Dear parents and caregivers

A reminder that:

EASTER HAT PARADE: Wednesday 23 March 9:45am – 11:00am
LAST DAY OF TERM 1: Friday 8 April 2016
STAFF FIRST DAY OF TERM 2: Tuesday 26 April 2016
STUDENT FIRST DAY OF TERM 2: Wednesday 27 April 2016

EASTER HAT PARADE and EASTER DISCO
You are invited to attend this year’s Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 23 March 2016, from 9:45am to 11:00am. Please help your child make a hat at home for this event. The Easter Bunny will make a surprise visit during the event. The Easter Disco will commence at 3:15pm – 4:30pm for the K-2 students. From 4:45pm - 6:00pm will be the disco for 3-6 students. The disco is a fundraiser for year 6 and a separate note went home today.

P&C EASTER EGG RAFFLE – 9:00am Monday 30 March
On Wednesday 23 March we will be drawing the P&C Easter Egg Raffle in the Kindergarten Quad at 9:00am, parents are welcome to attend. Raffle tickets will be sent home on Monday 7 March, please support the P&C fundraiser.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Sent home today with this newsletter is the update on School Attendance. Please read this carefully. I would like to draw your attention to: no holidays for students during the school terms, all holidays must be taken in the school holidays. Many of our students go overseas during the school term these need to cease unless the circumstances are exceptional.

Supporting Your Child in Reading Workshop – 3-6 Parent Workshop
Thank you to Ms Turnbull, Ms Joffrin, Ms Taing and translators for the organisation and facilitation of this highly valuable workshop today. We were pleased to see the number of parents and caregivers in attendance. Parent feedback from both sessions included the following comments: We can confidently speak/read our first/home language; The presentation was well presented in a way that was easy to conduct with my child. The structure and strategies will come in useful; I now have the tools to refer to when reading with my children to help them with reading independently and more fluently; I can ask questions through reading and help my child to monitor their reading.
We a really encourage all parents and caregivers to attend the workshops if possible. We will be regularly running workshops to support learning, the next workshops will be in the area of Mathematics, dates to follow.

Evacuation Drill
As required by Workplace Health and Safety guidelines, schools are required to conduct regular scheduled emergency evacuation drills. Our school will be holding such a drill in the coming weeks.

Aldi
Aldi is often used as a car park by parents and caregivers. There is now a parking ticket required and a fee will need to be paid after one hour of parking. The access between Aldi and the main shopping centre has also been blocked. It has been reported to the school by local shop owners that some children are scaling the fence to gain access to the shopping centre. Please speak to your children about walking around safely to gain access to the shopping centre.

Have a great weekend!
Genelle Goldfinch - Principal

HALOGEN NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY
On Monday 29 February, the Captains and Councillors of Fairfield West Public School attended the 2016 National Young Leaders Day, created by the Halogen Foundation in 1997, held at All Phones Arena in Homebush.

Students were excited about being given this amazing opportunity to listen to a variety of high profile speakers from different backgrounds and who have had different personal leadership experiences. Some of the speakers included Andrew Scipione (NSW Commissioner of Police), Ben Austin (Paralympian), Nathan ‘Dubsy’ Want (Youth Speaker) and Scott Tweedie (TV and Radio Presenter).

Our school leaders displayed excellent behaviour throughout the day and proudly represented FWPS. The students were able to learn from the wisdom and experience of these leaders at this truly inspirational event.

As leaders, we must ensure that we Master the Little, which was the main message of the day. This means that we must do the little things right so we can achieve our big goals. This is what we each took away from today’s event:

“Always have a go, no matter what” Uli Tongatua
“Speak up because you are a gift and you are powerful” Deana Caronna

“It’s the little things that add up overall” Thomas Kien

“You are more than what you think” Tahlia Mantoufeh

“Integrity comes from your heart” Calvin Din

“Things don’t happen overnight, they happen over time” Jessica Nguyen

“Leadership is all about the little things” Roderick Lim

“Never stop taking steps to achieve your goals” Aletta Ing

“Small things turn into big things” Nathan Nguyen

“All good things come with patience” Jennifer Biggin
By: Ms Petrovska, Ms Webb and our school leaders.
**HALOGEN NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY PHOTOS**

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**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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**SPORT**

Summer PSSA sport teams will be walking to Avery Park this Friday. Tennis will play at Brennan Park and Swimming at Guildford Swimming Centre.

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**FAIRNESS IS OUR VALUE OF THE MONTH**

Students demonstrate fairness by being fair to themselves and their friends, at school, at home and in their community.

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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.

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**CHANGE OF DETAILS**

If your details have changed over the holidays please fill in the form below.

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