**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers

This is the last newsletter for 2015, what a highly innovative and busy year 90th year it has been!

**Presentation Evening**

Last night was an evening that was full of celebration for the year that was and the achievements made. I would like to thank the Presentation Evening Committee for their hard work with organising the event and to every teacher who assisted and who attended.

Due to our increasing numbers, we will be looking further into other options for 2016, which means the possibility of a K-2 and a 3-6 presentation; we are also looking into the cost of air-conditioning the hall.

**Student Leadership Team for 2016**

Congratulations to the following students who will be the student leadership team for 2016. We know they are going to be a brilliant leadership team! The captains are Deana Caronna and Taliauli Tongatua and vice captains are Tahlia Mantoufeh and Thomas Kien. The councillors are: Jennifer Biggin; Aletta Ing; Jessica Nguyen; Calvin Din; Roderick Lim; Nathan Nguyen.

Thank you to the leadership team of 2015: the captains, Breanna Nguyen and Brandon Puyo; vice captains, Christina Elishaa and Brayden Ottmann; the councillors, Aylin Dawood, Emilia Abarca, Michelle Pham, Jonathan Jewo, Andrew Gorges and Bryan Lu, for all your wonderful contributions during the year.

**To the 2015 Year 6 Group**

We wish you all of the very best for an amazing future. We will miss you! We also wish the very best to families who will be leaving Fairfield West Public School in 2015. I look forward to attending the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Monday morning and the Year 6 Farewell in the evening.

**Students**

Four years ago when I first arrived at the school I wrote about how warm and friendly the students were. This year I acknowledge that once more. The students at FWPS are simply the best and I look forward to seeing you all back safe and healthy in 2016, refreshed and ready to go another year long learning adventure.

**Parents and Caregivers**

Thank you to the parents who have supported their child/ren in 2015, by supporting your child/ren you have supported the school. I would also like to thank: Jo Kebblewhite the P&C President; Maria Beyer the Vice President; Sandra Spurway; the parent helpers and the general parent community for their support of our school.

**Outstanding staff at Fairfield West PS**

I have witnessed in 2015 once again, that the staff at FWPS have been highly dedicated to their role. We are a school of high expectations and the staff model this with their work ethic and professional standards. I want to acknowledge each and every staff member for what they have done for the students and the school learning community. I feel privileged to work with such an outstanding group of people.

**Executive**

A very special thank you to Mr Rangiah the Deputy Principal for assisting me in leading and managing FWPS, his unwavering support is greatly appreciated and his sense of humour.

I would also like to thank the Assistant Principals: Ms Funnel; Mr Prasad; Mr Ottmann; Ms Lazos; Ms Turnbull; and Mrs Lakisoe. You have been innovative, dedicated and focused leaders that have created many wonderful experiences for students, parents and staff.

I wish the Fairfield West School Community a safe and enjoyable holiday and a happy and prosperous New Year.

To those who celebrate, I wish you a very merry Christmas full of love and light!

Thank you for the opportunity and the honour of leading the education of your children this year and I look forward to a fantastic 2016.

Genelle Goldfinch
Principal

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**School Calendar**

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**Canteen**

Next week we will be having Chicken Day on Tuesday not Wednesday.

Thank you
In 4/6M this term we have been learning about celebrations. This has included discussing why and when people may celebrate, such as birthdays, New Year, during Christmas and Eid, and even Halloween. Everyone in 4/6M has enthusiastically joined in in making artworks depicting these various types of celebrations. This has included Chinese dragons, Halloween skeletons, 3D Santa Claus pictures and of course fireworks to herald in a New Year.

One way we created fireworks was to colour a page using crayon in as many different shades as possible. Then we painted over black to represent the night sky and using our finger nails we scratched out our fireworks shapes. Another technique we employed was to cut out coloured paper into firework shapes and paste onto white paper. Have a look at the pictures. We are very proud of them.

WILL YOUR CHILD BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL AT THE END OF TERM 4?

The last day of school is Wednesday 16 December. If you know your child will not be at school at the end of term but will return for the 2016 school year, please write a note to the class teacher stating the date/s of absence and reason. An ‘Application for Exemption from Attendance’ (available from the office) MUST be submitted if your child is going to be absent.

Is your child leaving Fairfield West Public School?

In order to plan our classes for next year, it is vital we know the number of students who will be enrolled at our school in 2016. Please inform the office if your child is not returning to Fairfield West Public School next year or will be returning after 28 January, 2016.

NOTICE OF STUDENT LEAVING
(Please give to office)

My child ____________________________ of class ________ will not be returning to Fairfield West Public School next year. Their last day will be __________. The school they will attend next year is _____________________________.

NOTICE OF STUDENT RETURNING AFTER 28 JANUARY 2015
(Please give to office)

My child ____________________________ of class ________ will be returning to Fairfield West Public School next year but will return after Wednesday 28 January due to ____________________________. (reason)

They will return on ____________________________. (date)