**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers,

This has been another busy and successful week at Fairfield West Public School.

**Congratulations Kindergarten**

Our four Kindergarten classes are very settled and actively engaged in quality lessons. As all students have completed Best Start assessments, the teachers are now entering individual reports that will be shared with parents/caregivers in Week 8 on March 20. Well done Kindergarten students and teachers!

**Our School Rules**

Our school rules are simple; **Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Good Learner.** We strongly encourage parents and caregivers, to make time to discuss these rules with your child or children.

We pride our school on having an open door policy so we are here to provide information if required regarding the behavioural expectations of those involved in our learning community; we are here to work with families to find workable solutions to ensure the best possible outcome for our students.

**Parent and Citizens (P&C) Meeting – Annual General Meeting 24 February 2015**

At Fairfield West Public School, we have a strong tradition of providing quality education. We continue to value the multicultural nature of our community as we work together with high expectations for our students.

We encourage parents and carers to be involved in the education of our students through our Parent and Citizens group, which meets on the last Tuesday of every month from 2:30pm in the Meeting Room. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 24 February 2015.

We have also employed two Community Liaison Officers in 2015 who work on a Monday, Ms Lai for the Vietnamese speaking parents/caregivers, and Mr Rohan for Arabic and Assyrian speaking parents/caregivers. If you require their support please contact the front office.

**Meet the teacher BBQ – we look forward to seeing you**

All parents will have an opportunity to meet the class teachers at an informal and friendly environment on Wednesday, 18 February. The teachers will present to all parents and caregivers the school’s expectations, the intended learning programs, upcoming excursions, sport programs and whole school events. You are welcome to share a sausage sizzle with us. Please mark this date in your diary.

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**Students coming early to school and students leaving late**

So often in 2014 and already in 2015 I have noticed teachers coming late to meetings or professional learning. This is due to children being left waiting for parents well after 3.00pm. May I remind parents and caregivers that it is their responsibility to ensure that their children are safely cared for immediately after the school day has finished, which is 3.00pm.

In the morning teachers commence playground duty at 8:30am, if your child is here prior to this time they are unsupervised unless you are here with them. Please organise appropriate child care for your child prior to 8:30am and after 3:00pm.

We will be noting students that are regularly coming early or leaving late and will be making contact with parents about the matter. **Please note;** this is not applicable to the very occasional urgent circumstance when a child is left behind. We understand when emergencies occur.

**Grade/Stage planning**

This week each teacher has been given a day to work with their team in planning exciting academic, sporting and welfare programs for your child, this would have been the reason your child may have said they had a new teacher for the day.

Weekend time already…wishing everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day!

Genelle Goldfinch
Principal

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**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.
**90th Year of Education**

FWPS is celebrating its 90th year of education in 2015. There will be various events happening throughout the year that will help to celebrate this fantastic milestone. Below highlights two examples where you might see a special FWPS anniversary logo.

**Water Bottles**
Library Bags are now on sale in our school canteen for $5.00

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**Health & Wellbeing for Women**

Where: Fairfield Parent Support Centre (Wetherill Park Community Centre Polding Street Wetherill Park)

When: Monday February 16 – March 9 2015

Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm

Highlights of this 5 week program will include:

- Self-esteem and self confidence
- Healthy eating
- Balancing life
- Relaxation techniques
- Self care

For more information or bookings call Mary, Pam or Yuksel on 9756 1384.

Morning Tea and free childcare provided.

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**PSSA 2015**

Next week February 20, the Horsley Zone Summer PSSA competition begins. This term our students will take part in Newcombeball, T-Ball, Softball, Cricket and Oztag. The school welcomes on board Ms Mandow, who will be coaching the Jnr Cricket team, Ms Wilson who will be coaching the T-Ball teams and Mr Hormis who will coach the Snr Cricket team. Mr Carr will coach the Softball teams while Ms Tjong joins Ms Isaac on Newcombeball. Mr Ottmann and Ms Rouel are back again with the Oztag teams.

The students are involved in training at least once a week, with competition taking place on a Friday morning at one of the local grounds. Fairfield West’s home ground is Avery Park, so keep an eye out for when our school is playing there. Competition playing information and results are updated on the school website each week. Fairfield West has a very strong reputation in the Horsley Zone for their efforts in sport and everyone is looking forward to another successful year of competition in 2015.

Mr Ottmann
Sports Organiser

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**Sport**

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

Tennis and Swimming will commence this Friday.

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**Catholic Scripture**

Enrolments for the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION will be accepted at the 6:00pm Saturday Mass, and at the other Sunday Masses in Smithfield Parish on the weekends of 7/8 March and 14/15 March 2015. Enrolment forms are available from the Scripture Teachers, from the Parish churches, the Parish website, or by phoning Halina or Helena Anna on 9725 4317.

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**Meet the Teacher BBQ and Information Afternoon**

Don’t forget meet the teacher BBQ Wednesday 18 February. Remember no cooking that night!

K – 2 and Support Unit 3:15 – 4:00pm

Years 3 – 6 4:00 – 4:45pm

Looking forward to seeing you there.