**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers

**Horsley Zone Swimming Carnival**

Some great results from the Swimming Carnival on Tuesday; out of 16 schools Fairfield West’s small swimming squad finished 7th. Mr Rangiah and I saw some terrific races when we popped over to see the squad in action. Great work to Mr Ottmann and Ms Issac for their organisation; and great work to the brilliant swimmers!!! A full report will be in next week’s newsletter.

Socially acceptable behaviour on the school grounds

We are so excited to have parents and caregivers engage in school activities and to feel comfortable with being on the Fairfield West Public School grounds. At this time of year it is good to refresh the socially acceptable rules of the being on school property.

Language: Appropriate language must be used at all times, swearing is not acceptable.

Treatment of staff: Courteous interaction is encouraged at all times; staff members are to be approached in an appropriate manner at an appropriate time.

Treatment of children: All issues must be dealt with by school staff; no person is to approach another student on school grounds. If there is an issue a teacher must be notified and will deal with it.

Staff car park: This is only for staff. Students with special needs are permitted to be dropped off on the ball courts. Parents and caregivers are placing children and staff at risk of harm when they enter the car park.

Canteen: We are very proud of the smooth operation of our school canteen due to the hard work of the people in the canteen. We also encourage and insist on socially acceptable behaviour be extended to the people who work in the canteen. If from time to time a lunch goes astray we can work through problems in a courteous manner.

Thank you for assisting to keep our school a great place to be for the students, staff and community.

**2014 homework planner**

The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk.


Have a great weekend!

Genelle Goldfinch - Principal

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**Fair Discipline Code**

During the next few weeks we will be informing you about our Fair Discipline Code.

This week, we will look at student rights and responsibilities.

Our school rules are:

- **Be Safe**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be a Good Learner**

**Student Rights**

- To have physical and emotional safety and protection.
- To have access to materials and resources.
- To understand how school learning will help them live now and as adults.
- To receive competent teaching.
- To receive teacher assistance.
- To enjoy learning.
- To be treated with dignity.
- To receive fair treatment.
- To be heard and able to express opinions.
- To know acceptable behaviour and the consequences of unacceptable behaviour.

**Student Responsibilities**

- To be co-operative and considerate to others.
- To share and take care of school equipment.
- To communicate and discuss their concerns.
- To listen to others and value their opinions.
- To treat others as worthwhile individuals.
- To be accountable for one’s actions.
- Above all we expect children to strive to accomplish their best effort in the classroom, playground and on the sports field.

Please take the time to talk to you child about their rights and responsibilities at Fairfield West Public School.

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**Fairness is our Value of the Month**

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

The school contribution is $40 for one student, $60 for two students and $70 for three or more students.

Please ensure that all payments are enclosed in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and class. These payments can be placed in the money box near the office entrance.

**School Notice Board**

Does your child enjoy drawing and craft at home? I would love to display their creations on our school notice boards.

Please give me their work samples and I will put them up.

Ms Ingram

**Catholic Scripture Confirmation 2014**

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be accepted at the 6.00pm Saturday Mass, and all the Sunday Masses in Smithfield Parish on the weekend of the 8, 9 March, 2014. Enrolment forms are available from the Scripture Teachers or in the Parish Churches, or alternatively phone Halina or Maureen on 9725 4317.

**Sport**

Summer PSSA sport teams will be playing at Avery Park this Friday. Tennis will play at Brenan Park and Swimming at Fairfield Leisure Centre.

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**K-2 Parramatta Backyard League Program**

Over the last two weeks Parramatta rugby league development officers have visited K to 2 classrooms as part of their backyard league program. During their time with the classes they read a story to the children and followed this up with rugby league related activities. Tomorrow is their final visit however they will be back later in the term to run coaching clinics with years 3 to 6.

**Kindergarten Parent Session**

On Wednesday 12 March at 9.00am there will be a Kindergarten parent session in KS. Kindergarten parents will receive their child’s Best Start report as well as information about how to read the report and help their child at home. We look forward to seeing our Kindergarten parents there!

Ms Mah Chut  
Assistant Principal

**Dates for Your Calendar**

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