The first Student of the Week for Week 3 is Trinity Chau of 3L. Trinity’s award is for being an exemplary member of 3L who always completes work to an incredibly high standard. She is an outstanding role model for her peers. Well done Trinity!

The second Student of the Week for Week 3 is Krystell Trinh from 2D. Krystell’s award is for being a proactive learner who always takes the initiative in her learning. Keep up the good work Krystell!

The first Student of the Week for Week 4 is Laurensa Abraham of 3/4T. Laurensa’s award is for always being ‘into learning’ in the classroom. Well done Laurensa!

The second Student of the Week for Week 4 is Danny Su from 2B. Danny’s award is for always being ‘into learning’ and helpful in the classroom. Keep up the good work Danny!

HIGH SCHOOL ‘EXPRESSION OF INTEREST’ FORMS

High school ‘Expression of Interest’ forms were given to all year six students this week. If you need help with these please come and see our very helpful Community Language Officers on Thursdays. The forms are due back to your child’s classroom teacher before the 20th March.

Miss Elks
Assistant Principal (Stage 3)
Principal’s Message

Parent meetings
We are all extremely fortunate to be part of the Fairvale Public School community.
Home and school communication is essential in assisting our children with the best possible academic and social development. We are happy to report that enrolment numbers are steadily increasing again this year. We currently have 645 students enrolled at Fairvale PS.
Parents are always encouraged to support their child’s school life through making regular contact with the school. It is also very important to communicate with the best person to help solve your questions.

Our parent teacher interviews are being held tomorrow afternoon from 3:30pm until 7:30pm. K-2 classes will have their interviews in the Hall. Years 3-6 classes will have their interviews in the Library.

We are aware that some families are not able to attend these interviews. If you would like to meet with your child’s teacher throughout the year please contact the class teacher and book a convenient time or ring the administration office.

Child Protection Training
Over the past couple of weeks all staff have participated in Child Protection updates from the Department of Education and Communities.
The Child Protection 2015 update aims to build on the knowledge and skills of staff in addressing child protection and child wellbeing concerns.
Staff working with children and young people are required to have up-to-date knowledge and the skills to identify and respond to child protection concerns according to their roles.

Yr 6 ‘Behind the Scenes’ Tour.
I was extremely proud of all the Year 6 students who attended the ‘Behind the Scenes’ tour last week. Miss Spagnolo and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and we were very impressed by the students’ behaviour and intelligent questions that were asked. Please see the report and photos on the next pages in the newsletter.

Homework Centre
Homework is an important part of learning. Sometimes parents find it hard to keep up with what needs to be done. To assist our families, we will be running the Homework Centre again this year. We are currently organising the coordinators for this position. We will hand out notes in week six to offer places for our students.

QUOTE:
“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn”.
- Benjamin Franklin

Mr P Bates and Mrs K Needham
Principals
**SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL - 2015**

The 2015 Swimming Carnival was another fantastic day had by all who attended! The weather held out for us to have a fantastic day. All students enjoyed themselves in their noodle, kickboard and relay races and competed against each other in Newcomb Ball. We had some amazing talent shown on the day with a number of records broken with Dionn Duong from year six breaking three records and Annabelle Frederick from year three breaking one record.

Congratulations to Macquarie house for winning the carnival with 264 points. Well done to all the swimmers in the other houses who gave them such hard competition. Wentworth House earned 202 points, Parkes received 180 points and Sturt had 140 points to finish the day.

Teachers and students enjoyed the student/teacher relay race with the teachers coming through to win by the touch of a finger. We would like to thank all students for their impeccable behaviour and all teachers for their hard work on the day to ensure our carnival ran smoothly. Thank you.

**Miss Brady and Miss Vartuli**

Carnival Organisers

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**BEHIND THE SCENES**

On Tuesday 10th February, 40 lucky year six students attended a ‘Behind the Scenes’ excursion. The excursion provided students with the opportunity to explore and discover options for future employment and schooling.

We visited Villawood Community Centre, Cucina 105 in Liverpool and Calmsley Hill City Farm in Abbotsbury. The students thoroughly enjoyed this experience and were truly inspired. Some comments from the students included:

“I feel really happy because everything I saw was really inspiring.” Monica Barber

“I felt like it was really fun and I liked seeing how different people work.” Noah Motootua Evile

“I loved seeing the animals and most of all eating pizza!” Levi Dawes

“We learnt a lot of new information about jobs we could have.” Maree Herman

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*The 8 year old boys started their race.*

*Everyone doing the shallow water activities had to listen to the rules first.*

*Students watching their pizzas being made at Cucina 101*

*Calmsley Hill City Farm*
THE LEADER IN ME

This week, your child commenced a new program titled ‘The Leader In Me’. This is a program that is running across Years K-6 and is designed to provide students of all ages with the skills to succeed both in and out of the classroom. Over the year, your child will complete age appropriate, weekly activities to develop their:

- Leadership skills
- Goal-setting skills
- Choice-making skills
- Reflective skills

This will be achieved through the ‘7 Habits’ program. In the coming weeks, you will receive further information about the program including times for parent workshops and information sessions and activities for you to complete at home with your child/children.

We look forward to seeing all of our students benefit under this new program.

Mr C Smyth-Gapps

SCRIPTURE

This year, our school will once again be offering Scripture lessons. Scripture lessons are run by volunteers and are free of charge. The scripture groups available this year will be:

- Muslim
- Anglican/Christian
- Catholic

An information note was sent home earlier this week. If you would like your child to participate in a scripture program this year, please complete and sign the permission note and return it to your child’s class teacher.

MORNING PLAY AREAS

Please be advised that only limited areas of the playground are supervised each morning. These are the ‘LITTLE SEATS’ and ‘BIG SEATS’ areas. These are the only areas where your child is permitted to sit or play in the morning.

Duty teachers have the responsibility of keeping your children safe. Therefore, it is essential that your child remains in supervised areas at all times. New signs have been posted in the school and the map below should also familiarise you with the supervised areas.

Morning duty commences at 8:30am. This is the earliest time that your child should arrive at school.

If you have any questions regarding the morning playground duty, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Your support in ensuring that your child/children stay in the correct areas is greatly appreciated.
**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/children 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.

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**No Parking/Kiss and Drop Area**

You can stop for 2 minutes only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods AND the driver must stay within 3 metres of their vehicle. Penalty from $143 and 2 demerit points

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

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Parents’ Café will commence each Thursday in our school hall from 9:00am to 10:30am. These are wonderful opportunities for you to discover more about our school, how you can be involved, meet new parents and key community stakeholders through our many informational workshops planned for this year.

On Thursday 5 March 2015 in conjunction with NSW Refugee Health, we will be running an Oral Health Information Session in our school hall from 9:15 am to 10:30 am.

Our upcoming P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 3 March 2015, in our school hall from 9:10am, where our new office bearers will be elected.

Office bearer and representative positions for our P&C encompass:

- President
- Vice-President (2 positions)
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Minutes Clerk
- Uniform Shop Coordinator
- Fundraising Coordinator

All parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend. If you are interested to know more about our P&C and how you can become involved, please join us at our AGM, which will be followed by our first general meeting with our newly-elected office bearers.

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 1.00pm – 3.00pm

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 Playgroup.

This is not a child minding service.

Mrs Casonato
Playgroup Teacher