The second Student of the Week for Week 9 is Vika Ratabua – 6A, Zanin Yassin – 6E, Patrisha Sebial – 5/6P and Steven Trinh – 5K.

The Wentworth leaders are Vika Ratabua – 6A, Zanin Yassin – 6E, Patrisha Sebial – 5/6P and Steven Trinh – 5K.

The Sturt leaders are Meleana Fenunuti – 5K, Bianca Zakoz – 5B, Jai Doi – 6E, Hasan Alsalami – 6A.


The leaders of Macquarie are Monica Barber – 6S, Soane Fatai – 5/6P, Jordan Ha – 5K, Oriana Epati – 5B.


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Principal’s Message

Welcome

Welcome back to all parents and students to the 2015 educational year at Fairvale Public School. It was lovely to see such happy children greeting us on our first day back. Welcome to our new children and families at Fairvale Public School and a special welcome to our new Kindergarten children.

Mr Bates and I have been able to visit all classes and would like to congratulate all students and teachers for their enthusiasm and the studious manner in which they have settled into class routine and learning.

This year is set to be another busy and rewarding one for all of our students. Our dedicated teachers have worked extremely hard throughout their holidays and in the first week of school to make your child’s transition to their given year a positive and very rewarding one. The classrooms look amazing so early in the year.

Classes

We are currently finalising our school numbers and classes for 2015. All classes K-6 are still temporary and we will inform families as soon as possible in regards to class changes.

“The Leader in Me”.

On the Staff Development Day on Tuesday 27th January, all teachers were trained in a program called, “The Leader in Me”. This program will be implemented for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. It incorporates the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and other basic leadership skills into their curriculum in unique and creative ways. Mr Smyth-Gapps will be leading the ‘Implementation Team’ on this exciting journey this year.

The Seven Habits are:

1. Be Proactive
2. Begin With the End in Mind
3. Put First Things First
4. Think Win-Win
5. Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood
6. Synergize
7. Sharpen the Saw

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Parent Teacher Information Night
Come and meet your child’s teacher and learn about the engaging programs for 2015.
Parent teacher meetings will be held on Thursday 19th February, 2015. Interviews are from 3:30pm-7:30pm, with Years K-2 in the Hall and Years 3-6 in the Library. We have organised for Arabic and Vietnamese interpreters to be available for the interviews. Please complete the interview note to book a time and interpreter if required.

PSSA Sport Selection
Weather permitting, this Friday, 6th February, we will be trialling students from Years 3-6 for PSSA summer sport teams. All children from Years 3-6 have been given an “Expression of Interest for Summer PSSA Teams,” form. These forms must be filled in and returned to school as trials are being held on Friday. Students who prefer to participate in House Sport activities will also be well catered for.

Mrs K Needham
Rel. Deputy Principal

HOUSE SPORT
This week the students in Years 3 to 6 were given permission notes to walk to and from Endeavour Park, each Friday. This permission note needs to be signed and returned by Friday (6th February). House Sport is an important part of the school curriculum. The students learn lots of different skills, not only physically, but they also learn social skills in an environment where there are sporting rules. Each student must wear their hat, wear a sport uniform along with sport shoes, and take a plastic container of water. Soft drinks are not suitable.

CANTEEN NEWS
Welcome back everyone! We hope you enjoyed your Christmas holidays.

We look forward to seeing you all at the canteen. This term we will be introducing some new food.

Here is a list
- Fairvale Salad Box
- Steak Sandwich
- 5 Bean Salad Box
- Pasta Salad
- Rice Pudding

Plus all your favourites are still available.

All of these new items are available for lunch orders.

Enjoy your day 😊
From Jo and Carina in the canteen.
**CLO Messages**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We welcome you back to a new year of endeavours, achievements and celebrations of our children’s social and academic growth.
We look forward to working with you, so that our children will thrive in a positive, nurturing and connected Fairvale school community.

Our P&C meeting will take place next Tuesday 10th February 2015, in our hall from 9:10am. Kindly bear in mind that you need to update your financial membership (50c) in order to maintain the rights to vote at our annual general meeting in March.

Next Thursday 12th February 2015, we will be holding our first Parents’ Café for this year in our hall from 9:00am to 10:00am. We invite you to join us next week, as we will discuss and share preferences for our school community engagement program this year.

We look forward to seeing you next week.

Thanking you for your kind and ongoing support.

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Fairvale’s Community Playgroup will be continuing throughout 2015. This educational program is run by an experienced Teacher and is designed to help prepare children for all areas of school life. Our school data has shown that children who have attended Fairvale’s Playgroup achieve high academic results once they start school. There are a very limited number of vacancies left for Playgroup in 2015. If you have a preschool aged child and would like to bring them to Playgroup so they can start preparing for “big” school, fill in an application form now, before you miss out.

Application forms are available from the Front Office.

**What:** Playgroup for preschool aged children and their parents/carers

**Where:** Fairvale Public School Hall

**When:** Every Monday 9.00am – 11.00am & 1.00pm – 3.00pm
Starting Monday 9th February 2015

**Cost:** $2.00 per session

Fun and educational play activities for children and their parents/carers.

- Please bring a healthy morning/afternoon tea for your child and yourself -

  *Limited places available*

For further information please call 9724 3470 or collect an application form from the Office.

Please note: Parents or carers MUST stay and interact with their child during the Playgroup. This is not a child minding service.

Mrs Casonato
Playgroup Teacher

Bashar Hanna & Maria Ha
Community Liaison Officer
**Proper Kiss and Drop Usage**

- Kiss and Drop is a *no parking area*.

- *Move entirely* into the extreme end of the bay, where possible when entering the area.

- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.

- Drivers should *remain in their vehicles at all times*.

- Make sure children use the footpath side of the door when getting in and out of the car.

- *Picking up* – Staff will ask your child/ren to move to your vehicle once the car has stopped.

- *Move along* i.e. do another circuit if your child is not present.

- *Do not park* across the entry to the bus bay or staff car park.

**School Times**

- Drop off – 8.30am to 9.00am

- Pick up – 3.00pm to 3.20pm

- If you are late, you need to park and get a late note from the office.

- If you are early or can’t make it in time, the school provides no supervision for children and we strongly advise you utilize before and/or after school care.

**Things you can be fined for**

There are fines and demerit points for illegal parking and driving in School Zones.

YOU MUST NOT AT ANY TIME

- Stop or park your car in a No Stopping Zone.

- Stop or park in a Bus Zone.

- Stop for more than 2 minutes in a no Parking Zone.

- Double park your car.

- Stop or drop off/pick up children on the pedestrian crossing.

- Park over any driveways.

- Park on the nature strip or *footpath* area.

**Tips for happy parents**

- Arrive at the Kiss and Drop at the earlier or later times than the rush.

- Consider not using the Kiss and Drop if your child is not capable of getting out of the car by themselves.

- Drive safely and remember kids can be completely unpredictable.

*Please obey all parking signs around our school at all times to help keep our children safe!*