



SCHOOL RULES

Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



Term 3 - Week 5 - Friday 19 August 2022

WHAT'S ON

Monday 22 Aug	Yrs 2-6 Athletics Carnival @ Rosford St Reserve
Monday 22 Aug – Aug 26	Sydney Eye Services
Wednesday 24 August	Horsley Zone Athletics @ The Crest
Friday 26 August	Rd 12 Winter PSSA / Learn to Swim
Monday 29 Aug	Silly Scientist Show
Wednesday 31 Aug	ICAS Mathematics



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News from the Principal - Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and carers

Education Week 2022

During Week 3 Education Week was celebrated and it was a pleasure to see our community come together in celebration of Public Education, specifically in the education of their child/ren. I trust those who were here with us enjoyed their time visiting the Art exhibition, viewing a music performance by students and watching the Book Character Parade.

The week was filled with the following fun and engaging activities that the students absolutely loved: Art Exhibition; Aboriginal incursion; Maths Fun session; Science Fun session; Dance; Literacy performance; a music performance by Year 3 and Year 5 students and the Book Character Parade. Photos of the events have been included on the following pages.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the staff members at FWPS for their outstanding commitment to our students' wellbeing and education each and every day.

Finally, I wish to show my appreciation for our amazing, hard-working and well-behaved students who continue to make me the proudest principal.

Book Character Parade

Congratulations to the students who won the Best Dressed award or the book prize during the parade last week.

Best dressed:

KM	Ivy Bulman	1B	Ayla Kacho Ochana	2T	Simon Wongtananan
KL	Anaseini Bukalidi	1L	Melica Sayahi	2L	Angel Majewski-Corvalan
KR	Scarlett Fifita	1M	Safiya Ajaj	2S	Joaquin Gonzalez
KO	George Oshana	1/6M	Katya Korkis		
3B	Dawood Kala	4P	Nevaeh Cecil-Hamiora	5E	Jaffar Oun
3M	Lina Al Shammari	4K	Nathan Brereton	5L	Reaza Al Salmon
3K	Aiden Dang	4M	Valeria Desho	5W	Kaylani Lakisoe Mapuna
3S	Kapiteni Fotu	4I	AB	5Y	Ruby-Tuesday Richardson
6L	Tiago Santalucia and Andre Jargees	6H	Steven Dawood	6P	Helena Cao
6S	Armani Pritchard	6L	Special award for best dressed Hussien Ghannam		

Book Prizes:

Kindergarten	KR SR	Year 4	4P Fabyola Hankla
	KM Ryan Cawley		4M Rochelle Aslani
Year 1	1M Scarlett Ho	Year 5	5Y Aalijah Andreoli
	1L Salome Tupou		5Y Tasneem Almusawi
Year 2	2T Angelina Sopheap	Year 6	6P Aaron Chan
	2T Oleevya Shamoon		6P Kristina Leng
Year 3	3M Alexander Phan		
	3B Renata Harmeza		

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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.

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:

- mask mandate for all staff and visitors until further advised by the Department of Education and NSW Health
- strongly encouraging mask-wearing indoors for all students
- 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

Staff Professional Learning

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

- 2 hours Beginning Teacher PL– two teachers
- 2 hours High Potential and Gifted Education – Assistant Principal and seven teachers
- Full day Instructional Leader Masterclass – two Assistant Principals Curriculum and Instruction
- 1 hour Stage 1 English PL – Assistant Principal and two teachers
- 2 hours Leadership PL – one Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction
- 1 hour Strategic Improvement Plan – Deputy Principal

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

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Wollemi Pine – Science Week

This week is Australian Science Week and to celebrate, a member of Youth Community Greening and the Royal Botanical Gardens Sydney attended the school to teach the students about the Wollemi Pine and donate one to the school. One student from each class came to learn about the once thought to be extinct Wollemi Pine. Students learnt that the Wollemi Pine is one of the world's oldest and rarest plants dating back to the time of the dinosaurs. With less than 100 adult trees known to exist in the wild, the Wollemi Pine is now the focus of extensive research to safeguard its survival. Fairfield West Public School is assisting in the conservation effort by planting a Wollemi Pine in the school's Aboriginal Garden. After students learnt about this rare tree and engaged in its planting, they returned to class to share the information with all the students across the school.



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.



Education Week - Art Exhibition

The Art Exhibition this year was themed 'Glow in the Dark'. All artworks were created using fluorescent or bright colours and special lighting was used to add effects. Each class studied a particular artist and then created artwork that was influenced by that person. The students enjoyed making their work and they were very proud to see it displayed at the exhibition. Every student helped to create an installation during the exhibition and learnt about a new artist on the day. It was great to see students looking excited when they entered the school hall!



Education Week - Art Exhibition



Education Week - Science Fun Session

On Monday students engaged in a Science fun session and a Maths Amazing Race. During the Science session, students participated in science investigations and experiments. The Maths Amazing Race involved students moving around the school and solving mathematical problems to complete their passport.



Education Week - Aboriginal IncurSION

'Koomurri Entertainment' came to FWPS to provide engaging learning experiences that taught students about Aboriginal culture and history. Students participated in: didgeridoo show and storytelling; information lessons on artefacts, weaponry and bush survival; Aboriginal song and dance; Aboriginal face painting; interactive Aboriginal art on canvas and boomerang throwing.



Education Week - Book Parade

On Wednesday, students and staff had a fun filled day dressed as their favourite book characters and participated in a Book Parade.



Education Week - Book Parade



Sport

Fairfield West Winter PSSA Results

Round- 10 Week- 4 Date- 12.8.22

<u>Yr 3 Netball</u> V Smithfield WON 3-1	<u>Year 4 Netball</u> V King Park Lost 3-4	<u>Year 5 Netball</u> V Smithfield WON 13-9	<u>Year 6 Netball</u> V King Park WON 8-3
<u>Jnr Mixed Basketball</u> V HS Lost 0-26	<u>Senior Boys Basketball</u> V HS Lost 4-40	<u>Senior Girls Basketball</u> VHS WON 20-10	<u>Senior AFL</u> V FH Lost 0-46
<u>Junior Boys Football</u> V King Park Lost 1-3	<u>Senior Boys Football</u> V King Park Lost 0-6	<u>Open Girls Football</u> V King Park Lost 3-5	<u>Junior Rugby League</u> V Cecil Hills WON 36-0
<u>Senior Rugby League</u> V Cecil Hills WON 28-16			

Round- 11 Week- 5 Date- 19.8.22

<u>Yr 3 Netball</u> V Fair Hts WON 3-1	<u>Year 4 Netball</u> V Smithfield DREW 1-1	<u>Year 5 Netball</u> V Fair Hts Lost 1-18	<u>Year 6 Netball</u> V Smithfield WON 12-2
<u>Jnr Mixed Basketball</u> V SJP Lost 0-26	<u>Senior Boys Basketball</u> V SJP Lost 2-46	<u>Senior Girls Basketball</u> V SJP Lost 4-26	<u>Senior AFL</u> V William Stimson WON 36-25
<u>Junior Boys Football</u> V William Stimson WON 3-1	<u>Senior Boys Football</u> V William Stimson Lost 0-8	<u>Open Girls Football</u> v William Stimson WON 3-1	<u>Junior Rugby League</u> BYE
<u>Senior Rugby League</u> BYE			

Fairfield West Winter PSSA Upcoming Fixtures

Round 12 Week 6 26.8.22		Round 13 Week 7 1.9.22	
Netball	Yr 3 / 5 v King Park Yr 4 / 6 v Prairievale	Netball	Yr 3 / 5 v Cecil Hills Yr 4 / 6 v Cecil Hills
Basketball	Jnr Mixed, Snr Boys, Snr Girls v King Park	Basketball	Jnr Mixed, Snr Boys, Snr Girls v Smithfield
AFL	Seniors v Smithfield	AFL	Seniors v BYE
Football	Jnr Boys & Snr Boys OPEN Girls v Smithfield	Football	Jnr Boys, Snr Boys, OPEN Girls v Prairievale
Rugby League	Juniors & Senior v GPK	Rugby League	Juniors & Seniors v Cecil Hills

Debating

NSW Premier's Debating Challenge: Round Four

Both Fairfield West Public School debating teams recently competed in the fourth round of the NSW Premier's Debating Challenge. This round's topics were about the media.

On Thursday 28 June, the Wranglers debated against Villawood North Public School. They debated that students should be banned from bringing unhealthy food to school. The Wranglers took the affirmative side and did an amazing job, convincing the adjudicator and winning the battle.

On Tuesday 9 August, the Pow Wows competed against Guildford Public School. The topic for this debate was that primary school students should be taught self-defence classes. The Pow Wows were the affirmative team for this debate and received great feedback from the adjudicator. They did an amazing job and won the debate.

Well done to both teams on another great year of debating!



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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**



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

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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.

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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	

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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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