**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers

**Parent-Teacher Interviews**

A reminder that the Parent-Teacher Interviews are being held next week, if possible please make a time to come and have a chat with the class teacher. It is an opportunity for valuable information to be exchanged. Please contact the school if you wish to see the class teacher but have lost the interview time note.

**Student Reports**

Teachers have been busy completing a comprehensive report on each student. If you attend the Parent-Teacher Interview you will receive your child’s report. All other reports will be sent home on Wednesday 24 June 2015. I would like to congratulate every student on their report, as it is apparent from reading each report that great academic, social and emotional progress has been made this semester. Thank you to the parents and caregivers for supporting your child and their education at FWPS. Thank you also to the teachers and team leaders for their hard work providing the best opportunities for the students.

**School Attendance**

It became very obvious through meeting with the Home School Liaison Officer, reading reports and the number of Applications for Extended Leave – Travel that the issue of school attendance needs to be discussed.

To monitor student attendance the Department of Education sends a person titled the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) to check rolls for student attendance. Last week when the HSLO attended FWPS he brought to our attention a group of students who have been absent from school too frequently, this was also brought to my attention when reading the Attendance part of the report.

Sometimes we don’t realise how much time a child is having away from school, a way to check this is by looking at this in your child’s report. Students should only be away from school if they are unwell.

The number Applications for Extended Leave – Travel, are on the rise. We understand that there may be an emergency which requires a student to go overseas during the school term however, each child has scheduled 11 weeks a year holiday, and this is the time that overseas family holidays should be taken. If your child is taken overseas during the school term this means that their absence from school will be exactly that marked absent without reason.

Please send your child to school regularly and book family holidays during the school holidays, to best support the education of your child.

**Crazy Hair Day – Friday 12 June 2015**

Just a reminder that tomorrow is Crazy Hair Day!

Have a great weekend.

Genelle Goldfinch

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**5R Class Report**

5R were very eager to attend the incursion on ‘A Journey to Antarctica’ on Wednesday, which was presented by professional adventurer Chris Olsen. The students had the opportunity to not only listen to all his amazing stories and watch recorded videos of Chris’s expedition to Antarctica, but also to finally see, touch and hold many of the equipment he used throughout his journey. The students were able to get dressed in the clothing he wore to keep warm in the freezing temperatures of Antarctica, hold a piece of wood taken from Mawsons Hut and they got to hold an ice pick and ski boots that were used to walk on and break through the ice too. Amel Sultani, Tony Kokozian and Tony Le were lucky enough to get to hold a big piece of ice that Chris brought back from Antarctica. Afterwards, Amel was eager to let our class know just how cold the piece of ice was as she was overheard saying “It’s freezing! Like really really cold and heavy! My hands froze.” The highlight of the incursion was definitely when everyone went outside and made a big circle and Chris placed a big piece of ice in the middle and showed the students how he would use the sharp ice pick to break through the ice piece. It was amazing!

Here are just some of our photos below, but if you would like to see more photos from our stage 3 incursion just head over to our stage 3 school webpage on the school’s website.

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**Dates for your Calendar**

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**DANCE COMPANY GROUP**

Last Thursday 4 June 2015, students in the Dance Company group attended and performed at the Ultimo Dance Festival Series at Bankstown Sports Club. Their performance was titled *Freedom* choreographed by Ms Joffrin. The students were able to showcase their talents and perform a high quality dance item to a large audience that incorporate all elements of the NSW Dance syllabus. This small group of students were given the opportunity to perform at a school concert last Friday. They performed very well and are to be commended for their dance item.

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**Antarctica Photos**

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**SPORT**

Winter PSSA Sport teams will be playing tomorrow. Our netball and Rugby League teams will be playing at Endeavour, Soccer and AFL at Chisholm and Basketball at Governor Phillip King Public School. Tennis will play at Brennan Park.

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**HELP.....MY CHILD IS ANXIOUS**

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**Responsibility 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.

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**Skoolbag**

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.