



# SCHOOL RULES

## Be Safe



## Be Respectful



## Be a Good Learner



Term 2 - Week 2- Friday 6 May 2022

## WHAT'S ON

May 10	NAPLAN testing window begins
May 13	Winter PSSA begins
May 20	NAPLAN testing ends
May 25	Horsley Zone Cross Country
May 26	National Sorry Day



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# News from the Principal

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome back to term 2! If you celebrated Easter, I hope you had a wonderful time. At the end of term 1 students in K-2 were able to participate in the Easter Hat parade and it was lovely to see the creative side of students and families. Students also had a secret visit from the Easter Bunny.



## Easter Raffle

Thank you to all the families who supported the Easter raffle in term 1. This raffle was to support the year 6 farewell fundraiser and over \$1000 was raised, which is an excellent achievement. Two prizes were given out per grade and the winners were extremely excited about their gift.



Anthony from K/6C was the overall winner, receiving a giant golden egg that was almost too big for him to carry. Congratulations to all the prize winners and thanks to the Community for your support.



# News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

## **Term 2 COVID-smart measures**

As we move into Autumn and Winter, our COVID-smart measures have been updated in consultation with NSW Health, to provide additional protection to our school community. The main change is to the close contact isolation requirements.

Many of our existing COVID-smart measures continue into Term 2, including:

- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and staff
- vaccinations – including booster shots (from 3 months after your child's primary COVID-19 dose) are encouraged for all eligible students and their families
- ventilation
- good hygiene practices
- enhanced cleaning.

Including:

- Change to close contact isolation requirements - The NSW Premier has announced changes to requirements for close contacts which means that from Week 1 of Term 2, students and staff who are identified as close contacts will be able to attend school with certain risk mitigations in place.
- Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) – which the department will continue to supply to students and staff in Term 2 to support symptomatic testing and testing of close contacts returning to school.
- Masks – particularly a new recommendation from NSW Health for people who have recently recovered from COVID-19 to wear a mask for an additional 3 days following their 7-day isolation period (from days 8 to 10). Staff in support classes are also required to wear masks to provide additional protection for our students.
- Responding to local COVID-19 conditions – outlining the temporary reintroduction of some additional COVID-smart settings if local conditions require it.
- Ventilation – maximising natural ventilation in classrooms and learning spaces while balancing thermal comfort during the cooler months.

Please remember that for the health and safety of all students and staff, students should not attend school if sick.

## **Gate times**

Morning Drop Off – exactly the same as term 1. We encourage everyone to continue as in term 1 with children entering school as close to 8:45am as possible so they are ready to move into lines at 8:50am for a sharp 9:00am start to learning.

Afternoon Pick Up – School finishes at 3pm. The automated gates open at 2:50pm when parents/carers may enter the grounds. This is only to pick up children, please do not loiter and leave the grounds promptly. The automated gates will close at 3:10pm. Please organise with your child where you will pick them up to limit confusion. Students who are not picked up are taken to the office area. If you are going to be late for an unforeseen reason, please contact the office so we can let your child/ren know.

## **Attendance**

It is compulsory in NSW that children between the ages of 6 years and below the minimum school leaving age attend school every day. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents/carers ensure their children attend school each day that it is open for students. All students should arrive on time to ensure they don't miss important learning activities. School begins at 8.50am and ends at 3.00pm. Please see the document later in the newsletter with more information on the responsibility of parents relating to compulsory school attendance.



# News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

## ANZAC Day Assembly

Last week all students commemorated ANZAC Day by creating poppies and participating in an Assembly to show their respect to service people who previously and continually dedicated/dedicate their lives to supporting our safety and freedom in Australia.



## Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 20 May is National Walk Safely to School Day. It is an annual event encouraging all Primary School children to walk and commute safely to school. The roads around Fairfield West PS are extremely busy roads and it is important that students and families are safe when coming to and from school. Please cross at the lights or use the overpass on the Cumberland Hwy and hold their hand if they are under 10 years of age.

## 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:

- 1 hour CPR face to face training – three Deputy Principals, eight Assistant Principals and 60 staff members
- 4 hours data analysis – 56 staff members
- 2 hours High Potential and Gifted education – two Assistant Principals and 10 teachers
- 1 hour New K-2 Curriculum – Deputy Principal, Assistant Principal, two Assistant Principals Curriculum & Instruction and three class teachers
- 2 hours Leading with Emotional Intelligence – Principal and Deputy Principal

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

## Eid Mubarak

Eid Mubarak to all families celebrating Eid this week.



*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.*



# NAPLAN

## 2022 NAPLAN PROGRAM

In 2022, the NAPLAN Assessments will be completed online. The NAPLAN program will commence on Tuesday 10 May and will be completed over two weeks ending on Friday 20 May. Students will sit NAPLAN in the areas of Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy.

As in previous years, Year 3 students will complete the NAPLAN Writing paper as a pen and paper assessment and the other assessments online, whereas Year 5 will complete all NAPLAN assessments online.

During term 1, Year 3 and 5 students completed practice tests which allowed them to become familiar with the type of questions they will experience in NAPLAN.

If your child is well, it is important that your child attends school regularly over the next two weeks. It is also important that your child comes to school by 8:50am each day. There are catch up tests for students who are unwell and unable to attend school on the day of a NAPLAN assessment.

The NAPLAN schedule for our school is as follows:

Week	Date	Year 3	Year 5
3	Tuesday 10 May	<b>9:30 Writing (40 min)</b>	<b>9:30 Writing (42 min)</b>
	Wednesday 11 May	<b>9:30 Reading (45 min)</b>	
	Thursday 12 May		<b>9:30 Reading (50 min)</b>
	Friday 13 May	<b>9:30 Conventions of language (45 min)</b>	
4	Monday 16 May		<b>9:30 Conventions of language (45 min)</b>
	Tuesday 17 May	<b>9:30 Numeracy (45 min)</b>	
	Wednesday 18 May		<b>9:30 Numeracy (50 min)</b>
	Thursday 19 May	<i>Catch up tests</i>	<i>Catch up tests</i>
	Friday 20 May	<i>Catch up tests</i>	<i>Catch up tests</i>

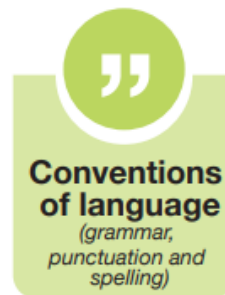
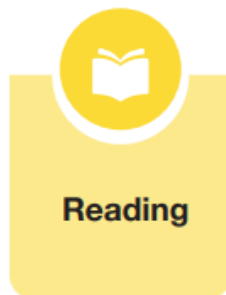
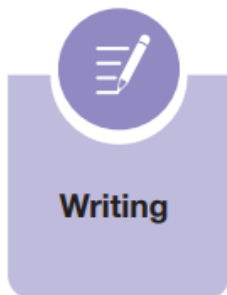
# NAPLAN

## NAPLAN – information for parents and carers

**NAPLAN**  
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM  
Literacy and Numeracy

- NAPLAN is the name of some literacy and numeracy tests completed by students in Australia.
- All students do NAPLAN tests when they are in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9.
- Students are tested in English about their knowledge in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Some of the questions are written and some of the questions are spoken.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going.
- Students do four different tests during two weeks in May each year.

The names of the four tests are:



- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- After getting the results back in Term 3, schools will give parents and carers a report showing how their child did.
- Parents and carers can talk to the teacher about these results.
- The information from the NAPLAN tests is used by people working in the Australian Government, your state or territory education authority and the school to find out how students are going all over Australia. It lets them see which schools are doing well and which schools might need help.

**Talk to the teacher if you are worried about your child being able to do the tests.**

For more information on NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)



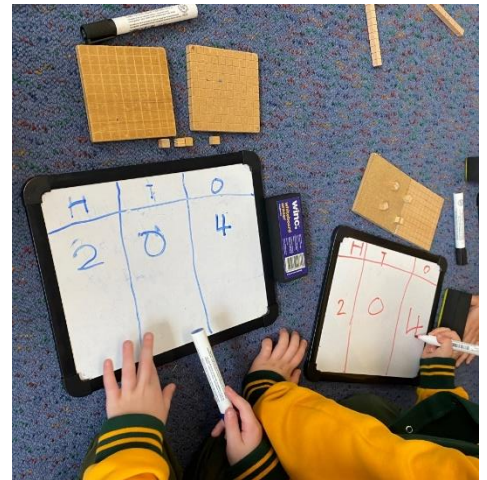
# Student Learning in 1M

1M students are really enjoying being back at school and engaging in fun and exciting activities each day.

We loved our weekly visits to the music room in Term 1 and creating some amazing art works focussing on our different feelings.



1M is full of mathematicians. We have been developing our ability to use new strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. We love learning about numbers and understanding their place value.



1M students love reading and we are developing our comprehension strategies. We have had lots of fun creating our own characters and writing interesting stories about them.





# Student Learning

## It's always fun learning in 2T

2022 in 2T has started tremendously. There are so many ways to learn and explore, and the students in 2T are having fun doing so.



Students love to explore their creative side. 2T made fun pizzas.



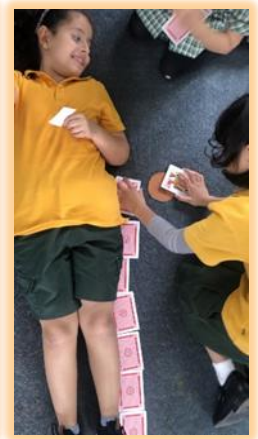
Learning all about music with Mr Post is one of the highlights of the week.



Getting our bodies moving and playing games helps our learning too.



2T measured and compared the height of their buddies using informal units like playing cards.



2T wrote a persuasive letter to Mr Rangiah during literacy groups.



Learning is always fun when you can share it with a buddy.





# Community News

## Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2023

Applications for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2023 opened on **Tuesday 26 April 2022** and closes at 11.59 pm on **Friday 13 May 2022**.

To apply, go to the [online application](#) for opportunity class placement and follow the instructions.

Parents and carers must apply by the due date as late applications cannot be accepted.

Parents should read [Applying for Year 5 entry an opportunity class in 2023](#) before applying. An [accessible](#) version is also available.

## Opportunity Class Placement Test

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be conducted on **Thursday 28 July 2022**.

## Years 3-6 Cross Country Carnival

Yesterday the years 3-6 students and some year 2 students who are turning 8 this year participated in the Cross Country Carnival. Unfortunately, the wet weather caused a change of plans this morning, but all students managed to run their race once the sun came out.



Congratulations to Christiana Saha who broke the Senior Girl's Cross Country record by 38 seconds!

This record hasn't been broken for 11 years.





## 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)



# Community News

## 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.

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



### More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

#### Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

#### The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

#### Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.





## 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			
			<b>Total</b>	

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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