**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers

A busy week at Fairfield West Public School, outlined below are some of the highlights.

**Triple P Parenting Workshop**

It was fabulous to see the parents in the hall on Monday for the introduction to the Triple P Parenting Course. This course was presented in Vietnamese and Arabic. The school was provided with some handouts and a point will be included in each week’s newsletter starting next week. Thanks to Mr Rohan and Ms Lai for organising this great workshop.

**Regional Dance Festival**

Our talented dance troupe performed yesterday and last night at the Regional Dance Festival. They were of course fantastic. We look forward to seeing them perform on International Day. Well done to the troupe and Ms Joffrin for all her work.

**Premier’s Debating**

This morning, four students from 5/6P competed against Smithfield Public School in the second round of the Premier’s Debating Challenge. Atu Pamaka, Jennifer Tieu, Andrew Gorges and Jessy Le were given the debating topic ‘That parents should ban their children from all social networking sites’. Fairfield West students were on the affirmative team, and presented arguments surrounding cyber-bullying and anti-social behaviours that social media sites can often encourage. The debate was very close; however Smithfield won in the end. Good luck in the next round Fairfield West!

**Calmsley City Farm**

It was a bit disappointing that the rain came in for the excursion but it certainly didn’t dampen the spirits of the Kindergarten students or teachers. I touched base with Mrs Turnbull throughout today to see how our Kindergartens were doing on their excursion. They were having a wonderful time and were so excited to see the animals. Next week we will outline more details about the event and of course the feedback was that the students were so well behaved.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Just a reminder to please return Parent Teacher Interview forms if you haven’t already. We encourage you to make the most of this opportunity to meet with your child’s teachers.

Have a great weekend!

Ms Goldfinch - Principal

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**Horsley Zone Cross Country Report 2014**

On Friday 30 May Fairfield West took 46 students to the Horsley Zone Cross Country Carnival held at Brenan Park, Smithfield. Upon arrival the students walked the track with the 8, 9 and 10 year olds having to run 2km, with the 11 and 12 year olds having to run 3km.

The students tried hard and did their best on the day, and there was some success in terms of having our students earning a spot on the Horsley Zone team that will attend the SSW Regional Carnival on Thursday 12 June. Brandon Okeke was the exceptional performer from FWPS on the day finishing 8th in the 11 year old event, and he will attend the SSW Carnival. Whilst, Deana Caronna came 10th in the 10 year old race, and is 2nd reserve at this point in time.

FWPS did have a lot of students finishing in the top 20, which was a great result considering there were approximately 100 students in every race.

See below for our top 20 place-getters:

Andrew Nesan 16th / Yasmin Li 16th / Tara-Jade Ottmann 17th / Angelina Koborsi 19th 8/9 yr olds
Deana Caronna 10th / Anita Chun 17th / Teagan Beattie 20th 10 yr olds
Brandon Okeke 8th / Jaiden Li 11th / Brayden Ottmann 18th 11 yr olds
Claudia Caronna 15th 11 yr olds
Albert Khoshaba 20th 12/13 yr olds
Tien Nguyen 20th 12/13 yr olds

Big thanks go to all the parents and family members who supported the students on the day. We wish Brandon (and Deana if she gets the opportunity) all the best at the upcoming SSW Regional Carnival.

Mr Ottmann
Sport Coordinator
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**YEAR 2 WESTFIELDS VISITS**

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