



# SCHOOL RULES

## Be Safe



## Be Respectful



## Be a Good Learner



Term 2 - Week 8 - Friday 17 June 2022

## WHAT'S ON

Friday 17 June	Winter PSSA
20-24 June	Parent/teacher interviews
Friday 24 June	Winter PSSA
Friday 1 July	Last day of school Term 2
Tuesday 19 July	First day of school Term 3



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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 was sent out explaining specific details about interview dates and times and for you to book in a time to meet your child/ren's teacher. If you have not returned the note you need to as soon as possible.

Student reports will be given to you during the interview. 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.

## Gate times

Morning Drop Off – exactly the same as term 1. We encourage everyone to arrive as close to 8:45am as possible so they are ready to move to class at 8:50am for a sharp 9:00am start to learning. The morning gate will close at 9.05am so you need to arrive before this time or come to the front gate on the Cumberland Highway to enter.

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.

## Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students recently enjoyed their camp at the Sport and Recreation Centre on Milson Island. It was a fabulous 3 days where the students learnt new skills and developed their independence. They participated in a range of fun activities such as bike riding through the bush, archery team competitions, crawling through crevices in the caves while bushwalking, building their own fires and more. Students had fun sleeping in the cabins with their friends and participating in a mini-Olympics and games during the night- time activities. Travelling by coach and ferry was also part of the adventure. Overall, it was wonderful to see the students challenging themselves. They tried new things and encouraged their friends along the way.



# News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

## Sporting Schools Basketball Program

Every Wednesday for four weeks our Stage 2 students are participating in a basketball clinic as part of the Sporting Schools Basketball Program. Coach Ron is assisting our students in developing the skills of dribbling, passing and shooting. The students have enjoyed improving their fitness in the sessions to date.



## Staff Professional Learning

In 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 two Assistant Principals C&I and three Year 1 class teachers
- 2 hours High Potential and Gifted Education – three Assistant Principals, two Assistant Principals C&I and 21 teachers
- 2 hours English PL – Assistant Principal, Assistant Principal C&I and 3 class teachers

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.*



# Sport

## Fairfield West Winter PSSA Results

Round- 3      Week- 6      Date- 3.6.22

<u>Yr 3 Netball</u> Cecil Hills Lost 0-4	<u>Year 4 Netball</u> Cecil Hills Lost 1-2	<u>Year 5 Netball</u> Lost on Forfeit	<u>Year 6 Netball</u> Lost on Forfeit
<u>Jnr Mixed Basketball</u> Harrington St Lost 2-24	<u>Senior Boys Basketball</u> Harrington St Lost 0-36	<u>Senior Girls Basketball</u> Lost on Forfeit	<u>Senior AFL</u> Lost on Forfeit
<u>Junior Boys Football</u> Cecil Hills Lost 0-6	<u>Senior Boys Football</u> Cecil Hills Lost 0-14	<u>Open Girls Football</u> Cecil Hills Lost 2-8	<u>Junior Rugby League</u> Harrington St WON 28-4
<u>Senior Rugby League</u> Lost on Forfeit			

Round- 4      Week- 7      Date- 10.6.22

<u>Yr 3 Netball</u> v Harrington St DREW 0-0	<u>Year 4 Netball</u> V Harrington St Lost 1-3	<u>Year 5 Netball</u> V Harrington St WON 3-0	<u>Year 6 Netball</u> V Harrington St WON 11-0
<u>Jnr Mixed Basketball</u> V SJP Lost 2-18	<u>Senior Boys Basketball</u> V SJP Lost 0-40	<u>Senior Girls Basketball</u> V SJP Lost 0-30	<u>Senior AFL</u> V Harrington St Lost 0-38
<u>Junior Boys Football</u> V Harrington St Lost 1-2	<u>Senior Boys Football</u> V Harrington St DREW 2-2	<u>Open Girls Football</u> V Harrington St WON 2-0	<u>Junior Rugby League</u> BYE
<u>Senior Rugby League</u> BYE			

## Fairfield West Winter PSSA Upcoming Fixtures

Week 8 17.6.22		Week 9 24.6.22	
Netball	Yr 3 / 5 v SJP Yr 4 / 6 BYE	Netball	Yr 3 / 5 v Prairievale Yr 4 / 6 v SJP
Basketball	Jnr Mixed, Snr Boys, Snr Girls v King Park	Basketball	Jnr Mixed & Snr Boys v GPK Snr Girls BYE
AFL	Seniors v William Stimson	AFL	Seniors v SJP
Football	Jnr Boys & Snr Boys BYE OPEN Girls v William Stimson	Football	Jnr Boys, Snr Boys, OPEN Girls v SJP
Rugby League	Juniors & Senior v King Park	Rugby League	Juniors & Seniors v GPK

# Student Learning in 3M

## Term 2 in 3M

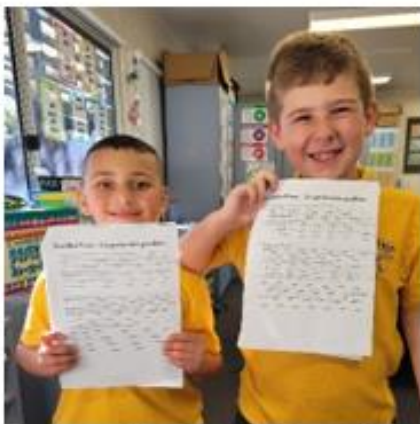
Term 2 has been busy for us in 3M!

During our literacy sessions, we have been working hard to improve our comprehension of a range of texts. We are learning to predict, question and summarise while reading. We have especially been focussing on inferring and understanding author's purpose.

Additionally, 3M are completing a novel study on *The Witches* by Roald Dahl. We are learning about descriptive language and devices such as alliteration and simile.



We have been learning about the life cycle of some amazing animals such as lions, bees and butterflies! Did you know that there are over 17,000 butterfly species?



In numeracy, we are practising our multiplication facts and learning lots of ways to multiply and divide large numbers.

We have also enjoyed creating bright and colourful artworks which involve mathematics such as arrays and 2D shapes! Check it out...



# Student Learning in 3S

## Striving our best in 3S!

The students in 3S work hard and strive to be good learners.

### Morning Routine

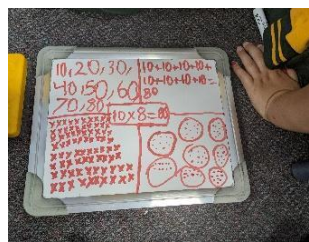
The students in 3S follow an explicit morning routine. They practise reading every day. While engaging in this, the students are encouraged to eat their fruit and vegetables as part of fruit break. The students in 3S also warm up with morning fitness to help them get ready for the day!

### Literacy

3S students enjoy a variety of literacy activities for writing and reading. They have been working to improve their writing with our Sentence a Day program. 3S students also love engaging in reading groups and completing literacy activities, including online reading tasks on Reading Eggspress. They attend the library on Monday and borrow books for the class to enjoy reading as fast finishers and during story time!

### Numeracy

3S students have been learning to use multiplicative strategies during numeracy rote learning. They thrive working cooperatively in mathematics. Using hands-on materials in group work is essential for their learning experiences.



### Weekly Wellbeing

3S students love to participate in mindfulness activities to help regulate their minds and bodies! Some of these activities involve listening to mindful meditation, stretching and colouring. They also attend music lessons every Thursday to learn to play new instruments and have fun singing!

Students in 3S are consistently developing their knowledge and learning new skills to help them grow and achieve their best.



# Student News

## NSW Premier's Debating Challenge: Round Two

This year we have formed two debating teams, called the Fairfield West Pow Wows and Fairfield West Wranglers.

Last week, our two teams proudly represented Fairfield West Public School in their second round of the Premier's Debating Challenge.

Every debate in the challenge is a one-hour preparation debate. Teams do not know the topic or which side of the debate they are on until one hour before the debate starts. Once the preparation time is up, three speakers from each team take turns to speak, with a fourth teammate helping during both preparation and the debate. Each team will complete 4 debates against other teams from their zone. Teams with the highest points will participate in the regionals.

This round's topic was about the media. Students have been attending weekly training sessions to help them prepare and build the skills required to learn how to debate.

On Wednesday 8 June, the Wranglers battled it out with the Chatterboxes at Chester Hill Public. They represented our school at their first away debate. The Wranglers debated whether 'we should ban smartphones and tablets for people under 18'. Wranglers took the affirmative side and did such a great job trying to convince the adjudicator.

Similarly on the affirmative side, our Pow Wows worked as a team to debate against Canley Vale Lightning why 'parents should bribe their children to stay off social media'. This debate was hosted by our school on Thursday 9 June.

Students are to be commended for their outstanding commitment and dedication in working as a team.

We look forward to our upcoming debates and wish both our teams the best of luck!



## Horsley Zone Cross Country Carnival

On 7 June, 44 students from Fairfield West PS went to the Horsley Zone Cross Country Carnival at Fairfield Showground. It was a windy day but that didn't stop the students from having a great time and having a go! The students had the chance to walk the course before competing. It was the first time the carnival was held at Fairfield Showground so it was a good experience for the students.

A special mention goes to Christiana Saha 6P and her brother Christiano Saha 5L who made it to the Sydney South West Carnival on 15 June. Safina 6L also qualified as a reserve. We wish those students the best of luck!

Thank you to all the students involved, your behaviour was excellent and you represented Fairfield West PS really well.







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## FAIRIFIELD CITY **Active Fest** & OPEN DAY

**SUNDAY 26 JUNE | 10.30 AM - 2.30 PM**

Fairfield Youth and Community Centre, 55 Vine Street, Fairfield

### **FREE accessible event includes:**

- Meet Active Kids providers and local sporting clubs
- Help with registering for your Active Kids voucher
- Sports and recreation demonstrations
- Trampoline and other fun activities
- Healthy food talk
- Food trucks
- Free show bags (limited amount)

**Walk ins are welcome**

**For further information, please contact  
02 9725 0222 or [scd@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:scd@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au)**

Scan here to register  
for your Active Kids  
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Find out more about Active Fest events at [www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activefest](http://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activefest)



Short walk from Fairfield Train Station.  
Limited parking on-site (see map over page)



# Community News





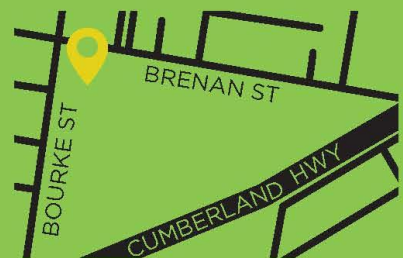
## FIELD RUN

**SAT 18 JUNE**  
**10AM-12AM**  
**BRENAN PARK,**  
**SMITHFIELD**

**Join us for our first Field Run!**  
**Have fun and get fit with your family and friends.**

Field Run is a FREE family-friendly event:

- Walk, jog, or run around the flat circuit path and record your time
- People of all ages, abilities and fitness levels are welcome - your choice of 1, 2 or 3 laps
- Fun kids activities - face painting, garden games and challenges
- Food truck



**Prizes to be won**

**Free goodie bags for  
the first 50 registrations**



Register online via Eventbrite using this link  
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**For further information, contact 9725 0222**  
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**ARCADE**  
**LASER TAG**  
**PAINTING**



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Bowling

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## 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)

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			
			<b>Total</b>	

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

### Office use only

Date order received:	Payment Method: Cash Eftpos <a href="#">Parent Online Payment</a>	Amount Paid:
	<a href="#">MAKE A PAYMENT</a>	
Staff member Initial:	Items collected	Yes NO
Date Collected:	Parent/Carer Collected	Sent home with Student

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



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