**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers

**Showcase Matinee**
Well done to all students and teachers the Showcase Matinee was highly enjoyable. Thanks Ms Joffrin for the coordination of the event and Mr Rangiah for overseeing the event. It was so wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves…it brought a tear to my eye.

**Showcase tonight**
Remember that Showcase is on this evening start 6:00pm we are looking forward to an entertaining evening watching the creative arts. The students are certainly excited.

**Collector Cards Banned**
A decision has been made by the school executive to ban the current football and soccer cards and any other collector cards from Fairfield West Public School. The decision was made as school rules were not being followed after several warnings.
If a student brings the cards to school they will be they will be held in the office until a parent comes to get the cards.
Thank you for supporting us in this decision.

**Hot weather on Friday 20 November**
The temperature tomorrow is supposed to be very warm, please make sure your child has plenty to drink and comes to school with their hat. Popping some water in a bottle and place in the freezer tonight for them to bring tomorrow would be an idea.

**Good luck to our sporting teams**
Tomorrow the senior girls Softball, senior Boys OZtag and junior boys Cricket will be playing at Endeavour in the Grand Final we wish them all the very best of luck and congratulate them for their achievements so far. We hope it isn’t too warm early on in the day.

Stay cool.

Genelle Goldfinch
Principal

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**1R/C Class Report**

In 1R/C we have been exploring our poetic skills. We have been learning about acrostic poetry and nursery rhymes. We have enjoyed sharing our favourite nursery rhymes and looking at all the rhyming words. We have been visualising the characters in the poems, discussing what they look like and drawing them. We then looked at acrostic poems. They are fantastic! We used our names to write acrostic poems. We had to find adjectives that described ourselves. That was a lot of fun!

Last week at Fairfield West we commemorated our fallen soldiers during Remembrance Day. 1R/C created poppies to symbolise all the soldiers that lost their life in a war. At 11:00am on Wednesday we stopped working to participate in a minute of silence. Lest we forget!

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**Dates for your Calendar**

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**Vietnamese Story Time**

Last Thursday after school, Mrs De Horta was thrilled to host Fairfield West Public School’s very first Vietnamese Story Time for children and their parents/caregivers in the library. Mrs Lai did an excellent job of reading ‘Fluffy Mouse is Sick’ in Vietnamese and inspiring students to work collaboratively with their parents, aunties and siblings to create their very own mouse masks. Four little mice also won amazing lucky door prizes. Check out all the mice that were scurrying through our library!

**Russ the Story Bus Visit**

On Friday Russ the Story Bus came to visit our school. Year 5 students had the privilege of hopping on board with a favourite old book of theirs and swapping it for a brand new one. A team of awesome volunteers assisted our students choose a book from the many hundreds of picture and chapter books available. Once students selected a book they liked, they had the chance to chill out and read their book at the back of the bus. *Russ the Story Bus* is a wonderful initiative of the Sydney Writers’ Festival designed to share the magic of books and promote literacy to children in western Sydney. To all those lucky year 5 students, happy reading!

**Christmas Grocery Appeal**

Starr Partners Real Estate in conjunction with the Uniting Church Diner in Fairfield are once again holding their annual Christmas Grocery Appeal. They are asking for food donations of pantry and tinned foods, as well as new toys and Christmas gifts. Some suggested donations are:

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These donations will help the Fairfield Uniting Church Diner feed the needy in our community. Throughout the year the diner serves over 10 000 meals to those in need. Please place your donations under the Christmas tree in the school office by the 1 December. Thank you for your support.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

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.

Our fourth session will take place on Monday 23 November 2015.