**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers

**Congratulations to our sporting teams**
Both the senior Boys OZtag and junior boys Cricket were Premiers of the 2015 season. Congratulations to them for their achievement and also to their coaches Mr Ottmann and Ms Mandow respectively. The day was hot from the get go but it did not deter these fine athletes. The senior girls Softball team also played a great game and came Runners Up in the 2015 season congratulations on a fine and effort and well done to their coach Mr Carr.
Once again our PSSA sporting teams did a tremendous job representing Fairfield West Public School.

**The Bush Tucker Garden – Aboriginal Garden**
Today we saw a wonderful finale to our beautiful garden with the placement of the student made Aboriginal Totem poles. It just put the finishing touch to the garden and looks wonderful from my office window. Thank you to Peter Dawe (Botanical Gardens), Mr Carr, Mr Joshua and all other teachers for making the garden so fantastic. I would like to extend a huge thank you to the wonderful students who I see working so hard in the garden every week. You have done a marvellous job.

**Reports – Holidays during the school holidays**
It was with great pleasure that I read the class and language reports for semester two. It was evident that great gains were made by students and a majority of students had very little absences and indeed many students had zero absences.
I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents when they are thinking of a holiday for their family that they select school holiday times, to avoid interfering with your child’s education.

**Change of Address – inform the school please**
Recently we needed to contact a family. There was no valid phone number on any of the four numbers listed and when we went to the home address provided the family had not lived there for 8 months, as told by the person who opened the front door.
If you move or change address, please notify the school, we have your precious children in our care we may need to contact you in a hurry and we need the correct details.

**School Photographs**
School photographs arrived today and have been distributed to all students. Thank you to Mr Rangiah and Mrs Spurway for the organisation of the photographs.
Next week is the last full week for term 4 and 2015, as such next week will be the last newsletter.

Kind regards
Genelle Goldfinch

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**KS & KM Class Report**

During term 4, KS and KM have been lucky enough to participate in a music program taught by Mr Post. We have learnt to sing songs about Halloween and Christmas. We have also learnt how to play a variety of instruments such as the glockenspiel, maracas, tambourines, triangles and symbols. We love to sing Dr Nickerbocker Number Nine and Mr Post has shown us many different ways to use our bodies as instruments to make the sounds that match the words to the song.
**Arabic Story Time:**

Last Thursday after school, Ms De Horta was pleased to host Fairfield West Public School’s very first Arabic Story Time for children and their parents/caregivers in the library. Ms Dona did a brilliant job of reading ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ in Arabic. Then, students worked collaboratively with their parents and siblings to create their very own beautiful butterflies. Four lucky people also won cool prizes. Thank you to Ms Goldfinch, Ms Favolaro, Ms Nessan, Ms Lai and Ms Dona for supporting our Story Time sessions this year.

**Stage 2 Cooperating Communities Excursion**

Students from Stage 2 recently had the opportunity to visit Fairfield City Council. While there they learnt about the role of the council in our community and participated in a mock election to choose a mayor. They also met the Fairfield mayor, Frank Carbone.

**KM’s Gingerbread Houses**

**PSSA Oz-Tag Winners 2015**