PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear parents and caregivers

Easter Hat Parade and Easter Disco
You are invited to attend this year’s Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 9 April 2014, from 9:45am to 11:00am. Please help your child make a hat at home for this event. The Easter Bunny will make a surprise visit during festivities. More details about the parade will be in next week’s newsletter.

The Easter Disco will commence at 3:30pm – 4:30pm for the K-2 students. From 4:45pm to 6:00pm will be the disco for 3-6 students. The disco is a fundraiser for year 6 and a separate note will follow soon.

School finishing time is 3:00pm
If you can’t pick your child up at 3:00pm on the odd occasion please contact the front office so we can reassure your child and let them know you are on your way. There is an issue however, if your child is consistently being picked up late. This infers that you are unable to meet requirements and after school care arrangements will need to be made.

Door to the office
The door to the office via Palmerston Road also known as the Cumberland Highway has had a security pad installed, for Work, Health and Safety purposes. Entrance to the front office needs to be made through the Kinder quad, although you are welcome to exit via the doork to Palmerston Road.

School Attendance
Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education? By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible. If your child arrives at school late, they must go to the office for a late pass. If they need to leave early, an adult will need to go to the office to sign the child out. If you’re having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child’s teacher or me. For your obligations under the school attendance guidelines, please go to:

Library Help Wanted
Parents, grandparents and family members we need your help.
If you have some time to spare and enjoy making a positive difference to the students of FWPS, Mrs De Horta would love to hear from you!

Throughout the year our teacher librarian will be buying many new books for our students to enjoy and we need some volunteers to help cover them. Feel free to drop by the library before or after school any day and let Mrs De Horta know that you are available to lend a hand.

Enjoy your weekend.
Genelle Goldfinch
Principal

6W CLASS REPORT

Students in 6W are 21st Century Learners. We are part of the SOLE project. SOLE means Self-Organised Learning Environment. This project helps us to engage our curiosity, creativity and critical thinking through inquiry and discovery.

In Term 1 we have organised our own learning groups and used the iPads and new class notebooks to research and answer questions like- Can you kill a goat by staring at it? How do our eyes know when we are sad? And, Do boys think differently than girls?

We have learned many new skills about research, discussion, sharing and that creating new knowledge is fun and challenging.

“SOLE is fun because we get to work with others and use the iPad.” Alex

“SOLE helps us to work cooperatively and to boost our skills for high school.” Mikayla

“I like SOLE because I am engaged in learning. It stretches my brain and we get to work in groups.” Anthony

“SOLE is challenging because SOLE questions are not everyday questions.” Noor
**RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION**

Last week our K-2 students were visited by Lesley and Nikki, with their dog Halo, from Responsible Pet Education. The students learnt how to stand if a dog approached them, as well as how to approach a new dog. Our students were well behaved and enjoyed the informative sessions.

Ms V. Mah Chut

**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.

**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.

**FAIR DISCIPLINE CODE**

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

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

Our school rules are:

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

**Teachers Rights**

- To be treated with courtesy.
- To respond to disruptive behaviour.
- To feel emotionally and physically secure in the classroom.
- To receive support from the school administration and colleagues.
- To contribute to school policy.

**Teachers Responsibilities**

- To be competent.
- To provide an environment that is friendly, supportive and positive.
- To assist students who need help.
- To model good behaviour.
- To protect students from harm.
- To listen to students and be fair.
- To support colleagues.

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

**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.

Ms V. Mah Chut