**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers

**Outstanding Achievement in Creative Writing—NAIDOC Medal Winner – Brandon Puyo**
We were delighted to receive notification that Brandon Puyo will be awarded the NAIDOC Medal, which has stated on it that it is a Prime Minister’s Award; he will also be given a prize. Brandon told me that he was an avid reader who was inspired by various authors. I had the pleasure of reading this brilliant piece titled 'Before' today. Congratulations to Brandon and his family.

**Maths Fun Day – 31 August 2015 – let’s hope the rain stays away**

**Students at Stewart House**
I have been in discussion with the leaders of Stewart House who have told me that our students are doing really well and having lots of fun. We are so happy that these students can access this great resource.

**Innovation Tour**
Our school was contacted by our Director Cathy Brennan to host a group of principals and change agents by allowing them to visit our school to see innovation in action. We are very proud to be recognised for the work that is conducted at Fairfield West PS. This tour will take place on Wednesday 9 September. Well done leaders, teachers, students and our community.

**Father’s Day Stall - will take place on Tuesday 1 September.**

**Excursion to The Rocks – Wednesday 26 August 2015**
The students in stage 2 went on the Sydney Walking Colonial Tour, during the tour students were engaging as people who were of the First Fleet. Students also heard about how the Indigenous people lived prior to the arrival of Europeans. The students did us proud with their behaviour and apparently even after the long day of walking and fun they had enough energy to sing all the way home on the bus. Well done! Thanks to Ms Colless for her organisation of the excursion.

**Father’s Day Breakfast – Friday 4 September**

**PSSA – Winter Finalists**
Two junior sporting teams are hoping that the recent weather doesn’t stop their chances of playing in their PSSA Grand Finals tomorrow afternoon. Both the year 4 Netball and junior Rugby League team have had a great season and we wish them all the very best for tomorrow. We are already so proud of your achievement! Congratulations to coaches Ms Rouel and Mr Carr.

**Crazy Hat Day – Thanks to the students from 3/4VP and the SRC for this great initiative.**
Have a good weekend. Genelle Goldfinch

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**Horsley Zone Athletics Carnival**

Last Wednesday 19 August FWPS took just over 40 students to the Crest Athletics Centre, Bass Hill to compete at the Horsley Zone Athletics carnival. It was a full on day of action with our students competing in a number of track and field events. We had a number of students achieve placings throughout the day, with several of them qualifying for the SSW Regional Carnival that will be held on Wednesday 9 September at the Crest. All of our relay teams competed fantastically on the day and placed in their heats with the Junior Girls team winning their event with the fastest time, while the Senior Boys team came third overall. Ms Rouel, Ms Isaac and Ms Mandow were kept very busy throughout the day with their respective duties but they were able to witness some great efforts from the students of FWPS. We still await the overall results from the carnival but listed below are the students who have successfully made the Horsley Zone team and who will compete at the SSW Carnival in Week 9. Congratulations go to all of the students who represented our school to the best of their ability and we wish all of our Horsley Zone representatives the best at Region.

**Horsley Zone Representatives**
Brayden Ottmann: 100m / 200m / Discus / High Jump / Long Jump
Tara-Jade Ottmann: 100m / Long Jump
Pauline Suli-Ruka: 100m
James Harte: 100m
Lee-Jay Skelton: 100m
William Cluff: Shot Put
Riley Taurarii: Discus
Leah Koborsi: Shot Put

**Junior Girls Relay team** (Olivia, Tara-Jade, Pauline, Lakeisha)

**Senior Boys Relay team**
(James, Jezdacus, Riley, Brayden)

Mr Ottmann - Sport Coordinator
### Dates for Your Calendar

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### Stage 2 Rocks Excursion

Yesterday 26 August the students of stage 2 went to The Rocks, Sydney as part of their learning about British Colonisation. For many of the students it was their first time in visiting Sydney and in seeing such sights as the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House. The students were led around the Rocks by fantastic Tour Guides who gave them lots of interesting information about what life was like for the first people who arrived here over 200 years ago. They also showed the students some interesting sights and visited some historical places from yesteryear. The day went very quickly and everybody was thankful that they didn’t get wet from any rain. The behaviour of the students was fantastic. There were many photos taken during the day by the teachers and lots of memories created by the students which I’m sure they will remember for a long time. Big thanks go to all of the teachers who attended for their supervision and assistance on the day but especially for Ms. Colless for all of her hard work in organising the excursion. It took a lot of time and effort from her throughout the term and in the end, it proved to be a very successful occasion.

Mr. Ottmann
Stage 2 Team Leader

### Learn to Swim Program

Just a reminder that the Learn to Swim Program continues this Friday. Please pay $13.00 to the office and bring a spare bag with a towel and underwear in it.

### Woolworths Earn and Learn

This year our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. This program will support our school in the purchase of valuable learning resources. Please place the stickers in the labelled box outside the school office.

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