The first Student of the Week 3 is Armin Sisic from 1R. Armin’s award is for always being a FAIR and enthusiastic member of the class. Armin always puts in 100% effort in all subject areas. Well done Armin!

The second Student of the Week 3 is Mona Alkashwan from 6A. Mona’s award is for always being a caring and helpful member of our class. Keep up the good work Mona!

The first Student of the Week for Week 4 is Morteda Al Salmen from 4V. Morteda’s award is for creating amazing complex sentences. Keep up the good work Morteda!

The second Student of the Week for Week 4 is Alfred Epati from Kindergarten Blue. Alfred’s award is for always being an enthusiastic learner and a helpful class member. Well done Alfred!
Principal’s Message

Staff School Shirts
You will notice our staff wearing the new blue and black Fairvale staff shirts at school sporting and zone sporting events as an easy student and parent identifier when away from school. Our thanks go to Mrs Macmillan and her committee for their organisation of this new shirt.

Sentral Attendance – electronic roll marking
Our school will shortly be introducing a new way of marking our rolls for student attendance, electronically. “Sentral” software provides a comprehensive suite of tools to record our student attendance and to report on attendance statistics for both individual students and various student grades. We will be able to tailor Sentral to meet the specific needs of our school. More than just roll marking, Sentral can also manage excursions, excursions, notifications, reporting and more. This new system will be introduced shortly after our staff are trained to use it.

Cross Country Carnival
The school’s Zone Country Carnival was held yesterday for students in Years 3-6. The students who finished in the top 8 represented our school. Thank you to Mr Kinniburgh and his team for his thorough organisation of our successful school carnival.

Parent online payments
The school is currently looking at an additional convenient method of payment for our parents. This project enables parents to pay directly into the school’s bank account via a Westpac secure online payment portal. This payment portal is accessed via the school’s website and allows parents to pay using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payer enters the student’s name and class and what they are paying for. They can pay for voluntary school contributions, up to 10 subject contributions, up to 5 each – excursions, sport activities, sales to students and creative & practical arts activities, we have also included an option for 5 Other types of payments. Further information will be provided to parents once we get this system up and running.

SCHOOL CALENDAR
Term 2

MAY
Week 4
21st Gymnastics – Yrs 4 & 6
        Debating vs Fairfield West PS at Fairvale PS
22nd Parent Cooking club in staffroom
23rd Yr 6 Transition to High School

Week 5
26th Public Speaking Grade Finals
27th Public Speaking Day in Rms 24/25
28th Gymnastics
30th Yr 6 Transition to High School

JUNE
Week 6
3rd Primary Schools NSW Dance Festival: Rehearsal
4th UNSW Science Test
5th Parent Cooking club in staffroom
        Debating vs Cabramatta PS at Cabramatta PS

WEEK 7
9th PUBLIC HOLIDAY
10th Public Speaking Assembly
11th Gymnastics
12th Sydney South West District Cross Country

Quote of the week:
“The educated differ from the uneducated as much as the living differs from the dead.”
— Aristotle
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Continued

Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.
School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiU5Y

Paul Bates,
Principal

SCHOOL GATE INFORMATION

- Monday to Thursday, the school gates will be locked at 9.30am, except the main gate near the office. On Friday, the gates will be left open and then locked at 10am, after the K-2 Assembly.
- The driveway to the staff car park is NOT to be used to enter or leave the school. This is ONLY for car access and is not safe for access by parents or children, to the school.

CANTEEN
Several parents have presented large amounts of money, first thing in the morning to the canteen. Unfortunately, amounts of $50 or $100 are impossible to give change for. Please try to have close to the right money when ordering from the canteen. Anything up to $20 is a feasible amount to receive change from.

We thank you for your co-operation with this pressing matter.

HEAD LICE
Students in the school have had infestations of head lice (pediculosis) recently. Could you please check your child/children’s hair and scalp for head lice. This could include white or brown eggs on the hair shaft or crawling lice on the scalp.

If your child/children have any evidence of head lice, could you please purchase the appropriate treatment from the chemist or supermarket and treat their hair accordingly.

LOST PROPERTY
Because of the changing weather, students have been taking off the layers of clothing and leaving it in the playground. This means there is another mountain of Lost Property. All the Lost Property is now in a basket between Rooms 3 and 4.
Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled with your child’s name.
BOYS TOUCH FOOTBALL SEMI FINALS
The boys played well, they have only lost one game this season and were looking very strong leading into the Semi. The weather was hot and humid and the students remained eager to play. All students displayed true sportsmanship. They played proudly, competitively and their behaviour was exemplary. Richard scored some amazing tries through the middle and down the wing with his outstanding speed and agility. All students played well as a team and were very supportive of each other. A special mention goes to Mohammed and Johnny for playing a whole game each as we were short on Juniors. These two boys managed to not let any tries in and maintained their energy levels throughout the game.
With a final score of 11-3 Fairvale won the game and we wish them luck in the Grand Final on Friday.
Miss Short

JUNIOR SOCCER SEMI FINALS
Even though we lost 3-1, the boys had the best game of the season. They all tried their best up until the whistle blew at full time. Ronaldinho saved some amazing goals in the second half which gave us hope for a win. Noah scored an awesome goal to take the final score to 3-1. I am so proud of the boys and how they played over the season. Well done!
Miss Johnson
DEBATING RECOUNT

Last week, on Thursday 14th May, the Debating team had their big day. It was their first debating competition. Fairvale Public School has two teams. Fairvale Public School 1 and Fairvale Public School 2. Last week it was Fairvale Public School 2 who was debating against Smithfield Swifts.

This year, debating has changed a lot. Instead of getting their speeches ready at home, the debating team only have one hour on the day to get their speeches ready. The debating topics were also opened on the day. Both Smithfield and Fairvale had to pick the topic together. We were lucky enough to have Harry Ngo as first speaker, Belinda Hannah as second speaker, Merna Matti as third speaker and Angelina Vu as team adviser.

These four students have shown great courage in standing on the stage, presenting a speech written in only one hour. They were extremely lucky to have such a fantastic audience. Thank you Mr Bates, Year 6 and Year 6 teachers for giving up a very important part of their day to watch this debate. Thank you 6S, 6A, 5/6L, Miss Spagnolo, Mrs Assad and Ms Mahendra. The debating team and Mrs Fedele really appreciated it.

At the end, Harry, Belinda, Merna and Angelina tried their very best, but unfortunately lost this round. Although they lost, they were really proud of themselves, as they should be. In the end they tried their best. We all hope they will do well for the next round against Fairfield PS.

Angelina Vu, Team Adviser

CLO Message

Term 2 Community Engagement programs

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Bashar Hanna and Maria Ha
Community Liaison Officers

Thank you to all those people who have donated to Stewart House. Your kind donations amounted to $179.40. The clothing bag collection will still be happening on Thursday, 29th May, 2014.

Miss Pelkey,
Co-ordinator