



SCHOOL RULES

Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



Term 1 - Week 9 - Friday 24 March 2023

WHAT'S ON

Mon 6 Mar – 31 March	Online High School Expression of Interest Open
Mon 27 Mar-Fri 31 Mar	Dental Check-Up at School
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
Thurs 6 Apr	Last day of Term 1
Wed 26 April	First day back for Students Term 2



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News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and carers

Harmony Week - Monday 20 March – Sunday 26 March – Everyone Belongs

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. At Fairfield West Public School we take pride in the way students, staff and the community respect and are inclusive of everyone no matter their background or ability. Thank you to all the students and staff who wore something orange on Tuesday to represent the initiative.

Student reports

In the last week of this term a social skills report will go home to inform parents/caregivers about their child's behaviour at the start of 2023. This report will indicate student behaviour both inside and outside of the classroom, attitude towards learning, attitude towards students and teachers as well as their work habits. The report will also include a section where each student reflects on their learning. These student reports may be needed in the future for High School enrolments so please keep them in a safe place. If you have any questions about this report, please contact the school office to organise a meeting with the class teacher. Parent/teacher interviews will be held towards the end of Term 2 where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's learning in more detail.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS – Socceroos tickets

Emily Nguyen in 6L has won four tickets to watch the Australian Socceroos compete against Ecuador on Friday night at CommBank Stadium in Parramatta. The students at FWPS went into a draw to win the free tickets and Emily was excited to win. Thank you to Mr Burfoot who kindly donated the tickets for a family in our school community to attend. Emily will update us in the next school newsletter with her experience of the match.

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:

- 2 hours School Leadership – Principal
- 2 hours finance – Principal, Deputy Principal and Business Manager
- 2 hours High Potential and Gifted Education – 35 teachers and 5 Assistant Principals
- Full day Curriculum Reform – Principal, Deputy Principal and one Assistant Principal

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

Ramadan Mubarak

I wish to extend a warm Ramadan Mubarak to all the families observing Ramadan this month.



News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

Attendance

Parents or carers of children of compulsory school age are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day. Children must commence school by age 6 and then complete year 10. Parents must ensure their children attend school every day. 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 circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
M T W T F
M T W T F
= 4 weeks
= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week
M T W T F
M T W F
= 8 weeks
= Over 2.5 years missed

Genelle Goldfinch

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



Class Report ~ 2B

Welcome Back To School!

2B have had a great start to Term 1. We have all been working extremely hard in our new classroom and have enjoyed making new friends by participating in fun learning activities.



We love learning through hands-on, interactive experiences as it allows us to explore our decision-making and problem-solving skills.

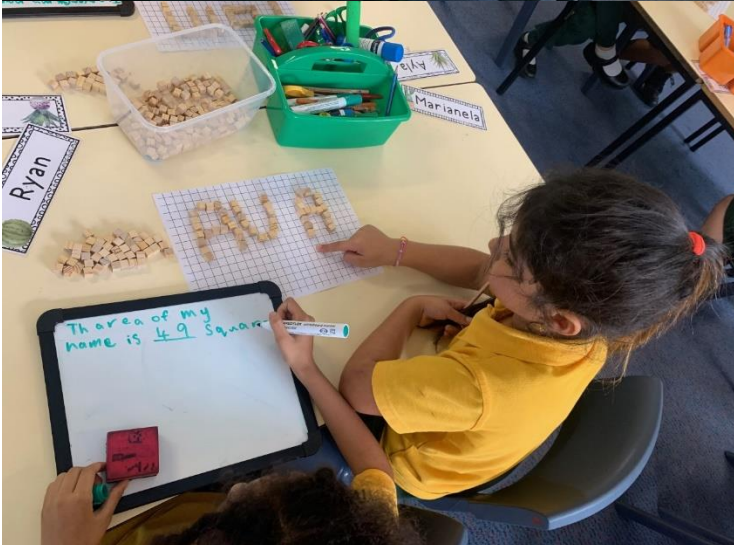
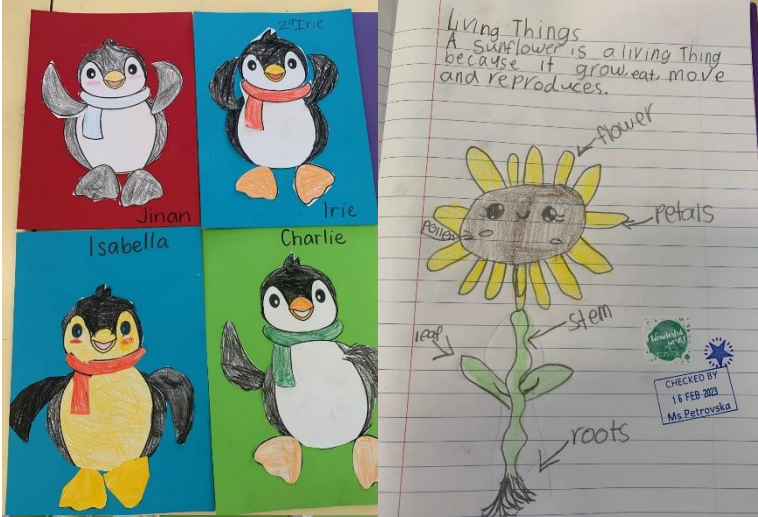


We continue to support each other's learning and we love encouraging our friends to be successful through positive relationships in the classroom.

Class Report - 2P

Learning in 2P

Wow! Can you believe that we are almost at the end of Term 1? 2P have settled well into class routines and have enjoyed learning new things. Have a look at all the amazing learning that has happened so far in Term 1! 😊



Class Report - 1T

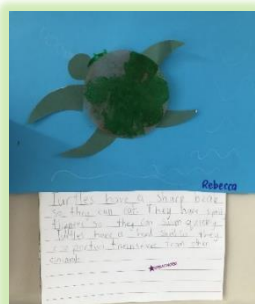
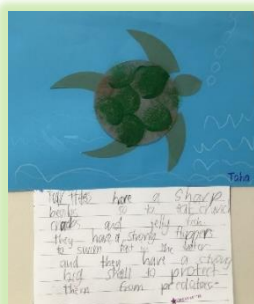
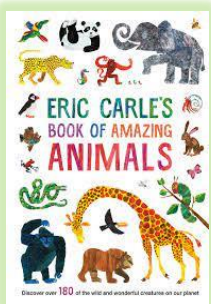


1T have had a magnificent start to the year. We absolutely love coming to school and learning together.

We have been making some interesting discoveries as mathematicians. Lots of hands-on learning, collaboration and discussion have helped us explore measurement and number.



We love trying our best to be quality writers. Recently, we were inspired by Eric Carle's *Book of Amazing Animals*, so we have been researching and writing about plenty of incredible animals.



A weekly visit to Luna Park keeps us happy and healthy.



Sport News



Horsley Zone Summer PSSA



Round 5 24 March	Round 6 31 March
Jnr & Snr Cricket v Bossley Pk @ Brenan	Jnr & Snr Cricket v Prairievale @ Brenan
Jnr Boys T-Ball v Bossley Pk @ Brenan	Jnr Boys T-Ball v Prairievale @ Brenan
Jnr & Snr Newcombe ball v Smithfield @ Endeavour	Jnr & Snr Newcombe ball v King Park @ Endeavour
Jnr & Snr Girls AFL v SJP @ Endeavour	Jnr & Snr Girls AFL v GPK @ Endeavour
Snr Boys & Snr Girls Touch v Bossley Pk @ Endeavour	Snr Boys & Snr Girls Touch v Harrington St @ Endeavour

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

Fairfield West PSSA Results

Round 3 10 March	Round 4 17 March
Jnr Cricket v HS WON 59-58 Snr Cricket v HS WON 99-49	Jnr Cricket v Cecil WON 81-67 Snr Cricket v Cecil WON 110-64
Jnr Boys T-Ball v HS WON 14-7	Jnr Boys T-Ball v Cecil Lost 9-14
Jnr Newcombe ball v PV Lost 2-15 4-15 Snr Newcombe ball v PV WON on Forfeit	Jnr Newcombe ball v SJP A Lost 2-15 0-15 2-15 Snr Newcombe ball v SJP A Lost 1-15 0-15 0-15
Jnr Girls AFL v Cecil Lost 14-19 Snr Girls AFL v Cecil Lost 6-46	Jnr Girls AFL v Bossley WON 13-7 Snr Girls AFL v Bossley WON 33-0
Snr Boys Touch v King Park Lost 1-2 Snr Girls Touch v King Park WON 2-1	Snr Boys Touch v Cecil WON 2-1 Snr Girls Touch v Cecil WON 5-0

Representative Sport News

Horsley Zone Swimming Carnival 7.3.23

Well done to Stella Dawson, Nate Bulman, Minh Tran & Estelle Huynh for representing Fairfield West PS at the Horsley Zone Swimming Championships on Tuesday 7 March.

Horsley Zone Representative Teams

Congratulations to the following students have recently made Horsley Zone teams who will compete at SSW Trials over the next few weeks.

Onel Shakoori / *Boys Basketball 28 March*

Keanu Hong / *Boys Touch 29 March*

Aalijah Andreoli, Ofa Fotu, Ruby-Tuesday Richardson, Alisha Vulivosa / *Girls Touch 29 March*

Viliani Pua, Ayman Alyoussef, David Nau, Noah Weekes, Gensis Tara, Matthias Iongi / *Under 11's*

Rugby League 3 April

Year 6 Fund Raising



EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE AND GUESSING COMP

Dear parents and caregivers

Year 6 students will be running an Easter Hamper raffle to raise money for their 2023 Year 6 farewell. There are several baskets to be won which include chocolates and Easter themed craft packs.

Students can purchase tickets to enter the raffle through their classroom teacher. The cost of the tickets will be 1 for \$1.00, 3 for \$2.00 or 10 for \$5.00.

Additionally, students can participate in a guessing competition. Students can guess how many eggs are in the jar. This will cost 50 cents per guess or 3 for \$1.

The raffle and guessing competition will be drawn Wednesday, Week 11, 5th April.

We thank you for supporting the Year 6 students of 2023.

Ms G Goldfinch

**Ms G Goldfinch
Principal
22 March 2023**



Attendance

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)

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

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

High School Enrolment Process

On Monday 6 March the enrolment process for moving Year 6 students into Year 7 in a NSW Government school in 2024, began. In 2023 this enrolment process has moved online. EOI (Expression of Interest) and PNR (Placement not required) forms can now be found through the school website and submitted online. Please see below for how to access-

1. Find the school website <https://fairfieldw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
2. Click on Enrolment

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3. Scroll down and click on “Moving to High School”.

Moving to high school

Visit the [moving to high school](#) page to find out more about the transition of year 6 students into year 7.

4. Scroll down and click on “Start Expression of Interest (EOI)”



Apply for Year 7 placement in a NSW Government school

The online expression of interest process makes it easier and faster to see your child's options for high school and nominate your preferences for next year.

→ Start expression of interest

- * If no placement is required at a NSW Government School click on this section.



Placement not required in a government high school

Please advise your primary school if your child will not require a placement in a government high school next year.

→ Advise placement not required

Please note: The last day for submission is **31 March 2023**

Your primary school needs to know so they may support your child's transition and the department can fulfil its duty of care to all students.

Please note that this enrolment process needs to be completed **by Friday 31 March.**

Community News



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

FAMILY MOVIE TIME

Children and their families are invited to join us for movies on the big screen these school holidays.

Registration required.

Whitlam Library Cabramatta

Friday 14 April 11.30am-1pm

Wednesday 19 April 11.30am-1pm



BUNNINGS CRAFT FUN

Join us for a fun craft activity these school holidays courtesy of Bunnings Bonnyrigg, Smithfield and Villawood. Places will be held for 5 minutes after the scheduled start time.

For ages 5+.

Registration required.

Bonnyrigg Library

Wednesday 12 April 10.30-11.30am

Whitlam Library Cabramatta

Wednesday 12 April 10.30-11.30am

Fairfield Library

Friday 14 April 10.30-11.30am

Wetherill Park Library

Friday 14 April 10.30-11.30am

Smithfield Community Library

Monday 17 April 10.30-11.30am



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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:
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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