**P R I N C I P A L ’ S  M E S S A G E**

Dear parents and caregivers

**ANZAC Day**

Tomorrow we will be having our ANZAC day ceremony at school. We invite any interested community members to join us. It will be in the Kinder Quad at 11:30am. Thank you to Ms Skelly for organising the ceremony.

**Term 2 Staff Development Days**

Due to the Australian Curriculum being phased in over the next couple of years, and the English syllabus to be implemented in 2014, there will be two Staff Development Days in term 2. This means that students will return to school on Wednesday 1 May. This is a Department of Education and Communities initiative.

**Painting**

Over the holiday period “B block” will be painted. We look forward to seeing the results on our return.

**Earn and Learn**

2012 saw many fabulous items purchased for our students from the stamps provided from the community. We would like to encourage you to send in any stamps collected so we can get great things for the students.

**Change of Teachers for 1L/G**

Ms Lowe has obtained a transfer closer to her home and will be commencing at her new school at the beginning of term 2. We are very sad to see Ms Lowe leave and we know her new school is fortunate to have such a great teacher join them.

I know you will join me also, in thanking Ms Lowe for her work with the students and in wishing her all the very best for the future.

**Managing depression**

One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don't be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.


**Thank you**

I would like to congratulate the students on their hard work during term 1; I know they have made great gains. Thank you to the teachers for your hard work and dedication to the students in our school. Thanks to the executive team and Mr Rangiah for ensuring that our school is full of energy and exciting for all stakeholders.

Our school environment is a combination of efforts from all who work here. Thank you to: the office staff for great management of all things that come your way; Mr Gary and Mr Yuri for the grounds; Ms Spurway and the canteen helpers for the yummy food and the School Uniforms; and to the Student Learning Support Officers for their valuable work.

To all, I trust you have a safe and well deserved break.

Genelle Goldfinch
Principal

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**5W/C CLASS REPORT**

This wonderful term, 5WC have been learning to play some beautiful music with Mr Post. Mr Post has taught us how to play the glockenspiel, which is an awesome German instrument. Did you know that the name “glockenspiel” is a German word meaning “bell play”? We have also learnt how to play the guitar. By Mikayla and Lena

I like music with Mr Post because he has a great voice. Ruth

Guitars are very hard to play but at the end we were amazed at how fast we learnt to play the instrument. We also enjoyed playing with the class and in front of our teacher. Fiona and Cindy

Every Thursday we are super excited to play music.

Dusan and Aldafer

We have been playing lots of fun music and learning different chords on the guitar. Anthony

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**RESPECT IS OUR VALUE OF THE MONTH**

Students demonstrate respect by having regard for themselves and others, lawful and just authority and diversity within Australian society and accepting the right of others to hold different or opposing views.

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**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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**NAPLAN**

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3 and 5 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14 to 16 May 2013.

**ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT**

The annual school report is our evaluation of the school, its teachers, students and school community during the past year. Read the report to find out statistical information about us, such as how our students have performed against national minimal standards for reading, writing and numeracy in the NAPLAN tests, and details of the learning outcomes of students drawing from our school’s internal assessment information.

The report also summarises our school’s initiatives and targets, and other educational practices, achievements and aspirations.

For a copy of our latest annual school report please visit our Webpage: [www.fairfieldw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.fairfieldw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

This year our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. This program will support our school in the purchase of valuable learning resources. When you shop at Woolworths, please keep your docket and place them in the labelled box outside the school office.

The official date from when you can shop at Woolworths and collect points for our school will be from 8 April.

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**ANZAC DAY CEREMENTY**

On Friday 12 April, we will be holding an Anzac Day Ceremony at 11.30am to which everyone is warmly invited. If any students have relatives who have served in any of the wars and wish them to be remembered please fill in the form below and return it to the office as soon as possible. If you would like to donate flowers on the day it would be greatly appreciated (please bring flowers to the meeting room on Friday morning).

Name of student: _____________________________ Class: __________________________
Name of relative: __________________________________________________________________
War time and position: __________________________________________________________________