



School Rules

Be Safe



Be Respectful



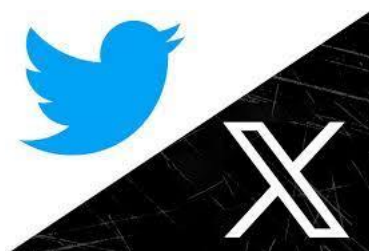
Be a Good Learner



Term 4 - Week 4 – Friday 3 November 2023

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday 8 November – Friday 24 November	Healthy Harold Van
Monday 20 November	Selective HS Applications close (Year 5)
Tuesday 28 November	High School Orientation Day
Monday 11 December	Year 6 Graduation & Farewell
Thursday 14 December	End of Year Picnic Day
Friday 15 December	Talent Quest



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News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and carers

World Teachers' Day

On Friday 27 October the NSW Department of Education celebrated World Teachers' Day. World Teachers' Day celebrates quality teaching and inspirational teachers. There are over 170,000 primary, secondary and early childhood teachers working in NSW. The event is an opportunity to recognise all teachers. The Stage 3 girl's lunchtime social group 'Creating Women' spent the past few weeks creating loom wristbands for the teachers at Fairfield West PS and presented each teacher with a wristband and a thank you note acknowledging the wonderful teachers at our school.



COVID-19 - Stay home if unwell

COVID-19 is still active in the community. While COVID-19 remains an unpredictable virus, NSW Health advises that COVID-19 will continue to present a health risk to the community. Accordingly, schools will continue to implement baseline COVID-smart measures to help reduce the risk of transmission for students and staff members. These key COVID-smart measures include:

- staying home if unwell, and only attending school when symptom free
- consider doing a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) for symptomatic students and staff
- people exposed to COVID-19 should follow NSW Health guidance and should consider doing a RAT to identify infection early even if they are not experiencing any symptoms
- strongly encouraging COVID-19 vaccinations for students, staff and their families, including a booster shot (when eligible)
- good hygiene practices including regular hand washing
- maintaining natural ventilation, with consideration of local environmental circumstances
- recommending staff and visitors to wear a mask when working with or visiting Schools for Specific Purposes (SSPs), support units or schools with students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19 particularly indoors and when physical distancing is not possible
- assessing risk and applying appropriate safeguards across activities and events

If your child does test positive to COVID-19, please let the school know.

Please make sure you answer phone calls from the school in case we are contacting you about your child becoming ill at school. If your phone number has changed, please let the school office know on 9604 5568.

School Uniform Policy

As per our school uniform policy, the expectation is that **EVERY** child wears their full school uniform and appropriate shoes every day. This includes a green school hat. If your child wears a hijab, please ensure it is green or white. The school is prepared to support students to ensure that they are in full school uniform. If there is any issue regarding cost of uniform, please contact the school and we will work with you to ensure your child has access to the full school uniform.

Life Education and Healthy Harold visit

Life Education offers a range of age-appropriate primary school modules that build on students' strengths, empowering them with knowledge and skills to make safer and healthier choices. Students will engage in the following topics: Early Stage 1 - Harold's Friend Ship; Stage 1 – Safety Rules!; Stage 2 – Friends and Feelings; Stage 3 – Relate, Respect, Connect and Support Unit students – My Body Matters or Friends and Feelings.

News from the Principal – Continued

Selective High School Applications Now Open

Attention Year 5 parents and carers: The applications have now opened for Year 7 entry into a Selective High School in 2025. Most students in selective high schools enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests. To apply, complete the [online application](#). **Applications close on 20 November 2023.** Once the application has been submitted and processed, your child will be allocated to a test centre to sit the **Selective High School Placement Test on 9 May 2024.** For more information, see the newsletter below.

Kindergarten enrolments – BEING TAKEN NOW

If you have a child who needs to start Kindergarten in 2024 please complete an [online enrolment](#) as soon as possible or you can also come to the school for a paper enrolment form. It is never too early to enrol and enrolling early will assist the school to prepare transition programs.

For enrolment you will need to bring:

- *Child's original birth certificate or passport*
- *Proof of address e.g., original of council rates notice, residential lease or electricity account*
- *Parents born overseas please bring original passport or citizenship papers.*
- *Current Immunisation History Statement*

School Disco

Last Thursday students were able to participate in a school disco to raise funds for the Year 6 end of year celebration. Students danced away to the latest hits and the feedback received from all the students and teachers that attended was extremely positive. The Year 6 students were hard at work selling glow sticks and refreshing ice blocks during each disco and their incredible efforts paid off. The students raised over \$1,700.00 to go towards the cost of the Year 6 Farewell. What an amazing achievement! Your support for our Year 6 students and the successful fundraiser is truly appreciated.



Staff Learning

Not only do the students spend their days learning, but so do all the staff at FWPS. Over the past two weeks staff members have participated in the following professional learning opportunities:

- One hour NDIS and early education – one Assistant Principal and one teacher.
- One hour new 3-6 English curriculum – Three Deputy Principals, seven Assistant Principals and 43 teachers.
- Two hours Student Assessment and Consistent Teacher Judgement - Three Deputy Principals, seven Assistant Principals and 43 teachers.
- Three days Primary Principal Conference – Principal.

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

Genelle Goldfinch
Principal



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

Class Report - 5W

TERM 4 WITH 5W

5W have had a great and busy start to term 4. Check out the highlights of our amazing learning journey so far .



In reading, we have been learning to infer to understand complex texts. We enjoy visiting the library and applying reading strategies to help us understand better.



In Creative Arts, we incorporated techniques such as movement, spatial awareness and sequencing our steps to perform our dance item in front of our peers.



In sport, we put our soccer skills to the test and played against each other in friendly games.



We recently had our school disco which was great fun! :)



Class Report - K/6D

K/6D Term 4 2023

This term K/6D has been learning how to write a fractured fairytale. We have used Halloween as an inspiration for new characters and settings.



We have also been learning how to share equally through division and fractions! We made pizzas to show how we can split pizzas into halves, quarters, thirds, and eighths.

In week 3 K/6D participated in the school disco, we had so much fun dancing, making jewellery from the glow sticks and learning new groovy moves!



Class Report ~ K/6J

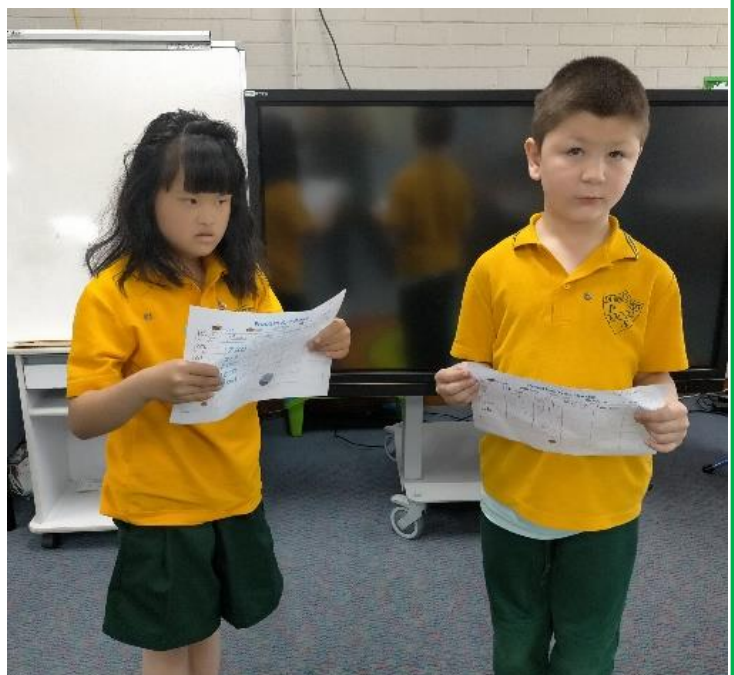
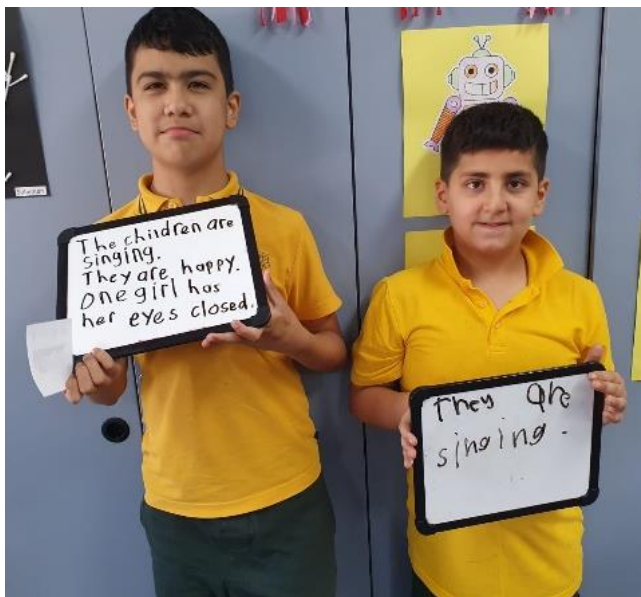
Welcome to Term 4 in K/6J!

K/6J have enjoyed coming back to school for the last term in 2023!

Our class has been working on making sentences from pictures and improving our handwriting skills! We focus on different sounds each week and we practise our spelling lists daily.

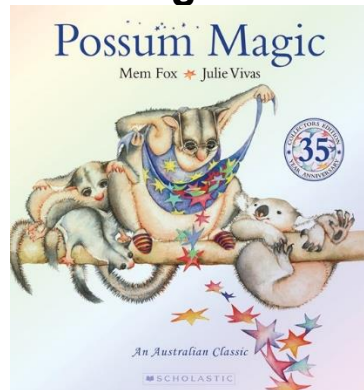
In mathematics we have been busy counting by 2s, forwards and backwards! We have also been exploring area and sizes of different shapes.

All students in K/6J love getting active every week with Fit futures and also practising dancing in class.

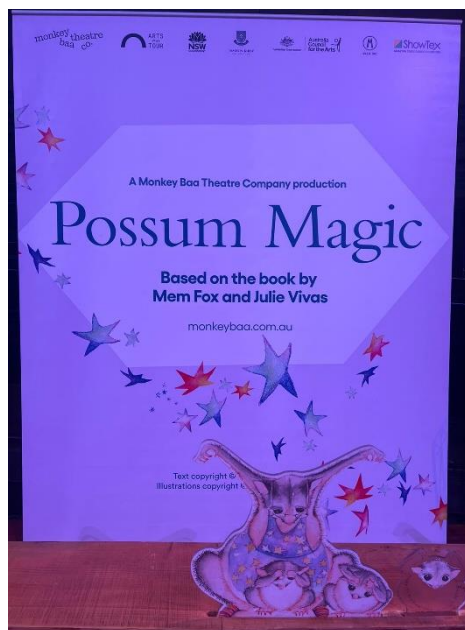


K-2 Excursion to Casula Powerhouse

'Possum Magic' Excursion



K-2 and Support Unit students loved their excursion to Casula Powerhouse on Friday 20 October! Students watched in amazement as the performers brought the story of 'Possum Magic' by Mem Fox to life. They loved watching Grandma Poss and Hush travel around Australia, trying classic Australian foods like vegemite sandwiches and lamingtons. All the students enjoyed the engaging and energetic performance and were great Fairfield West PS role models during the excursion.



Sport News

Horsley Zone Winter PSSA

Fairfield West Upcoming Fixtures

*** Summer PSSA competition games are played between 9.00am and 11.00am ***

SUMMER PSSA Round 10 3 November	SUMMER PSSA Round 11 10 November
Cricket v GPK Boys T-Ball v GPK Newcombe ball v SJP A AFL v Bossley Park Touch v King Park	Cricket v William Stimson Boys T-Ball v William Stimson Newcombe ball v Smithfield AFL v SJP Touch v GPK

Fairfield West PSSA Results

Round 8 20 October	Round 9 27 October WASHED OUT
Jnr Newcombe ball v Smith West Lost 10-15 8-15 4-15 Snr Newcombe ball v Smith West Lost 10-15 8-15 11-15	
Jnr Cricket v King Park Lost 62-93 Snr Cricket v King Park WON 97-81	
Jnr Girls AFL v BYE Snr Girls AFL v BYE	
Jnr Boys T-Ball v King Park WON 11-10	
Snr Boys Touch v Smith West DREW 0-0 Snr Girls Touch v Smith West WON 3-0	

Representative Sport News

On Wednesday 26 October the NSW State PSSA Athletics Championships were held in Homebush. FWPS Year 6 student Luna Squera represented the school and Sydney South West in the 13 years, 100m sprint event. Luna placed 24th overall and she should be very proud of her efforts, as are the entire FWPS school community of her. Great job, Luna!



Selective High School Applications Now Open

Selective high school Year 7 entry in 2025—applications open 9 October to 20 November 2023.

[Selective high schools](#) provide a learning environment designed for academically gifted and high potential students. They help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn at a quicker pace and in more detail
- supporting their unique wellbeing needs.

Most students in selective high schools enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

Research shows that students benefit both academically and socially from the learning environment in selective high schools. Selective high schools are unzoned so you can apply no matter where you live.

Where are they located?

There are 47 selective high schools for Year 7 entry in NSW with:

- 17 selective high schools
- 25 partially selective high schools
- 4 agricultural selective high schools (3 that offer boarding)
- Aurora College, for rural and remote students available in 182 authorised host schools.

Check the [selective high school map](#) to find one near you. Or look up the [selective high schools list](#).

Is a selective high school the right fit for my child?

If your child learns quickly, asks complex questions, has a good memory or is intensely focused in their area of interest, then a selective high school might be a great fit. Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on [Selective high schools – Year 7](#) and in the new [student resource hub](#).

Fair and equitable access

The [Equity Placement Model](#) helps make access fairer for more high potential students in our community.

We know that some students may be missing out because they experience educational disadvantage.

Selective High School Applications Now Open

Under the Model, up to 20% of student places at each selective high school are held for:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability.

These students can be offered a place if their test performance is within 10% of the lowest general applicant first-round offer for the school.

Learn more at [Equity Placement Model](#).

The application process

Complete the [online application](#).

Applications close on 20 November 2023.

Once the application has been submitted and processed your child will be allocated to a test centre to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on 9 May 2024. Selective high school places are offered based on students' test performance (academic merit). Learn more about the placement process and the placement test at [Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#).

Ready to apply?

Apply online at shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au

Further information

Visit [Selective High Schools and Opportunity Classes Year 7](#).

Contact the Selective Education Unit

Placement of students in selective high schools in Year 7 is administered by the Selective Education Unit.

The SHS and OC schools' site has a messaging feature that you can use to send and receive messages from the Unit at any time: <https://shsoc-schools.education.nsw.gov.au/> (Designated principal's DoE login is required).

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Telephone: 1300 880 367.

The preferred way for parents to contact the Selective Education Unit is by sending messages through their application dashboard.

Website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Community Hub



Please come and join in the activities in the Community Cottage. A range of activities are available so please contact Rania 0492 842 572 if you are interested.



Tuesdays 9.00am-11.00am

COFFEE



CHAT



Thursdays 2pm



Thursday 9.00am-11.00am



Self-Care Workshop

Wednesday 29 November

The workshop will support wellbeing for the entire family and provides practical strategies for parents to establish good self-care habits for both themselves and their children.



Wednesdays in October and November: 9.30am-11.30am
First session: 18 October

If you are interested in a Citizenship test preparation group – call Rania 0492 842 572

Tuning Into Kids

ABOUT US

Would you like to learn how to:

- Better understand your child
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- Help prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Have better concentration at school
- Are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- Tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

WHEN

Wednesdays
18, 25 October
1, 8, 15, 22 November
9:30am-11:30pm

WHERE

Fairfield West Public
School,
1 Palmerston Rd,
Fairfield West NSW
2165

REGISTER NOW:

<https://strongsafefamilies.online/program/>

Or contact Dima on
0420-703-725

FREE
CHILDMINDING



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Tuesday 29th of
November
9:30am-12:30pm

WHERE

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1 Palmerston Rd, Fairfield
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Communities for Children
Fairfield



Learn today, change tomorrow.

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Cyberbullying

**FREE MORNING
TEA &
CHILDMINDING**

About the program

The workshop will look at preventing bullying and cyber bullying, how to support a child who is being bullied, working with your child's school/centre, what to do if your child is a bully and other important information.

WHEN

Monday 4 December
9:30am-11:30am

WHERE

Fairfield West Public School,
1 Palmerston Rd, Fairfield
West NSW 2165

TO REGISTER

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FAIRFIELD WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICE PRESENTS Domestic Violence Awareness



Light lunch
provided

WHITLAM LIBRARY CABRAMATTA

Tuesday 18 July 2023: 10am - 12pm

Presented by FWHS' Caseworker and Dietitian

Tuesday 25 July 2023: 10.00am - 12pm

Presented by Legal Aid NSW

Wednesday 9 August 2023: 10.00am - 12pm

Presented by Cabramatta Police

Tuesday 29 August 2023: 10.00am - 12pm

Presented by Justice Support Centre

Tuesday 10 October 2023: 10am-12pm

Presented by Justice Support Centre

Tuesday 21 November 2023: 10am - 12pm

Presented by Legal Aid NSW



Fairfield
Women's
health service

Booking required

Please call 02 9794 0150 for registration



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)

Attendance

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.

School Uniforms



Fairfield West Public School Uniform Order Form

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			
Bucket Hat	\$10			
Beanie	\$8			
Scarf	\$8			
Library Bag	\$8.50			
	Total			

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

Office use only

Date order received:	Payment Method: Cash Eftpos Parent Online Payment	Amount Paid:
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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