Dear parents and caregivers

**Fairfield West Public School is 90 years old**
Last week we had our first celebration assembly for Fairfield West Public School’s 90th Year of providing an education to local students. It was a wonderful assembly and I would like to thank the students and teachers who organised such a great event.

Thanks to Mr Ottmann for organising the drink bottles and I trust that the students enjoyed their gift from Fairfield West Public School, in commemorating our 90th year. Please ensure the bottle is well marked with your child’s name.

**Voluntary Contributions**
Thank you to those families who have paid voluntary contributions to assist our school. Payments can still be made to the front office.

**Horsley Zone Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to the swimmers who represented our school so very well at the Horsley Zone Swimming Carnival. Thanks to Mr Ottmann and all the teachers who supported our school team on the day. Please see photos in this newsletter.

**Expression of Interest for High School Meetings**
Thank you to the parents and students who attended these information sessions. Thanks also to Mr Prasad and Ms Lakisoe-Mapuna who organised these information sessions.

**Thank you to Nick**
I would like to thank Nick the cleaner for his generous donation of the hanging garden which we have placed at the front entrance. We love it!

**Gardens**
We have employed a General Assistant Tony Ebejor who works on a Friday specifically on garden maintenance and upgrade. We are so excited to see the wonderful gardens coming to light. Welcome to Tony.

**Science starters**
Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life’s mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.


Enjoy the weekend!
Genelle Goldfinch

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**Horsley Zone Swimming Carnival 2015**

On Tuesday March 3 FWPS took a team of 15 students to Prairiewood Leisure Centre to compete in the Horsley Zone Swimming Carnival. Every student who attended from FWPS had a minimum of one individual event to compete in, with 12 of the students competing in either the Junior Girls, Senior Girls or Senior Boys relay races. There was some good success throughout the day with several FWPS students finishing within the top 10 performers in various events. Three students in particular performed exceptionally well and have therefore earned a place in the Horsley Zone team that will compete at the Sydney South West Regional Carnival on Tuesday March 17. Tara-Jade Ottmann won the 9 yrs 50m Freestyle race, while Ryan Mao came 2nd in the 12 yrs 50m Backstroke and 3rd in the 12 yrs 50m Butterfly event. Brayden Ottmann won the 12 yrs 50m Backstroke and came 2nd in the 12 yrs 50m Freestyle. Other notable performances on the day saw:

Yasmin Li 8th (10 yrs 50m Freestyle), 9th (Jnr Backstroke) & 7th (Jnr Breaststroke)
Ryan Mao 6th (12 yrs 50m Freestyle) & 8th (12 yrs Breaststroke)
Claudia Caronna 4th (12 yrs Breaststroke)
Phoenix Ekueti 10th (Jnr Boys Backstroke) & 10th (10 yrs 50m Freestyle)
Brayden Ottmann 4th (12 yrs Breaststroke)
Tara-Jade Ottmann 4th (Jnr Backstroke) & 5th (Jnr Breaststroke)
Jnr Girls Relay Team 5th (Yasmin, Charli, Angelina & Tara-Jade)
Snr Boys Relay Team 4th (Ryan, Brandon, Thomas & Brayden)

Congratulations to all the students who performed on the day and it was pleasing to see them swimming quicker times and improving on their performances from two weeks earlier. Big thanks also go to the parents and family members who turned up and supported the students on the day. We wish our three students all the best for the upcoming Regional Carnival.

Mr D Ottmann
Sport Coordinator
**NRL CLINIC**

This term, our students are enjoying the clinics run by Parramatta Eels as part of the backyard league program. During the clinics, the students enjoy playing games to develop their passing, catching and kicking skills, and working together as a team.

**BIG THANKYOU**

Ms Ingram, Ms Perkins and the students of 3/4VP would like to thank Ms C Solomons from the Country Women's Association (CWA) for talking to 3/4VP about this fabulous organisation. We learnt all about the CWA including how they help mothers, homeless people, sick children and adults.

Vanessa Ingram

**SPORT**

Summer PSSA sport teams will be playing at Allambie Reserve this Friday. Tennis will play at Brenan Park and Swimming at Guildford Swimming Centre.

**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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**HIPPY AUSTRALIA – HOME INTERACTION PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND YOUNGSTERS**

Dear parents, please complete this form if you have a child who will be attending kindergarten in 2016 or 2017. Your family will be entitled to receive extra support from Hippy Australia which is a home interaction program for parents and youngsters to help prepare children for kindergarten.

Parent’s Name: ________________________ Phone: ________________________

Child’s Name: ________________________ Child’s Date of Birth: ________________________