**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers

This is the last newsletter for 2014, what a year it has been!

**Presentation Evening**

Last night was an evening that was full of celebration for the year that was and the achievements made. I would like to thank the Presentation Evening Committee for their hard work with organising the event and thank you also to every teacher who assisted and who attended.

We are aware that with our increasing numbers that perhaps we are outgrowing the venue. The committee will be exploring other viable options for 2015.

**Student Leadership Team for 2015**

Congratulations to the following students who will be the student leadership team for 2015. The Captains are Breanna Nguyen and Brandon Puyo and Vice Captains are Christina Elishaa and Brayden Ottmann. The Councillors are: Aylin Dawood; Emilia Abarca; Michelle Pham; Jonathon Jewo; Andrew Gorges and Bryan Lu. We know they are going to be a brilliant leadership team!

**To the 2014 Year 6 Group**

We wish you all of the very best for an amazing future. We will miss you! We also wish the very best to families who will be leaving Fairfield West Public School in 2014. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Monday morning as I am on a Principal Merit Selection Panel but I am looking forward to the Year 6 Farewell in the evening.

**Students**

Two years ago when I first arrived at the school I wrote about how warm and friendly the students were. This year I acknowledge that once more. The students at FWPS are simply the best and I look forward to seeing you all back safe and healthy in 2015.

**Parents and Caregivers**

Thank you to the parents who have supported their child/ren in 2014, by supporting your child/ren you have supported the school. I would also like to thank: Jo Kebblewhite the P&C President, Maria Beyer the Vice President, Sandra Spurway, the parent helpers and the general parent community for their support of our school.

**All staff at Fairfield West PS**

There continues to be no doubt in my mind that the staff at FWPS have given more than 100% dedication to their role in 2014. I want to acknowledge each and every staff member for what they have done for the students and the school learning community. You are the best staff that a principal could hope for.

**Executive**

A very special thank you to Mr Rangiah the Deputy Principal for assisting me in leading and managing FWPS, his unwavering support is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the Assistant Principals: Mrs Turnbull; Ms Funnel; Mr Prasad; Mrs Lakisoe-Mapuna; Mr Ottmann and Ms Lazos. You have been dedicated and focused leaders and created many wonderful experiences for students, parents and staff.

I wish the Fairfield West School Community a safe and enjoyable holiday and a happy and prosperous New Year.

To those who celebrate, I wish you a very merry Christmas full of love and light!

Until 2015

Genelle Goldfinch

Principal

**KS Class Report**

During Term 4, KS students have been learning about places that are special to them both at home and at school. The students have learnt and discussed the purpose and importance of each area in their respective houses. Students decided in pairs to focus on the kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, garage and backyard. Starting with a tissue box, students used recycled materials to build such things as a car, pool, swing, stove, various pieces of furniture, lights, doors and even a chimney! Throughout the experience, students problem solved, built new friendships and displayed their personal creative ability when manipulating a range of materials. KS students are to be commended on showing a great commitment to and ownership of their learning during this set task.
Last week the students of 3I and 4J finalised their SOLE project of enhancing our school environment with the addition of a tyre garden in area 4 and the back oval. Students painted tyres and researched suitable plants to add to their garden.

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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.

WILL YOUR CHILD BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL AT THE END OF TERM 4?

The last day of school is Wednesday 17 December. If you know your child will not be at school at the end of term but will return for the 2015 school year, please write a note to the class teacher stating the date/s of absence and reason. An ‘Application for Exemption from Attendance’ (available from the office) MUST be submitted if your child is going to be absent for 15 or more SCHOOL days.

Is your child leaving Fairfield West Public School?

In order to plan our classes for next year, it is vital we know the number of students who will be enrolled at our school in 2015. Please inform the office if your child is not returning to Fairfield West Public School next year or will be returning after 28 January, 2015.

NOTICE OF STUDENT LEAVING

(Please give to office)

My child ____________________________ of class __________________ will not be returning to Fairfield West Public School next year. Their last day will be ________________. The school they will attend next year is ____________________________.

NOTICE OF STUDENT RETURNING AFTER 28 JANUARY 2015

(Please give to office)

My child ____________________________ of class __________________ will be returning to Fairfield West Public School next year but will return after Wednesday 28 January due to ____________________________. They will return on ____________________________.

(reason) (date)