Principal’s Message

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to our students and their families. A special welcome to the students and families who are joining us for the first time in 2015, including our wonderful new group of Kindergarten students who started today, looking fantastic in their school uniform.

We are very proud of our school as all staff work hard to provide a safe, supportive and exciting learning environment, where each student’s individual needs are catered for. We continue to pride ourselves on having a close working relationship with the school community and invite parents and caregivers to contact us any time with queries or feedback. As professionals and specialists in education we are more than happy to discuss any queries you may have, ensuring our responses are based on educational research and years of valuable experience.

This is my fourth year as Principal of Fairfield West Public School and I am very honoured to be working with your children. Please feel free to contact the office to make an appointment to see me about any matter during the school year.

Classes for 2015

Each year we establish classes on day one, based on the information we have provided to us at the end of the previous year. Due to changes over the holiday period many children leave and join us. Due to these changes we then need to make appropriate adjustments to the classes. This year we will have a clearer picture by the beginning of week 2. If changes need to be made we will do it on Monday of week 2 and will inform the community accordingly. We thank you for your patience and understanding of this issue.

How classes are formed

This process is lengthy and involves the following: every teacher that works with your child; the school counsellor; the grade supervisor and the Deputy Principal. It is then presented to the Principal and appropriate changes are made if necessary and then the lists are approved.

The following is taken into account when making classes: academic achievement; student wellbeing; student behaviour; level of support required by each student; group dynamics of students in a particular year/stage; counsellor recommendation; professional judgement of teachers on the grade which is supported by the grade supervisor; and individual parent feedback based on specific educational, social or emotional needs of a student.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this please contact me.

School Uniform

Fairfield West PS has a Uniform Policy, which means that each student is required to wear full school uniform every day. This includes: the school uniform purchased from the uniform shop at Fairfield West PS; a school hat; black shoes; white socks and minimal jewellery including stud earrings. The Department has a “no hat, no play” policy, so please remember a hat daily, otherwise, play will be in a shaded area. In 2015, we will be looking very closely at ensuring students are wearing full school uniform. Please assist us by sending your child in uniform.

Healthy Eating

The food you provide for your child each day is what their body relies on to fuel their brain to learn and engage in physical activities. Help us by providing your child with foods that are healthy. Ideas on what to pack for lunch will be in a future newsletter.

Bell Times

Morning Bell: rings at 8:50am so all students are ready to move to class by 9:00am.

Afternoon Bell: rings at 3:00pm.

Specific dates and requirements for each class/stage

This information will be distributed in week 4.

Meet the teacher BBQ

This will be held on Wednesday 18 February 2015, looking forward to seeing you there.

Change of details

If your details have changed over the holidays please fill in the form on the back of the newsletter and return to the school office.

IMPORTANT Anaphylaxis Information for parents with Anaphylactic Children

Please parents and caregivers, you need to provide information from your child’s medical practitioner, including an ASCIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan. The plan must be signed by your child’s doctor. You will also need to supply an adrenaline auto-injector for use at school. The ASCIA action plan for anaphylaxis is to be followed in the event that the student has an anaphylactic reaction at school.

Health Care Plans - IMPORTANT

Please contact Mr Rangiah to update your child’s Health Care Plan.

It’s great to be back but almost the weekend…so enjoy it.

Genelle Goldfinch
Principal
DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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CARE IS OUR VALUE OF THE MONTH

Students demonstrate care by showing concern for the wellbeing of themselves and others, demonstrating empathy and acting with compassion.

SPORT

Summer PSSA sport teams will try out this Friday. Competition begins week 4.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

If your details have changed over the holidays please fill in the form below.

CHILD’S NAME: ___________________________________________________________ CLASS: ____________________________
ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________________________________________
HOME PHONE NUMBER: __________________________________________________________
FATHER’S NAME: ___________________ WORK NO: ___________________ MOBILE NO: ___________________
MOTHER’S NAME: ___________________ WORK NO: ___________________ MOBILE NO: ___________________
EMERGENCY CONTACT (Other than parents):
1. NAME: __________________ PHONE: ___________________ MOBILE: ___________________
   Relationship to family (eg. Aunt, Uncle, Neighbour): ____________________________________________
   EMERGENCY CONTACT (Other than parents):
2. NAME: __________________ PHONE: ___________________ MOBILE: ___________________
   Relationship to family (eg. Aunt, Uncle, Neighbour): ____________________________________________

KINDERGARTEN 2015

Boys and girls in our Kindergarten classes started school today. Lots of planned activities settled our new students into classrooms.