Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**WELCOME BACK**
It was pleasing to see everyone back at school on Tuesday looking so fit and refreshed. All students appear to have quickly settled back into their daily routines and are working very hard. Term 4 is traditionally very busy term with reports, sporting events, end of year activities, incursions and excursions all impacting on the school.

**SCHOOL HATS**
A reminder that all students must bring, and wear, an appropriate school hat each day. Coloured and brand name hats are not part of the approved school uniform and should not be worn. Summer is on the way and sun protection is an important part of student wellbeing.

**KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION**
Our Kindergarten Transition program for students commencing in 2016 commences in less than a fortnight. The dates are as follows:

- **Wednesday 28 October**
- **Wednesday 4 November**
- **Wednesday 11 November**
- **Wednesday 18 November**

If your child will be starting Kindergarten next year, and has not already enrolled, please contact the school as soon as possible to ensure they are included in this important program.

If you have any questions regarding Kindergarten in 2016 please do not hesitate to call the school on 9604 3161.

**FAIRFIELD GROUP PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**
On Tuesday Miss Stadler accompanied our 4 public speaking stage winners, Amira Masri, Sienna Byrne, Lily Tieu and Sophia Simic to the district finals of the Fairfield Group. Miss Stadler informs me that all our students spoke very well and deserve to be congratulated on their efforts. Special congratulations go to Sienna, who presented an amazing speech to win the Stage 1 competition.

**REGIONAL ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES**
Congratulations to Sulia Amone and Milada Salim who yesterday represented both Sydney South West region and Smithfield West at the NSWPSSA State Athletics Carnival at Homebush. Both girls performed outstandingly to produce personal best performances. To think that there are over 2,500 public schools in New South Wales and only a select few make this level further highlights the significance of their achievements. Well done girls!

**GYMNASTICS PROGRAM**
All classes have now commenced their 8 week gymnastics program which is being provided by the accredited “Be Skilled, Be Fit” company. Gymnastics is part of the PDHPE curriculum and this is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn from qualified instructors while having fun. The entire cost of the program is being funded by the school.
SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2017
Are you thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2017? Selective high schools are government schools that cater for high achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Applications for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2017 can only be submitted online using the following link: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Applications are now open and must be submitted by Monday, 16 November, 2015. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday, 10 March, 2016.
If you would like a copy of the booklet: Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high school in 2017 please contact me.

PRE SERVICE TEACHERS
This term some classes will host a preservice teacher from Western Sydney University to assist them in completing the final phase of their teaching degree. Whilst in the class, they are guided in developing best teaching practice while under the supervision of the class teacher. The preservice teachers teach content that is in accordance with the teaching program of the class and aligned with the current curriculum. We wish them all the best in their chosen career path.

Stephen Gray
Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS  14 October 2015

| KG  | Matthew Yousif, Samara Tuscano, Denny So |
| KW  | Lachlan Carrick, Stephanie Omongos, Jesse Harding |
| 1P  | Amira Kanj, Aleksandar Prostizenovski, Pauline Mafi |
| 1S  | Jayda Tu’Akoi, Ama Meipoosa, Mohamad Alasadi |
| 2C  | Thalia Mean, Harrison Napper, Victoria Muratore Antunez |
| 2M  | Layla Castillo, Tyrese Mack, Noah Masri |
| 3B  | David Isho, Larissa Kakoz, Cooper Harris, Jessica Nguyen |
| 3/4G | Tiffany McDougall, Mya Alnaqib, Aleesha Abouhalka, John-Paul Salameh |
| 4L  | Damien McConnochie, Alex Onn, Sapphire Masri, Maryam Torani |
| 5S  | Emily Nguyen, Rami Trabuisi, Yasemin Akdogan, Levy Alia |
| 5/6R | Leandro Muratore Antunez, Olivia MacManus-Penza, Belinda Bennett, Sulia Amone |
| 6P  | Sophia Simic, Sara Coombe, George Wazy, Jayden Harding |

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016
It has come to that time of the year again where we are enrolling students for Kindergarten 2016. If you have a child who is turning 5 before 31 July 2016 then they are eligible to begin school next year. If you have relatives or friends with school aged children living in this area, please take a form for them as well. An up to date immunisation certificate, proof of age and proof of address will be required for each child enrolling. Please fill out an enrolment form from the office. G. Smith
PSSA

Friday 16 October

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Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and support teams. PSSA sport commences at 9.30am. Good luck to all teams.  
R. Howitt

SPEECH REPORT

Phonological awareness (PA) is the ability to notice, think about, and work with the sounds in words. This is an important skill for young children to work on, as research shows that difficulty with this usually leads to poor reading and spelling in later school years.

Activities you can do with your child to practice Phonological Awareness:

- Help your child think of a number of words that start with the /m/ or /ch/ sound, or other beginning sounds.
- Play simple sound blending games with your child, such as taking turns coming up with words that rhyme (go – no) or blending simple words (/d/, /o/, /g/ = dog).
- Read books with rhymes. Teach your child rhymes, short poems, and songs.
- Clap out syllables in long words and your child’s name eg. Ana-sta-sia, he-li-cop-ter etc

Gabriela Medak (Speech Pathologist)

REGIONIONAL ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES
K-2 students enjoyed their athletics carnival on Tuesday. All students are to be commended for their excellent behaviour and participation. There were running races, hurdles and sack races as well as beanbag and soccer relays. There was plenty of cheering from the sidelines as students encouraged each other and chanted their songs for all to hear. It was a very close competition with Rakumba being the overall winners. Thank you to Miss Reddy and Mrs Cahill for their organisation and also thank you to everyone for their assistance in making the carnival run smoothly. It was nice to see so many parents and family members in attendance to support this event.

C. Sargent

IMPORTANT DATES
Wednesday 2 December - Sports Assembly Years 3-6 9.10am
Thursday 3 December – Year 7 2016, High School Orientation Day
Tuesday 8 December – Presentation Day Assembly K-6 9.10am
Thursday 10 December – Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 11.30am
Thursday 10 December – Year 6 Farewell (Years 5&6) 6.00pm
Monday 14 December – K-6 Picnic Days
Wednesday 18 December – Students’ last day of Term 4

STEWART HOUSE
Bags have been distributed to students for the Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2015. They need to be returned to Mr Howitt’s bag room next to the staffroom by Monday 19 October 2015 for collection by Stewart House.

C. Sargent

P&C MEETING
The P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20 October at 9.10am in the staffroom. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend.

K. Moore
3/4G
Having fun at Gymnastics!!
FAIRFIELD CITY MUSEUM & GALLERY

THE HAUNTED MUSEUM

Saturday 31 October 5-7pm

Be our ghoulish guest for this special program. Children and their families are invited to take part in fun activities including a trick or treat mosque hunt, magic show, ceramic workshop, witch’s hat ring tossing and spooky disco competition. Be led through our vintage village by its scary residents.

All activities are free except for the ceramic activity which is $5 per child. Book early for this workshop as places are limited.

Refreshments sold at the event.

RSVP by 29 October 2015.

For more information: Fairfield City Museum & Gallery, Cnr The Horsley Drive & Oxford Street, Smithfield 2164
T: 9600 3900 E: museum.gallery@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au
W: www.fairfieldmuseum.com.au
F: www.facebook.com/fairfieldmuseum

FairfieldCity

Saturday 24th to Sunday 25th
October 2015
9:30am - 4pm

Adults $6 • Concession $4 • Children $2

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