



SCHOOL RULES

Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



Term 3 - Week 9 - Friday 16 September 2022

WHAT'S ON

Tues 20 Sept	Stage 1 excursion
Thurs 22 Sept	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Fri 23 Sept	Last day of Term 3
Mon 10 Oct	First day of Term 4
Thurs 13 Oct	Stage 2 excursion
Fri 14 Oct	Stage 2 excursion



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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>

Vegetable garden

Last Thursday the Year 5 Environment Club students and some Support Unit students planted vegetables in the new garden beds outside the Community Cottage. Woolworths generously donated all the soil, plants and tools as well as a sausage sizzle for the students and their parent/carer. It was a lovely day to be in the garden and the students and Woolworths team did a wonderful job of planting all the vegetables.

During Term 4 a team member from the Royal Botanical Gardens will be working with parents/carers to maintain these gardens and plant new seeds. If you are interested in being involved, please speak to Rania in the Community Hub or see Ms Funnell in the front office.



News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

SASS Morning Tea

Last week was School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) recognition week. The week is to celebrate the vital role played by SASS right across NSW. Fairfield West Public School is privileged to have a large team of dedicated and hardworking SASS including: Office staff; Business Manager; Community Liaison Officer; General Assistant and School Learning Support Officers. The school Captains gave an Acknowledgement of Country and a heartfelt thank you speech to the SASS staff initiating a celebratory morning tea.



Student mobile phones

Student use of digital devices and online services Department of Education Policy states:

Primary school students must not use digital devices during class, at recess and at lunch unless approved by the principal or teacher. Exemptions may be granted by a principal or teacher, including allowing students to use a device for an educational purpose or as part of a reasonable adjustment for student learning and wellbeing.

This means that primary school students are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school and any use of technology at school is provided by the school for educational purposes and pre approved by the principal.

Please make sure that your child does not bring a mobile phone to school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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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:

- Full day Primary Principal's Conference - Principal
- 2 hours High Potential and Gifted Education – two Assistant Principals, two Assistant Principals C&I and 14 teachers
- Full day Instructional Leader Masterclass – two Assistant Principals C&I
- Two full days Aboriginal Education – Principal and Assistant Principal
- 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

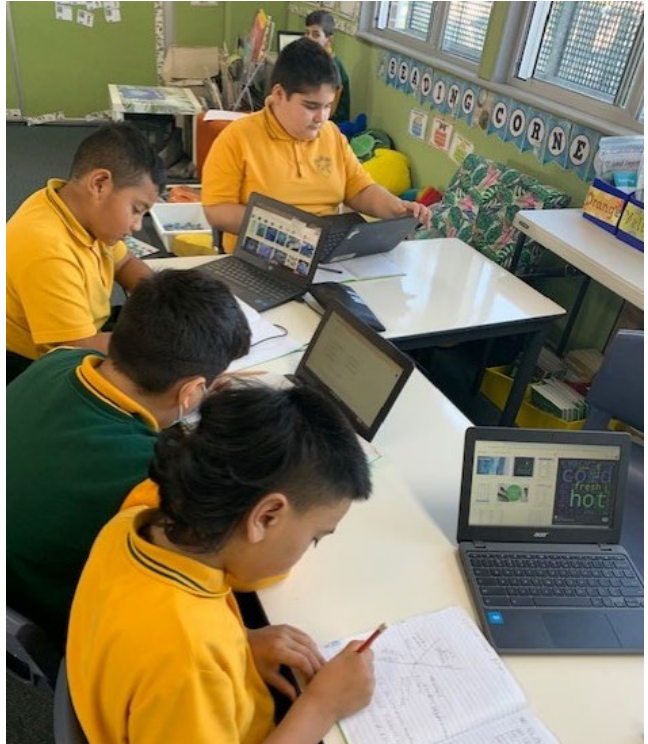
I respect and acknowledge Aboriginal People as the traditional owners of the land on which I work, live and visit.



Class Report ~ 4P

Wow! Can you believe that we are almost at the end of Term 3!
Time flies when you're having fun!

This term, we have been learning about *Poetry*. Here we are writing our own unique *Colour Poems*, and publishing them on our Google Docs. We really enjoyed using our senses to help us write some beautiful poems 😊



Yellow



*Yellow looks like the hot and warm sun,
Yellow sounds like cute little chicks chirping,
Yellow smells like a sour lemon,
Yellow feels like a squishy sponge,
Yellow tastes like yummy cheese,
Yellow is happy.*

Nevaeh



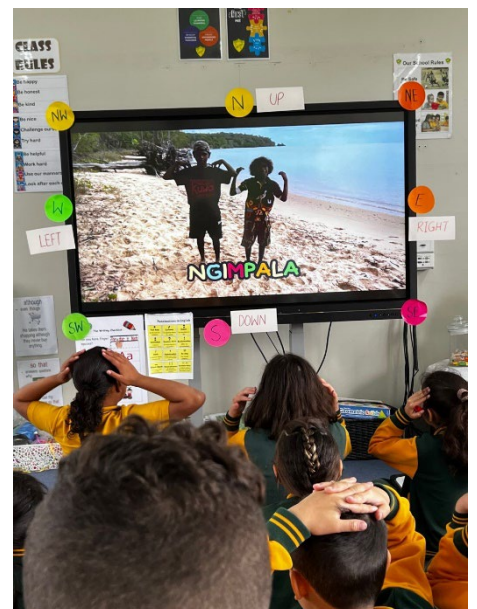
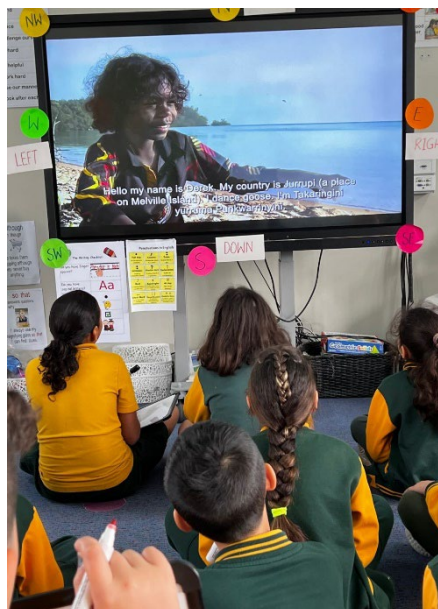
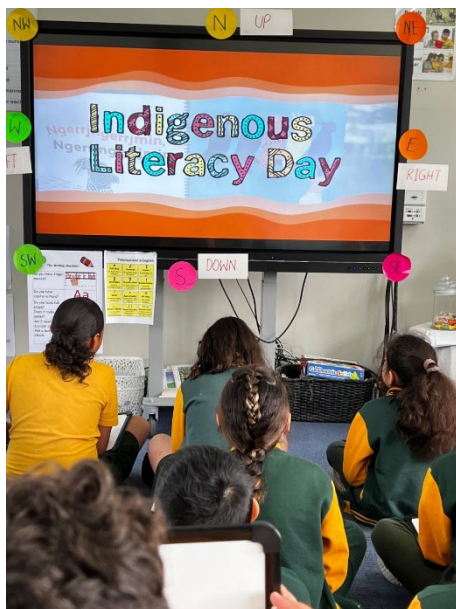
Indigenous Literacy Day

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On Wednesday 7 September, FWPS students celebrated **Indigenous Literacy Day**. Indigenous Literacy Day celebrates and promotes the revitalisation and preservation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages now and for future generations of Indigenous children.

As part of the celebrations, students had the opportunity to watch the National Digital Event, which was an online story presented by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. In this story, students met children from two communities that shared a snippet of what life looks like for them living in remote Northern Territory. FWPS students enjoyed learning about their cultures, languages and stories, and had fun singing along to songs in different languages.



Regional Spelling Bee

Super Spellers at FWPS!

We have some seriously superb spellers at Fairfield West PS! On Thursday 8 September, Noor from 4M and Minh from 5E represented our school at the regional final of the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee. The event was held online, via Zoom, with over 20 schools participating from all over Sydney.

Noor competed in the Junior Competition for Year 3 and 4 students. She perfectly spelled 'beach', 'stopwatch', 'audio', 'allegation', 'acrimony', 'bespectacled', 'agapanthus' and 'egotistical'. Noor made it through to round 9, where students were asked to spell words they had not previously seen on the spelling list. During this round she unfortunately spelled the word 'docile' incorrectly. Minh competed in the Senior Competition for Year 5 and 6 students. She did an excellent job, correctly spelling 'stronghold', 'conservation' and 'germination'. Unfortunately in round 4, she was unable to correctly spell 'suggestible'.

Congratulations to both Noor and Minh on making it through to the regional final!

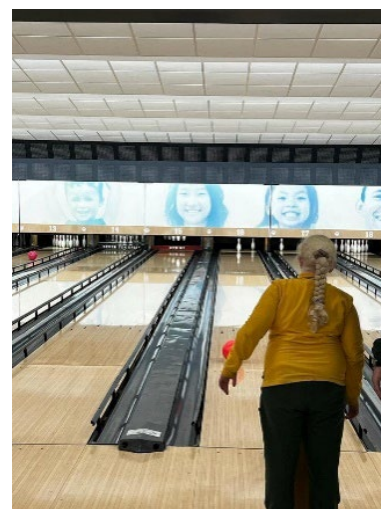


Kindergarten 2023

If you or any of your friends or family have a child turning 5 years old before July 2023, please call the office on 9604 5568 to start the enrolment process.

Ten Pin Bowling Competition

On Wednesday, some students from K-6B were selected to participate in the School Sport Unit Ten Pin Bowling Competition at Seven Split Bowling, Fairfield. The day provided an opportunity for students with disabilities to compete in a state-wide competition, with the top 3 schools in our region progressing to state finals. Our school performed excellently on the day with our team scoring 733 points in total across the two games, resulting in a 1st place finish! All four students had a blast and were so thankful to be given the opportunity to show off their skills and cannot wait to compete in the state finals at Rooty Hill on November 3. Congratulations to Karmen Alhamal, Keiraleigh McMartin, Preston Ushakov, Ryan Bradbury!



Sport

Fairfield West Winter PSSA Results

Round- 13

Week- 7

Date- 2.9.22

<u>Yr 3 Netball</u> V Cecil Hills Lost 3-5	<u>Year 4 Netball</u> V Cecil Hills Lost 0-5	<u>Year 5 Netball</u> V Cecil Hills WON 4-1	<u>Year 6 Netball</u> V Cecil Hills Lost 2-8
<u>Jnr Mixed Basketball</u> V Smithfield Lost 10-16	<u>Senior Boys Basketball</u> V Smithfield Lost 10-18	<u>Senior Girls Basketball</u> V Smithfield WON 30-14	<u>Senior AFL</u> V BYE
<u>Junior Boys Football</u> V Prairievale WON 2-0	<u>Senior Boys Football</u> V Prairieville Lost 2-7	<u>Open Girls Football</u> V Prairievale WON 3-0	<u>Junior Rugby League</u> V Cecil Hills WON 32-8
<u>Senior Rugby League</u> V Cecil Hills WON 24-4			

Fairfield West Winter PSSA Upcoming Fixtures

Summer PSSA Gala Days

Friday 21 October & Friday 11 November

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Congratulations to Genelle Goldfinch who received a Minister's and Secretary's Award for Excellent Service. It was presented to her at a special ceremony at Sydney Town Hall last week. This is a prestigious award that recognises Genelle Goldfinch as an outstanding school leader in Public Education. We are proud to have her as our Principal at Fairfield West Public School.



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**



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.

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



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Fairfield



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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. 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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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

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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