



SCHOOL RULES

Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



Term 2 - Week 6 - Friday 3 June 2022

WHAT'S ON

7 June	Horsley Zone Carnival
10 June	Winter PSSA
13 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
15 June	SSW Cross Country
17 June	Winter PSSA



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News from the Principal

Dear parents and carers

Student Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews

During the week beginning 20 June, Parent/Teacher interviews will be held to enable you to discuss the academic achievement and behaviour of your child/ren. A note will be sent out next week with specific details about interview dates and times.

Student reports will be given to you during the interview week. It is important that you keep these student reports in a safe place as you may need them in the future for High School applications.

Uniforms

Winter has begun with a vengeance and it is important that your child/ren has/have a school jumper or jacket to stay warm in the classroom and the playground. Ventilation is still extremely important during winter, which means that classroom windows and doors will still be open along with the heater being on. This complies with the COVID-smart practices set out by the NSW Department of Education. There is a uniform pricelist/form at the end of the newsletter. If you need to purchase any new uniforms, please come to the office or send an order form and money with your child to the office. The order will be filled during the day and given to your child to take home.

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.

Student Absences

If your child is late to or absent from school on a particular day, an automated sms will be sent to your phone at 12.00pm. Please reply with your child's name, class and reason for the absence. If you have a medical certificate covering several days or you know that the absence will be for longer than one day, please state the number of days also. All lateness and absences must be explained within seven days of the first day of absence. (Please refer to flyer: Compulsory School Attendance, attached to the end of the newsletter).

Year 6 Camp

We were pleased to offer our Year 6 students an opportunity to attend the Sport and Recreation Centre at Milson Island on Wednesday 1 June to Friday 3 June. This opportunity was offered by the NSW Office of Sport's Recovery and Rebuild Package for areas hardest hit by COVID-19. The camp was free and offered a great opportunity for our students as it is normally \$350 per child. The students travelled to camp with Ms Mah Chut, Ms Denny, Mr Vogt, Ms Sharma, Ms Lam and Ms Seymour.

News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

National Simultaneous Storytime

The National Simultaneous Storytime was held on Wednesday 25 May at 11:00am. This year's book was 'Family Tree' by Josh Pyke. Every student across the school enjoyed the reading of this book at the same time.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair has been in the library for the past week. Students were very excited to browse through the books and make purchases. Thank you to all the families who purchased a book as it allowed the school to raise a total of \$4158.50. These funds will be used to purchase new books from any company to restock the library with recently published books. The sales also entitled the school to receive \$1289.00 worth of books from Scholastic.



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 School Leadership Institute – Principal and Deputy Principal
- 1 hour Curriculum Reform – Deputy Principal, Assistant Principal, two Assistant Principals C&I and three Year 1 class teachers
- 1 hour Work Health and Safety – Principal, Deputy Principal, Assistant Principal and Office Manager
- 3 hours Excellence in Schools – Principal, Deputy Principal, two Assistant Principals and two Assistant Principals C&I

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 /work, live and visit.



Sport

Fairfield West Winter PSSA Results

Round- 1 Week- 4 Date- 20.5.22

<u>Yr 3 Netball</u>	<u>Year 4 Netball</u>	<u>Year 5 Netball</u>	<u>Year 6 Netball</u>
Fairfield Heights Lost 0-2	Smithfield WON 3-1	Fairfield Heights Lost 1-18	Smithfield WON 14-4
<u>Jnr Mixed Basketball</u>	<u>Senior Boys Basketball</u>	<u>Senior Girls Basketball</u>	<u>Senior AFL</u>
William Stimson Lost 0-6	William Stimson Lost 6-28	William Stimson Lost 4-64	BYE
<u>Junior Boys Football</u>	<u>Senior Boys Football</u>	<u>Open Girls Football</u>	<u>Junior Rugby League</u>
Smithfield Lost 1-3	Smithfield Lost 0-4	Smithfield WON 10-1	Prairievale WON 28-20
<u>Senior Rugby League</u>			
Prairievale Lost 0-8			

Round- 2 Week- 5 Date- 27.5.22

<u>Yr 3 Netball</u>	<u>Year 4 Netball</u>	<u>Year 5 Netball</u>	<u>Year 6 Netball</u>
King Park Lost 0-10	Prairievale WON 2-0	King Park Lost 1-12	Prairievale WON 11-6
<u>Jnr Mixed Basketball</u>	<u>Senior Boys Basketball</u>	<u>Senior Girls Basketball</u>	<u>Senior AFL</u>
Cecil Hills Lost 0-6	Cecil Hills Lost 14-16	Cecil Hills WON 16-14	WASHOUT
<u>Junior Boys Football</u>	<u>Senior Boys Football</u>	<u>Open Girls Football</u>	<u>Junior Rugby League</u>
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<u>Senior Rugby League</u>			
WASHOUT			

Fairfield West Winter PSSA Upcoming Fixtures

Week 6 3.6.22		Week 7 10.6.22	
Netball	Yr 3 / 4 v Cecil Hills Yr 5/6 NO GAME- CAMP	Netball	Yr 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 v Harrington St
Basketball	Jnr Mixed / Snr Boys v Harrington St Snr Girls NO GAME- CAMP	Basketball	Jnr Mixed, Snr Boys , Snr Girls v St Johns Park
AFL	NO GAME- CAMP	AFL	Seniors v Harrington St
Football	Jnr Boys, Snr Boys, OPEN Girls v Cecil Hills	Football	Jnr Boys, Snr Boys, OPEN Girls v Harrington St
Rugby League	Juniors v Harrington St Seniors NO GAME- CAMP	Rugby League	Juniors & Seniors v William Stimson

Student Learning in 3B

We are busy bees in 3B. Students strive to be good learners.



In our class we love to read! Students read every day. We are currently learning to read chapter books to build our reading stamina. Students in 3B attend library every Wednesday afternoon, where they are able to borrow books that cater to their interests.



This week we celebrated our annual book week. Students thoroughly enjoyed being able to read and purchase a range of quality texts.



Expressing our creativity is essential. Students have made a colourful learning environment by creating a range of interesting artworks. This term we are learning about the lifecycle of living things. Students created an artwork to showcase our understanding of the lifecycle of a butterfly.

Numeracy is embedded into our daily learning. Students thrive from working as a team to learn new skills. Using hands on materials in group tasks is a vital part of our learning experiences.



All students in 3B value being good learners. In our class learning is interesting and fun. Students are consistently learning new knowledge and developing skills to help them grow and achieve their best.



Student Learning 3K

Every day in 3K!

Morning Routine:

In 3K we have an explicit morning routine which involves daily Brain Busters and Sentence A Day programs. While engaging in this, we are encouraged to eat fruit or vegetables to get us ready for the day!



Literacy legends:

3K enjoy a range of literacy activities like reading and writing. We try to write in every subject as it is very important to practice this daily! We also love reading in reading groups and completing online reading tasks on Reading Eggspress and Wushka! During library lessons, Ms Zammit lends us chapter books that we get to choose and enjoy as a fast finisher activity.

Maths magicians:

We love to engage in our daily rote learning groups, complete maths mentals and multiplication madness tasks! These tasks help our brain to get stronger and smarter! We have also recently started hands-on maths games that allow us to cooperate with our peers as we learn!



Weekly wellbeing:

Wellbeing is a huge focus at our school. 3K love to participate in mindfulness activities to help regulate our minds and bodies! Some mindfulness activities include yoga, colouring or listening to Mojo on ClassDojo. He helps us understand our feelings and how to manage them.

Exciting events:

3K attended the 3-6 Cross Country carnival and we're super proud that all of us gave it a go and tried our best. Congratulations to Mathew and Fernando who have made it to the Zone Cross Country. We also loved the Book Fair. We got to make Wishlists and buy some books that we were interested in.



We are looking forward to the rest of our learning journey!

Community News

NSW Premier's Debating Challenge: Round One



On Thursday, 19 May, the FWPS Wranglers competed against the FWPS Pow Wows in the first round of the NSW Premier's Debating Challenge. The topic for this debate was "that primary schools should ban all tests".

Both teams confidently debated their opinions in front of an audience and an adjudicator. Congratulations to the FWPS Pow Wows team who won the debate!

Our next debates will be in week 7 against Canley Vale Public School and Chester Hill Public School.



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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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	

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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