

SCHOOL RULES





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Be a Good Learner



Term 4 - Week 2 - Friday 21 October 2022



Fri 21 October	Horsley Zone PSSA Gala Day
Mon 31 October	School Class Photographs
Tues 1 November	School Sport Photographs
Fri 11 November	Horsley Zone PSSA Gala Day
Wed 16 November	Selective High School applications close
Mon 12 December	Yr 6 Graduation
Mon 12 December	Yr 6 Farewell
Fri 16 December	Picnic Day



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News from the Principal - Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and carers

A warm welcome back to Term 4 after what I hope was an enjoyable break. This term is always hectic and includes: Student Reports; Kindergarten Transition; Presentation Day; Picnic Day; Year 6 Graduation; Year 6 Farewell and the Talent Quest. Please refer regularly to the calendar in the newsletter so that you don't miss any important events.

Welcome to Ms Hartley who has joined the Fairfield West Public School staff as the Aboriginal Education Officer.

Congratulations Vivian Janusz

Each year students opt to sit a variety of ICAS Assessments. Some students from FWPS sat the ICAS Science Assessment and the person who achieves the highest score receives a Principal's Award. Congratulations to Vivian Janusz who received a Credit for the ICAS Science Assessment. Thank you, Ms Kiner for organising the ICAS Assessments.

Tell them from me survey

This term, Fairfield West Public School will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Completing this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

To access the survey please click on http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/yx22w

Selective High School Applications – Year 7 for 2024

Selective High School applications for entry into year 7 for 2024 are now open and will close on Wednesday 16 November 2022. The Selective High School Placement test will be held on Thursday 4 May 2023. Primary schools will not be required to provide school assessment scores for applicants for entry in 2024.

Parents of year 5 students are strongly encouraged to visit https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7 for more information and to apply at https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au/ prior to the closing date.

Glass products

Please ensure that students are not bringing glass drink bottles or lunch boxes to school as this can pose a risk to others if the item is dropped and broken. Thank you for your cooperation.

News from the Principal - Genelle Goldfinch

COVID-smart measures in Term 4

In Term 4 2022, Fairfield West PS will operate with a number of COVID-smart measures that have been developed with NSW Health to minimise transmission and keep schools open.

These key measures include:

- students and staff should continue to stay home when sick. Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom free. We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the guidance issued by NSW Health. We will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.
- encouraging mask-wearing particularly when indoors and/or physical distancing is not possible.
- rapid antigen testing (RAT) of students and staff who have COVID-19 symptoms.
- strongly recommending staff and students keep up-to-date with their vaccinations.
- maximising natural ventilation.
- encouraging regular hand washing.
- boosting enhanced day cleaning of schools.
- assessing risk and applying appropriate safeguards across activities and events.

In certain circumstances, NSW Health and the Department of Education may advise that additional COVID-smart measures be temporarily reintroduced at our school. We will provide further details of any changes to COVID-smart measures at our school, if/when required.

Staff Professional Learning

In the past two weeks staff members have participated in the following professional learning opportunities, mostly remotely:

- 2 hours High Potential and Gifted Education two Assistant Principals, two Assistant Principals C&I and 14 teachers
- During Term 4 all teachers are completing weekly sessions on the new K-2 English and Mathematics syllabus document.

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

Have a lovely weekend! Genelle Goldfinch

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



Aboriginal Education

Aboriginal History and Culture Lessons

This term Ms Hartley will work closely with staff and students in the area of Aboriginal Education. Each class will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on lessons to learn about the traditions and ways of life of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

On Thursday, 6P and 5E participated in their first lesson and learnt about various artefacts and their purpose, how to count in Dharug language and the importance of connection to Country.









Class Report - 4

Students in 4I are really enjoying being back at school and engaging in exciting and challenging activities each day.



During Mathematics 4I enjoyed working together and problem solving to create a square metre, after being given newspaper, tape and a metre ruler. They then used their creation to measure and compare a variety of outdoor spaces.



4l students enjoyed participating in the 'Friends for life' program that was facilitated by The Parks Community Network. Students learnt valuable skills to build resilience and nurture their friendships.



Class Report - 5 E

Students in 5E are excited to be back at school in their final term of year 5. They enjoy working together in groups to achieve their learning goals and build their teamwork skills.





Students are thrilled to be back in the music room with Mr Post, learning new tunes and songs. They even practise the tunes on our play equipment.



During library time, students have had the opportunity to read and learn about the rich Aboriginal Culture through various artefacts and resources we have at our school.



Stage 1 Featherdale Excursion

Featherdale Wildlife Park Excursion









The highlight of the day was when all students participated in a learning session with one of the zookeepers. Everyone had an opportunity to pat a koala, baby wallaby, lizard and snake!



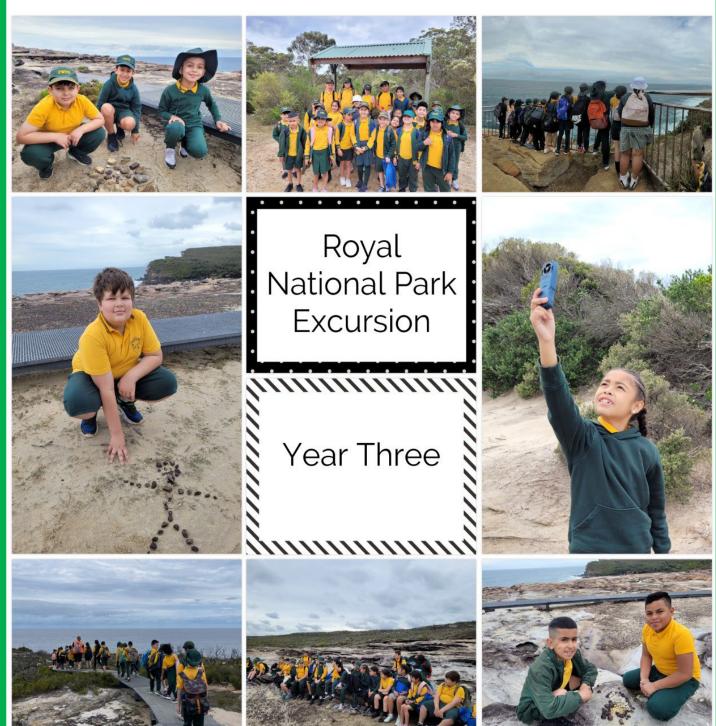




The students and teachers had a great day out and loved learning about Australian animals and their habitats.

Stage 2 Royal National Park Excursion

Last week our Year 3 and Year 4 students travelled to Royal National Park to study weathering and erosion. This concluded the term 3 science unit 'Earth's Changing Surface'. The students observed many examples of weathering and erosion in the cliffs, waterfall, rock ledges and pathways. They also saw wildlife such as a whale, an echidna, water dragons, king parrots and even a red-bellied black snake! The highlight was the sparkling ocean. The students observed how it stretched as far as the horizon and how it crashed against the coast. They also had an opportunity to measure the wind speed, humidity, temperature and light using a variety of instruments. The students followed the school rules at all times and were commended on their behaviour by the guides.



Stage 2 Royal National Park Excursion





Kindergarten 2023

If you or any of your friends or family have a child turning 5 years old before July 2023, please call the office on 9604 5568 to start the enrolment process.



English class for beginners will be every <u>Tuesday from 9.15am to 11.30am.</u> Call **Rania 0492 842 572**



Karitane play group every Thursday from 9.15am to 11.00am. Call Rania 0492 842 572



Gardening Workshop



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you enjoy being outside and in the garden, we need you! Occurring every fortnight.

No commitment to attend every week.

Where: Fairfield West PS

When: Wednesdays

October 26

Planting a flower garden

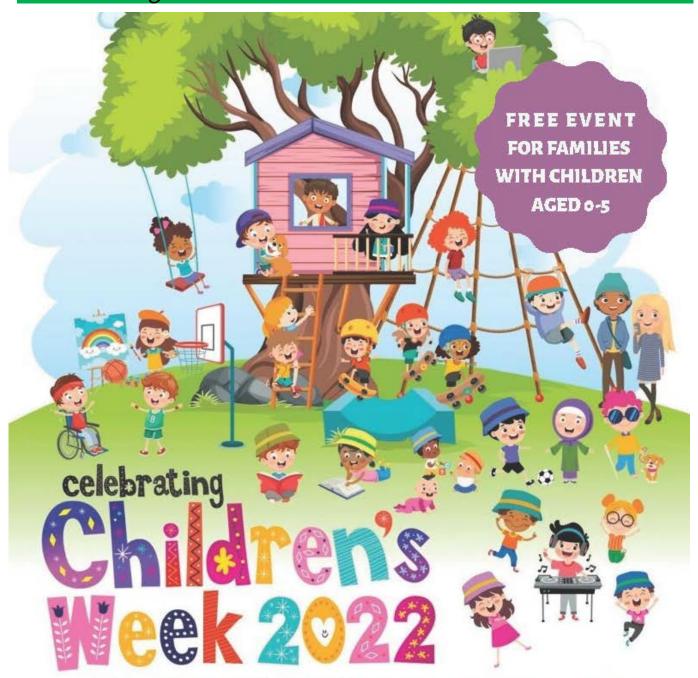
& brainstorming session

November 9, 23

December 7, 14

Time: 9:00am - 11:00am





Tuesday 25th October 10.00 am-1.00 pm

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

TO REGISTER RING 0296097400 OR EMAIL INFO@PARKSCOMMUNITY.ORG.AU
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Fairfield Celebrating diversity



Wednesday 26th October 10.30 am-1.00 pm

VILLAWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN CNR URANA ST & BINNA BURRA ST, VILLAWOOD 2163

TO REGISTER RING 0412013355 OR EMAIL INFO@WOODVILLE.ORG.AU

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Celebrating diversity



FREE PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS Do you have a child 0-3yrs of age?

Come and join us for five-sessions of fun! Bring your child. Learn about...

- · your child's brain development
- · how to prepare your child for life-long learning
- play activities you can use at home
- services in the local area for families

When

This FREE program runs on across 5 Mondays from 10.30am to 12pm. It starts Monday October 31st and finishes Monday 28th November 2022

Where

Brennan Park Community Hall, Bourke Street. Smithfield.

How to book

Please register at

strongsafefamilies.online/program/bbsmithfield

or call Dima on 0420 703 725



FREE VOUCHER FOR FAMILIES WHO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM







Communities for Children

everyone's family

Communities for Children Facilitating Partner Initiative Fairfield is funded by the Australian Government and facilitated by The Smith Family.

Small changes, big differences.





Triple P, Positive Parenting seminars (for parents of children 0-12 years)

Raising confident, competent children – 24th November

Raising Resilient Children – 1st December

Learn about:

- Emotional resilience in children
- Building blocks for success
- Helping your child to manage stress
- Supporting your child's self-esteem
- Developing friendship skills
- · Helping your child to become independent

DATE: 24 of November and 1st of December

TIME: 10:00am-12:00pm

VENUE: Salvation Army - 473 Hamilton Rd, Fairfield west 2165

REGISTER AT <u>strongsafefamilies.online/program/</u> OR BY CONTACTING DIMA ON 0420703725 FREE CHILD CARE AVAILABLE (MUST BE BOOKED AT THE TIME OF REGISTERING)







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Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)

Takes the guesswork out of parenting

Five Session parenting program

Learn how to:

Encourage positive behaviour

Manage misbehaviour

Teach your child new skills

DATE: 5 Thursdays, 20th Oct - 17th Nov

TIME: 10:00am-12:00pm

VENUE: 473 Hamilton Rd, Fairfield west 2165

REGISTER AT <u>strongsafefamilies.online/program/</u>

OR BY CONTACTING DIMA ON 0420703725

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FREE - Workshop for Parents

ورشة عمل مجانية للآباء والأمهات

Children and young people grow up well when they are safe and supported in their family, community and culture.

ينشأ الأطفال والشباب بصورة أفضل عندما يشعرون بالأمان والدعم من عائلتهم والمجتمع ينشأ الأطفال والسباب بصورة أفضل

This workshop will explore the difficult experiences children may go through (childhood trauma), how to understand behaviours and how to create safe environments for children to grow up healthy.

سنقوم في ورشة العمل هذه باستكشاف التجارب الصعبة التي قد يمر بها الأبناء (صدمات الطفولة)، كيف نفهم تصرفاتهم، وكيف نخلق لهم بيئة آمنة لينشأوا أسوياء

Date:

التاريخ: الأربعاء ٢٦ أكتوبر Wednesday 26th October

Time:

الوقت: من ١٠ص الي ١٠:٣٠ اص الع 11:30am

Venue:

المكان: Cabravale Leisure Centre, Cabramatta

Enrolments Essential: للحضور، يرجى ضرورة التسجيل على الرابط التالي: swsrecoverycollege.com.au/enrol

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No Referral Required

ورشة العمل مجانية، ولا تحتاج لتحويل من اي جهة

This workshop is in partnership with Fairfield Child Protection Network ورشة العمل هذه بالمشاركة مع شبكة فيرفيلد لحماية الطفل





NSW Department of Education



Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- · Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- · being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)



NSW Department of Education

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

· Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

 Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.



Fairfield West Public School Uniform Order Form

Due to COVID-19 regulations, all uniform orders must be pre-ordered through the front office or via email fairfieldw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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	\$8.50			
	·	•	Total	

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Child's Name:	Class:	Date:
Parent Name:	Mobile No:	

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Date collected:	Payment Method	d: Cash	Amount Paid:				
	(Please circle)	Eftpos					
Staff member Initial:		Items collected	Yes	NO			
Date Collected:		Collected by	Parent Carer	Student			

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

