**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers

**Social Skills Reports**
In week 11 of this term every child will receive a Social Skills Report. This report provides you with information on your child’s social development and work habits during the first term of the school year. Working well with teachers and other students is important for effective learning during the year. Students need to develop positive work habits at school and at home. The reports also provide an opportunity for students to reflect on their behaviours and application to their work. I look forward to reading every child’s report.

**Harmony Day**
On Thursday 20 March we will be celebrating Harmony Day. This is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. Students are encouraged to wear something orange on this day.

**NAPLAN**
The NAPLAN tests will be conducted over three days from 13-15 May 2014. For students in years 3 and 5, there are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar). Test dates are below.

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Next week every year 3 and year 5 student will receive an Information Brochure about the test. Please contact the school if you do not receive this. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions, or who has recently arrived in Australia and is from a non-English speaking background.

Have a great weekend.

Genelle Goldfinch
Principal

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**2014 Horsley Zone Swimming Carnival Report**

Last Tuesday 4 March 16 students from FWPS competed at the Horsley Zone Swimming Carnival. The students performed very well on the day and their efforts saw FWPS finish 7th out of the 16 schools competing. Making this result even more meritorious was the fact that FWPS had only 5 junior swimmers (students aged 8, 9, 10) competing across a variety of events.

There were some fantastic achievements on the day which has seen 6 of our students make the Horsley Zone team who will compete at the Sydney South West Carnival held at Bradbury on Tuesday 18 March.

Tara-Jade Ottmann won the 8yrs 50m Freestyle, Zahra Mirza came 2nd in the 11yrs Backstroke, Ryan Mao came 3rd in the 11yrs Butterfly, while Brayden Ottmann came 2nd in the 11yrs 50m Freestyle and equal 2nd in the 11yrs Backstroke. The Senior Boys team made up of Brayden, Ryan, Lloyd Herwig and Jaiden Li finished 3rd in the Freestyle Relay and will also attend the SSW Carnival.

Other notable performances included Alissa Crawford finishing 4th in the Senior Butterfly, Claudia Caronna finishing 5th in the 11yrs Breaststroke, Ryan Mao finishing 5th in the 11yrs 50m Freestyle and Jaiden Li finishing 4th in the Freestyle Relay and 5th in the 11yrs Butterfly.

I would like to thank the friends and family of our FWPS students who attended the carnival on the day and supported our students. We wish our 6 Horsley Zone representatives all the best for next week and hope that they can contribute to Horsley having a very successful carnival.

Mr Ottmann
Sport Coordinator
**FAIR DISCIPLINE CODE**

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

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

Our school rules are:

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

**Parent Rights**

- To participate in their children’s education.
- To participate in decision making.
- To expect consistent approaches by teachers.
- To expect non-discriminatory practices.

**Parent Responsibilities**

- To make time to be involved.
- To ask for information when needed.
- To be open and willing to listen.
- To be willing to find workable solutions.

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

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**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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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.

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**SPORT**

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

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**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.

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**KINDERGARTEN BEST START PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

Yesterday our Kindergarten parents had an opportunity to attend the Kindergarten Best Start Information Session. Megan Burgess, our Best Start consultant, spoke to parents about how to interpret the Best Start reports. She also provided practical ideas for helping children at home with playing cards, dice, shopping catalogues and more. Thank you to those who attended. Our Community Liaison Officers and classroom teachers are available for further assistance with interpreting the reports if needed.

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