**Principal’s Message**

Dear parents and caregivers,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to our students and their families, and a special welcome to the students and families who are joining us for the first time in 2016. It was great to see our new group of Kindergarten students who started on Monday, looking fantastic in their school uniform.

We are very proud of our school. The students are educated in a safe, supportive and exciting learning environment underpinned by high expectations. We continue to pride ourselves on having a close working relationship with our parents and caregivers and invite you to contact us at any time with queries or to give feedback. As professionals and specialists in education we are more than happy to discuss any queries you may have, ensuring our responses are based on educational research and years of valuable experience.

In 2016 we will continue to work with the wider school community including several other schools in the Fairfield Education Group with Instructional Rounds.

This is my fifth year as Principal of Fairfield West Public School and I continue to feel honoured to be working with you and your children. Over the past five years Fairfield West Public School has grown in student enrolments and this year we welcome two extra classes in the support unit. As I mention at the beginning of every year, please feel free to contact the office to make an appointment to see me about any matter. I look forward to another productive and exciting scholastic year.

**Classes for 2016**

Each year we establish classes on day one, based on the information we have provided to us at the end of the previous year. Due to changes over the holiday period many children may leave us or join us. Due to these changes we then need to make appropriate adjustments to the classes. This year we have had to make very few changes and all changes made were based on new information obtained in the past few days. Unless something unforeseen occurs we anticipate that the current class structure will remain.

**School Uniform**

Fairfield West PS has a Uniform Policy, which means that each student is required to wear full school uniform **every day**. This includes: the school uniform purchased from the uniform shop at Fairfield West PS; a school hat; black shoes; white socks and minimal jewellery including stud earrings.

The Department has a “no hat, no play” policy, so please remember a hat daily, otherwise, play will be in a shaded area. In 2016, we will be looking very closely at ensuring students are wearing full school uniform. Please assist us by sending your child in uniform.

**Healthy Eating**

The food you provide for your child each day is what their body relies on to fuel their brain to learn and engage in physical activities. Help us by providing your child with foods that are healthy. Ideas on what to pack for lunch will be in a future newsletter.

**Bell Times**

**Morning Bell:** rings at 8:50am so all students are ready to move to class by 9:00am.

**Afternoon Bell:** rings at 3:00pm.

**Change of details - VERY IMPORTANT**

If your details have changed over the holidays please fill in the form on the back of the newsletter and return to the school office.

**Specific dates and requirements for each class/stage**

This information will be distributed in week 4.

**Meet the teacher BBQ**

This will be held on Wednesday 17 February 2015, looking forward to seeing you there.

**IMPORTANT Anaphylaxis Information for parents with Anaphylactic Children**

Please parents and caregivers, you need to provide information from your child’s medical practitioner, including an ASCIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan. The plan must be signed by your child’s doctor. You will also need to supply an adrenaline auto-injector for use at school. The ASCIA action plan for anaphylaxis is to be followed in the event that the student has an anaphylactic reaction at school.

**Health Care Plans - IMPORTANT**

Please contact Mr Rangiah to update your child’s Health Care Plan.

It’s great to be back and next week is the third week of term…time is already flying. Have a good weekend!

Genelle Goldfinch

Principal
KINDER 2016

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students and their families! We look forward to playing a part in the many adventures that your child will take in his/her life.

A big ‘thank you’ to the dedicated Kindergarten and Support Staff teachers who have facilitated the transition to Kindergarten as an easy and enjoyable one for the children.

Grace Turnbull

SPORT

Summer PSSA sport teams will continue trying out this Friday.
Competition begins week 4.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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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.

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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