



## SCHOOL RULES

### Be Safe



### Be Respectful



### Be a Good Learner



Term 1 - Week 5 - Friday 24 February 2023

## WHAT'S ON

Fri 24 Feb	Summer PSSA begins
Mon 27 Feb	Meet the Teacher – Kindy- 2.30pm
Tues 28 Feb	Meet the Teacher – Yrs 3&4 - 2.30pm
Wed 1 Mar	Meet the Teacher – Yrs 1&2 - 2.30pm
Thurs 2 Feb	Meet the Teacher – Yrs 5&6 - 2.30pm
Fri 3 Mar	Meet the Teacher – Support Unit – Kindy & new students only 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Tue 7 Mar	Horsley Zone Swimming Champs



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# News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and carers

## Meet the teacher

Meet the Teacher sessions are next week. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher. Teachers will provide an overview of class activities and topics. Sessions will be held **in the school hall between 2.30pm-3.00pm.**

Sessions are:

Monday 27 February – Kindergarten

Tuesday 28 February – Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 1 March – Years 3 and 4

Thursday 2 March – Years 5 and 6

Friday 3 March – Support Unit- for Kindy and new students only from 2.00pm-3.00pm

## 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 Uniform

Fairfield West has a uniform policy, which means that **each** student is required to wear full school uniform to school **every day**. This includes: the school uniform purchased from the office at Fairfield West PS; a school hat; white socks and minimal jewellery including stud earrings. Please make sure your child is wearing **BLACK shoes**. The Department has a "no hat, no play" policy, so please remember a hat daily, otherwise play will be in a shaded area. In 2023 we will be looking very closely at ensuring students are wearing school uniform. Please assist by sending your child to school in uniform. If you need financial assistance with buying the school uniform, please come to see me.

## Attendance

Families are reminded that once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students. The NSW Department of Education encourages overseas and national travel during the school holidays. Absences relating to travel will contribute to your child's total absences for the year. An Application for Extended Leave needs to be completed via the front office before departure including a photocopy of travel documents.

## 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:

- Full day NAPLAN online – two Assistant Principals
- 2 hours NAPLAN online – one Deputy Principal and seven classroom teachers
- 2 hours School Leadership – Principal

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 I work, live and visit.*



# Staffing 2023

Staff member	Role
Ms Genelle Goldfinch	Principal
Mr Dalziel Rangiah	Deputy Principal
Ms Tracy Funnell	Deputy Principal
Ms Diane Lazos	Deputy Principal
Mr David Ottmann	Assistant Principal
Ms Vanessa Mah Chut	Assistant Principal
Ms Shaunagh Compton	Assistant Principal
Ms Lily Thai	Relieving Assistant Principal
Ms M Costello	Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction
Ms N Merheb	Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction
Ms K Denny	Assistant Principal Inclusion and Support

ade	Class	Teacher	Executive member in charge
Kindergarten			<b>Ms Lily Thai</b> <b>Rel. Assistant Principal</b>
	KB	Mr Nicolas Bugge	
	KL	Ms Layal Moukhayber	
	KM	Ms Malak Moussa	
	KL	Ms Rebecca Lia	
	KS	Ms Sanja Marjanovic	
Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)			<b>Ms Shaunagh Compton</b> <b>Assistant Principal</b>
	1C	Ms Cindy Truong	
	1HS	Ms Kristee Sharne/ MsDianna Sommer	
	1R	Ms Jessica Rouel	
	1T	Ms Nadine Tonucci	
	2B	Ms Danielle Biddlecombe	
	2L	Ms Tayla Linnegar	
	2P	Ms Christina Petrovska	
	1/6V	Ms Ellouise Varjadic	
Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)			<b>Ms Mah Chut</b> <b>Assistant Principal</b>
	3L	Ms Michelle Lam	
	3M	Ms Angela Macri	
	3P	Ms Cheryl-Lynn Peters	
	4C	Ms Cassandra Colless	
	4E	Ms Emily El-Azzi	
	4K	Ms Cassandra Kallu	
	4V	Mr Terence Vogt	
Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)			<b>Mr David Ottmann</b> <b>Assistant Principal</b>
	5H	Ms Bernadette Acquah	
	5M	Mr Raman Hormis	
	5S	Ms Caajal Sharma	
	5W	Ms Carmen Wilson	
	6B	Ms Cassandra Borra	
	6J	Ms Joanna Boyd	
	6L	Ms Anh Le	
	6Y	Ms Katie Ward	

# Staffing 2023

Grade	Class	Teacher	Executive member in charge
Support Unit			<b>Ms Diane Lazos</b> <b>Deputy Principal</b>
	K/6B	Mr Pat Bugge Ms Sarina Varjadic SLSO	
	K/6C	Mr Stephen Carr Ms Sue Seymour SLSO	
	K/6D	Ms Kym Kenny Ms Rima Ollino SLSO	
	K/6G	Mr Nemanja Grujic Ms Janelle Smith SLSO Ms Sahar Skaf SLSO	
	K/6J	Mr Daniel Calizaya-Jave Ms Teresa Juhasz SLSO	
	K/6M	Mr Bradley Mah Chut Ms Dorota Jezierski SLSO	
	K/6P	Ms Kamal Ponnann Ms Sandra Santos SLSO	
	K/6T	Mr William Trieu Sakhone Phommasane SLSO	
Community Languages			<b>Mr Dalziel Rangiah</b> <b>Deputy Principal</b>
	Vietnamese	Ms Anh-Nga Le	
	Arabic	Ms Hala Dona	
	Assyrian	Ms Majdolin Darius	
RFF and Support			
		Ms Arielle Meza	
		Ms Smriti Sekhar	
		Ms Choulisa Tieng	
		Ms Nalin Seak	
		Ms Michelle Tjong	
		Ms Sobara Kiner	
		Ms Sadaf Amiri	
Student Wellbeing		Ms Whitney Isaac	
Attendance Coordinator		Ms Grace Turnbull	
Music		Mr Jarrah Henderson	
School Counsellors		Ms Kelly Rump Wed & Fri	
		Mr John Burfoot Mon, Wed & Fri	

# Staffing 2023

Administrative Staff member	Role
Ms Linda Keating	School Administrative Manager
Ms Kerry Joiner	School Administrative Officer
Ms Susan Trad	Business Manager – Principal's Assistant
Ms Donna Pitt	School Administrative Officer Mon-Wed
Ms Lyn Mulcahy	School Administrative Officer Mon and Tues
Ms Nicole Wells	School Administrative Officer -Thurs
Mr Mario Freire Perez	General Assistant
Ms Lynne Park	School Learning Support Officer
Ms Jessica Bugge	School Learning Support Officer
Ms Lina Yamak	School Learning Support Officer
Ms Jessie Kemp	School Learning Support Officer
Ms Joey Towerton	School Learning Support Officer
Ms Rachel Lee	School Learning Support Officer
Ms Elizabeth Bugge	School Learning Support Office
Ms Charlene Zammit	School Learning Support Officer - Library
Ms Mouna Ghanem	School Learning Support Officer - NAP Mon -Thurs
Ms Rania Bursic	Community Liaison Officer Mon-Thurs





# Class Report ~ KM

## Welcome to KM with Ms Moussa



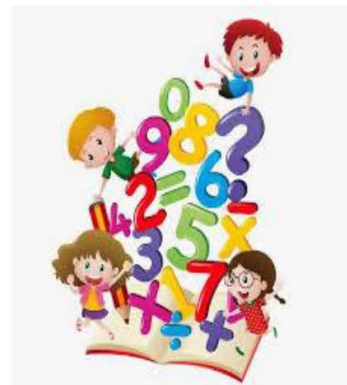
KM like to play maths games.



KM are having fun  
learning with  
hands-on activities.



Students are  
learning to  
create and  
continue  
patterns.





# Class Report ~ KB



## Welcome to KB with Mr Bugge

KB students have enjoyed their first few weeks at Fairfield West Public School. We have started learning about words, have been making some fun patterns in mathematics and forming friendships! Take a look below!

KB have had so much fun learning about patterns in mathematics. This week, we learned about growing patterns. Have a look at our awesome work!



We have been forming friendships at school through dance and play which always makes school fun!

We enjoy all forms of learning in KB and love being creative.



# Class Report - KL

## Welcome to KL with Ms Moukhayber



What an exciting time for your child as they start their first year of school in kindergarten. KL have had so many fun learning experiences over the past few weeks. They have blossomed and have settled incredibly well into their new classroom and school routines. KL have made a remarkable start to the year! Look at some of the amazing things they have done in class so far.

KL are learning how to write and draw marvelous pictures about their families and friends.



KL are learning all about patterns, even our dot dice patterns! Have a look!

KL are having so much fun being creative.





# Sport News



## Horsley Zone Summer PSSA



<b>Round 1</b> <b>24 February</b>	<b>Round 2</b> <b>3 March</b>
Jnr & Snr Cricket v SJP @ St Johns Park Oval	Jnr & Snr Cricket v Smithfield @ Brenan
Jnr Boys T-Ball v SJP @ St Johns Park Oval	Jnr Boys T-Ball v Smithfield @ Brenan
Jnr & Snr Newcombe ball v SJP B @ Endeavour	Jnr & Snr Newcombe ball v Cecil Hills @ Endeavour
Jnr & Snr Girls AFL v Fairfield Heights @ Endeavour	Jnr & Snr Girls AFL v Harrington St @ Endeavour
Snr Boys & Snr Girls Touch v William Stimson @ Endeavour	Snr Boys & Snr Girls Touch v Smithfield @ Endeavour

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

Fairfield West PSSA Results (Will be posted here once the season begins)



## 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

# Community News



## RIGHTS RELATIONSHIPS RESPONSIBILITIES (IN ARABIC)



### WHEN

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



### WHERE

Fairfield West Public  
School  
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:

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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.



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# 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](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			
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 <a href="#">Parent Online Payment</a>	Amount Paid:
	<a href="#">MAKE A PAYMENT</a>	
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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