



SCHOOL RULES

Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



Term 1 - Week 7 - Friday 10 March 2023

WHAT'S ON

Tues 14 Mar	SSW swimming championships
Wed 15 Mar	NAPLAN begins
Mon 27 Mar-Fri 31 Mar	Dental van
Tues 4 Apr	Cross Country Years 3-6 - Avery Oval K-2 - at school
Wed 5 Apr	Easter Hat Parade
Thurs 6 Apr	ANZAC assembly



The West Express

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News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and carers

Meet the teacher

It was fabulous to see the parents and caregivers who attended the Meet The Teacher sessions last week. We thank those who could attend. We had 151 adults attend the meetings to learn about the curriculum and events that occur at FWPS and to meet their child's teacher.

Permission Notes

Over the past two weeks there have been permission notes for Fit Futures and Online applications. It is extremely important that those notes are signed and returned as soon as possible. Please contact the office or Rania if you haven't returned them and you need more information.

Cyber safety

Social media is constantly changing and evolving. It can be hard to keep track of what platforms are most popular with your child and their friends. Therefore, cyber security is very important now that the internet is becoming part of everyday life. It is important to remember that most online applications have an age restriction, and many require account holders to be **over 13 years of age**. This means that students in primary school should not have an account for applications such as Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat.

When you look up the requirements for online applications, you will find the following:

- Facebook requires everyone to be at **least 13 years old** before they can create an account (in some jurisdictions, this age limit may be higher). Creating an account with false info is a violation of terms. This includes accounts registered on the behalf of someone under 13.
- Instagram requires everyone to be **at least 13 years old** before they can create an account.
- Snapchat is a platform for **13+ users**.
- TikTok is only for those aged at least **13 years old**.

Please support the school in promoting the safe use of online applications with children. The following points can help remind your children how to stay safe online:

- Don't give out personal information about yourself or your family
- Only talk to people you know
- Think carefully before you click send
- Be careful about what you buy online
- Talk to an adult if you feel worried

The following links can help parent/caregivers support their children to stay safe online. There is also a flyer in English and Arabic on the following pages about online safety.

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/kids/issues/being-safe-internet>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/be-an-esafe-kid>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/young-people>

IF YOU ALLOW YOUR CHILD ACCESS TO THESE ONLINE APPLICATIONS, ANY ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR RESULTING FROM ENGAGEMENT, WILL BE THE PARENT/CARER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MANAGE.

Helping your family stay safe online

Children can learn, explore, play and make friends online. But there can be risks.

Your child might accidentally see upsetting content, be contacted by strangers or experience bullying. They might also miss out on important things like spending time outside.

Here are some easy things you can do to help keep children safe online.

Talk about online safety as a family

Let your child know they can always come to you if something happens online that makes them feel scared or upset.

You can ask your child to show you the games and apps they use. Use eSafety's [conversation starters](#) to help you get started.

Set up family rules together

As a family, you can choose some easy rules to help keep everyone safe online. You can include things like where devices can be used, what games and apps your children can use, and how much time can be spent online. Most devices and apps have features to set limits on how they are used. Watch [this video](#) to learn more about parental controls and settings.

Know where to get help

If you need help with an online issue and you are not sure what to do, talk about it with someone you trust, like a friend or a teacher at your child's school. You can also speak to someone at [Parentline](#) for help with parenting challenges. The eSafety Commissioner (eSafety) helps to keep all Australian families safe online. The [eSafety website](#) has more information about [reporting online abuse](#) and staying safe online.



For more information about how to keep your family safe online, search for [eSafety Parents](#) on our website.

مساعدة عائلتك على البقاء بأمان على الإنترنت

يمكن للأطفال التعلم والاستكشاف واللعب وتكوين صداقات عبر الإنترنت. ولكن قد تكون هناك مخاطر.

فقد يرى طفلك عن طريق الخطأ محتوى مزعجًا، أو يتواصل معه غرباء أو يتعرض للتنمر. وقد يفوتون أيضًا أمور هامة مثل قضاء الوقت في الخارج.

فيما يلي بعض الأمور السهلة التي يمكنك القيام بها للمساعدة في الحفاظ على سلامة الأطفال عبر الإنترنت.

اعرف من أين تحصل على المساعدة

في حال كنت بحاجة إلى مساعدة بشأن مشكلة عبر الإنترنت ولست متأكدًا مما ينبغي عليك فعله، فتحدث عنها مع شخص تثق به مثل صديق أو مدرس في مدرسة طفلك. كما يمكنك التحدث إلى شخص ما في [Parentline](#) للحصول على المساعدة في تحديات الأبوة والأمومة.

يساعد مفوض eSafety في الحفاظ على سلامة كافة العائلات الأسترالية عبر الإنترنت. إذ يحتوي موقع ["eSafety"](#) على مزيد من المعلومات حول الإبلاغ عن إساءة الاستخدام والبقاء آمنًا عبر الإنترنت.



لمزيد من المعلومات حول كيفية الحفاظ على أمان عائلتك عبر الإنترنت، ابحث عن [eSafety Parents](#) على موقعنا.



التحدث عن السلامة عبر الإنترنت كعائلة

أخبر طفلك أنه يمكنه دائمًا أن يأتي إليك في حال حدوث أمر عبر الإنترنت يجعله يشعر بالخوف أو الانزعاج.

اطلب من طفلك أن يريك الألعاب والتطبيقات التي يستخدمها. استخدم محادثة [eSafety](#) للمبتدئين لمساعدتك على البدء.

تحديد قواعد الأسرة معًا

كعائلة، يمكنك اختيار بعض القواعد السهلة للمساعدة في الحفاظ على سلامة الجميع عبر الإنترنت. يمكنك تضمين أمور مثل مكان استخدام الأجهزة، والألعاب والتطبيقات التي يمكن لأطفالك استخدامها ومقدار الوقت الذي يمكن قضاؤه عبر الإنترنت. تحتوي معظم الأجهزة والتطبيقات على ميزات [لوضع قيود](#) على كيفية استخدامها. يمكنك مشاهدة [هذا الفيديو](#) لمعرفة المزيد عن الضوابط والإعدادات الأبوية.

News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

Gate Times

The school gates are automated for student safety. They are open at **8.30am-9.10am and 2.50pm-3.10pm**. If you would like to enter the premises during the day when the gates are closed, please press the buzzer on the main gate on Palmerston Road (Cumberland Hwy) and you will be let in to come to the office for assistance. If for any reason you cannot drop off or pick your child up at the agreed times, please contact the front office. Children **should not** be standing outside the school gates for significant lengths of time prior to 8:30am.

School hats for Fit Futures on Wednesdays

The school has engaged a company to teach Dance to Kindergarten and Support Unit students on Mondays. On Wednesdays the company is teaching Fundamental Movement Skills to all other grades and K/6D. The sporting sessions are held on the back oval and all students must have a school hat to participate. Please remind your child to always have a school hat in their bag. If a student does not have a school hat, the school will lend them one for the sessions and it will be washed and dried after each use.

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. After you enrol you will also be called to come with your child to the school for an interview. It is never too early to enrol and enrolling early will assist the school to prepare transition programs and events.

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, mostly remotely:

- 1 day School Leadership – Principal
- 2 days State Council – Principal
- 30 mins School Excellence Self Evaluation – 35 teachers and 5 Assistant Principals

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

Genelle Goldfinch

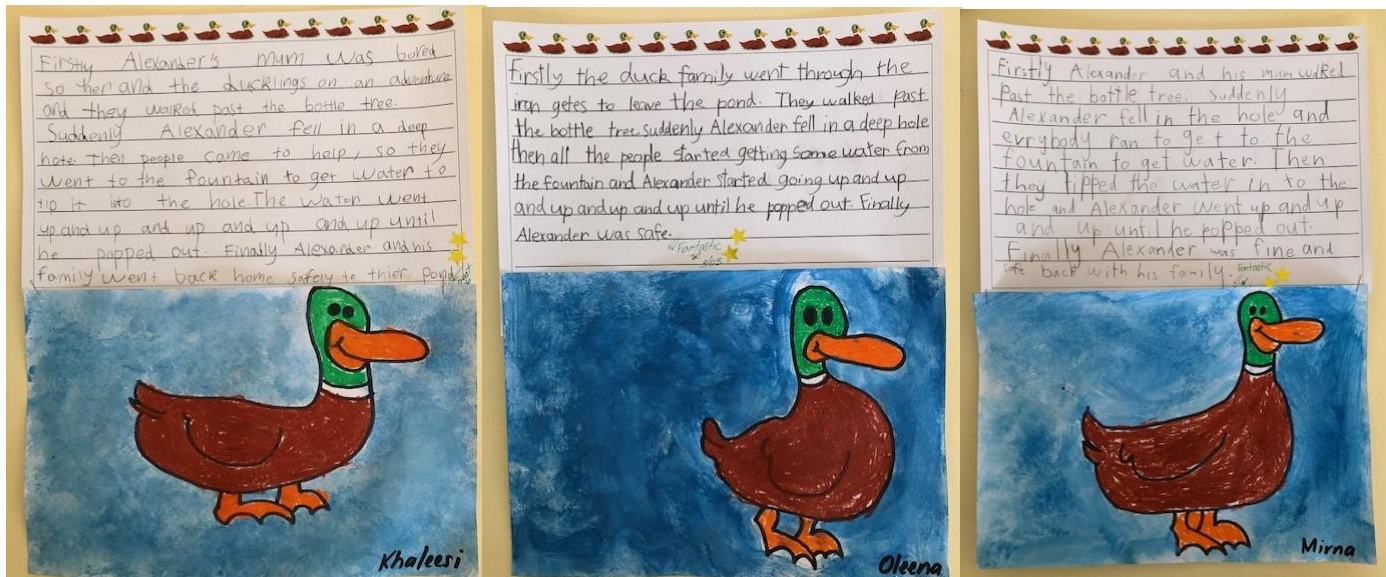
/respect and acknowledge Aboriginal People as the traditional owners of the land on which / work, live and visit.



Class Report ~ 1R

In 1R, we love listening to stories being read aloud and are becoming quality writers and super mathematicians too. We have loved working with our peers during many hands-on learning experiences, showing off our artistic skills and being active and fit. It has already been so much fun in 1R, just check out our photos below and see for yourself!

Our favourite book has been *Alexander's Outing* by Pamela Allen. Look at the amazing artworks we made to go along with our writing!



We have enjoyed using 10 as a reference number when counting and measuring the lengths of different items from our classroom! We all skip count by twos, fives, and some of us by tens to find our total.

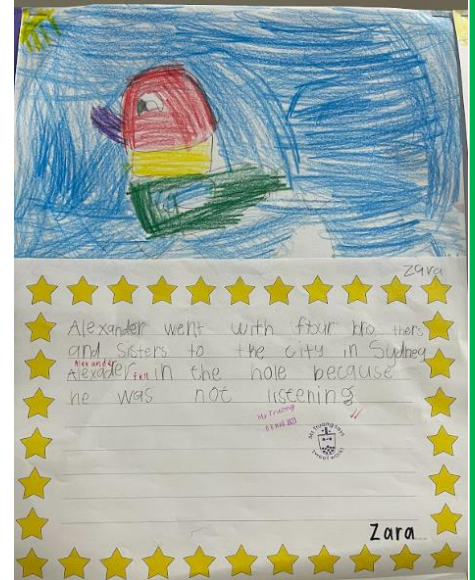


We enjoy playing at Luna Park and being active because it keeps us healthy.



Class Report ~ 1C

In 1C we are learning to become quality writers by writing sentences every single day. Have a look at some of the work we have done!



We also had an incursion called 'Backflips against Bullying'. We saw so many cool tricks and also learnt a lot about bullying at school.



In maths, we are learning to measure the length of objects in the classroom using informal units.

Class Report - 1HS

1HS have had a flying start to term 1. We are learning together with our teachers and classmates to achieve our learning goals. We have settled into our classroom routines and are having lots of fun with our learning!



There are so many fun ways to learn in our classroom. We love sharing our ideas with each other. In mathematics, we learn through hands-on and collaborative experiences.



Sometimes, our learning requires us to focus heavily on our task. In writing, we are trying our best to be independent, quality writers.

Sport News



Horsley Zone Summer PSSA



Round 3 10 March	Round 4 17 March
Jnr & Snr Cricket v HS @ Brenan	Jnr & Snr Cricket v Cecil Hills @ Brenan
Jnr Boys T-Ball v HS @ Brenan	Jnr Boys T-Ball v Cecil Hills @ Brenan
Jnr & Snr Newcombe ball v Prairievale @ Endeavour	Jnr & Snr Newcombe ball v SJP A @ Endeavour
Jnr & Snr Girls AFL v Cecil Hills @ Endeavour	Jnr & Snr Girls AFL v Bossley Park @ Endeavour
Snr Boys & Snr Girls Touch v King Park @ Endeavour	Snr Boys & Snr Girls Touch v Cecil Hills @ Endeavour

*** Summer PSSA competition games are played between 9.30am and 11.00am ***

Fairfield West PSSA Results

Round 1 24 February	Round 2 3 March
Jnr Cricket v SJP Lost 56-108 Snr Cricket v SJP WON 95-73	Jnr Cricket v Sm WON 62-46 Snr Cricket v Sm WON 87-81
Jnr Boys T-Ball v SJP Lost 5-8	Jnr Boys T-Ball v Sm WON 13-12
Jnr Newcombe ball v SJP B Lost 9-15 6-15 Snr Newcombe ball v SJP B Lost 0-15 3-15 0-15	Jnr Newcombe ball v Cecil DREW 6-15 10-11 Snr Newcombe ball v Cecil DREW 11-15 2-5
Jnr Girls AFL v FH WON 14-0 Snr Girls AFL v FH Lost 0-34	Jnr Girls AFL v HS WON 37-1 Snr Girls AFL v HS DREW 14-14
Snr Boys Touch v WS Lost 1-2 Snr Girls Touch v WS WON 2-1	Snr Boys Touch v Sm Lost 3-4 Snr Girls Touch v Sm WON 8-0



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.

Community News



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



Wednesday 9.00am-11.00am
Starting 8 March.



Thursday 9.00am-11.00am

New sessions will be held called '**Rights Relationships Responsibilities**'. This is a program to support parenting. See the flyer on the following page.

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

*Free to a
Good Home*

Solid wood, French Provincial-style King Single bed frame (no mattress). FREE. Pick up Oyster Bay.



Community News



RIGHTS RELATIONSHIPS RESPONSIBILITIES (IN ARABIC)



WHEN

Wednesdays
March 1, 8, 15
9:30 am - 11:30 am



WHERE

Fairfield West Public
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1 Palmerston Rd,
Fairfield West NSW
2165



TO REGISTER

Register via the website:
<https://strongsafefamilies.online/program/>
Or contact Dima on
0420-703-725

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- Learn new ways to support positive family relationships
- Better understand the rights and responsibilities of parents
- Get information about the local health, legal and educational systems
- Learn important information to help your children and family



Communities for Children
Fairfield



everyone's family

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



الحقوق المسؤوليات الواجبات



الزمان:

الأربعاء:

آذار 1, 8, 15

9:30 am - 11:30 am



المكان:

Fairfield West Public
School
1 Palmerston Rd,
Fairfield West NSW
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هذا البرنامج يساعدك على:

- تعلم طرق جديدة لدعم العلاقات الأسرية الإيجابية.
- فهم أفضل لحقوق ومسؤوليات الوالدين.
- الحصول على معلومات حول نظام الصحة والقانون بأستراليا.
- تعلم معلومات مهمة لمساعدة أطفالك وعائلتك.



للتسجيل يرجى الاتصال أو
بعث رسالة لذيمة على الرقم

0420-703-725

via the website:

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How to help your child be ready for school.

Come and speak to the
Department of Education and
Early Childhood Professionals
about how to enrol your child and
prepare them for school.

Thursday 16 March 2023
11am-1pm
Bankstown Central
(Level 1, near Optus store)

For more information, contact Isabel from the
Facilitation Project on 9725 0115



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:
	MAKE A PAYMENT	
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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