



SCHOOL RULES

Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be a Good Learner



Term 2 - Week 10 - Friday 30 June 2023

WHAT'S ON

Friday 30 June	Last Day of Term 2
Tuesday 18 July	First Day Term 3 for students
Thursday 27 July	OC Placement Test
Monday 31 July- Friday 4 August	Education Week



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News from the Principal – Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and carers

Here we are in week 10 Term 2 and the halfway point of the 2023 school year! This term has been so full of powerful learning opportunities for the students; in school, on excursions/incursions, in sporting events and engaging in various DoE competitions. It is wonderful to see how the students at FWPS are provided with a variety of opportunities which they embrace as part of their educational journey. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting your child in their educational pursuits this term.

Happy Eid al Adha to all who celebrate!



School Holidays

Today is the last day of Term 2 and there are two weeks of school holidays. I hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing all the students return to school on **Tuesday 18 July 2023**.

Interviews

Thanks to all the parents/caregivers who engaged in interviews this week. I understand this process was different to previous years but any shared conversation about a student and their learning is beneficial.

Staff changes

Congratulations and farewell to Ms Colless and Ms Hormis who both received a Service Transfer and will be leaving Fairfield West Public School today. Ms Colless has worked at the school since 2011 and Ms Hormis since 2013. Thanks for all your hard work at FWPS and we will miss you.

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.

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***

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 The Future School Leader conference, School Leadership Institute – Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction

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



Genelle Goldfinch

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

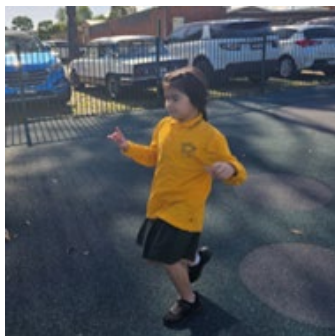
Class Report - K/6C



A multi-faceted person is curious, creative, flexible, and open to learning and new experiences.



K6C appreciate this learning, enjoy coming to school and are happy to help their mind and body grow.



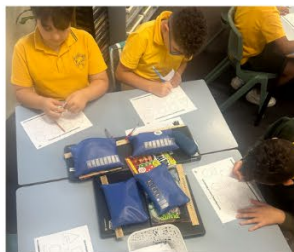
Outside time provides that fresh air which is great for our sensory development, and it makes us smile. Our class is lucky to be in such a well-resourced school!

Class Report ~ 4K



Class Report 4K

4K have had a great term, full of fun and engaging learning experiences. This term we have learnt a range of comprehension strategies such as summarising, predicting and questioning. In mathematics we have worked on our problem-solving skills and using a range of strategies to add, subtract, divide and multiply. We have also enjoyed participating in science rotations.



Student news – Spelling Bee

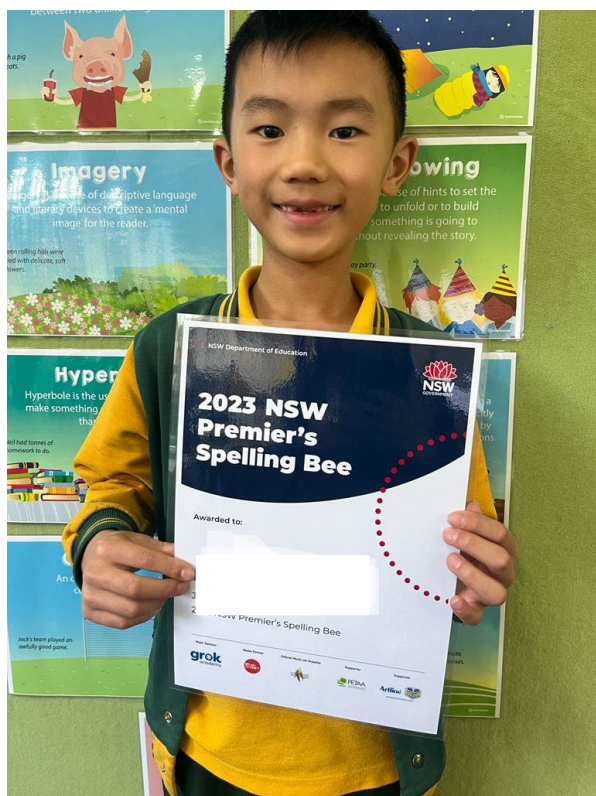
NSW Premier's Spelling Bee



The Fairfield West PS junior and senior spelling bee competitions were held in Week 9. Students in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 competed in the junior competition, with participants being challenged to spell words such as 'employee', 'fissure' and 'rhubarb'. Congratulations to Daniel Chea in 3M who won the junior spelling bee by correctly spelling the word 'convulsive'.

Students in Year 5 and Year 6 competed in the senior competition and had to think carefully to spell words such as 'culminate', 'simultaneous' and 'pheasant'. Congratulations to Vincent Huynh in 5S who won the senior spelling bee by correctly spelling the word 'apprehensive'.

Well done to all students who participated!



Student news ~ Debating

NSW Premier's Debating Challenge: Round Three



Over the past two weeks, the FWPS debating teams competed in the third round of the NSW Premier's Debating Challenge.

In Week 9, the FWPS Pow Wows debated against Smithfield PS. The topic was that primary schoolers holding a birthday party should have to invite their entire class. The FWPS Pow Wows were the negative team and gave many great reasons and rebuttals. Congratulations to the Pow Wows on winning their debate!

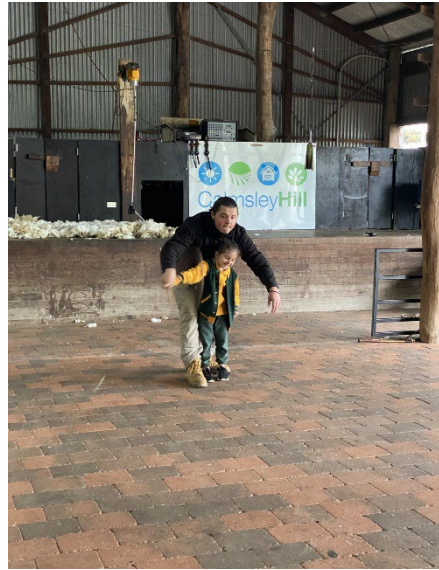
In Week 10, the FWPS Wranglers debated against the Widemere PS Warriors. The topic was that Years 5 and 6 students should have to cook dinner for their families one night a week and the FWPS Wranglers were the negative team. Unfortunately, the FWPS Wranglers lost their debate. Good try, Wranglers!



Student news – Kindergarten Excursion

ES1 and SU Farm Excursion

On Thursday, Kindergarten and some Support Unit students went on their very first excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm to learn about living things. Despite the cold and the rain, students had an amazing time experiencing a 'working' farm. For some students, it was their first time visiting a farm and seeing the farm animals in real life! They loved milking Maggie the cow, riding the tractor, petting the soft baby animals, and watching sheep being rounded up and shorn. Some students even cracked a whip with the help of the farmer! It was an unforgettable day for all.



Student news – Aboriginal Education

Aboriginal Cultural and Dharug Language Program

In Term 3, 4 students in years 3-6 participated in the Aboriginal Cultural and Dharug Language program at Harrington Street Public School. Students attended 3 sessions, which were run by Aunty Lynn, who is an Aboriginal Education Officer. In these interactive sessions, students learnt how to say greetings, numbers, and animals in the Dharug language, and learnt about the Aboriginal culture through stories and artefacts shared by Aunty Lynn. They also had the opportunity to engage with other students through the connection activities and enjoyed listening to stories being read in English and Dharug. It was a wonderful and informative experience for all involved.



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 @ 8:30am - 8:50am

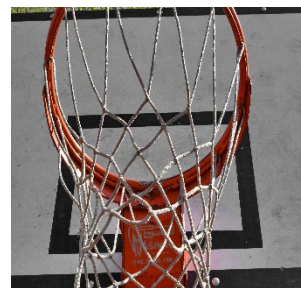
How Much: gold coin donation



Sport News



Horsley Zone Winter PSSA



Fairfield West Upcoming Fixtures

Round 7 30 June	Round 8 21 July
Jnr Boys, Jnr Girls, Snr Boys & Snr Girls Football V William Stimson @ King Park	Jnr Boys, Snr Boys & Snr Girls Football V GPK @ Allambie Jnr Girls Football BYE
Jnr Mixed, Snr Boys & Snr Girls Basketball V SJP @ SJP PS	Jnr Mixed, Snr Boys & Snr Girls Basketball V Smithfield @ Smithfield PS
Yr 3 & Yr 5 Netball V Harrington St @ Endeavour (FORFEIT) Yr 4 & Yr 6 Netball V William Stimson @ Endeavour	Yr 3 & Yr 5 Netball V King Park @ Endeavour Yr 4 & Yr 6 Netball V GPK @ Endeavour
Jnr Rugby League v Cecil Hills @ Avery Snr Rugby League v GPK @ Avery	Jnr Rugby League v Harrington St @ Avery Snr Rugby League v Cecil Hills @ Avery

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

Fairfield West PSSA Results

Round 5 16 June	Round 6 23 June WASHED OUT
Jnr Boys Football v Cecil Lost 1-6 Jnr Girls Football v Cecil Lost 0-8 Snr Boys Football v Cecil Lost 0-4 Snr Girls Football v Cecil Lost 0-3	Jnr Boys Football v Fairfield Hts Jnr Girls Football v Fairfield Hts Snr Boys Football v Fairfield Hts Snr Girls v Fairfield Hts
Jnr Mixed Basketball v Harrington Lost 0-20 Snr Boys Basketball v Harrington Lost 2-40 Snr Girls Basketball v Harrington Lost 6-14	Jnr Mixed Basketball v King Park Snr Boys Basketball v King Park Snr Girls v King Park
Year 3 Netball v William Stimson WON 8-4 Year 4 Netball v Cecil WON 8-0 Year 5 Netball v William Stimson Lost 5-14 Year 6 Netball v Cecil Lost 4-8	Year 3 Netball v GPK Year 4 Netball v Fairfield Hts Year 5 Netball v GPK Year 6 Netball v Fairfield Hts
Jnr Rugby League v William Stimson WON 18-4 Snr Rugby League v Prairievale Lost 14-28	Jnr Rugby League v GPK Snr Rugby League v Harrington St

Representative Sport News

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



Wednesday 9.00am-11.00am
Starting 8 March.



Thursday 9.00am-11.00am

COFFEE



CHAT



Thursdays 2pm

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

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





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

Scan the
QR code
to enrol



kpkids@mail.com

0455 021 060

31 Humphries Road, Wakeley
(located inside King Park Public School)

Before School Care - 6:30am to 8:30am

Session Cost: \$23.00 per child

After School Care - 3:00pm to 6:00pm

healthy afternoon tea provided

Session Cost: \$28.50 per child

Vacation Care - 7:00am to 6:00pm

*parents to provide morning tea, lunch
and afternoon tea*

Session Cost: \$40.00 early bird

\$55.00 late enrolment

CHILDCARE SUBSIDY IS AVAILABLE

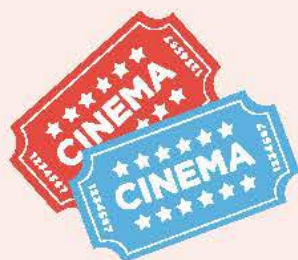
Contact us for enrolment form link and
further information

Free July 2023 School Holiday Activities Children aged 8 - 12

**5TH JULY
SCIENCE DAY**
DROP OFF 9:30 AM @
PRAIRIEWOOD YOUTH
CENTRE
PICK UP 2:15 PM



**13TH JULY
MOVIE DAY**
DROP OFF 9:30 AM @
WETHERILL PARK
STOCKLAND HOYTS
PICK UP 12:30 PM



MUST REGISTER
02 9609 7400



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Term Three, 2023:

- Bankstown PCYC - Monday - 4pm-6pm
- Prairiewood Youth and Community Centre - Tuesday - 4pm-6pm
- Liverpool PCYC - Saturday - 1pm-3pm

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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

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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