**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Dear parents and caregivers

**Grandparents Morning Tea**

Tomorrow we are celebrating the role of grandparents with a Grandparents Morning Tea in the hall from 11:30am – 1:00am.

**The First Kindergarten Orientation**

Kindergarten Orientation commences next Monday 2 November we look forward to meeting our new students.

**Additional Funding**

We are so thrilled that we will receive some additional funds to support our school in 2016, the funding comes from the recommendations of the Gonski review. This will make such a huge difference to the quality of learning options we can offer our students. The breakdown of funding and programs that it will support will be published after 2016 planning takes place.

**World Teachers’ Day 31 October – if you have a chance thank your teacher**

During my school years I had many wonderful teachers who were held in high regard by my family and local families for their skills and contributions to our community. Now I am a very proud member of the teaching profession described as ‘the knowing and caring profession’ by the OECD. Daily teachers make a difference as they motivate and inspire young people to learn and succeed, contributing positively to lifelong wellbeing and a passion for learning.

World Teachers’ Day is an important day internationally to acknowledge the skills and efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex society; we mark the day in NSW on 31 October.

I would like to thank ‘the best teachers in the world’ the teachers at Fairfield West PS for their outstanding dedication to education of students at Fairfield West PS and extend that acknowledgement to all the wonderful teachers worldwide.

**Important Dates**

Keep your eyes open for important dates published in the newsletter as time is flying and there are many exciting upcoming events. We wouldn’t want you to miss out!

Have a good weekend.

Genelle Goldfinch
Principal

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**11 CLASS REPORT**

Do you need help with writing a great recount? Come and see the experts in 11!

Students in 11 have been really busy creating descriptive recounts. They are being exposed to a variety of recounts and have discovered that they are not always found in books but can also be verbal, illustrative and multi-modal.

The students have enjoyed the many engaging lessons, such as the one where they designed and created posters that provided important information on what a well written recount should include. 11 were very pleased with what they had created. Students made posters about the structure of a recount, posters about the language features that should be used, and some students even created a checklist to use when writing recounts. We used our posters to display around the classroom so that everyone could refer to them when writing. Take a look at some of the great posters created by some of the students in 11!
Kindergarten Orientation information letters have now been mailed to families who informed us about toddlers beginning school in 2016. If you or any of your friends did not receive one, please contact the school office.

We are looking forward to meeting our future students. The first session will take place on Monday 2 November 2015.

**Grandparents’ Morning Tea**

To celebrate Grandparents’ Day, all grandparents are invited to join their grandchildren for Morning Tea on Friday, 30 October at 11:30am – 1:00pm inside the school hall.

There will be a Photo Booth, Hands-On Activities, Lucky Door Prizes and Morning Tea provided on the day.

**Showcase 2015**

Showcase is a great opportunity for some of our talented and creative students to perform on stage. This year we will also be celebrating our school turning 90 years old during this event. Showcase will be taking place on Thursday 19 November 2015, there will be a matinee performance from 11:45am – 1:45pm and an evening performance from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Tickets will be on sale from Friday 30/10/15 in the front office, we hope to see you on this exciting day!

**Dates for your calendar**

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**Spanish Story Time**

Last Thursday after school, Ms De Horta was delighted to host Fairfield West Public School’s very first Spanish Story Time for children and their parents/caregivers in the library. Ms Favolaro did an excellent job of reading the Little Red Hen in Spanish and inspiring students to work collaboratively with their parent to create their very own Little Red Hen masterpieces. English Story Time will be held next Thursday at 3:15pm in the hall.

**FWPS Showcase 2015 Tickets**

Thursday 19 November 2015

Student's name: ____________________________ Class: ____________

Reminder: Students performing/helping on the night do not need to buy a ticket.

Matinee (11:45am to 1:45pm): I would like ______ tickets (1 seat) @ $3.00 each

Night (6pm to 8pm): I would like ______ tickets (1 seat) @ $3.00 each

Total money enclosed: $ _______

Please Note *Pre-school children (4 and under) are free and are to be seated on parents laps. *Prams are to be left outside the hall. *At least one parent must accompany any child/ren in the audience.