**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers,

Another great week at Fairfield West Public School, students have settled into their classes and are actively engaged in quality lessons.

**Birthday Cakes**
The number of students in our school who are allergic to many different food products including eggs, dairy and nuts are increasing. We are asking families not to send in cakes for birthday celebrations, although the intent is positive the outcome could be very dangerous. If your child would like to acknowledge their birthday at school perhaps individual jelly cups or ice blocks in the warmer weather could be sent in. All food sent to the school for general class consumption must be via the front office. Thank you for helping us to keep our school safe.

**Front office – safety**
Once a child is at school they are in the safety of the school staff under the guidance of the principal. No person is to enter the school without first presenting to the front office, where they will sign in and take a visitor’s badge. This is required even if you are taking something forgotten in the morning to your child. Every person must report to the front office, once again thank you for helping us to keep our school safe.

**P&C Annual General Meeting**
Tuesday 26 February will be the P&C AGM, the meeting will commence at 2:15pm sharp in the staffroom. Interested members can start to gather at 2:00pm in the staffroom. We would love to see you there.

**Meet the teacher BBQ**
This Wednesday is the BBQ, please see separate note that went home today. Remember no cooking on that night!

**Water**
We have just received a huge water bill. If you are in our school and see water running unnecessarily please report it to the office. We need this valuable money for programs to educate our students, so this is important to us.

**Friendships to boost your child’s learning**
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.


Enjoy your weekend!
Genelle Goldfinch
Principal

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**6M Class Report**

The students of 6M have been discussing their thoughts, feelings and ideas about being in Year 6 and what it may mean for them this year. Below are the thoughts of some of the students.

We want to make it into the Soccer team. We want to spend time laughing with our friends. We will miss some of them next year. (Giaan & Jayden)

Year 6 is special because we set up the disco and go to camp. It is also special because it is our last year at FWPS. (Vincent, Tommy & Ramiz)

Year 6 is important because we are role models for the other students in the school. We are looking forward to middle schooling. (Martina & Ranah)

We are looking forward to middle schooling and playing with our new Kinder buddies. (Maddison & Jessica)

We are looking forward to camp, soccer, showcase and the talent quest. (Anna & Cassandra)

It is my last year at FWPS. I really like having a Kinder buddy. (Johnny)

This is our last year to be with some of our friends and then we are off to high school. (Caillin & Laressa)

We are looking forward to middle schooling and the Year 6 farewell. (Wendy, Lisa & Joey)

We are looking forward to lots of events during the year, especially the Year 6 farewell. (Alysha & Kiana)

It is my last year in primary school and I want to enjoy it. I am looking forward to our Picnic Day. (Rayanna)

I am looking forward to spending time with my friends and playing soccer. (Ronaldo)

We are looking forward to the Year 6 farewell and school camp. (Jack, Nicolas, Zac & Kyle)

We want to enjoy our last year of primary school. (Aris & Mario)
Voluntary School Contributions

At this time each year we seek voluntary school contributions to enhance Fairfield West Public School’s educational resources such as: work sheets; use of the library; iPads; computers; printers across the school and sporting programs, to mention just a few things.

These school contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter for decision by you as parents. Contributions help provide additional educational resources for the benefit of your child.

There has been a slight increase in fees this year, the first in twelve years. Due to the rising costs of resources used daily; it is $40 for one student, $60 for two students and $70 for three or more students. We have provided an envelope for your convenience which then can be returned to the front office.

Catholic Scripture

Confirmation 2013

Enrolments for the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION will be accepted at the 6.00pm Saturday mass, and all the Sunday masses in Smithfield Parish on the weekends of 2, 3 March and 9, 10 March 2013. Enrolment forms are available from the Scripture Teachers or in the Parish Churches, or phone Halina or Maureen on 9725 4317.

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction to certain foods such as nuts or shellfish or to insect bites. You must let your child’s teacher know if your child is allergic to foods or at risk of anaphylaxis.

Please do not send nuts or nut products to school in student lunches.

Please contact Mr Rangiah to update Health Care Plans for 2013.

Find out more at www.allergyfacts.org.au

Parent/Teacher BBQ

Please join us next Wednesday, 27 February as we will be holding our annual meet the teacher BBQ and information evening.

When: 27 February 2013
Time: K-2 & Support Unit 3.30 – 4.15pm
       BBQ 4.15 – 4.45pm
       Years 3 – 6 4.45 – 5.30pm

All Welcome

Care is Our Value of the Month

Students demonstrate care by showing concern for the wellbeing of themselves and others, demonstrating empathy and acting with compassion.

Kindergarten Dancing

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings Kindergarten participate in fitness. They really enjoy learning new dance steps. One of our favourites is the chicken dance.

Sport

Summer PSSA sport teams will be walking to Avery Park. Tennis will play at Brenan Park and Swimming at Fairfield Leisure Centre.

Lunch will be from 11.00am to 11.40am and recess from 1.40pm to 2.00pm.