



SCHOOL RULES

Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



Term 3 - Week 2 - Friday 29 July 2022

WHAT'S ON

Friday 29 July	Winter PSSA / Learn to Swim begins
Monday 1 Aug - Friday 5 Aug	Education Week
Friday 5 Aug	Winter PSSA / Learn to Swim



The West Express

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News from the Principal

Dear parents and carers

A warm welcome back to term 3. It is a pleasure to be back with the students, teachers and the learning community of Fairfield West Public School. I hope everyone had a restful break.

COVID-smart measures in Term 3

In Term 3 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:

- strongly encouraging mask-wearing indoors for all students and staff
- rapid antigen testing (RAT) of students and staff who have COVID-19 symptoms or are identified as household/close contacts
- strongly recommending staff and students keep up-to-date with their vaccinations
- maximising natural ventilation
- requiring mask wearing for staff working with students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19 in schools for specific purpose (SSPs), support units and some mainstream classrooms
- encouraging regular hand washing
- boosting enhanced day cleaning of schools
- assessing risk and applying appropriate safeguards across activities and events

Road Safety Around the School

Mornings and afternoons are extremely busy for both cars and pedestrians around the school grounds. To ensure the students, parents/carers and staff stay safe we need to all comply with road rules as well as watch out for pedestrians. Please click on the link below to read some more information about staying safe when dropping off and picking up students at school.

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/downloads/keeping-our-kids-safe-around-schools.pdf>

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 so please 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.

Kindergarten 2023

If you have a child who will turn 5 years old before July 2023, please call the office on 9604 5568 to start the enrolment process. If you know any friends or family who live in the area, please ask them to call the office to start the enrolment process.

News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy \(https://www.dese.gov.au/about-us/resources/department-education-skills-and-employment-complete-privacy-policy-0\)](https://www.dese.gov.au/about-us/resources/department-education-skills-and-employment-complete-privacy-policy-0).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal \(https://www.nccd.edu.au\)](https://www.nccd.edu.au).

Staff Professional Learning

In the past two weeks staff members have participated in the following professional learning opportunities, mostly remotely:

- 2 hours Curriculum Reform K-2 syllabus document – sixty-four staff members
- 2 hours Complex Assessment – Deputy Principal, Assistant Principal I&S and 7 Support Unit teachers
- 1 hour PDHPE risk assessments – thirty five classroom teachers
- 1 hour Curriculum Reform – Deputy Principal, one Assistant Principal and one Assistant Principal C&I
- 2 hours School Leadership Institute – Principal

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.



Student Learning – Education Week

Education Week 2022

Next week is Education Week and the theme is 'Creating Futures'. We will be celebrating the journey that students and learners take, focussing on how we are creating futures for students, staff and families. There is an educational and fun-filled week of activities planned for the students.

We invite parents and carers to join us at 10:10am – 11:10am on Tuesday 2 August for a musical performance by some of our Year 3, Year 5 and new arrival students in front of the hall. The hall will also be open at this time for parents and carers to visit the art exhibition. Parents and carers may also contribute an artwork to the exhibition if they wish and this should be given to your child's teacher.

Parents and carers are also welcome to attend the Book Week Character Parade on Wednesday 3 August in the Kinder Quad. See the schedule below for times, we ask that once you watch your child/children you leave the site to keep COVID smart onsite.

We request that masks are worn by parents and carers when visiting our school for Education Week, we also ask that you socially distance as much as possible.



Education
WEEK

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1 – 5 AUGUST 'CREATING FUTURES'

MONDAY 1 AUGUST	TUESDAY 2 AUGUST	WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST	THURSDAY 4 AUGUST	FRIDAY 5 AUGUST
<p>Science Fun Session 9:10am – 11:10am</p>	<p>Music Performance and Art Exhibition 10:10am – 11:10am Parents & carers welcome to attend</p>	<p>Book Week Celebration 11.30am – 12pm: ES1, K/6A, K/6C, K/6M & K/6G 12pm - 12.30pm: Stage 1 12.30pm - 1pm: Stage 2, K/6D, K/6P & K/6T 1pm - 1.30pm: Stage 3 & K/6B Parents & carers welcome to attend</p>	<p>Koomurri Aboriginal Incursion 9:10am – 11:10am Stage 1 & Stage 3 11:30am – 1:30pm ES1, SU & Stage 2</p>	<p>Literacy performance – The Flying Bookworm Incursion 9:10 – 10:10am: Stage 3 10:10 – 11:10am: Stage 2 11:30am – 12:30pm: Stage 1 & ES1 learn to swim 12:30 – 1:30pm: ES1 & SU</p>
<p>Maths Amazing Race 11:30am – 1pm</p>	<p>Cabramatta Moon Festival Lantern Making 12:30 – 1pm Session 1 1:00 – 1:30 Session 2 2:20 – 3pm Session 3</p>			

Student Learning ~ Kindergarten Excursion

ES1 and SU Farm Excursion

Last Thursday, Kindergarten and some Support Unit students attended their very first excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm to learn about the 'Living World'. Even though there was some rain, all students had a wonderful day experiencing a 'working' farm. For some of the students, it was their first time visiting a farm and seeing the farm animals in real-life! They loved milking a cow, riding on the tractor, petting the soft baby animals and watching sheep being rounded up and shorn. Their behaviour was impeccable and they were very respectful of the animals throughout the day.



Fairfield West Winter PSSA Upcoming Fixtures

Term 3 Week 3 5.8.22		
Netball	Netball	Yr 3 / 5 v WS Yr 4 / 6 v GPK
Basketball	Basketball	Jnr Mixed, Snr Boys, Snr Girls v William Stimson
AFL	AFL	Seniors v FH
Football	Football	Jnr Boys, Snr Boys, OPEN Girls v GPK
Rugby League	Rugby League	Juniors & Seniors v William Stimson

Primary Athletics Carnival – NEW DATE

Students in years 2-6 will be going to Rosford St Reserve, Smithfield for the Athletics Carnival on **Monday, 22 August**. This is a normal school day and all students are expected to attend.

- Travel will be by bus.
- The cost will be **\$7.00** (to cover bus costs, oval hire and use of equipment).
- Students will depart from school at 9:15am and return to school by 3:00pm.

Students are to wear their house colours with sports uniform and sensible shoes for running events. Students will need to bring recess, lunch and drinks in a plastic bag. There will **not** be canteen facilities available on the day. However, lunch orders may still be placed at the school canteen and will be delivered to the venue. An order form has been sent home, as lunch orders will need to be pre-ordered. All staff members attending are trained in emergency care and CPR. Accompanying the students will be 3-6 teachers and support staff.

Please note that even if you have already paid for this event, a new permission note for Monday 22 August must be completed.

Community News

Term 3 activities in the Community Cottage



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**

A multicultural playgroup will start on Wednesday. See the flyer below.

Community News



IDEA PATHWAY

From Playgroup to Preschool

Multicultural Playgroup

The IDEA Pathway program will address the early learning needs of young children from diverse backgrounds by offering families a pathway into early childhood education.

FREE 8 Week Playgroup & Parenting Sessions

Where: Fairfield West Public School

When: Wednesday 9.15am

Contact: Rania 0492 842 572 for details

FOR MORE INFORMATION: ☎ 02 9569 1288 ✉ biculturalsupport@ecsc.org.au



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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)

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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

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:	

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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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