



## SCHOOL RULES

### Be Safe



### Be Respectful



### Be a Good Learner



Term 4 - Week 4 - Friday 4 November 2022

## WHAT'S ON

Fri 11 November	Horsley Zone PSSA Gala Day
Wed 16 November	Selective High School applications close
Wed 16 November	Kindergarten Transition 9.00am
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

## Kindergarten Transition

We are excited to welcome the 2023 Kindergarten students to attend the first transition session on Wednesday 16 November at 9.00am-10.00am. If you have a child who is able to start Kindergarten in 2023 because they turn 5 before July 2023, please make sure you have completed an enrolment form and contacted the school office.

## 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.

## Gardening Club

Last week the community gardening club commenced and planted flowers in the garden next to the administrative block. Thank you to the parents/carers who came along. The next session is next Wednesday 9 November at 9.00am. If you are interested in coming, please contact the office on 9604 5568.

## World Teacher's Day

Last Thursday was World Teacher's Day. It is an initiative to acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful, hard working and dedicated teachers who educate our children. The staff at Fairfield West PS are exceptional teachers who care for and are committed to ensuring the academic, social, emotional and physical wellbeing of all students at our school. A special 'Thank you' to Woolworths for donating the food for a tasty morning tea for our teachers.

Thank you to Lisa Porter the Director of Educational Leadership for coming to celebrate the day at FWPS.



# 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, and 5 teachers
- 4 days State Principal's Conference – Principal
- Full day Instructional Leaders Masterclass – two Assistant Principals C&I
- 1 hour Refugee Network meeting - Deputy Principal and one teacher
- 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*

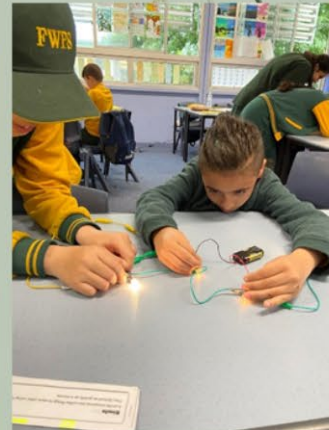
*/respect and acknowledge Aboriginal People as the traditional owners of the land on which I work, live and visit.*



# Class Report ~ 5L

5L has had an amazing year and the students have been hard at work.

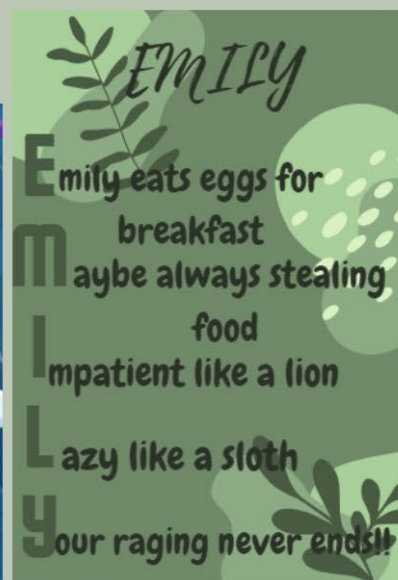
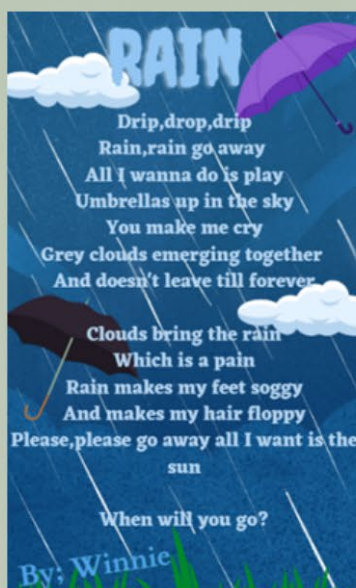
This term students in 5L have enjoyed learning about electricity. Students enjoy working together to experiment with circuits and how they work.



Students have been excited to be back in music every week with Mr Post, learning how to play the glockenspiel and the keyboard.



In English students have been learning about poetry. They have written their own unique poems and published it using canva.



# Class Report ~ 5Y

Students in 5Y have been learning how to play instruments such as the glockenspiel and keyboard during music lessons.



They have been engaging in math lessons using ICT to research commercial food packaging.

Students in 5Y had fun experimenting with their creativity by sketching and water colour painting.



# Ten Pin Bowling Competition

On Thursday, four students from K-6B were given the opportunity to compete in the NSW State finals of the School Sport Unit Ten Pin Bowling Competition held at Rooty Hill Zone bowling. After qualifying through their region in 1st place, our students competed with great pride as they finished 5th overall for the state. We are all very proud of their efforts and thank Ms Goldfinch for the opportunity to represent our school on the big stage!



# Community News



## 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 Tuesday from 9.15am to 11.30am. Call **Rania 0492 842 572**



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



## Gardening Workshop

FREE

### 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

Please let Rania 0492842572 or  
Ms Funnell 96045568 know if  
you can attend.



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)

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## 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](mailto: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	

We accept EFTPOS and cash payments.

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

### Office use only

Date collected:	Payment Method: (Please circle)	Cash Eftpos	Amount Paid:
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.



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