Dear parents and caregivers,

The first three weeks have passed smoothly and the students have settled in well. We are excited about the year 2016 being one of extraordinary learning and positive experiences.

Happy Lunar New Year – Year of the Monkey

We would like to wish our community a very Happy Lunar New Year. May the year of the Monkey bring you and your family the best of health, happiness, wealth and luck.

Voluntary School Contributions

At this time each year parents enquire about voluntary school contributions.

We seek voluntary school contributions to enhance Fairfield West Public School’s educational resources such as: work sheets, books in the library, iPads; computers; printers and sporting equipment allowing other school funds to be put towards major work. In 2016 we are looking at air conditioning the school hall so we can host more school community events in comfort. All voluntary contributions are put toward additional resources for your child and will benefit them this year.

These school contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter to be decided by you as parents and caregivers. Voluntary payments are: $40 for one student; $60 for two students and $70 for three or more students; this amount has not changed for 4 years. We have provided an envelope for your convenience which then can be returned to the front office.

Morning Lines

An important part of the day starts with clear communication during morning lines. We encourage the students to listen carefully to the announcements. We also ask that the teachers and community listen so that they are kept well informed. If you wish to speak to the teacher please make an appointment so there is not a rushed conversation during the morning assembly. We as adults need to be good role models for appropriate behaviour when someone is speaking. Thanks for helping keep communication times noise free.

Meet the teacher evening

Looking forward to seeing as many parents and caregivers as possible on the Wednesday 17 February for pizza and a great deal of relevant information.

Front Office

Please do not use the front office as a walk through to enter or exit the school grounds, please walk around the school building. The reason we are requesting this is that our office area is particularly small and becomes easily congested; coupled with the fact that our new security system requires manual opening of the door which in most cases means it is quicker to walk around building. All people are welcome to come to the office for enquires.

Students leaving late in the afternoon

Students need to be picked up by 3:00pm each and every day. If you cannot pick your child up at this time you will need to arrange after school care. We understand that occasionally something unforeseen occurs, at which stage you would contact the office so we can let your child know that you will be a little late. All students who have been waiting for over 10 minutes in the office will require you to sign them out. Teachers, executive and office staff are required to do professional learning straight after school. They are attending late or missing out completely due to students not being collected on time.

Enjoy the weekend and happy Valentines Day.

Genelle Goldfinch
Principal

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.

SPORT

Summer PSSA sport teams will continue trying out this Friday.

Competition begins week 4.
Next Friday 19 February the Horsley Zone Summer PSSA Competition begins. Students in years 3-6 have the opportunity to represent the school in one of the following sports: Junior Boys Cricket, Junior Boys T-Ball, Junior Girls Newcombeball, Junior Girls T-Ball, Senior Boys Cricket, Senior Girls Newcombeball, Senior Boys Softball, Senior Girls Softball, Senior Boys League Tag and Senior Girls League Tag. In Term 1, PSSA sport is played on a Friday morning between 9:30 and 11:00. Games are played in and around the Fairfield area, details of which can be found each week on the school website. Simply visit the address below and click on the ‘Sport’ tab.


Further details relating to how our PSSA teams are going during the season (competition ladders, season draws) can be found on the Horsley Zone website:

horsleyzone.weebly.com

Fairfield West PS has a rich history of success in PSSA sport and the school is looking forward to having another successful year in 2016.

Mr Ottmann
Sport Coordinator

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.

FAIRFIELD WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dental treatment for children under 18 years of age is free at NSW Public Dental Health Clinics.

Clinic Locations:
- Bankstown North
- Fairfield
- Engleburn
- Liverpool
- Narellan
- Rosemeadow
- Yagoona

Phone (02) 9293 3333
Bowral and Tahmoor Phone 1300 559 393

PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION AFTERNOON

Don’t forget meet the teacher Wednesday 17 February.

K – 2 and Support Unit 3:15 – 4:00pm
Years 3 – 6 4:00 – 4:45pm
PIZZA WILL BE SERVED