**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers,

Another busy week at Fairfield West with exciting and innovative learning experiences for our students.

**Sorry Day May 26 and National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 27 May - 3 June**

Yesterday, June 3 as part of work done at FWPS around this year’s NRW theme, ‘It’s time to change it up’, the students participated in “Walk the Walk” an interactive information walk with flags that they made, culminating at the Flag Pole where each student placed their flag.

National Reconciliation Week is an opportunity to have a conversation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, families, friends and colleagues about our shared histories and future aspirations.

Reconciliation begins with respect for and understanding of the histories, cultures and struggles of Australia’s first peoples. June 3 marks the 1992 Mabo decision in which the High Court ruled that the lands of the Australian continent were not terra nullius, or land belonging to no-one, when European settlement occurred. This decision acknowledged Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander people’s unique connection to land and led the Australian Parliament passing the Native Title Act in 1993.

Please see the photographs over that capture the students’ engagement.

**Science Fun Day**

The investigative atmosphere of science across the whole school was very exciting!

From erupting volcanoes to lava lamps, students across K-6 were predicting, questioning, making, thinking and exploring during a variety of practical investigations. By implementing the K-10 Science Syllabus through hands-on experiences, teachers have successfully built student awareness, excitement and curiosity about science. See over for some great photos. Thanks to the committee that organised this great day.

**Teachers vs Students Touch Football Match**

It is always a highlight at FWPS when there is a sporting challenge between teachers and students. But guess who won? Yes it was the teachers. Well done to both teams.

**Stage 1 Excursion to the Power House Museum**

The excursion to the Power House Museum was hailed as being terrific, fun and highly educational. Of course, feedback was that the students took their best FWPS manners with them and did us all proud.

**Ultimo Dance Festival Series**

Today I attended the Ultimo Dance Festival to see our dance troupe perform. Of course they were the best and I am very proud of their performance and all their hard work. Well done Ms Joffrin and all her dancers.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Genelle Goldfinch - Principal

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**Horsley Zone Cross Country Report**

Last Friday 29 May, FWPS took just over 40 students to compete at the Horsley Zone Cross Country carnival, held at Brenan Park, Smithfield. While the weather wasn’t fantastic, the cooler conditions meant that heat certainly wasn’t going to be an issue with the children running their race.

The carnival started with the younger students running their 2km races, with the 11 year olds and 12 year olds running 3km races. The students of FWPS did very well in each of their events, including some students who were late call-ups for others who could not attend. FWPS had a number of students finish in the top 20 of their race, a great feat since there were between 90 and 100 students in each race.

Four FWPS students did exceptionally well on the day and have made the Horsley Zone team that will compete at the Sydney South West Regional carnival on Thursday 11 June, at Hurstville Agricultural High School. Tara-Jade Ottmann (3rd in 8/9 yrs), Yasmin Le (7th in 10 yrs), Deana Caronna (6th in 11 yrs) and Sara Al-Husseinat (8th in 12 yrs) were all automatic qualifiers for the SSW Carnival.

We congratulate all the students on their efforts and wish the four FWPS girls all the very best of luck at the Regional carnival.

**Horsley Zone Representatives**

Tara-Jade Ottmann 3rd in 8/9 yrs
Yasmin Li 7th in 10 yrs
Deana Caronna 6th in 11 yrs
Sara Al-Husseinat 8th in 12 yrs

**Top 20 Finishers**

Pauline Suli-Ruka 13th Angelina Koborski 17th Suzi Coates 19th in 8/9 yrs
Andrew Nesan 15th in 10 yrs
Leah Koborski 19th in 10 yrs
Brayden Ottmann 11th Lloyd Herwig 18th in 12 yrs
Asawir Al-Husseinat 11th in 12 yrs

Mr Ottmann - Sport Coordinator
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SCIENCE FUN DAY PHOTOS

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RESPECTIBILITY IS OUR VALUE OF THE MONTH

Students demonstrate responsibility by being accountable for themselves and the community’s actions towards them, others and the environment.

Fairfield West Public School now has a Skoolbag App. Newsletters, dates can now be delivered straight to your smart phone. For instructions on how to download the app visit our School Website.

Last Thursday our students had a wonderful time at Calmsley Hill Farm. They milked a cow and saw a very clever dog in action rounding up the sheep. The Nursery was filled with excitement when our students were patting the baby animals. Thank you to our parents for enabling our students to have this wonderful experience.