



# SCHOOL RULES

## Be Safe



## Be Respectful



## Be a Good Learner



Term 3 - Week 7 - Friday 2 September 2022

## WHAT'S ON

Mon 5 Sept	Tell Them From Me survey opens
Wed 7 Sept	School Captains attend Battle for Australia Ceremony
Thurs 8 Sept	NSW Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Final
Wed 14 Sept	SSW Athletics Carnival
Tues 20 Sept	Stage 1 excursion
Fri 23 Sept	Last day of Term 3



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Parent Portal

# News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and carers

## **Tell them from me survey**

This term, Fairfield West Public School will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Completing this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

To access the survey please click on <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/yx22w>

## **Donations – Woolworths**

Woolworths has kindly donated and will continue to donate food for the students to eat at Breakfast Club each morning. Last week they donated:

- 264 litres of juice
- 252 litres of milk
- 70 boxes of cereal

Each week we will also receive donations of fruit, bread, margarine and spreads. Breakfast Club operates every day from 8.30am-8.45am in the Community Cottage.



## **Father's Day Stall**

Thank you to all the families who supported the Father's Day Stall this term. Students were very excited to purchase their gift from the stall and have it delivered to their classroom. This stall was held to fundraise for the Year 6 farewell and we raised a total \$3420. This is a fantastic achievement and we thank the community for their support.

# News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

## Kindergarten 2023

If you have a child turning 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 in the Support Unit setting
- strongly encouraging mask-wearing indoors for all staff and visitors
- 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:

- 1 half hours WH&S Due Diligence – Deputy Principal and Business Manager
- 2 hours WH&S compliance – Deputy Principal and Business Manager
- 2 hours English – Assistant Principal, two Assistant Principals C&I and 3 teachers
- 1 hour Improvement Measures – Principal and Deputy Principal
- 1 hours WH&S compliance – 80 staff members
- During Term 3 all teachers are completing weekly sessions on the new K-2 English and Mathematics syllabus document.

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.*



# Class Report ~ 4M

The students in 4M have been engaged in a great variety of activities. We learnt a variety of basketball skills with Coach Ron from the West Sydney Wolves. We enjoyed participating in a variety of activities during Education Week including the Science Fun Sessions and the Book Week Parade. We have all been working on improving our reading comprehension skills by reading lots of different books! Some of us have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge, borrowing lots of books from our library! The library is one of our favourite places in the school!





## Learning in 4K

### In the Classroom

4K have been working hard during numeracy and literacy lessons.



### Art Exhibition

Students studied the Australian artist Laura Blythman. They then created art works inspired by her work and displayed them in the Art Exhibition.



### Basketball Clinics



### Music Lessons



### What are we Reading?

This month our class is reading two books by Roald Dahl in reading groups. Can you guess what they are?



### In the Playground



# Silly Scientist Incursion

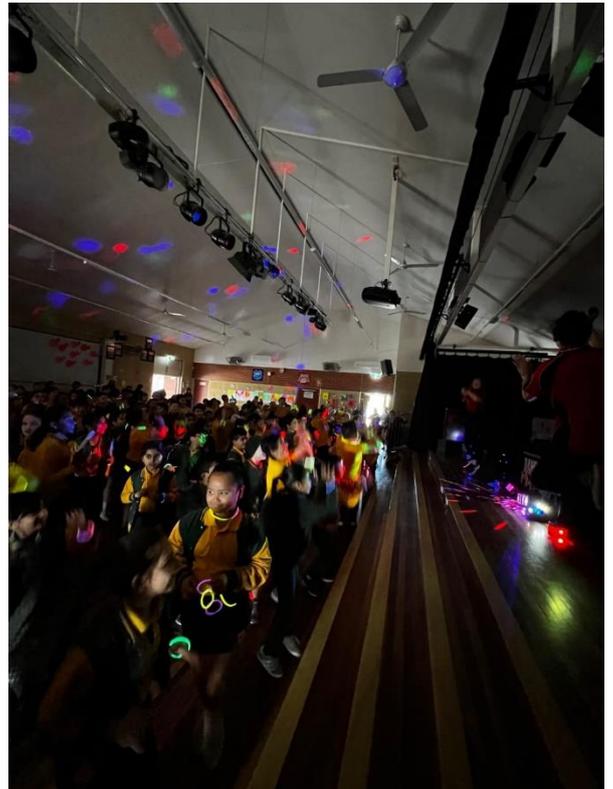
The Silly Scientist Comes to FWPS!

On Monday, 29 August, all FWPS students participated in the Silly Scientist incursion. Students had the opportunity to watch a variety of engaging and exciting experiments. They watched elephants toothpaste bubble out of a container, witnessed paper rockets zoom through the hall and observed objects that could defy gravity! Students had an amazing time learning important scientific concepts and discovering that science is all around us.



# Disco

Students were very excited this week to attend our school disco run by Dance Fever Multi Sport in the hall. All students attended and showcased their dance moves with their stage to enhance student wellbeing. Students bought glow in the dark bracelets to help fundraise for the Year 6 farewell. We raised a total of \$1074 to be contributed to the Year 6 farewell. This is a fantastic achievement, and we thank the community for their support.



## Fairfield West Winter PSSA Results

Round- 12      Week- 6      Date- 26.8.22

<u>Yr 3 Netball</u>	<u>Year 4 Netball</u>	<u>Year 5 Netball</u>	<u>Year 6 Netball</u>
V King Park WON 11-1	V Prairievale WON 5-1	V King Park Lost 4-11	V Prairievale WON 16-6
<u>Jnr Mixed Basketball</u>	<u>Senior Boys Basketball</u>	<u>Senior Girls Basketball</u>	<u>Senior AFL</u>
V King Park Lost 0-34	V King Park Lost 0-34	V King Park WON 26-20	V Smithfield Lost 0-31
<u>Junior Boys Football</u>	<u>Senior Boys Football</u>	<u>Open Girls Football</u>	<u>Junior Rugby League</u>
V Smithfield Lost 1-3	V Smithfield Lost 0-2	V Smithfield WON 4-1	V GPK Won on Forfeit
<u>Senior Rugby League</u>			
V GPK Lost 8-32			

## Fairfield West Winter PSSA Upcoming Fixtures

Round 13 Week 7 2.9.22	
Netball	Yr 3 / 5 v Cecil Hills Yr 4 / 6 v Cecil Hills
Basketball	Jnr Mixed, Snr Boys, Snr Girls v Smithfield
AFL	Seniors v BYE
Football	Jnr Boys, Snr Boys, OPEN Girls v Prairievale
Rugby League	Juniors & Seniors v Cecil Hills

# Athletics Carnival

On Monday 22 August FWPS held the 2022 3-6 Athletics Carnival at Rosford Street Reserve. It was great to be out again as it was the first time in three years that we were able to have an Athletics Carnival. The children were excited to enjoy the sunshine and enter the different events. Organisation was challenging this year due to rain, however we succeeded in the end. It was a successful day, we managed to get 45 students into the Horsley Zone Athletics Carnival. Thank you to all the teachers who assisted, without you such an event could not go ahead for our students.



## 2022 Horsley Zone Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday 24 August 45 students attended the Horsley Zone Athletics Carnival at The Crest Bankstown with Mr Hormis, Ms Amiri, and Ms Colless. It was a great day, with students entering various events. Students represented Fairfield West PS extremely well. Congratulations to Christina Saha 6P and Christiano Saha 5L on making the Regional Carnival which will be held on 14 September.



## Community News



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**

## The Next Steps Project

# PARENTS' HUB

For families with children aged 0 - 18 years living in:

Bossley Park  
Carramar  
Edensor Park  
Fairfield/Heights

Fairfield East/West  
Greenfield Park  
Old Guildford  
Prairiewood

Smithfield  
Villawood  
Wetherill Park  
Yennora

Our Parents' Support Hub runs daily to support you with your parenting needs and get you **connected to the right services!**

### Is The Parents' Support Hub right for you?

Check the boxes below to find out.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to improve my parenting skills  | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to learn more about my local services and the help I can get       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I need parenting support that is flexible including online or over the phone           | <input type="checkbox"/> I would like someone to listen to my parenting needs and offer me support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I need some guidance on how I can address my parenting needs and where to go to get it |  |

**If you have said yes to even one of these boxes, The Parents' Support Hub is for you!**

This service provides you with one-to-one flexible support that can guide you to find appropriate services for your parenting needs. Our staff have a background in Psychology, Social Work, and Early Childhood Learning to provide you with the information you need. Have a chat with our friendly and multilingual staff today and get started!

For more information and to book an appointment with our lovely staff, please contact Zehra on:

E: [zehra.hussain@cfs.asn.au](mailto:zehra.hussain@cfs.asn.au)

P: (02) 8000 9372



everyone's family



Communities for Children Fairfield



Communities for Children Facilitating Partner Initiative Fairfield is funded by the Australian Government and facilitated by The Smith Family.



## The Next Steps Project

# PARENTS HUB

Our Parents' Support Hub runs daily to support you with your parenting needs and get you **connected to the right services!** How can the Parents Support Hub help you?

Flexible access to one-on-one support for your parenting needs

Get access to further support through case management

Learn evidence-based techniques to help you manage your child's behaviour

Get help to assess your child's additional needs

Explore different organisations and services that can help you with your parenting needs such as Allied Health or Community Programs

Learn about your child's development

Find information on free and fun local activities in your area for you and your children

Have someone listen to you about your needs

Link with parenting programs and meet other like-minded parents and find new friendships



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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## 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.

## September Free School Holiday Activities *Children aged 8 - 12 years old*



**Solve the Mystery with Forensic Science team and Celebrate with Dance Party**  
**Monday 26.9.22**  
Drop off at 9.30 am @Prairiewood Youth Centre



**Movie @Hoyts**  
**Tuesday 27.9.22**  
Drop off at 10 am at Wetherill Park Stockland Hoyts



See your dreams coming true with Virtual Reality and Learn some paper magic with Origami  
**Wednesday 28.9.22**  
Drop off at 9.30 am @Prairiewood Youth Centre



# Must Register: 02 9609 7400



# Community News



## School Holiday Program September 2022

*School holiday activities for children 8-12 years*

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Please find below the details of our **FREE** school holiday activities.

Please complete the forms attached to this information sheet and return them to The Parks Community Network office, or via email at [ekpcoordinator@parkscommunity.org.au](mailto:ekpcoordinator@parkscommunity.org.au). Places for this activity are confirmed only with a completed permission form so book a place as quickly as possible so you don't miss out!

**\*IMPORTANT\* Please note:**

- If we don't receive your child's permission form, we are not able to let him/her participate in the school holiday activity
- Children must be collected by a parent or caregiver on time at the end of each activity
- Staff will supervise children at all times during the program
- If your child is unable to attend an activity please call 9609 7400 at least 1 day before, as another child may be able to take their spot.

**Part 1: Activity Selection**

I ..... give permission for ..... to attend:  
(Parent/Caregiver's name) (Child's name)

**\*Food Requirements (Allergies/Vegetarian/ Non-Vegetarian/Halal): Please mention**

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Please select your child's preference of activity day.

**Monday 26.9.22**

**Forensic Science and Dance Party**

**Drop your child at Prairiewood Youth Centre, 194-222 Restwell Rd, Prairiewood NSW 2176 at 9:30 am**

**And pick them up at 12 pm**

**Lunch Provided**

**Tuesday 27.9.22**

**Movie**

**Drop your child at Hoyts Stockland Town Centre, 561-583 Polding Street, Wetherill Park at 10 am**

**And pick them up at 12.15 pm**

**Lunch Provided**

**Wednesday 28.9.22**

**Virtual Reality and Origami**

**Drop your child at Prairiewood Youth Centre, 194-222 Restwell Rd, Prairiewood NSW 2176 at 9:30 am**

**And pick them up at 12 pm**

**Lunch Provided**

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## School Holiday Program – Permission Form

*School holiday activities for children 8-12 years*

### Part 2: Your Child's Details

Child's Full Name:			
School:			
Year:			
Home Address:			
Home Phone No:		Mobile Phone No:	
Date of Birth:		Medicare No:	
Emergency Contact:		Emergency No:	

Please read the below conditions, sign and return as soon as possible

1. Staff reserve the right to exclude any children behaving inappropriately. This may include: bullying, harassment, violence, negligent behaviour or failure to comply with staff instructions. If this action is deemed necessary by staff, parents/caregivers of the child will be informed and may be asked to collect their child from the activity.
2. I authorise the staff of The Parks Community Network Inc. to seek appropriate medical assistance for my child if necessary.
3. I am aware that The Parks Community Network Inc. will not be held responsible for my child before and after the activities.
4. I am aware that the Parks Community Network Inc. staff CAN NOT take responsibility for children left unattended before and after the activities.
5. If I require my child to leave the activity unattended or with another person, I am required to notify staff in writing at the start of the activity.
6. Although my child will be supervised, the organizers of the school holiday program accept no liability for any loss, damage or injury occurring in connection with the school holiday program.
7. I am aware that during the course of activities staff may take photos or video footage that could be used to promote the Enriching Kids Program. This includes online posting to our website & possible social sharing sites.

If you **DO NOT** want pictures taken of your child, please tick

Parent/Caregiver Signature: .....

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cdw1@parkscommunity.org.au  
www.parkscommunity.org.au

## School Holiday – Data Collection

*school holiday activities for children 8 -12 years*

The information that you provide on this form includes your personal information. Your personal information is protected by law, including the Privacy Act 1988. Your personal information collected on this form is used primarily for The Parks Community Network Incorporated's purposes for record-keeping and funding body accountability.

As part of the services provided to you by The Parks Community Network Inc., we need to collect some information about you to assist the Australian Government Department of Social Services to conduct performance reporting and research relating to the services that you receive from this organization. To assist this process, The Parks Community Network Inc. will enter your personal information onto the DSS Data Exchange web-based portal, which is administered by the Department of Social Services. The Department of Social Services will not use your personal information in an identifiable form when conducting its research and evaluation, except where you have agreed or it is required by law.

You can find more information about the way the Department of Social Services will manage your personal information, including information about accessing and correcting personal information held on the DSS Data Exchange and making privacy complaints at the [DSS website](#). For information about how The Parks Community Network Inc. manages your personal information, please contact Parks on 02 96097400.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information for your child:	
Given name:	Surname:
Date of birth:	Gender:
Suburb:	Main language:
Indigenous:	Disability:
Place of birth:	

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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](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			
			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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