability Strategy and curriculum implementation – 16 staff members
- One hour Mathematical problem solving and data analysis– 30 staff members
- One hour reading comprehension – Assistant Principal and 3 Kindergarten teachers
- Full day High Potential and Gifted PL – Principal and 2 Assistant Principals
- Two full days School Leadership Institute – Principal

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

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

Have a great weekend!
Genelle Goldfinch



Student Learning

Welcome Back To School!

Year 1 have had a great start to Term 1. We have all been working extremely hard in our new classrooms and have enjoyed making new friends by participating in fun learning activities.



We are learning through hands-on interactive experiences and opportunities, which allow us to explore our decision making and problem-solving skills.



As a grade we continue to support each other's learning and we love encouraging our friends to be successful through positive relationships.



Community News



IDEA PATHWAY

From Playgroup to Preschool

Vietnamese Playgroup

The IDEA Pathway program will address the early learning needs of young children from diverse backgrounds by offering families a pathway into early childhood education.

FREE 6 Week Playgroup & Parenting Session

Where: Fairfield West Public-School
Palmerston Rd, Fairfield West NSW 2165

When: Every Tuesday, (6 weeks) 02/03/2021 – 06/04/2021

Time: 10 am – 12 pm

Contact: Nadia or Semra on (02) 9569 1288

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Nhóm Vui Chơi Việt Nam

Chương trình IDEA Pathway giúp can thiệp về nhu cầu học tập sớm cho trẻ em đến từ nhiều nền văn hóa khác nhau bằng cách cung cấp cho các gia đình một lộ trình vào giáo dục mầm non.

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MIỄN PHÍ 6 Buổi Truyền thông về Kỹ Năng Làm Cha Mẹ & Nhóm Vui Chơi

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