Principal’s Message

Year 6 Expression of Interest
On Tuesday afternoon, more than 30 parents and caregivers of year 6 students attended the information session for completing the expression of interest for high school enrolment next year. The process for transition and enrolment for high school begins early in the year so that we are able to fully prepare our students for the move to high school. All year 6 students must have their application for high school enrolment returned to school by Friday, 22 March 2013.

School Values
Values Education develops core Australian attitudes and values of our society. The values taught are Care, Cooperation, Fairness, Excellence, Participation, Responsibility, Respect, Integrity and Democracy. During the year our school focuses on one value each month. The ‘Value of the Month’ will be reinforced in classes and students displaying this value in their behaviour will be recognised and acknowledged with an award at morning lines and K-6 assemblies.

Our students are also rewarded for displaying positive school citizenship and following our school rules. Students are nominated for Bronze Awards by their class teachers after displaying excellent behaviour over a period of time. They can then progress further to achieving Silver and Gold Awards. It is a pleasure to hand out these awards at our school assembly.

Easter
Hot cross buns, Easter eggs and Easter bunnies! Easter is always a special time at school with the Easter raffle being drawn on the Thursday, 28 March. To win one of the many Easter baskets, make sure you buy your raffle ticket that is selling for $1.00. The more you buy, the greater your chances of walking away with a basket full of eggs. Please feel welcome to join us on the day for our Easter Hat Parade for K-2. The time will be confirmed next week. Unfortunately, there will not be an Easter egg hunt but all students will be given an ice block if the weather is fine.

Have a great weekend!
Mr Rangiah
Deputy Principal

6A Class Report

6A have been very busy this term. As part of our assembly presentation we explored the concept of friendship. We worked hard to learn the lyrics of three different songs about friends and became professionals. Don’t forget to listen closely to the bell next week. You will hear the students of 6A singing a medley you have heard before.

Also, we thought about our buddies who we spend time with on Fridays. Some of our feelings and opinions are listed below.

My buddy reminds me of my own childhood. Chris
My buddy is cheeky. Martin
Having a buddy makes me feel happy and feel like a great role model. Jordan and Manda
I know somebody looks up to me. Angel
It is a great opportunity for our buddies to learn new things. Cecilia
The buddy system helps us share our knowledge and skills. Kelly

Future Dates

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Fairness is our Value of the Month

Students demonstrate fairness by being fair to themselves and their friends at school, home and in the community.
**Easter Hat Parade**

The Easter Hat Parade will be held for K-2 and support students on Thursday, 28 March in the school hall. Students can wear the hat that they have made in class or they can make a hat at home. Parents and caregivers are invited to watch the parade.

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**University of NSW Competitions 2013**

Once again our school will be taking part in the University of NSW Mathematics and English Competitions. This year, however, we will also be participating in the Computer Skills Competition. Students wishing to participate in the competition need to return their application form and money ($8.80 per test) no later than 5 April to the office. Application forms and money WILL NOT be accepted after this date. Please go to the office for extra forms.

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**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.

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**Sport**

Summer PSSA sport teams will be playing at Brenan 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.

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**K–6 Assembly**

Year 6 presented a wonderful assembly. It was fantastic to see how the older students have buddied up with their younger friends. The students have formed some great friendships and are inspiring the next generation of Fairfield West Public School learners.