**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Dear parents and caregivers

**Meet the teacher**
Last night’s meet the teacher was well attended and we trust that you received valuable information. Thank you also to the staff for your attendance and organisation. The pizza was a hit, thank you to Ms Turnbull for getting the water to accompany.

**Voluntary Contributions**
This week we have received quite a few voluntary contributions. Thank you to those families who have made contributions to assist our school. Payments can still be made to the front office.

**Socially acceptable behaviour on the school grounds**
We are so excited to have parents, caregivers and members of our community engage in school activities and feel comfortable with being on the Fairfield West Public School grounds. At this time of year it is good to refresh the socially acceptable rules of being on Department of Education property.

**Language:** Appropriate language must be used at all times, swearing is not acceptable.

**Interaction of staff and community:** Courteous interaction is encouraged and expected at all times; duty of care is an obligation of all staff so please make an appointment to see a staff member for detailed conversations.

**Interaction/treatment with students:** All issues must be dealt with by school staff; no person is to approach a student on school grounds. If there is an issue a teacher must be notified and will deal with it.

**The FWPS Swimming Carnival**
The sun was shining and everyone enjoyed another great carnival. The behaviour of our students and their sportsmanship was outstanding. Well done everyone and thanks Ms Isaac and teachers.

**Grade/Stage Planning**
Last week each teacher was given a day to work with their team in planning exciting academic, sporting and welfare programs for your child, this would have been the reason your child may have said they had a new teacher for the day.

**Professional Learning for teachers**
This year our K-2 focus for professional learning is Language, Learning and Literacy Stage 1 and for Kindergarten Language, Learning and Literacy Ongoing Professional Learning. We are looking forward to great student achievement.

Weekend again…enjoy it!
Genelle Goldfinch

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**2016 SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

On Tuesday 16 February FWPS held their annual swimming carnival at Prairiewood Leisure Centre along with Harrington St and St Johns Park Public School. We were greeted with beautiful sunny skies and warm weather which made jumping into the pool easier. This year 37 students from FWPS attended. Students were excited and ready to earn points for their House Group and to claim victory over the two trophies – The Overall Champion Cup and the Spirit Cup. The day ran very smoothly and the students displayed excellent behaviour and were supportive of one another whilst competing. Every child who entered the water tried their best. One student even broke records, which was very exciting! Tara-Jade Ottmann broke the 10 year girls 50m Freestyle, Junior girls 100m Freestyle and her own Junior girls Backstroke record. We had 16 students qualify for the Zone Swimming Carnival which will take place in two weeks. I would like to thank Mr Ottmann for overseeing the carnival as well as Ms Vette-Welsh, Ms Mandow and Mr Hormis who attended on the day and who carried out their duties fantastically. Without their hard work, the day would not be successful. I would also like to thank all the parents who transported their children and supported them as well as all the other students on the day. The ribbons will be handed out at the school assembly on Friday, week 7 where we will also announce the winning house. Can Thorpe hold onto the trophy for the 2nd consecutive year or will another House claim victory?

Ms Isaac
**PARRAMATTA EELS VISIT**

On Tuesday 16 February, Fairfield West Public School welcomed two superstar players from the Parramatta Eels. The players were here to discuss the importance of healthy eating. They shared what their favourite foods were and what they have for breakfast and dinner to get the best out of their bodies especially for training and football games. The students were also given the opportunity to ask the players questions and to receive prizes. Overall it was a great experience that the students enjoyed.

Thank you Mr Ottmann for organising the visit.

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**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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**SPORT**

Summer PSSA sport teams will start tomorrow.

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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.

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