



# SCHOOL RULES

## Be Safe



## Be Respectful



## Be a Good Learner



The West Express

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## WHAT'S ON

21 June	Parent interviews - Kindergarten, K/6T, K/6P
22 June	Parent interviews - Years 1 and 2, K/6C, K/6M
23 June	Parent interviews - Years 3 and 4, K/6G, K/6D
24 June	Parent interviews - Years 3 and 4 and K/6B
25 June	Last day of Term 2
13 July	<b>First day back to school for students</b>

Thursday 17 June 2021

**SCHOOL WEBSITE**

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



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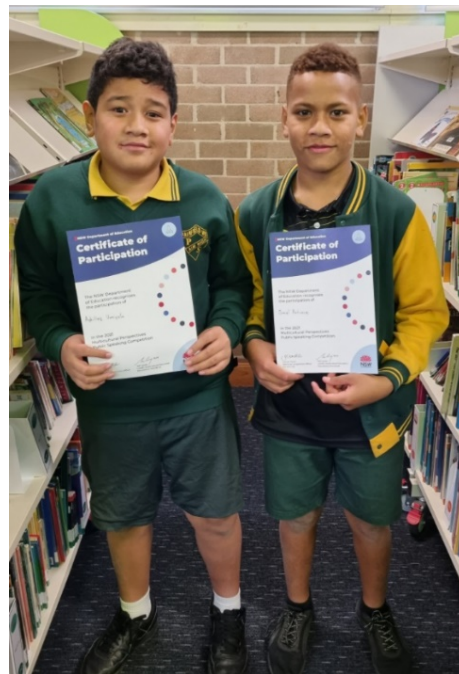
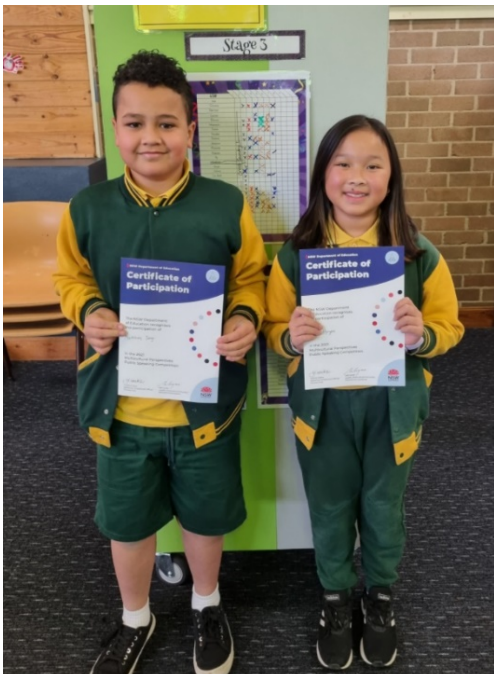
# News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and caregivers

Here we are in week 9! This term has been so full of powerful learning opportunities for the students; in school, on excursions/incursions, in sporting events and engaging in various DoE competitions. It is wonderful to see how the students at FWPS are provided with a variety of opportunities which they embrace as part of their educational journey. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting your child in their educational pursuits this term.

## **Public Speaking**

On Thursday 10 June four students represented FWPS in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition at Bonnyrigg Public School. They were required to present their prepared speech and give an impromptu speech on a topic decided upon on the day. Each student spoke with confidence and enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to Matthias 'longi, Alyssa Nguyen, Aqhillez Vunipola and Daniel Ratuove who represented our school with pride.



## **Reports**

We have made some changes to the Report this semester, as we are at the beginning of a School Improvement Plan, we wanted the report to be reflective of our school targets and the Best Me.

As attendance is a DoE target you can see this highlighted on the cover page. The DoE deems that 90% or greater in attendance as being satisfactory. Under 90% is deemed unsatisfactory. When students arrive late or go home early this is counted as a partial absence. You will see your child's attendance clearly on the front page. The reason behind the strong focus on attendance is that a child learns when they are at school.

In reading every student's report it was so exciting to see the number of students who are at school over 90% of the time. It was also wonderful to see the number of students who are putting in a big effort and making strong academic progress. Congratulations to all students for learning and thank you to all teachers for providing high quality teaching/learning experiences for every student.



# News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

## Fun at the Farm

The air was alive with the excitement of the Kindergarten students off to their first excursion to The Farm. Read all about it later in the newsletter. How exciting!!!

## Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held during week 10 of this term either **in person or via phone**. Please take advantage of the wonderful opportunity to exchange information with and get to know your child's teacher and vice versa. Translators will be available to assist with the transfer of information in person or via phone. Please complete the separate note sent home and return it to the class teacher so a time can be scheduled for the interview.

Monday 21 June – Kindergarten, K/6T and K/6P

Tuesday 22 June – Years 1 and 2, K/6C and K/6M

Wednesday 23 June – Years 3 and 4, K/6G and K/6D

Thursday 24 June – Years 3 and 4 and K/6B

## 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!

Children who have a diagnosed disability may require extra paperwork to be completed to best meet their needs, the school can assist families/carers with this. We strongly encourage immediate enrolment for students who may have a disability.

Contact the school office on 9604 5568

For enrolment you will need to bring:

- **Child's original birth certificate or passport**
- **Proof of address e.g. original of council rates notice, residential lease or electricity account**
- **Parents born overseas please bring original passport or citizenship papers**
- **Current Immunisation History Statement**



## Crazy hair day – fun and fundraising

Today was Crazy Hair Day – a year 6 fundraising event. It was lovely to see all the students and teachers participating in so much fun, supporting such a worthy cause.



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## STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING – Why is teacher professional learning important?

**Teacher professional learning improves the learning of all students.** As professional learning immerses teachers in the content they teach and provides research-based knowledge about how students learn. Professional learning is conducted both during the school day and after hours.

Professional learning refers to many types of educational experiences related to an individual's work. Doctors, lawyers, educators, accountants, engineers, and people in a wide variety of professions and businesses participate in professional development to learn and apply new knowledge and skills that will improve their performance on the job.

Many fields require members to participate in ongoing learning approved by the profession, sometimes as a requirement for keeping their jobs, as in teaching. In education, research has shown that teaching quality and school leadership are the most important factors in raising student achievement. For teachers and school leaders to be as effective as possible, they continually expand their knowledge and skills to implement the best educational practices. Educators learn to help students learn at the highest levels.

Many people may not be aware of their local school system's methods for improving teaching and student learning. Professional learning and development is the only strategy school systems have to strengthen educators' performance levels.

Professional learning is also the only way educators can learn so that they are able to better their performance and raise student achievement. Many misunderstandings exist about professional development, its purpose, and how it functions. ***The bottom line is that teacher professional learning underpins students' progress, it's all about student learning in the end.***

### Professional Learning by staff at FWPS

- 2 hours Finance - Business Manager and School Administration Manager
- 3 hours High expectations in reading – two Instructional Leaders
- 1 hour after school Virtual Reality software and formative assessment – 70 staff members
- 2 hours Strategic Improvement Planning – Principal and Deputy Principal
- Full day -Principal School Leadership Institute
- 4 hours after school - Aspiring Leadership Program for 10 teachers
- 2 days Assistant Principal – School Leadership Institute Middle Leadership
- 10 hours after school Principal – Harvard University

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.*

*Have a lovely weekend!*

*Genelle Goldfinch*





# Student Learning

Welcome to 4H



National Simultaneous Storytime 2021



# 4H



Kaleidoscope Science Incursion



Reciprocal Reading with Ms Russo



Setting goals to become The Best Me!

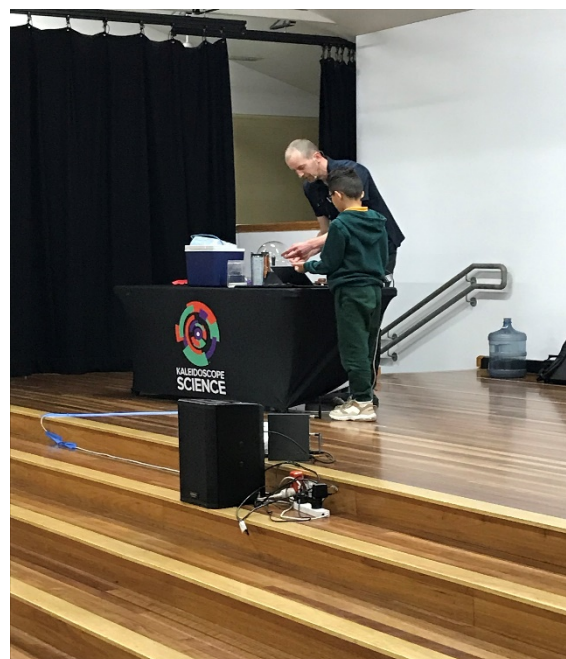


# Student Learning

It has really been a very busy term in 4M! We have been working on many different projects and activities. Students have engaged in improving their reading comprehension during reading groups. We have been investigating different levels of comprehension and reading a great variety of fiction texts!



We also enjoyed our science incursion about 'states of matter'. We saw lots of great experiments!





# Student Learning

## ES1 and SU Farm excursion

Yesterday Kindergarten and some Support Unit students attended their very first excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm to learn about the 'Living World'. They had a wonderful day experiencing a 'working' farm and for some of them, it was their first time at seeing a farm animal in real-life! Students loved milking a cow, riding on the tractor, petting the soft baby animals and watching sheep being rounded up and shorn. Their behaviour was impeccable and they were very respectful of the animals throughout the day.





# 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 Tuesday from 09:00am to 11:30am in the Community Cottage. The classes 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. **Please send your child prior to 8:50am should they want some 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.



Coffee & Chat



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





## SHARE YOUR PHOTO OF A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

We are inviting students and their families in south west Sydney to share a photo of their healthy lunchbox for a chance to feature in our Lunchbox Heroes resource. Each eligible submission will receive a Lunchbox Heroes cooler bag!

Lunchboxes must include: vegetable, fruit, grain, protein (animal or plant based) and dairy + water bottle.

**\*\*Any packaged products included in your lunchbox creation needs to have 3.5 or more Health Star Rating.\*\***

Get parents/carers to send in a healthy lunchbox photo by 16 July 2021. Limited Lunchbox Heroes cooler bags, so get started today!

For more information  
[SWSLHD-LiveLifeWell@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SWSLHD-LiveLifeWell@health.nsw.gov.au)



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ACTIVE LIVING**





# Community News

If you would like your child/children to participate in the holiday activities at PARKS, please contact them on 96097400 for a permission form.



**SCHOOL BUS**

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY

*program*

28th June 9.30 - 12pm  
Kindy Farm - Crafts

29th June 9.30-12pm  
Crafts

THE PARKS COMMUNITY  
NETWORK INC

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW**

**CALL 9609 7400**

AGES 8 YEARS TO 11 YEARS  
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM COMMENCES  
FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  
POSITIONS ARE LIMITED



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# **SCHOOL HOLIDAY LASER TAG ACTIVITY**

July 7, 2021 | 9.45 am to 11.45 am  
Prairiewood Youth and Community  
Centre  
194-222 Restwell Rd, Prairiewood NSW  
2176

***Parks Community Network***

***Register your interest now***

***Call 96097400***

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