PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Dear parents and caregivers

2015-2017 School Plan
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter an informal meeting/chat to share information about the new planning cycle will be held in the hall on Monday straight after morning lines. All parent and caregivers are welcome for a cuppa and a chat.

Winning House BBQ
Congratulations the term 3 winners are: seniors Thorpe and juniors O’ Neil. The barbeque will be held on Thursday 18 September.

Regional Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all the students from FWPS who attended the Regional Carnival yesterday and for Mr Ottmann for his organisation. A special congratulations, to Charty Kong who has made it to the State Carnival in October as she came second in the 13 year girls 100 metres. Well done!

Gillawarna Festival
Our choir members performed beautifully last night at the Gillawarna Festival, and I was proud to watch them perform especially as it was obvious that they were really enjoying singing. Thank you to Ms Elks, Ms Hurley and Mr Post for working with the choir members. A special thanks to Mr Post and Ms Hurley for attending an evening session each.

Tournament Of the Minds
Good luck to our Tournament of the Minds team who will be competing at the state finals this weekend. Thanks to Ms Pulbrook for attending the day with the team. We look forward to hearing how it all goes!

Going to the chapel
The wedding bells are tolling once more this time for Ms Ussia who is going on leave tomorrow to get married. We wish her all the best and know she will make a beautiful bride.

How much screen time?
‘Screen time’ used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex. Find out more: http://bit.ly/QFlqyz

School Holidays
School holidays commence next Friday 19 September and school resumes on Tuesday 7 October.
I would like to thank: our learning community for their keen engagement during term 3; our outstanding staff for their commitment to our students and to the students for being active learners.

This will be the last newsletter for term 3 so have a restful and safe holiday break. I look forward to seeing you in term 4.
Genelle Goldfinch – Principal

3I CLASS REPORT
Term 3 may be coming to an end but learning never ends in 3I! We have had a great term with many exciting events to take part in such as Science and Maths Fun Day. These events have inspired us to make connections with what we have learnt in the classroom to our life outside of school. We are continuing our learning journey this week by finishing off our unit on fractions and decimals focusing on tenths and hundredths. We have been working in groups to complete different activities such as converting fractions into decimals, playing computer games based on decimals and fractions as well as ordering decimals on a number line. Below are some pictures of us completing our activities.
**MATHS FUN DAY**

On Wednesday 3 September, Fairfield West Public School held its annual Maths Fun Day. This year, there were many changes in the activities. One big change was having students from K-6 visit different teachers from other grades. It was a fun experience, where students engaged in hands on activities related to math topics such as decimals, subtraction, tessellations and even incorporating iPads with maths! Students were also involved in the Amazing Race, where K-2 students were paired up with their 3-6 buddies as they visited various teachers to solve a math problem and get their passports stamped. At the end of the day, all passports were placed into a box for each grade and several prizes were handed out to students from each grade. It was a highly successful day and was worth the wait. A big thank you to all staff for differentiating their rich learning tasks for all students K-6. The students had a most enjoyable day.

**TEACHER’S FEDERATION ART COMPETITION**

"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

**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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**EXCELLENCE IS OUR VALUE OF THE MONTH**

Students demonstrate excellence by striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling and individual and community action, work and lifelong learning.