



# SCHOOL RULES

## Be Safe



## Be Respectful



## Be a Good Learner



Term 2 - Week 4 - Thursday 18 May 2023

## WHAT'S ON

Mon 22 May	SSW Netball Championships
Wed 24 May – Wed 31 May	Book Fair in the library
Friday 26 May	Horsley Zone Cross Country
Tuesday 30 May	Academic Challenge at Fairfield HS
Tuesday 30 May	Sydney Writers Festival at Town Hall



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# News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and carers

## **Check-in assessment**

During Term 2, students will participate in the Check-in assessment.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning. The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment they would normally receive in the classroom.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 4 and Year 6 students during Weeks 6 and 7
- All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment.

## **Bebras Challenge**

Last week 128 students from Years 3-6 took part in the Bebras Challenge. This is a computational thinking challenge where students worked in teams to solve 15 questions of varying difficulty. The students enjoyed communicating their ideas with teammates and a number of teams achieved exceptional results. Two teams achieved High Distinctions, one team achieved a Distinction, two teams achieved Credits, twelve teams achieved Merits and twenty teams received Participation certificates. Congratulations to all students on their effort and results!

## **Year 6 fundraiser - Disco**

On Tuesday 6 June there will be a disco for all students K-6 to raise money for the Year 6 farewell. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation. A more detailed note will be sent home next week.



## **Winter and illness**

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our students, staff and community safe while COVID-19 is still circulating in the community. With winter approaching, we will also see an increase in respiratory illnesses and by working together, we will keep our school community healthy this term.

Our COVID-smart measures continue to be in place to help reduce the risk of transmission for students and staff members and are vital in allowing us to keep our schools operational while prioritising student and staff wellbeing. These measures include:

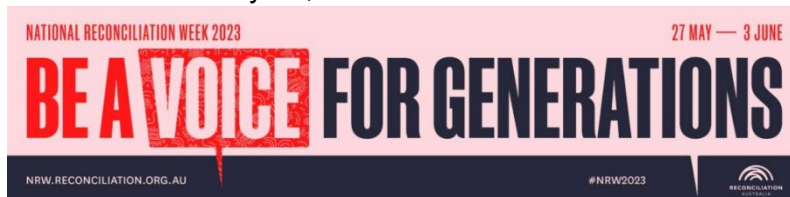
- Staying home if unwell and test for COVID-19 if showing any symptoms
- Boosted day cleaning of high-touch areas in our schools
- Strongly encouraging masks to be worn by all students, staff and visitors, particularly when indoors or outdoors when physical distancing is difficult to maintain, and if exposed to COVID-19
- Maintaining natural ventilation with windows and doors open whenever possible, including when cooling/heating systems are in use
- Continuing to provide RATs and other hygiene products to schools free of charge.

If you require more RATs, please contact the office.

# News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

## **National Reconciliation Week – 27 May to 3 June**

This is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. National Reconciliation Week commemorates two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. This year, the theme is 'Be a Voice for Generations'.



Last week an artist, Michael Fardon, a Dharawal man, completed a mural with K-6 students at our school. The mural has symbolic references to our local area as it incorporates the goanna, which is a totem of the Cabrogal Clan.



## **Kindness Day**

Thursday 25 May staff and students at Fairfield West Public School will be participating in a Kindness Day. Students will focus on the word 'kind' and how they can be kind to each other, themselves, and the world. Throughout the day students will be engaging in activities such as a 'Be the I in Kind' photo booth, kindness chain, pet education, kindness cookies, team building, kindness poster competition.

## **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:

- Two full days School Leadership Institute– Principal
- Full day Leadership conference – Assistant Principal
- Full day Placement Panel – Principal
- Full day Disability Reference Group - Principal
- Half day Instructional Leadership Masterclass – Two Assistant Principals CI and one Assistant Principal
- Half day MultiLit – Assistant Principal and Assistant Principal CI

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.*





## Classroom News

### Working Well in 3M

3M have been engaged in a great variety of activities and have been working hard in Term 2. We have been using our online apps to improve our reading and mathematics skills. During reading groups we have been investigating some quality texts and have focussed on learning to answer inferential comprehension questions using our background knowledge and text clues.



Last week many of us participated in the Bebras Challenge where we worked in groups to read and interpret creative problem solving questions. We had a great time!





# LEARNING IN 4E

We recently completed the Bebras Challenge. We worked collaboratively in teams to complete activities that challenged our computational thinking.



This term, we all presented speeches on various topics and gave feedback to our peers.



Every week, we work together in reading and mathematics groups. We always enjoy sharing our ideas.



After a great cross country carnival, we have started training for our upcoming athletics carnival.



# Student news

## Debating team

Congratulations to the debating team who won their first debate this morning. Rosel 5S, Valeria 5S, Jorden 6L and Lukas 6B are the members of the team who competed against Beresford Public School. Students had to debate the topic “We should have a second chance at assignments and tests’ and were on the negative side. This means that they had to prove that having a second chance at assignments and tests was a bad idea.



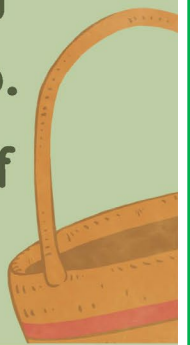
Well done to Omar 6B, Sabrina 6J, Raveena 6B, Savyo 6J and Minh 6B who participated in the second debate against Beresford Road PS and came runners up. Their topic for the debate was “All homework should be banned” and were for the negative.



## ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB PRESENTS ... **FWPS GARDEN STALL!**



Vegetables grown and collected by  
students in The Environmental Club.  
All proceeds will go to Year 6 end of  
year activities.



Where: Community Hub

When: Thursday Mornings @ 8:30 - 8:50

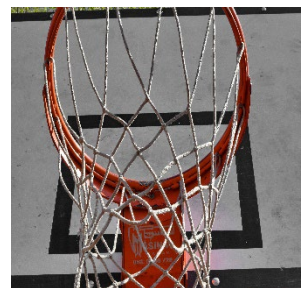
How Much: gold coin donation



# Sport News



## Horsley Zone Winter PSSA



### Fairfield West Upcoming Fixtures

Round 2 19 May	Horsley Zone Cross Country 26 May
Jnr Boys, Snr Boys & Snr Girls Football V Smithfield West @ Brenan	
Jnr Girls Football V Smithfield @ Brenan	
Jnr Mixed, Snr Boys & Snr Girls Basketball V Cecil Hills @ FWPS	
Yr 3 & Yr 5 Netball V SJP @ Endeavour Yr 4 & Yr 6 Netball V Smith West @ Endeavour	
Jnr Rugby League v Cecil Hills @ Avery Snr Rugby League v William Stimson @ Avery	

\*\*\* Winter PSSA competition games are played between 12.30pm and 2.00pm \*\*\*

### Fairfield West PSSA Results

Round 1 12 May	
Jnr Boys Football v Smithfield Lost 0-2 <b>Jnr Girls Football v Smithfield WON 3-1</b> Snr Boys Football v Smithfield Lost 0-4 Snr Girls Football v Smithfield Lost 0-3	
Jnr Mixed Basketball v Smithfield Lost 2-12 Snr Boys Basketball v Smithfield Lost 10-12 Snr Girls Basketball v Smithfield Lost 16-18	
Year 3 Netball v Smithfield Lost 0-1 <b>Year 4 Netball v Smithfield WON 8-6</b> Year 5 Netball v Smithfield Lost 4-5 <b>Year 6 Netball v Smithfield WON 4-1</b>	
Jnr Rugby League v GPK Lost 14-22 <b>Snr Rugby League v Cecil Hills WON 40-0</b>	

### Representative Sport News

#### Fairfield West Representatives competing at Horsley Zone Championships

Horsley Zone Cross Country Championships 26/5/23

#### Horsley Zone Representative Teams competing at SSW Championships

Netball SSW Championships 22/5/23



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.



# Kindergarten Transition Program

FAIRFIELD WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL



## KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM

For all children starting Kindergarten in 2024

Every Tuesday starting 8 August 2023

Time: 9.30am - 11.00am

During our transition program, children will participate in play and learning activities to prepare them for Kindergarten and a successful start to school. These activities will include singing, story time, craft and play. Your child will have the opportunity to develop friendships and strong, positive relationships with peers and teachers from Fairfield West PS.

Each week children are asked to bring to school a small bag containing a water bottle and a small snack.

Please register by contacting the office (02) 9604 5568



# 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

## COFFEE



## CHAT



Thursdays 2pm

## TUNING INTO KIDS

Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am  
Starting 3 May. Refer to flyer  
below for further information.

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



## TUNING INTO KIDS

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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

### Where

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

### When

Wednesdays 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 May  
9:30am–11:30am

### To register

Contact Dima on  
0420-703-725

Or register via the website:

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



Communities for Children  
Fairfield

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## ضبط سن الطفولة الاهل والذكاء العاطفي



برنامج للأهل مؤلف من خمس  
محاضرات ( للناطقين باللغة العربية )  
وتتراوح أعمار أطفالهم من السنتين  
لغاية العشر سنوات

### هل ترغب بتعلم كيفية

- فهم أفضل لابنك \ لابنتك .
- مساعدة ابنك \ ابنتك تعلم كيفية ادارة .
- مشاعرهم
- مساعدة ابنك \ ابنتك تجنب مشاكل .
- السلوك
- تعليم ابنك \ ابنتك كيفية ادارة .
- الصراعات

يظهر لك برنامج ضبط سن الطفولة كيفية مساعدة ابنك \ ابنتك لتطوير  
ذكاءهم العاطفي والاولاد الذين لديهم مستوى اعلى من الذكاء العاطفي  
سوف:



- يكونون ناجحين اكثر بالمحافظة على اصدقائهم .
- يكون لديهم تركيز افضل بالمدرسة .
- يكون لديهم قدرة اكبر على التهدئة في حال الغضب .
- يكون لديهم معدل اقل للاصابة بالامراض عند الطفولة .

### المكان:

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

### الزمان:

Wednesdays 10, 17, 24, 31 May  
9:30am-11:30am

للتسجيل يرجى الاتصال او  
بعث رسالة لديمة على الرقم

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# Community News

## About Us

Women-centered, trauma-informed, holistic and preventative women's health services to improve health and wellbeing of women in the community.

Funded by South West Sydney Local Health District. Jointly auspiced by Bankstown and Liverpool Women's Health Centres.



## Our Services

Client Intake & Referral

Dietitian

Generalist Counselling

Generalist Casework

Health Education

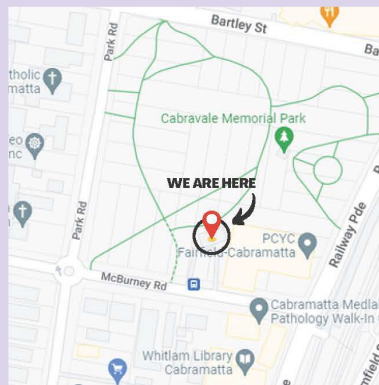
Health & Wellbeing Group Activities

Outreach services  
(various location)

Legal Aid NSW Service \*  
(every second Monday.  
Bookings are required)

## Our Location

Inside Arthur West Memorial Hall  
(behind PCYC Fairfield Cabramatta)  
McBurney Road, Cabramatta 2166



## Contact Us

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@health.nsw.gov.au

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follow our latest  
updates on  
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Fairfield  
**Women's**  
health service

## SERVICE INFORMATION & GROUP PROGRAM TERM 2/2023

**A safe space for women in  
the community**

Providing FREE health and wellbeing services to women living in the Fairfield areas, particularly:

- Culturally and linguistically diverse
- Refugee and
- Newly arrived

## Opening Hours

Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 5:00pm  
(Closed between 1:00pm - 2:00pm)

## Contact Us

Phone : (02) 9794 0150

Email :

SWSLHD-FairfieldWomensHealthService  
@health.nsw.gov.au

# Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

**Give your child the best start to life through an enriched home & community learning environment.**

Children that are eligible and registered for the program will receive a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book in the mail each month from birth to age five.

To enrol, scan the QR code or visit the link:  
[www.imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/](http://www.imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/)

You can also drop into your local library and enquire if the program is available to you.



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# Celebrating Families Week

## Picnic At Deerbush Park

Free  
Event  
Snacks  
Provided

Event for families  
with children  
0-5 yrs



**Monday, 29th May 2023**

**Fairfield Showground**

**443 Smithfield Rd**

**Prairiewood NSW 2176**

**9:30am - 12:00noon**

**info@parkscommunity.org.au**

**02 96097400**

**Must  
Register**

Brought to you by the Fairfield Family  
Events Working Group - Fairfield City  
Council, Parks Community Network,  
STARTTS, EACH, Woodville Alliance,  
The Smith Family, Karitane, Uniting,  
Community First Step

Activities  
include fun  
games,  
playground,  
music, dance  
and snacks



**OAKDENE KITCHEN**

*"Feed the people, stay alive"*

## COMMENCING TUESDAY 2ND OF MAY

Oakdene Kitchen offers hot, nutritious meals to people in need.

Tuesday and Thursday  
12:00PM - 2:00PM.



9/2 Dale Street, Fairfield  
[kitchen@oakdenehouse.org.au](mailto:kitchen@oakdenehouse.org.au)  
[www.oakdenehouse.org.au](http://www.oakdenehouse.org.au)



# 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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