**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers

**Regional Premier’s Spelling Bee Winner!!!!**
Fantastic news!! Our student Jessica Nguyen won the Regional Premier’s Spelling Bee Competition and will be competing at the State Competition on the 5 November at the ABC studios. We are very proud to have such a talented student and we wish her the very best for the State Finals. Thank you to Ms Fairs on her organisation of this competition for our school.

**Public Speaking Competition**
On Tuesday, Michelle Pham, Justin Fairbrother, Deana Caronna and Noah Sievier attended the Fairfield School Education Area Public Speaking Competition, congratulations to these students on reaching this level. On the day Noah Sievier has won the Stage 1 Public Speaking Competition. Noah came first out of 10 other competitors and we are very proud of him. Thanks to the teachers who accompanied the students and to Mrs Bradford for her organisation of the school competition.

**High Achievement Morning Tea**
Once again it was a pleasure to attend the High Achievement Morning Tea, which was also well attended by parents, family and friends. Thank you to Mr Rangiah for his ongoing organisation of this celebration of student achievement and to Maria Beyer and Sandra Spurway for the delicious morning tea and for setting up.

**Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates**
Many certificates were signed this week for the Assembly tomorrow. It is truly wonderful to see how many great students we have here at Fairfield West PS. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students and their families, as I will be on other Department of Education and Community business tomorrow, and will not be attending the Assembly.

**International Day – 23 October 2014**
The school is very busy with our upcoming International Day. We are really looking forward to gathering together as a learning community to celebrate. For your enjoyment prior to the concert we have also organised a coffee van and we will be selling fresh scones. We hope you can make it!

**Maintenance of Fairfield West PS**
We believe in a clean and well maintained school. To support this vision we utilise the school holidays to maintain the school and grounds. During the last holidays we had the following done: painting of the gates at the entrance of the school from Palmerston Rd; painting of the woodwork in the Kinder Quad; toilet paper dispensers placed in all student toilets and new shelving built in storerooms.

Have a great weekend.
Genelle Goldfinch - Principal

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**2R/N Class Report**

This term the students in 2R/N are excited to be learning about ‘Celebrations’. We have started our unit of work by brainstorming celebrations all over the world. Students are learning about how celebrations are a wonderful way to build happy relationships with their family, friends and people in the community. This week students got quite messy in the classroom making some fantastic firework displays with bright crayons and black paint. Fairfield West will be celebrating International Day next week to recognise the diverse, different backgrounds and cultures of students in our school. Some of the well-known exciting celebrations coming up include Halloween and Christmas. We are looking forward to celebrating many occasions in our classroom!

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**Dates For Your Calendar**

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**Participation is Our Value of the Month**

Students demonstrate participation by being proactive and productive individual and group members, and having pride in contributing to the social and economic wealth of the community and the nation.
FAMILIES TOGETHER – FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Talking with children through difficult times

Presented by Petra Will Herat

We are all careful to make sure our children are not watching violent shows on television but at the same time we are concerned about them being exposed to the harsh realities in everyday life.

Children are confronted daily with news stories about violence, war and other tragedies as well as having troubling events in their own personal lives such as divorce, parents separating or loss of a loved one, changes in family income and moving house. This seminar aims to help parents to identify signs of distress and explore strategies to support children through these times.

Date: Thursday 6 November 2014
Time: 6:45 – 8:45pm
Place: Training Room
Brian Wunsch Centre
126 Avoca Road
Wakeley

Bookings are essential call 0407 708 626 to book your place

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Date: Tuesday 21 October 2014

Parents can choose any of the available packages that have already been sent home.

Photograph orders can be made via the school canteen or online. The last day for school orders is Monday 20 October. However orders can be taken to the photographer on Tuesday or online thereafter.

All students will be photographed on the day and will receive a gift.

WINNER OF THE FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2014

Noah Sievier 2C

INTERNATIONAL DAY

Date: 23 October 2014
Place: Fairfield West School Hall
Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm concert
1:00pm – 2:00pm shared lunch

SPooky Disco

On Thursday 30 October, year 6 are holding a “Spooky” Disco to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell.

Students can dress up in spooky costumes or wear mufti clothes with closed in shoes.

DATE: Thursday 30 October
COST: $6.00
K-2 Disco 3:15 – 4:30pm
3-6 Disco 4:45 – 6:00pm

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