**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers,

This is the second last newsletter of 2014…time flies when you’re having fun!

**Thank you Morning Tea**

Next Tuesday at recess we will be having a Morning Tea to thank those who volunteer at our school. If you haven’t already received an invitation but have assisted us in some way through the year, we would love if you would join us at 11:10am in the staffroom.

**P&C Thank You**

I would like to thank Jo Kebblewhite and the P&C committee for their ongoing support throughout 2014. It is greatly appreciated personally, by all staff members and the students have benefitted and enjoyed your organised activities. Thank you for your time and efforts.

**Reports**

Reports will be going out on Thursday 11 December. I have enjoyed reading the reports. Congratulations to all students for their achievements and thank you to each person who supported a student at our school in their educational journey.

**Presentation Evening 10 December 2014**

Invitations for presentation evening will be sent out tomorrow afternoon.

**Year 6 Farewell**

Many congratulations to the year 6 students and teachers who have put so much time and effort into fundraising so that all students from year 6 will be able to attend the Farewell without charge. We look forward to a wonderful evening.

**Family Law Matters**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that some families will be subject to family breakdown. In the absence of any notification to the contrary, it will be assumed that both parents retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and will be involved in making any decisions regarding their children’s education. This means the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school. If any changes occur in your family situation which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, you are required to advise the school immediately. This includes providing copies of any court orders that may be obtained. In the absence of any notification to the contrary (such as a court order), it will be assumed that both parents retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children.

Have a great weekend!

Genelle Goldfinch
Principal

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**KC and KF Class Report**

KC and KF have been discussing places that are familiar to them as part of their HSIE unit this term. To demonstrate their learning, students were asked to build a model home. They brainstormed ten different rooms/areas commonly found in homes and split into small groups to design plans for each area. Each group built one room using recycled materials donated by their parents (thanks, parents). Creative ideas were buzzing about and students demonstrated exceptional teamwork skills to get their projects completed. We were also lucky enough to have a few spare hands to help out thanks to the girls at Mary MacKillop College. The results were terrific and students enjoyed the activity so much that it looks like there may be a few future builders and interior designers here at FWPS!
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.

Author Talk and Workshop
On Tuesday 2 December, 19 lucky students went to Cabramatta library for the Sydney Writers’ Festival library road show. There we spent four hours with famous authors and illustrators such as Jackie French, Tony Flowers and Sarah Davis.

The first person we met was Jackie French, a world renowned author who has published 140 books! She talked about her life, how to become skilled book hunters and inspired us to never give up on our dreams. After the author talk, we had a recess break and many of the 19 children bought books, which were later signed by the authors and illustrators. Tony Flowers and Sarah Davis conducted an awesome workshop where they taught us the secrets to being a great illustrator, like how to draw cool characters from stick men!

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, especially when Tony Flowers drew a Tyrannosaurus Rex doing many tricks for a piece of pizza. Thank you Mrs De Horta for organising this amazing experience.

By Brandon Puyo (5T) and Jessica Nguyen (3/4E)

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)