PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Dear parents and caregivers

A reminder that:
LAST DAY OF TERM 1: Friday 11 April 2014
STAFF FIRST DAY OF TERM 2: Monday 28 April 2014
STUDENT FIRST DAY OF TERM 2: Tuesday 29 April 2014

Easter Egg Raffle – 9:00am Wednesday 9 April
On Wednesday 9 April we will be having the Easter Egg Raffle in the Kindergarten Quad at 9:00am, parents are welcome to attend. A separate note with the raffle tickets has been sent home to the youngest child in each family.

Education Week 2014
Monday 28 July – Friday 1 August
Education Week showcases the achievements of our inspirational teachers, staff, students, Parents & Citizens Association and community members. On Thursday 31 July we will showcase our excellence by inviting parents into the classroom and then sharing a whole school morning tea. Keep this date free!

Uniform Shop – located at the canteen
School uniforms are purchased from the uniform shop which is part of the school canteen. As the school has a Uniform Policy it is expected that students attend in full school uniform daily. This includes shirts with our school logo. Thank you for keeping our students looking great in their school uniform.

ANZAC Ceremony
You are invited to attend this year’s ANZAC Ceremony on Friday 11 April at 12:10pm, in the Kindergarten Quad.

Promotion for Mrs Khan
Mrs Khan has received a promotion to Assistant Principal at Westmead Public School, which she will commence at the beginning of term 2. We are very sad to see Mrs Khan leave and we know her new school is fortunate to have such a great teacher and leader join them. The new teacher for KK will be appointed by the end of the term through a Graduate Pool Merit Selection, who will then join us as a permanent teacher at Fairfield West Public School. We will ensure a strong handover from Mrs Khan to the new teacher once they are appointed. I know you will join me also, in thanking Mrs Khan for her work with the students and in wishing her all the very best for the future.

Have a good weekend…two weeks until the holidays.
Genelle Goldfinch
Principal

6R CLASS REPORT
6R have been very busy this term. As part of our grade assembly presentation we explored different natural disasters. We worked hard to learn the lyrics of a popular song that we altered to match our Natural Disasters unit. Don’t forget to listen closely to the bell next week. You will hear the students of Team Year 6 singing their version of the song. Also, a representative from the CSIRO came out to Fairfield West Public School to visit us. We were involved in different experiments and completed different problem solving activities. Below are some photographs that show our hands on learning activities.

We made vibrations by shaking the rope. Alex
It felt like an earthquake. Chris

We thought about a tsunami in shallow and deep water. Joshua
We recorded the time taken for a ball to sink in different levels of thickness in liquid. Najma

We tested the vibrations of an earthquake. Johnson
We observed different chemicals mixed together to make a volcano erupt. 6R

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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Dancing, Chocolate, Fun and Music!

On Wednesday 9 April, year 6 are holding an Easter Disco to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell.

The K-2 disco will run from 3:15pm - 4:30pm.

The 3-6 disco will run from 4:45pm – 6:00pm.

The cost of the disco is $6.00 and includes a packet of chips and a drink. The students can bring money to purchase lollies, glow sticks and have their hair sprayed. There will also be dancing, games and prizes. Students can dress up in Easter costumes or wear mufti clothes with closed shoes.

The disco will be supervised by teachers and will take place in the school hall. Students require a ticket to attend the disco and will need to be picked up from the school hall after the disco.

Come along and help support our Year 6 fundraiser.

KidStaales Easter Competition

The students in 1VP have entered an Easter competition at Stockland Wetherill Park. They have created an Easter Bunny Tree using 80 foam eggs. Their sculpture will be showcased at Stockland Wetherill Park from Wednesday 26 March until Sunday 27 April 2014. Family, friends and shoppers can vote for the display and help our school to win a share in over $5000 worth of books from Penguin, Puffin and DK books.

Register your details at the Customer Care Centre to be eligible to vote. For every $1 that you spend in the centre (when making a minimum purchase of $10) you will be able to allocate 1 vote to the school display. Well done to Ms Ingram, Ms Perkins and 1VP for a great sculpture and thank you in advance for supporting our school.

Ms Vanessa Mah Chut

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.

Catholic Scripture

Enrolments for the Sacrament (Confession) will be accepted at the 6.00pm Saturday Mass and all the Sunday Masses in Smithfield Parish on the weekends of 3/4 and 10/11 May 2014. Enrolment forms are available from the Scripture Teachers, from the Parish Churches, or by phoning Maureen or Halina on 9725 4317.

Fair Discipline Code

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

This week, we will look at positive behaviour.

Our school rules are:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be a Good Learner

Positive Behaviour

Students who follow the school rules should be regularly recognised and acknowledged through the school’s Merit Award system.

Students must achieve:

- 3 merit awards to be eligible for Bronze
- 5 merit awards to be eligible for Silver
- 8 merit awards to be eligible for Gold

Each student, with the help of the class teacher, works towards achieving the set criteria in order to be promoted. When the teacher believes that the student has met all of the indicators for a particular level then the student is eligible for promotion.

- PSSA and Sports teachers may award a maximum of 1 Sport award per team, per week. One Sport award per term can count towards the Bronze, Silver and Gold award.
- Community Language teachers will award 1 merit certificate per grade per week.

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

Edensor Park Bright Stars

Because we are an accredited service, Catholic Benefits EOB-400 can be claimed. We are skilled in 3 age specific age groups with 12 years of experience in early childhood education.

- Early childhood group (children aged 0 – 5 years)
- Before and After School & Vacation Care
- Nutrition meals and snacks provided

Operating hours:
Monday to Friday 7:30am to 6pm
Children aged 0-5 years

For more information contact Maureen or Halina on 9725 4317.