



## SCHOOL RULES

### Be Safe



### Be Respectful



### Be a Good Learner



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## WHAT'S ON

7 May	PSSA and Tennis begins
11 May – 13 May	NAPLAN
19 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
19 May	Horsley Zone Cross Country

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

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# News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and caregivers

A warm welcome back to term 2. We have another action packed term with exciting events and a continued concentrated focus on learning.

The Community Hub is now fully operational and I encourage you to get involved in some of the great initiatives that the Hub provides. These are listed at the back of this newsletter.

We will also be presenting parent/carer workshops through the year on how you can support your child's learning at home, information regarding these workshops will be in the future newsletters.

## **ANZAC DAY assembly**

A commemorative ANZAC day ceremony was held last week. 5/6P students, led by Mr Post, performed a very moving item and our Captains/Vice-Captains conducted a respectful assembly. Family members who served were honoured during the flower laying. Thank you to Mr Douglas Clark who spoke to the students about the importance of ANZAC Day. Thank you to the families who generously donated flowers to mark this proud occasion. Student behaviour during the ceremony was outstanding demonstrating the respect warranted during this special assembly.



## **COVID-19 Update / Reminders**

A big thank you to our parents, carers and families for continuing to support and adhere to the Department of Education's COVID guidelines. As always, it is very much appreciated.

### **Please remember:**

- If you do come to the office, you must sign in via both the Service NSW and school's QR codes. If you do not have the technology to do this, you will need to fill in a visitor form and declaration every time. These measures are required for contact tracing purposes.
- Continue to be mindful and follow social distancing expectations, particularly in the afternoon when picking up children.
- If your child is unwell even mild flu like symptoms, it is a Department of Education requirement for them to have a COVID test. When a negative result is given to you, you must present this to the office and your child needs to be symptom free before he/she is allowed to return. If your child presents unwell at school, you will be called and asked to come and pick them up. It is vital we all comply with this to assist us all to remain safe and well. This also applies to school staff.
- Enhanced cleaning measures remain in place. Students are also encouraged and reminded often to wash their hands and use hand sanitiser.

## **Attendance**

Regular and punctual attendance at school is extremely important. Please ensure your children come to school, and are on time, every day. There is a negative correlation between irregular attendance and academic progress and social development and the impact can have lasting effects on students. Of course, if children are not well, they should stay home until they are well enough to return to school. Please do not send children to school knowing they are unwell as this may cause other students and staff to also become unwell.



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## **New-Weekly 100% Attendance Award**

In order to promote, encourage and reward 100% attendance at school, we are introducing a new weekly award for students. There will be one winner per grade. Every child who has attended school 100% of the time for the week will have their name included in the random selection. Students who arrive late or leave early will not be included in the draw. Our Fair Discipline Code token award will also continue to be drawn weekly, so good luck to all of our students who now have the opportunity of winning two prizes weekly.

## **School uniforms**

It is an expectation that students attend school every day dressed in full school uniform. This includes the school hat, school jumper and black shoes. All parts of the uniform except shoes can be purchased from the Community Hub on Monday to Thursday 9.15am-10.00am or 2.15pm-3.00pm. Scarfs and beanies that are worn during the cooler months also need to be green or yellow to match the school uniform. All accessories such as hair ties should also match school colours. The current order form with prices for each item is attached at the back of the newsletter. If there is any financial concern purchasing school uniforms we are always pleased to assist with a payment plan.

## **Community Invite-sharing of the School Improvement Plan**

On Monday 10 May at 2:20pm we are inviting our community to the school hall to share the FWPSs finalised four year improvement plan. A separate note will be sent home next week, where we will request an RSVP so that we can accommodate the number of people attending. It would be wonderful to see you there.

## **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:

- Strategic Improvement Plan PL - Principal, three Deputy Principals, five Assistant Principals (ILs), two Instructional Leaders, forty four teachers and thirteen SLSOs
- One-hour High Potential and Gifted PL – Principal, three Deputy Principals, five Assistant Principals (ILs), two Instructional Leaders, forty four teachers and thirteen SLSOs
- One-hour PLAN2 PL – Principal, three Deputy Principals, five Assistant Principals (ILs), two Instructional Leaders, forty four teachers and thirteen SLSOs
- Thirty minutes Vision PL – Principal, three Deputy Principals, five Assistant Principals (ILs), two Instructional Leaders, forty four teachers and thirteen SLSOs
- One-hour Work Health and Safety Compliance – Business Manager and two administrative staff
- Two hours Curriculum planning and time allocation PL – Deputy Principal and five Assistant Principals (ILs)
- One-hour Strategic Improvement Plan Implementation and Progress Monitoring PL – Principal and Deputy Principal
- One hour Syllabus and curriculum implementation PL - Principal, three Deputy Principals, five Assistant Principals, two Instructional Leaders, forty four teachers and thirteen SLSOs.
- Principal – Harvard University Navigating Complexity: A Leadership Program for Principals – online course

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

## **Ramadan Mubarak**

Ramadan Mubarak to all families observing Ramadan this month.



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

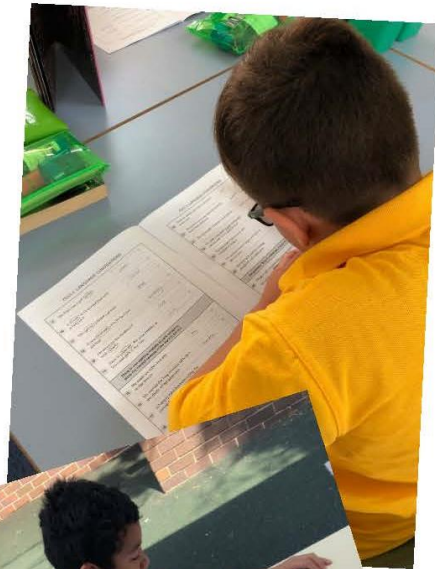
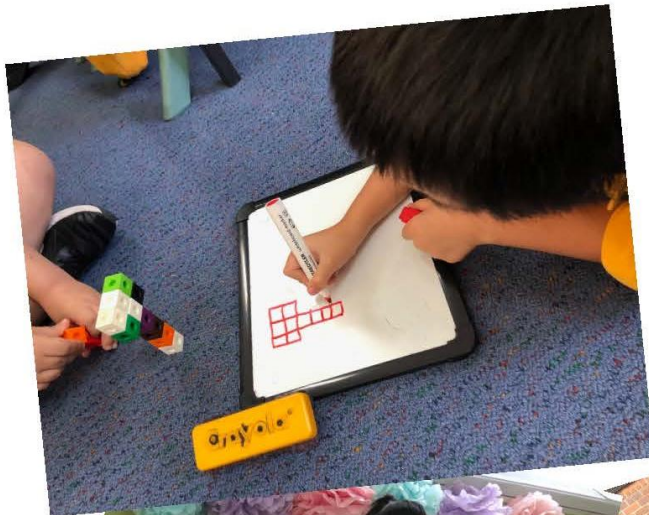
Have a lovely weekend!  
Genelle Goldfinch



# Student Learning

## LEARNING IN 3K

We are glad that 2021 has allowed us to get back into the normal school routine. We have dived right in and have made great progress already! We love to learn in different environments and settings, working independently and collaboratively. Check out our learning experiences below.





# Student Learning

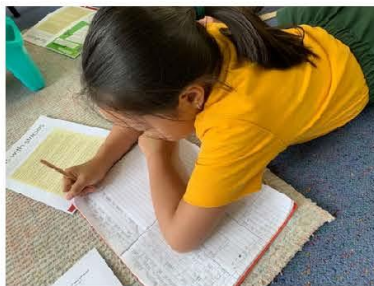


## 3M with Ms Mrmacovska

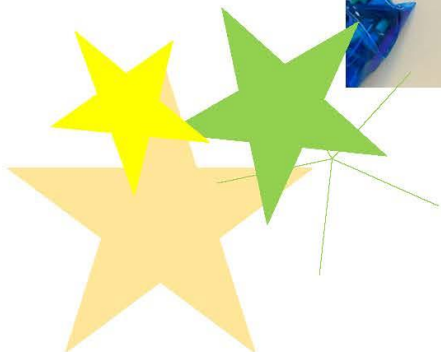


3M has settled into term 2 very well! We are continuing to focus on our literacy and numeracy goals, especially reading comprehension and multiplication and division.

To help us with our learning, we have been using online tools such as *Reading Eggs* and *Mathletics* in our lessons.



We have been exploring a range of texts and practising our summarising and inferencing skills during reading groups. In mathematics, we are learning to select and use a variety of strategies to solve tricky mathematical problems. We love working together in maths groups, with the help of Mrs Mah Chut!



# Community News



## Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022

Online applications for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2022 open on **Tuesday 20 April 2021** and close on **Friday 7 May 2021**. Late applications cannot be accepted.

To apply, go to the [online application](#) for opportunity class placement.

Parents and carers should read [Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022](#) [External link](#) for information about the process and important dates before making an application.

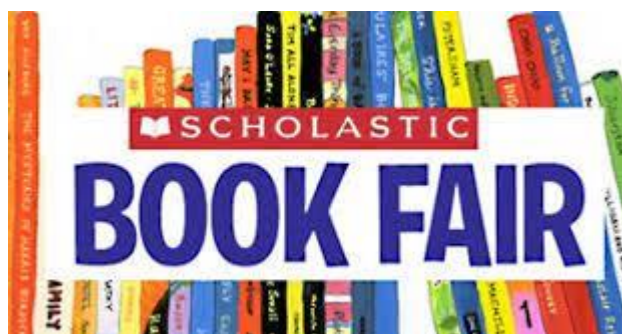
The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 21 July 2021**.

### Changes to the test

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will change in 2021 for placement in 2022. The new test will consist of thinking skills, mathematical reasoning and reading comprehension.

These changes are in response to the findings of the 2018 Review of Selective Education Access report, commissioned by the NSW Department of Education.

In 2021 the placement test will remain in a **paper-based** format.



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon to FWPS! We are excited because this is an excellent opportunity to purchase new and exciting books at affordable prices. The Book Fair will be held in the Library from 12 May-19 May. Students will have the opportunity to preview the books during their regular Library time with their classroom teacher and create a 'Wish List' to bring home. Parents are welcome to come and purchase the books between 2.50pm and 3.10pm each day of the Fair.

There will be an Eftpos machine available to purchase books as the Fair will be cashless.

Look forward to seeing you all!



## Fairfield West Public School Uniform Order Form

### Uniform Shop Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9:15am – 10:00am  
2:15pm – 3:00pm

Uniforms can be pre ordered and sent home with your child.  
We accept credit card payments over the phone.

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			
Beanie	\$8			
Scarf	\$8			
Library Bag	\$8.5			

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

### Lost Property

Lost property can be found displayed outside the office, on the Kindergarten verandah.

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



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# Community News

## Community Hub

Activities in the Community Hub have resumed for 2021. 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.



### English classes

FREE English classes are being held every Monday from 09:00am to 11:30am in the Community Cottage. This class will be run by a Community College teacher and free childcare is provided. Please contact Rania for more information.

**FREE Child-minding - bookings essential - call Rania: 0492 842 572**



### Breakfast club

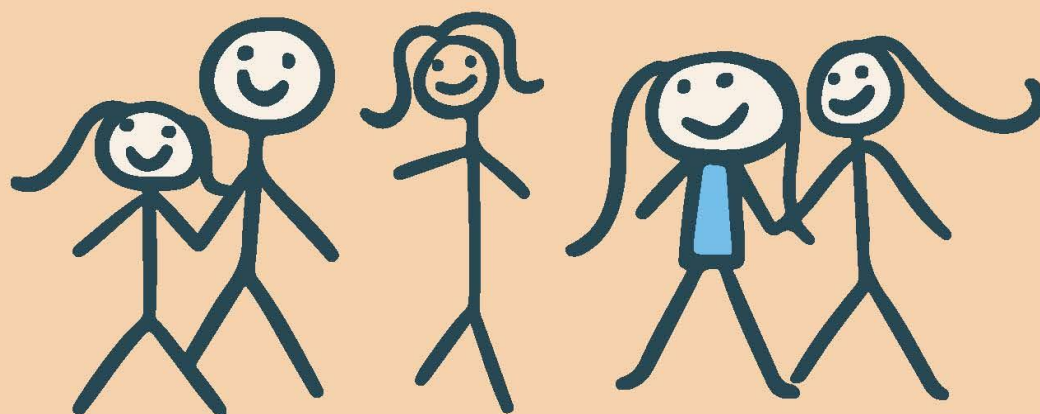
Breakfast club runs five mornings a week in the Community Cottage from 8:30am-8:50am for students who require breakfast.



### Playgroup

Our multicultural playgroup has resumed and is on every Thursday from 9:00am to 11:00am in the Community Cottage. If you would like to attend, please contact Rania.





# National Families Week Event 2021

**PRAIRIEWOOD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE  
194-222 RESTWELL RD, PRAIRIEWOOD NSW 2176**

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**17TH MAY, 2021 10:30AM - 1:30PM**

**MUST RSVP BY 7TH OF MAY 2021, RING PARKS: 96097400  
(NUMBERS ARE STRICTLY LIMITED DUE TO COVID)**



# Community News



Our Children  
Our Communities  
Our Future

## Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

### Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

In early 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

Some teachers have also noticed that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole and that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing class programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

If you do not consent to the collection of your child's information, please contact the school before **13 May 2021**.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au).

If you have any questions, you can contact the school on 9604 5568.