



SCHOOL RULES

Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



Term 1 - Week 6- Friday 4 March 2022

WHAT'S ON

7 March	Student leaders to attend GRIP Student leadership Conference
9 March	High School EOI booklets sent home to Year 6 parents
10 March	Selective HS Placement Test
10 March	Best Start feedback session 1.30pm
18 March	Last day for return of HS EOI booklets
21 March	Harmony Day



The West Express

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SCHOOL WEBSITE

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



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News from the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers

TEACHER/PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS – happened this week

Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend the online information sessions. Due to COVID guidelines we were unable to run face to face sessions this year. Technology can be difficult at times, so I thank everyone for their display of patience and hope the sessions were informative for you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MERIT SELECTION PANELS

When a permanent position becomes available a Merit Selection Panel is formed. The Department of Education advertises staff positions that require the staff member to apply with a written application and interview. This process involves a Merit Selection Panel that consists of staff members and community members. If you are able to volunteer for this process, please contact the school office on 9604 5568.

COVID- 19 UPDATED GUIDELINES

We started 2022 with a layered approach to COVID-smart measures that had been developed in partnership with NSW Health to help to minimise transmissions at school. The health and wellbeing of our students and staff remain our priority, and these measures are designed to help to keep our school open and our students learning in the classroom.

These key measures are:

- The provision of Rapid antigen test (RAT) kits to all students to help monitor your child's health and minimise transmission of COVID-19 across our school. From Monday 28 March the use of RAT kits will only be required when symptomatic.
- Wearing of surgical masks indoors is required for all staff in primary schools until March 7 and strongly recommended for all primary students. Masks will be provided by the school if required and both staff and students can continue to wear masks if they wish to after March 7.
- Students will continue to be kept in their year groups on school grounds, with staggered pick-ups, break times, playground, and canteen access to minimise the spread of COVID-19 across cohorts. You will be informed if this changes.
- We will continue to use good hygiene, enhanced cleaning, good air flow and ventilation in learning spaces, as well as physical distancing practices.

RAT KITS

- If a student or staff member receives a **positive** RAT result, they need to:
 - record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app
 - notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR result as soon as possible
 - follow NSW Health advice to isolate for 7 days.
- It is recommended that staff and students who return to school after recovering from COVID-19 do not participate in rapid antigen test surveillance for 28 days (four weeks after recovery) following release from self-isolation. This is due to NSW Health advice that people who have recovered from COVID-19 have a low risk of contracting it again in the following 28 days. After 28 days (from week five after recovery) staff and students may resume participation in RAT surveillance.

News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

UNWELL AT SCHOOL

Any student or staff member who is unwell and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to go home until symptoms no longer exist. It is strongly recommended that they complete a RAT or PCR test.

- If symptoms continue, they should stay at home and take another RAT in 24 hours or have a PCR test.
- If the second RAT or initial PCR test result is negative and they are displaying no symptoms OR another diagnosis is confirmed such as hay fever, the student or staff member can return to school once they produce a negative test to the school.
- In NSW, positive COVID-19 cases are provided a Medical Clearance Notice after 7 days and allowed to leave self-isolation as long as they do not have COVID-19 symptoms.
- If the student decides not to complete a RAT or PCR test, the student cannot return for 7 calendar days.

What happens when a student or staff member at FWPS tests positive for COVID-19

- Under the new close contact rules, schools are no longer included in contact tracing. I will inform the school community when there is a positive case in our school and advise families on public health advice, including monitoring for symptoms.

GATE TIMES

The school gates are automated for student safety. They are open **8.30am-9.10am and 2.20pm-3.15pm**. If you would like to enter the premises during the day when the gates are closed, please press the buzzer on the main gate on Palmerston Road (Cumberland Hwy) and you will be let in to come to the patio outside the office for assistance. If for any reason you cannot drop off or pick your child up on the agreed times please contact the front office. Children **should not** be standing outside the school gates for significant lengths of time prior to 8:30am.

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:

- 2 hours High Potential and Gifted education – four Assistant Principals and 14 teachers
- 3 hours Instructional Leader Masterclass – two Assistant Principals
- 2 hours Leadership PL Community of Schools – one Assistant Principal
- 2 hours Beginning Teacher PL – two Assistant Principals and four teachers
- 6 hours NAPLAN online – Deputy Principal and Assistant Principal
- 2 hours NAPLAN online – eight teachers
- 3 hours English PL – 70 staff members

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

News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting [Make a payment](#).

MAKE A PAYMENT

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, uniforms, excursions, and sales to students. There is also a category called 'Other' to cover items not covered in the previous headings, 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school Statement of Account. When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

- the students name
- class
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the online payment process please contact the School Administration Office.



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.

Student Learning - KM

Welcome to KM

We have kick-started Kindergarten with lots of new learning, new routines, making friends and learning to be independent.

We love learning to read and write every day and enjoy participating in lots of discussions before drawing our pictures. We are talking about our drawings in full sentences and some of us have even started writing tricky words. This helps us improve our literacy skills.



We have been developing our understanding of numbers by using a number line to order numbers from 1 to 20. After guided discussions, we participate in group or independent activities just like this one below using the ten frames.



KM are really enjoying their time in kindergarten by being safe, respectful and good learners.

Student Learning - KO

The students in KO are settling into school and classroom routines really well and are learning lots of new and exciting things!

We enjoyed taking part in different developmental activities which allowed us to make new friends.



In literacy, we love to engage in reading and "Draw, Talk, Write and Share".

In Mathematics, we are learning to count to 20 and backwards from 10. We also enjoy doing number talks and investigations.





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	

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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Community News

If you've had COVID-19, you can get your booster about a month after your infection.

You are due for a booster **3 months** after your second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine

Arabic
يحق لك الحصول على جرعة معززة بعد ٣ شهور من جرعتك الثانية من لقاح COVID-19

Vietnamese
Thời điểm để quý vị tiêm liều tăng cường (booster) là **3 tháng** sau khi tiêm liều thứ nhì vắc-xin COVID-19



جرعة COVID-19 المعززة ✓ CHÍCH NGỪA COVID-19 TĂNG CƯỜNG ✓

1 شهر

احصل على جرعتك المعززة بعد حوالي شهر من الإصابة.

Chích ngừa tăng cường khoảng một tháng sau khi bị nhiễm vi rút.

1 THÁNG

NSW GOVERNMENT



فصل الدرس الانجليزي المجاني

نهار الخميس من الساعة ٩:٣٠ الى ١١:٣٠ صباحا

الرجاء الاتصال رانيا اذ احببت ان تشترك بلصف على الرقم التالي لمزيد من المعلومات ٠٤٩٢٨٤٢٥٧٢

Free English classes

Day: Thursday

Time: 9.30am-11.00am

Where: Online

Call Rania on 0492 842 572 Monday – Thursday for more information.

Always obey the signs



Dropping and collecting students on the Cumberland Highway – PLEASE ACT RESPONSIBLY

All road rules apply when you are dropping off and collecting your child/children on the Cumberland Highway, so please adhere to the following rules to keep everyone safe. If you do not comply with the following road rules the police may issue you with a hefty fine.

General parking rules

You must not stop your vehicle (that is, bring it to a stop and either stay with the vehicle or leave it parked) in the following circumstances:

- Double parked (that is on the road alongside a car that is parked)
- Between BUS STOP, BUS ZONE, TAXI STAND or TAXI ZONE signs

No parking

You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area. You must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle. Hours of operations may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only. Mobility Parking Permit holders are allowed to park for up to 5 minutes in a No Parking area.



Bus zone – CARS CANNOT STOP in the Bus Zone

This sign means that you are not allowed to stop your vehicle within the direction of the arrow or arrows unless you are driving a bus.



Loading zone

Only drivers of vehicles principally constructed for carrying goods may park their vehicle in a loading zone. These vehicles may stop for up to 30 minutes if they are being loaded or unloaded. A station wagon or a three-wheeled goods vehicle may stop for up to 15 minutes. If you are driving any other sort of vehicle you may only stop to pick up or set down passengers at the kerb.



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COVID-19 Family Bulletin

Information for primary schools, and child care and family day care services in south western Sydney. This bulletin is provided by South Western Sydney Local Health District's Healthy Children Initiative team.

Managing COVID-19 at home

Make sure your family is ready at any moment. Familiarise yourself with this COVID-19 action plan and prepare a COVID-19 home care kit.

COVID-19 Action Plan

If you test positive on a rapid antigen test:

1. Self-isolate and tell your household, social & work contacts. Household contacts must also self-isolate.
2. Register your positive test result on the Service NSW website or app.
3. For mild symptoms: rest, keep hydrated, eat small regular snacks, take regular medication.
4. Monitor for **worsening symptoms** and call your GP: shortness of breath, vomiting, diarrhoea, minimal urination, coughing up mucous regularly.
5. Monitor for **severe symptoms** and call Triple Zero (000): shortness of breath, severe dizziness, chest pressure/pain lasting more than 10 mins, unable to stand, blue lips. Call the ambulance for medical emergencies only.



COVID-19 Home Care Kit



Leaving self-isolation

If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you don't need a negative test to leave isolation.

This is because parts of dead virus can persist in the nose and throat of people who have recovered from COVID-19 for some time. If you do not have any symptoms and it has been 7 days since your positive test you are able to leave self-isolation.

If you had a PCR test or you registered your positive RAT, you will get a text message from NSW Health but you do not need to wait for this to leave self-isolation if it has been 7 days since your test.

Positive for COVID-19?

You don't need a negative test to leave self-isolation



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Schools and COVID-19

The Department of Education has created a fact sheet with information about how schools are managing the return to school with COVID-safe measures. Click [here](#) to access the fact sheet.

Information is also available in languages other than English:

[Arabic](#) | [Assyrian](#) | [Chinese-Simplified](#) | [Chinese-Traditional](#) | [Greek](#) | [Italian](#) | [Korean](#) | [Nepali](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Vietnamese](#)



COVID SAFETY

COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for parents and students

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The graphic features an illustration of a woman in a red coat and two children, one in a green shirt and one in a yellow shirt, all wearing face masks and carrying backpacks, walking together. The NSW Government logo is in the top right corner.

Active Kids vouchers

The Active Kids program provides two \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of children enrolled in school (aged between 4½ and 18 years). The vouchers can be used towards sports and active recreation costs. Voucher 1 is valid from January to December, and Voucher 2 is valid July to December.

For more information, and to register for your vouchers click [here](#).



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Vaccination

Aged 16 or 17? You can now get a booster



Children aged 16 and 17 are now eligible for a Pfizer COVID-19 booster dose.

The booster dose will be one dose of the adult Pfizer vaccine three months after their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

This recommendation aims to maximise protection for this age group who are at a critical point in their education and early working lives.

If your second dose was more than three months ago, you should get your booster dose as soon as possible. Click [here](#) to make an appointment.

South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre

Parents and carers can have their child vaccinated after school because the South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre is open until 6pm every day.

Bookings are required for 5-11 year vaccinations. Click [here](#) to make an appointment.

While your child is getting vaccinated, you can have your booster dose - walk ins are welcome!



After school appointments 5-11 year vaccinations

Book now!

South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre

Open until 6pm every day

To find a clinic and book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, use the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#)

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Sit less, move more

Did you know that school children spend over half of their school day sitting?
Did you know the average adult sits for nine hours a day?

The Heart Foundation encourages staying active for better heart health including:

- Be active when travelling - walk or cycle to school with your children once or twice a week instead of driving them. When driving, park further away and walk the rest of the way
- Limit screen time - remove TVs, computers and electronic games from bedrooms
- Plan active family time - play together as a family, join your children for a bike ride, play hide-and-seek, or play cricket as a family at the local park or beach



For more ideas on how to get the whole family moving, click [here](#).

Council support

Local councils are a great source of information on community support services. To see how your local council can support you during the pandemic, click on the links below:

- [Canterbury/ Bankstown](#)
- [Fairfield](#)
- [Liverpool](#)
- [Campbelltown](#)
- [Camden](#)
- [Wingecarribee](#)
- [Wollondilly](#)



There is also financial support available through Service NSW.

Click [here](#) to find out what is available and how to apply.

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COVID-19 translated resources: How to self isolate



This fact sheet on how to self-isolate is available in number of community languages including:

[Arabic](#)

[Assyrian](#)

[Bangla](#)

[Chinese \(simplified\)](#)

[Khmer](#)

[Vietnamese](#)

Stay in your home No work, school, shopping, visiting public places, or catching public transport. You can leave home to seek medical care or in an emergency but you should wear a mask if possible.	If you live with other people <ul style="list-style-type: none">Don't share a room or bathroom, if possibleKeep 1.5 metres apartWear a mask in the same room as others (even if they are also in isolation)Don't share household items like towels, bedding or dishes. Wash after use.
No visitors	Keep up a normal routine Exercise regularly at home.
Wash your hands often Use soap or hand sanitiser.	Stay virtually connected with friends and family
Cover coughs and sneezes	Seek support from a counsellor 24/7 Lifeline: 13 11 14, lifeline.org.au Beyond Blue: 1800 512 348, coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au
Clean surfaces you touch often	Still have questions? www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19 National Coronavirus Helpline: 1800 020 080 (24-hour help line) For free help in your language call 13 14 50
Monitor symptoms Call Triple Zero (000) if they become serious (e.g. you can't breathe).	

Other community languages can be found [here](#).

You can search for resources in your own language on the [NSW Health website](#)

The English version is available by clicking [here](#)

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Rapid antigen tests

To make sure you're getting the most accurate rapid antigen test result, it is important you do the test the right way.

There are different rapid antigen testing kits available, so make sure you follow the instructions provided within the testing kit. The image to the right shows how to use a nasal swab rapid antigen test.

If your test result is positive, don't forget to register your result through Service NSW and immediately self-isolate.

Click [here](#) for more information on rapid antigen tests.

How to use a nasal swab rapid antigen test



1 Put swab in nose until you feel resistance



2 Swirl it around for 15 seconds in each nostril



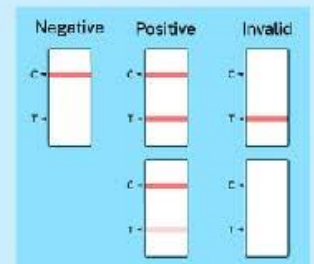
3 Put swab in vial, rotate and squeeze



4 Put required drops onto test well



5 Wait 10-15 minutes



Make sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions provided with the test.

Doing a 15 minute Rapid Antigen Test



Doing a 15 minute Rapid Antigen Test

The NSW Multicultural Health Communication Service (MHCS) has put together a short video on how to use a rapid antigen test safely at home.

To watch the video, click on the image to the left. You can also find the video on the [MHCS NSW YouTube channel](#).

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transforming your
experience



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Day: Fridays
Place: Zoom**

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information.**

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Knowledge test

✓ Car registration and
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