**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers

**Maths Fun Day**
A really fantastic day where children were deeply engaged in fun activities that were educational and in many cases involved team work. I managed to visit most classrooms, the computer lab and the playground where mathematical concepts were being covered. Some of the exciting activities included: the price is right; hanging numbers on the clothes line; building 3-D shapes with sticks; using food to make shapes; learning about fractions; making tangrams; twister; games; using calculators and so on. Then the Amazing Race was exactly that, with student’s problem solving and completing a passport. The playground was certainly abuzz with excitement.

Students gave me positive feedback on what a fantastic day it was many telling me how much they love this school as we are always doing fun things. I was so pleased and humbled to hear that from so many students today, however, it would not be possible without the hard work of all the executive and teachers at this great school.

Well done to Mr Prasad and the Mathematics Committee for organisation of the day, and in particular to Ms Cheah who did an outstanding job with the organisation of the whole day.

**Congratulations to 1VP**
Congratulations to 1VP who entered into the Taronga Zoo Mobile competition. They won the competition and Lucas Kim spoke on behalf of his class members this morning on the ABC radio.

**SASS (School and Support Staff) Recognition Week**
This week Public Schools all over NSW are recognising the work of our SASS staff. At FWPS we recognise the range of skills and expertise that our SASS have and know that our school, like other schools, would not function without these wonderful people.

SASS staff play an important role in the running of the school and supporting the delivery of curriculum.

Our staff include: Linda Keating (School Administration Manager); Jenny Bantoft; Kerry Joiner and Samantha Bowman (School Administration Officers/Library Assistant); Gary Cameron (General Assistant); Sherry Butler, Sarina Varjacic, Janelle Smith, Susan Seymour, Rose Caputo, Sandra Santos, Nicole Wells and Joy McConnell (School Learning Support Officers).

It is the combined effort in all areas by these staff that make for the effective running of the school.

**NAPLAN**
NAPLAN results will be handed to all year 3 and year 5 students tomorrow.

**Story Reading Time**
Story Reading Time was well received by the students and parents of FWPS last Monday afternoon. Thanks to Ms De Horta for this great initiative.

**Father’s Day Stall and Father’s Day Breakfast**
Friday 5 September 8:00am – 9:00am
Thanks to again to Jo Kebblewhite and Sandra Spurway for organising the Father’s Day stall and to Sarah Soltan, Maria Beyer and Andrea Farias for helping on the day. There will be many happy children and fathers on Sunday.

Don’t forget the Father’s Day Breakfast on Friday!!

To all dads and pops I would like to wish you a great Father’s Day for Sunday and enjoy the celebration with your family.

Genelle Goldfinch
Principal

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**Cooperation is Our Value of the Month**

Students demonstrate cooperation by working together to achieve common goals, providing support to others and engaging in peaceful resolution of conflict.
3W have been on an exciting adventure through Space. We've been learning about the solar system and the various planets, stars, moons, asteroids and meteors. We have watched some fascinating videos of the planets orbiting the brightest star, the sun and researched the first lunar landing on NASA's site. We were inspired by the courageous astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins and their moon landing. This year marks the 45th anniversary of the first lunar landing on 20 July 1969. We've also been creating interesting artworks of our solar system and are currently working on creating brochures to convince people to take a trip out into space and explore its rich beauty and wonder.

Here are some jaw-dropping facts we've learnt about the solar system:

- The sun's core is 15 000 000 degrees celsius.
- Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system and can fit 1000 earths in it!
- Venus is the hottest planet with a temperature of 400 degrees celsius and has clouds made of sulphuric acid!
- Mars has the highest volcano of 22 kilometres, three times the size of Mount Everest!
- Pluto the 'dwarf planet' takes 248 earth years to orbit the sun!

Finally, yesterday 3W had a fantastic day at Maths Fun Day. We really enjoyed working on different maths activities set by the teachers and had a great time during the Maths Amazing Race as we tried to complete all the maths questions with our buddies.

Show your True Colours!
Year 6 Fundraiser-Support Your Team Day

Tomorrow 5 September, year 6 will be holding a ‘Support Your Team’ Fundraiser. The students will have the opportunity to wear the colours of their favourite sporting team and in doing so they will be asked to donate a gold coin to the Year 6 Farewell. In donating a gold coin each child will receive a raffle ticket that will go into a draw that could see the child win a fantastic sporting prize. There are 8 prizes to be won, with a prize being allocated to each grade in the school. The raffle will be drawn at the K-6 Assembly that kindergarten will be hosting on the day.

The children will also have the opportunity to get their face painted in the colours of their favourite sporting team. This will cost the students 50 cents. And in a fitting finale to the day, come along to the back oval at 2:00pm to watch and cheer on the year 6 students as they take on the teachers in a game of Oz tag.

The year 6 students always enjoy and appreciate the support of the school community when it comes to the Farewell fundraisers and we are sure that this one is going to be huge!!!!!

Whose side are you on????
Mr Ottmann - On behalf of Year 6

"Peace begins with us"
Make a poster about the importance of working together and promote a connection between peace and the environment.

See the noticeboard in kindy quad for more information.

Entries due October 10 to Ms Ingram

Our third session will continue next Monday, 8 September at 9:15am. Please report to the Kindy Quad.

Ms G. Turnbull