



# SCHOOL RULES

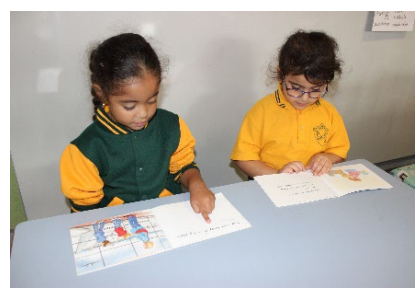
## Be Safe



## Be Respectful



## Be a Good Learner



Term 2 - Week 6 - Thursday 2 June 2023

## WHAT'S ON

Tuesday June 6	Disco fundraiser
Thursday June 8	Athletics Carnival
Thursday June 15	Aboriginal Cultural and Dharug Language program
Thursday June 22	Spelling Bee



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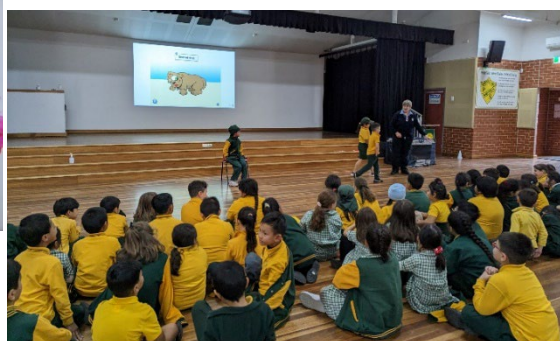


# News from the Principal - Genelle Goldfinch

Dear parents and carers

## **Kindness Day**

On Thursday 25 May students and staff participated in a Wellbeing Day with a theme of Kindness. Students participated in: Be the 'I' in kind photo booth and kindness chain; listened to Ms Goldfinch reading 'Have you filled your bucket today?' by Carol McCloud; joined in Simultaneous Storytime; engaged in team building games; created 'The Art of Kindness' posters; decorated 'kindness cookies'; and a pet safety session or AFL clinic. This was a wonderful day to remind everyone about the importance of kindness.





# News from the Principal ~ Genelle Goldfinch

## **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.

More RATs have been sent home today. If you need more, please contact the office.

## **The Tell Them From Me survey**

The Tell Them From Me student survey asks questions about factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other outcomes. It aims to help improve the learning outcomes of students. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the student point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement, and effective teaching practices. Years 4 -6 students will be participating in the survey later this term.

## **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:

- Full day Principal Network – Principal, three Deputy Principals and one Assistant Principal C&I
- Half day MultiLit – Assistant Principal and Assistant Principal CI
- Full day School Leadership Validation Panel – 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.*



# Class Report ~4V

## LEARNING IN 4V

4V have had a fantastic start to term 2! We worked hard on our speeches where we presented on various topics. We also enjoyed giving feedback to our peers.



Every week we work hard during reading groups. We love working with other students.



We completed the Bebras Challenge. We worked in a team to engage our computational thinking and problem solving skills.



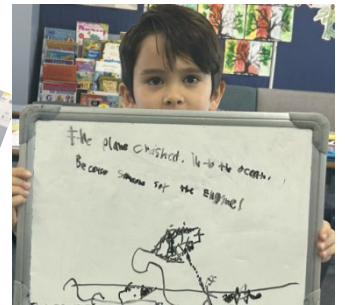
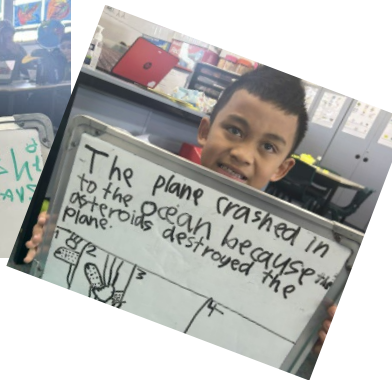
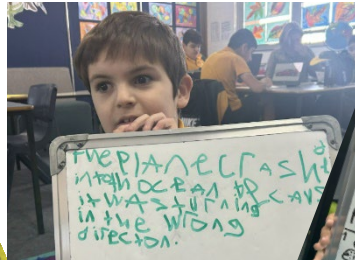
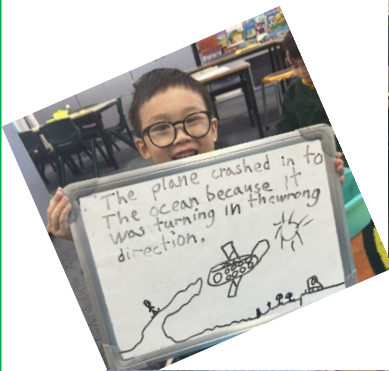
We also recently moved classrooms which was challenging but the extra space has allowed for more efficient group work!





# Class Report - K/6M

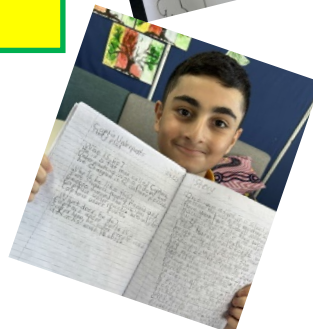
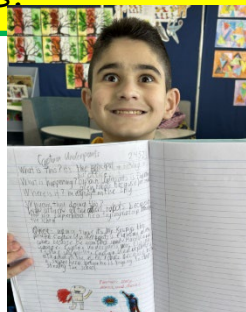
K/6M has been learning about complex sentences and the importance of selecting an appropriate conjunction.



We had an awesome time at Sydney Zoo.  
We loved the crocodile and the marine exhibit.



In maths we have been learning to solve word based problems. We are getting pretty good at it too! We have also been learning how to measure distance. In literacy we are writing imaginative texts.





# Student news

## Academic Challenge

On Tuesday 30 March, a group of Year Five students represented our school at Fairfield High School's Academic Challenge. They were lucky to have perfect weather for exploring mathematical and scientific concepts through sport. The team worked together effectively and persisted with challenging tasks. The students were awarded third place and gained points for the challenge which will continue in Terms 2 and 3.





# Student news

## Writer's festival

On Tuesday, a group of 60 students attended the Sydney Writer's Festival at Sydney Town Hall. It was a fantastic day filled with interactive talks from children authors Cristy Burne, Jordan Gould, Maryam Master, Richard Pritchard and A.F. Steadman. The day focussed on celebrating the power of stories and the importance of persevering through challenges. The authors spoke of the work involved in writing books and students were inspired by their dedication. Students left with tips and tricks to help them create their own stories. The day ended with an opportunity for students to get their books signed by the authors.



## Boccia Competition

This Tuesday, four lucky students were selected to participate in the "School Sport Unit" Boccia Tournament located at Fairfield Leisure Centre. The team competed with great spirit, winning four out of their six games on the day. We thank Miss Goldfinch for the opportunity to attend and we can't wait for our next competition that is coming up in August!

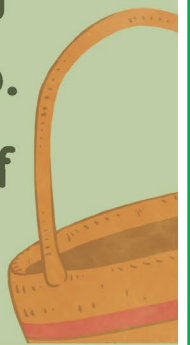




## ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB PRESENTS ... **FWPS GARDEN STALL!**



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

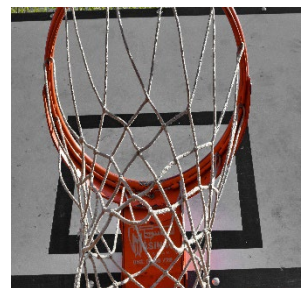




# Sport News



## Horsley Zone Winter PSSA



### Fairfield West Upcoming Fixtures

Round 3 2 June	Round 4 9 June
Jnr Boys, Jnr Girls, Snr Boys & Snr Girls Football V St Johns Pk @ St Johns Park Oval	Jnr Boys & Snr Boys v Cabra West @ Brenan Jnr Girls v Harrington St @ Brenan Snr Girls v <b>BYE</b>
Jnr Mixed, Snr Boys & Snr Girls Basketball V William Stimson @ William Stimson PS	Jnr Mixed & Snr Boys Basketball v GPK @ FWPS Snr Girls Basketball v <b>BYE</b>
Yr 3 & Yr 5 Netball V Cecil Hills @ Endeavour Yr 4 & Yr 6 Netball V SJP @ Endeavour	Yr 3 & Yr 5 Netball V Fairfield Hts @ Endeavour Yr 4 & Yr 6 Netball V Cabra West @ Endeavour
Jnr Rugby League v Harrington St @ Avery Snr Rugby League v <b>BYE</b>	Jnr Rugby League v Prairievale @ Avery Snr Rugby League v King Park @ Avery

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

### Fairfield West PSSA Results

Round 2 19 May	
Jnr Boys Football v Smithfield West Lost 0-4 <b>Jnr Girls Football v Smithfield WON 1-0</b> Snr Boys Football v Smithfield West Lost 0-5 Snr Girls Football v Smithfield West Lost 1-2	
Jnr Mixed Basketball v Cecil Hills Lost 0-8 Snr Boys Basketball v Cecil Hills Lost 4-14 <b>Snr Girls Basketball v Cecil Hills WON 16-10</b>	
Year 3 Netball v SJP Lost 1-6 <b>Year 4 Netball v Smithfield West WON 13-0</b> Year 5 Netball v SJP Lost 4-6 <b>Year 6 Netball v Smithfield West WON 10-4</b>	
<b>Jnr Rugby League v Cecil Hills WON 24-0</b> Snr Rugby League v William Stimson Lost 16-24	

### Representative Sport News

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

SSW Cross Country Championships 15/6/23

Boys Football SSW Championships 19/6/23

Girls Football SSW Championships 21/6/23

Boys Softball SSW Championships 26/6/23

SSW Rugby Union Championships 27/6/23





## 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

# Community News



## Communities & Law EXPO

Building Stronger Communities at

**TAFE NSW Wetherill Park Campus**

**14<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM**

### Event details:

Department of communities and Justice is partnering with TAFE NSW Wetherill Park to host Communities and Law EXPO for TAFE NSW students. The aim of the EXPO is to create additional engagement opportunities between TAFE NSW students and Government and Non-Government Agencies to raise awareness and knowledge of the Law System in NSW Australia.

### Organisations:

- TAFE NSW
- Government Agencies
- Local Community Services
- Much more

### Information Sessions:

- NSW Police Force
- Legal Aid NSW
- Tenant Rights

### How to get involved:

- Complete this FORM  
<https://forms.office.com/r/cGFGpDUueG>  
or
- Scan the QR Code

### Location:

- TAFE NSW Wetherill Park –  
The Horsley Dr, Wetherill Park NSW 2164  
RTO 90003.

✓ **FREE EVENT**

✓ **FREE PARKING**

✓ **ENTERTAINMENT**

✓ **REFRESHMENTS**

✓ **PRIZES TO BE WON**



Register your interest to be part of the Expo or for more information please contact:

**Nazik Yako** – TAFE NSW CALD Coordinator.

Phone: 0448 412 088

Email: [nazik.yako@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:nazik.yako@tafensw.edu.au)

**AND**

**Sam Borka** – Community Liaison Officer

At Department of Communities & Justice.

Phone: 0409 292 485

Email: [sam.borka@justice.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sam.borka@justice.nsw.gov.au)

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- ✓ how to listen & connect with your child
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EPEC Coordinator, Karitane**

## Connect with EACH



### About EACH

EACH is the NDIS Early Childhood Partner in ACT, Greater Ipswich, South West Sydney and Southern NSW. We deliver the Early Childhood Approach for children aged 0-6 years with a disability or developmental delay. We work together with parents, carers, and families to support children to have the best possible start in life.

### Session Description

Do you work with a child 0-6 years? Do you want to know more about EACH? Join us for an information session about the supports EACH can offer:

- How EACH can support families when there are concerns about a child's development
- Information about the NDIS Early Childhood Approach
- When and how to refer, and the benefits of making a referral

The Early Childhood Approach is a free service, and no diagnosis is required.

### Session Information

**Location:** Online via Zoom

**Option 1:** Morning Session

**Date:** Tuesday, 13 June 2023

**Time:** 8:00 AM – 8.45 AM (AEST)

**Option 2:** Afternoon Session

**Date:** Thursday, 15 June 2023

**Time:** 3:45 PM – 4.30 PM (AEST)

**RSVP:** Monday, 12 June 2023

*There is **no cost** to attend this session.*

Registration required via Eventbrite [Click here to register](#)

*If you would like more information, please email Stephanie Johnston  
[stephanie.johnston@each.com.au](mailto:stephanie.johnston@each.com.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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