The first student of the Week for Term 4, Week 3 is Jaileesha Ioane from 1PS. Jaileesha’s award is for always having a smile on her face and trying her best in all class activities. Keep up the good work Jaileesha!

The second Student of the Week for Week 3 is Angela Chau from 4B. Angela’s award is for producing writing that is informative and entertaining. Well done Angela!

The first Student of the Week for Week 4 is Nathan Chau Nguyen from Kindergarten Green. Nathan’s award is for always following the FAIR rules and always being a kind member of K Green. Well done Nathan!

The second Student of the Week for Week 4 is Anthony Nguyen from 5B. Anthony’s award is for always being caring and considerate of his peers and class mates. Keep up the good work Anthony!
FAIRVALE NEWS

29th October, 2014
Term 4 Week 4

Principal’s Message

ICAS Maths competition
Mrs Newman is very excited with our best results to date!! Please find the results for the 2014 ICAS Maths competition. The names which are published in this newsletter and the awards will be distributed at Friday’s Primary Assembly. Congratulations to all of these students for such excellent results.

School Disco
This Thursday evening is our Halloween Disco. We are looking forward to a fun time in the school hall. K-2 is 4.00pm to 5.00pm. Years 3-6 is 5.15pm to 6.45pm. Please arrive on time to collect your child in the evening from the school hall. Tickets will be available on Thursday for those students who have paid. (Tickets are given out Thursday so our students have less chance to misplace them.)

NAPLAN
Following from our parent NAPLAN meeting this morning, English can often be a difficult language to learn. For example, what is a homonym? Let’s face it, English can be a crazy language. Take homonyms, for example. These are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. This homonym list will provide some clarity.

Find out more:

School Hats
Given we are now entering the summer months all of our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are expected to have the school hat. This school hat is to be worn each day during recess and lunch. Our students are aware that if they are not wearing their hats then they are to be under the COLA areas, not trees. Can you please ensure that your child brings their school hat to school each day.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR.

TERM 4

WEEK 4
29th Debate v Bossley Park PS 11.30, away
30th Halloween Disco

November
WEEK 5
3rd to 7th Swim Scheme – Week 1
WEEK 6
10th to 14th Swim Scheme – Week 2
WEEK 7
17th High School Program
19th EALD City Excursion, K-6
WEEK 8
24th Playgroup
26th Rugby League

December
WEEK 9
1st High School Program
Playgroup
5th Fun Day
WEEK 10
8th Last week of Playgroup
9th Yr 6 Farewell – St Johns Park Bowling Club
11th End of Year Assembly
12th Sports Assembly
WEEK 11
15th Movie Rewards
16th Picnic Day
17th Last day of school for 2014 for staff and students

Quote of the Week:
Life is a book and you are its author. You determine its plot and pace and you – only you – turn its pages.
Beth Mende Conny
!! LOST PROPERTY !!

Mrs Rosic, who is in charge of the Lost Property, is astounded at the amount of items in the Lost Property baskets! They are overflowing with uncollected uniforms and belongings.

Due to the changeable weather, students take off their outer garments and forget to collect them from the playground. Anything the teachers find in the playground, after the bell, ends up in the Lost Property baskets between Rooms 3 and 4. Both Primary and Infants items are put there. Please come along to the Lost Property baskets and collect any items you feel your child has misplaced.

To ensure your child’s belongings don’t end up in the basket, please write their name on each item, including lunch boxes.

Selective High School Applications

Students interested in taking the selective high school test need to complete an online application. Applications open on the 14th October 2014. The applications close on the 17th November 2014.

The website to apply online is: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shplacement/index.php

If you have any questions or need any assistance please ask your child’s classroom teacher or Ms Elks.

CLO Messages

Term 4 Community Engagement program

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SWIM SCHEME 2014

Please be advised that our School Swimming Scheme will be held in Weeks 5 and 6 this term.

Information will be sent home in the coming days, advising you on which session your child will be attending. This information will also outline the items that your child needs to bring to school on EACH DAY of the Swim Scheme.

Please ensure that any outstanding money is paid prior to your child attending their session.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Ms Pereira and Miss Brooks will answer all enquiries you may have.

Mr C Smyth-Gapps
Assistant Principal
FAIRVALE PUBLIC
29th October, 2014
Term 4 Week 4

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE (Continued)
Digital citizenship
We’re always reminding our kids to "pick up after yourself" and "cover your mouth when you cough", but lately many parents have had to add rules like "don’t bring your mobile to the dinner table" and more importantly, "don’t use my credit card to shop online".

Did you know that we’re the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.

Here are some tips to get you started:

NSW Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to Kalvin Epati from 5B who came 4th in the state, for the 11 years Long Jump on 16th October. He jumped an amazing 4.66 metres. There were 38 competitors in his age group.
Well done to you Kalvin and thank you for representing our School at the Zone and then the Region, to compete in the State Carnival.

Paul Bates,
Principal

ROTARY CLUB DINNER
On Monday 27th October, Isabella Nerso (6S) and Karen Nguyen (6A), represented Fairvale Public School at the Rotary Club dinner. The dinner was held to celebrate the Rotary Club's 'Youth Activities Month' and to raise money to prevent the spread of Polio in third world countries.

Isabella and Karen represented the school with pride and faced their fears by patting snakes, lizards and crocodiles.
Thank you to Isabella, Karen and their parents for helping Fairvale to be represented in the local community.

Ms. M Elks
Assistant Principal

The school Fun Day will be held on Friday, 5th December.
In order for it to be successful, there are plenty of things that parents can donate.
Our first request is for unwanted books, which will be sold at the Book Stall. Mrs Powell will be in charge of this stall and she is in Room 3. If you have any books that are appropriate to school age children, and you no longer need them, Mrs Powell would be very grateful for them.
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### UNSW 2014 Maths Skills Competition Results

**International Competitions and Assessments for Schools**

Students from Fairvale Public School achieved outstanding results when they participated in ICAS this year. Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Merit, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction. 51 students participated in the 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools Maths Competition and were awarded 5 Distinction, 11 Credit, 6 Merit, and 29 Participation Certificates.

Students whose results are outstanding will be presented with their certificates at Friday’s Primary Assembly. Participation certificates and test booklets will be handed to the students by their class teacher. Congratulations.

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### ONE YOUNG REFUGEE

Bashir was one of the many who had to escape Afghanistan because of the Taliban and war. He had three brothers who are orphaned and looked after by their uncle. This was because Bashir’s dad died in a car crash and his mum died of illness. Now, you might wonder, where did Bashir escape? Well, he came to the one peaceful place on his mind….Australia!

Now, Bashir’s journey wasn’t all that peaceful. It started when he left Afghanistan by car and made a dangerous journey to Pakistan. He then jumped on a boat to Malaysia. This all happened when Bashir was just 14 years old! So, how would you feel if this happened to you?

Bashir took the long journey from Malaysia to Indonesia. Then he went on another boat to Christmas Island for seven days and seven nights. There was no food or water even though the smuggler promised there would be some on the boat.

Meanwhile, on the way to Australia, Bashir’s boat was intercepted by the Australian Navy. They transported everyone on the boat to Christmas Island, which is above Australia. Bashir stayed at a detention centre on Christmas Island. I wonder how Bashir felt?

While Bashir was at the detention centre, he met a friend named Mosen. He must have been very excited to have a friend! Bashir borrowed Mosen’s English dictionary. After seven months, Bashir was allowed to move to mainland Australia. Now, Bashir goes to school and lives with Mosen.

If I was Bashir, I would feel very scared and happy. He experienced horrible things and I hope he never has to feel that pain again.

Angela Chau  4B