



# SCHOOL RULES

## Be Safe



## Be Respectful



## Be a Good Learner



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## WHAT'S ON

21 May	PSSA and Learn to Swim
25 May	Stage 1 excursion
28 May	PSSA and Learn to Swim
2 Jun	Stage 2 Incursion

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

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



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# News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and caregivers

## Eid Al Fitr

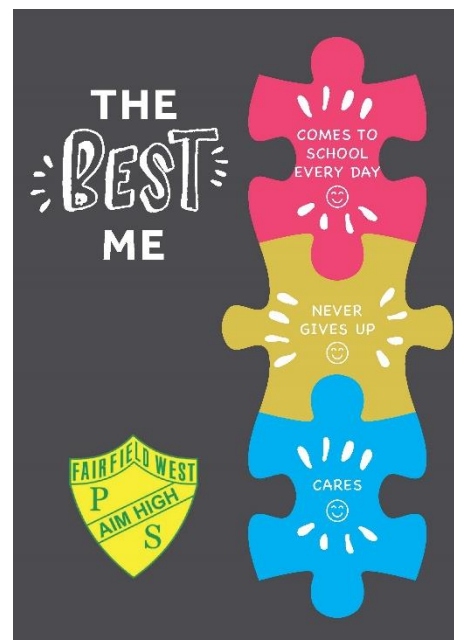
Eid Mubarak to all the families who celebrated Eid Al Fitr.



## Parent Strategic Improvement Plan information session

What a great afternoon, thank you to all the parents and caregivers who attended the information session on Monday 10 May. Those who attended heard about the key points of the Strategic Improvement Plan, the school vision and shared, The Best Me (please see below); comes to school every day, never gives up and cares.

The session involved a tour of school facilities and resources that were updated during 2020 including: the music room; virtual reality equipment; synthetic grass; water fountains; playground equipment; synthetic grass; art room and the Community Hub Kitchen.



# News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

## **National Simultaneous Story Time – LIVE from Space!**

On Wednesday 19 May students participated in National Simultaneous story time where they listened to a book read live from the International Space Station by NASA astronaut Dr Shannon Walker. The students at Fairfield West PS joined thousands of students across Australia and New Zealand to participate in the live reading of Give Me some Space! By Philip Bunting.

## **Attendance Matters**

School begins at 8.50am when the morning bell rings and ends at 3.00pm when the afternoon bell rings. Unless your child is sick they are required to be at school every day between those times. If he/she is late or needs to leave early, a reason needs to be given to the school. If your child is sick or absent for a full day, please return a note explaining the absence. See the poster later in the newsletter about how many years of schooling can be lost if a child is absent regularly.

## **Have Your Say on Before and After School Care**

Does your child need before and after school care? We want to hear from you – please complete a short survey to help us understand your family's needs for out of school hours care. Your responses will shape what we do to expand before and after School Care across NSW.

**Please complete the survey via the following website link:**

<https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentsSurvey>. The survey will be open until 24 May 2021.

The survey has been designed to be easy to use and should take no more than two minutes to complete, with a few extra minutes for those who would like to supply additional information.

If you need a paper or over-the-phone version of the survey, or require survey translation, please contact the Department of Education Before and After School Care Program team by phone on 1300 244 145 or email at: [BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au).

## **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:

- Two hours Strategic Improvement Plan Implementation and Progress Monitoring PL – Principal and Deputy Principal
- Two hours High Potential and Gifted PL – four year 4 teachers and one Assistant Principal (IL)
- Two hours High Potential and Gifted PL – four year 4 teachers and one Assistant Principal (IL)
- One-hour High Potential and Gifted PL – three Kindergarten teachers and one Assistant Principal (IL)
- 30 minute Check In Assessment analysis PL – Deputy Principal, two Instructional Leaders and four Assistant Principals (IL)
- Principal – 4 Hours External Validation Peer Principal Training
- Principal - Full Day School Leadership Institute
- Principal – 3 hours 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.

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

*Have a lovely weekend!*  
*Genelle Goldfinch*



# Student Learning

## 3B

Our 3B students have been working extremely hard preparing for their NAPLAN tests. Students are learning new skills to target and solve word problems.

The class also recently attended our 2021 ANZAC Day Ceremony, where students created poppies and participated in their first whole school assembly for 2021.



Students have been using their creative art and writing skills to develop a Mother's Day craft that represents their appreciation for the significant role their mothers play in helping them to learn and grow.



3B attended their first Cross Country carnival held at Avery Park in Week 2. They were able to wear their house colours and participated in a range of athletic activities.



# Student Learning

## Watch us grow in 3L!

3L HAVE BEEN BUSILY GROWING THIS SEMESTER! WE HAVE ENGAGED IN SO MUCH LEARNING AND CHALLENGED OURSELVES BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY! TAKE A LOOK BELOW!



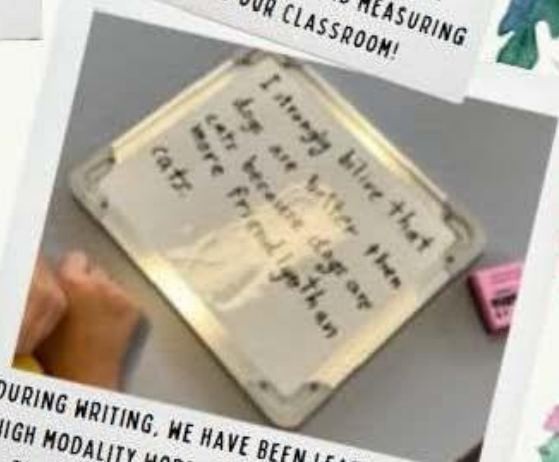
DURING MATHEMATICS, WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING NEW STRATEGIES TO HELP US MULTIPLY NUMBERS MORE EFFECTIVELY.



WE HAVE ALSO USED MATHS IN REAL LIFE SITUATIONS, LIKE ESTIMATING AND MEASURING OBJECTS AROUND OUR CLASSROOM!

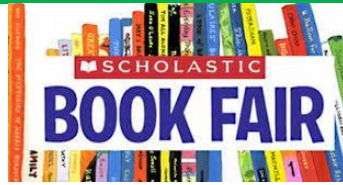


WE CHALLENGED OUR BODIES AND RAN 2KM AT OUR FIRST 3-6 CROSS COUNTRY! IT WAS SO MUCH FUN!!



DURING WRITING, WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING TO USE HIGH MODALITY WORDS TO MAKE OUR PERSUASIVE TEXT MORE CONVINCING TO OUR AUDIENCE!

# Community News



Thank you to all the families who supported the 2021 Book Fair. This provided an excellent opportunity to purchase new and exciting books at affordable prices. The Book Fair was held in the Library from 12 May-19 May. Students had the opportunity to preview the books during their regular Library time with their classroom teacher and create a 'Wish List' to bring home. Parents came and purchased the books between 2.50pm and 3.10pm each day of the Fair.

## 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 Tuesday 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.

### Coffee and Chat

Each Thursday at 2.20pm there will be an opportunity to come to the Community Cottage for a cuppa and a chat with other parents/carers.

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



Come join us for a  
**Coffee and Chat**

Every Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm to 3.00pm in the Community Cottage



Meet other parents/carers and stay connected with others in the school community.





## FREE online info Sessions

The City of Canterbury Bankstown invites you to attend FREE information sessions delivered by South West Sydney Legal Centre:

### During Law Week (17 May – 23 May)

Webinar	When	Time	Registration Link
Car crash: what you should know and how to respond to legal questions	Mon 17 May	11am – 12pm	<a href="https://cb.city/CarCrashWhatYouShouldKnow">https://cb.city/CarCrashWhatYouShouldKnow</a>
Understanding your basic work rights	Tue 18 May	11am – 12pm	<a href="https://cb.city/UnderstandingYourBasicWorkRights">https://cb.city/UnderstandingYourBasicWorkRights</a>
Dealing with your fines	Thu 20 May	11am – 12pm	<a href="https://cb.city/DealingWithYourFines">https://cb.city/DealingWithYourFines</a>

For more information call 9707 94 64 or email [sandra.loyola-sandoval@cbc.city.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sandra.loyola-sandoval@cbc.city.nsw.gov.au)



South West Sydney  
Legal Centre

FREE  
online  
events

# Community News

## Fathering is sometimes hard. Together, we can make things easier.

The Uniting Fathers Support Service helps men maintain and improve relationships with their children. We offer educational programs, therapeutic support groups, and referrals to other helpful services.

Part of the Cabramatta Multicultural Family Centre, we're a free service funded by the Department of Social Services (DSS) to support fathers and families in South West Sydney.

### We offer:

- Information and advice
- Parenting groups
- Therapeutic support groups
- Referrals and individual support.



### About Uniting

Uniting NSW.ACT is responsible for the social justice, community services and chaplaincy work of the Uniting Church in NSW and the ACT.

We provide care and support for people through all ages and stages of life, with a focus on people experiencing disadvantage and vulnerability.

Our purpose is to inspire people, enliven communities and confront injustice.

We value diversity and always welcome everyone, exactly as they are.

### Get in touch

Call or email to find out how we can help.

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### Service hours

Monday to Friday - 9am to 4.30pm

### Multicultural Family Centre Cabramatta

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### Uniting Fathers Support Service

## Supporting dads, supporting families.



# Uniting

### We're committed to being child-centred and dad-focused.

This means that we act in the best interests of your children, and we get there by focusing on you, their fathers. Together, we'll make connections and build skills that will benefit everyone in your families and communities.

### Your privacy matters to us.

Please be assured that all personal information is respected and protected. There will be no disclosure without your permission, unless required by law (for example, to protect someone from harm).



### Our parenting groups.

We have 6 free groups that run weekly, for up to 8 weeks. You'll meet at a South West Sydney location that's close to public transport, to learn new skills and make new friendships with other dads. Morning tea is also included.

#### Keeping Children Safe

This program is designed to assist fathers in understanding how to protect and care for their children. You'll be equipped with ways to talk to your children about their safety and wellbeing. **Runs for 6 weeks**

#### Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

This evidence-based program focuses on positive parenting, using different strategies to help you reflect on what you're doing now. **Runs for 8 weeks**

#### Circle of Security

As part of this group, you'll be shown how to build strong and meaningful attachment with your children, creating the foundation for their future as they explore, make mistakes and learn about the world. **Runs for 8 weeks**

#### Tuning in to Kids

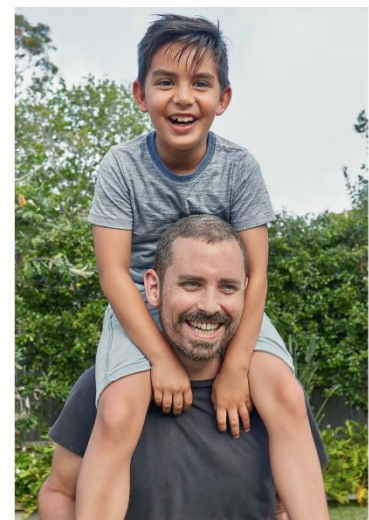
This program is all about understanding your children's emotions, behaviour and the brain. You'll learn techniques to help you connect and chat with your children, and we'll show you how to respond in accepting and supportive ways. **Runs for 6-8 weeks**

#### Dads Tuning in to Kids

This version of Tuning in to Kids is tailored especially for fathers. It focuses on the important role that dads play in their children's lives, and how you can tune in to their emotions. **Runs for 6-8 weeks**

#### Tuning in to Teens

This program helps you understand your children's behaviour during their high school years. You'll learn skills to help you connect and show empathy when your teens are experiencing changes in all areas of their lives. **Runs for 6-8 weeks**



# Community News

If you are interested in free driving lessons please contact Uniting or speak to Rania for more information.

## You can drive change.

### Uniting

Uniting is the services and advocacy arm of the Uniting Church in NSW and the ACT.

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We work to inspire people, enliven communities and confront injustice.

We celebrate diversity and welcome all people, regardless of lifestyle choice, ethnicity, faith, sexual orientation or gender identity.

### Get in touch.

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**120 Countdown program  
for learner drivers**

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