The first Student of the Week for Week 3 is Sajad Asedi from 5/6P. Sajad’s award is for being a focused and hard working student. Sajad puts 100% into all tasks. Well done Sajad!

The second Student of the Week for Week 3 is Fatima Al Attar from K Green. Fatima’s award is for being a responsible and proactive class member who is always willing to help everyone, while doing her best. Well done Fatima!

The first Student of the Week for Week 4 is Donatella Younan. Donatella’s award is for always being a happy and vibrant student who always tries her best. Keep up the good work Donatella!

The second Student of the Week for Week 4 is Crystal Vo from 4B. Crystal’s award is for being a proactive learner when taking part in all lessons. Well done Crystal!
Principal’s Message

STAFF NEWS
We welcome two additional staff members to Fairvale PS from Educational Speech Pathology and Therapy Services. Miss Alexandrea Barrett, Speech Pathologist and Miss Lisa Celi, Occupational Pathologist will be working with our staff and students on Mondays and Fridays. A parent meeting will be held on Monday 10 August – see more information in this edition of the newsletter.

CLASSROOM VISITS WITH MR PITT
Over the last fortnight I visited 1M and 5B. Check out my report in this edition of the newsletter.

EDUCATION WEEK – OPEN DAY
Last week we celebrated Education Week - Open Day on Thursday. Thank you to our families for attending our special day. The day began with classroom visits and a morning tea for families in our refurbished library. After recess, we held our K-6 Book Week Character Parade – which was fantastic! After the parade we had a picnic lunch. After lunch our special assembly had performances, certificates and our school video ‘It’s all about the books!’ Check out some Open Day photos in in this week’s edition of the newsletter.

OUR NEW SCHOOL APP
We have a new app for mobile devices on both the Apple app and Google Play store. This application provides instant notifications so that you can stay up to date with current information about what’s happening in the school. This includes sections for school newsletters, notes, electronic absence submissions, important locations and, down the track, we will include a school calendar. You can search for Fairvale Public School in both the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

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Dear Fairvale Families,

School students and their families across Western Sydney are invited to register for four FREE tickets to see the GWS GIANTS take on Essendon during the AFL’s Multicultural Round on Sunday 9 August at Spotless Stadium in Sydney Olympic Park.

By attending you could have a chance to WIN a visit from a GIANTS player to your school and a signed 2015 guernsey! The school that has the most students register and attend the game will receive this great prize.

Families can register for tickets at www.gwsgiants.com.au/MYNEWLOCALCLUB.

Instructions regarding how to download the four FREE tickets will then be sent. The first 150 registrations also have the opportunity to select to attend a clinic on the Cattle Lawns at the stadium from 2-2.30pm on game day and kids will receive a show bag that is available for collection from the GIANTS marquee just inside Gate D. Seats will be allocated in the "News Local Schools Stand" which will be visited by GIANTS mascot GMAN during the match.

If you wish to purchase additional tickets visit ticketmaster.com.au/giants and purchase in the general admission category.

Terms and conditions:
- Clinic is strictly limited to 150 attendees
- Meeting point for the clinic is at 1.45pm on game day at the GIANTS marquee located at gate D
- Showbags will include: wrist band, stickers, tattoos, balloon, autograph card, thunder sticks, 2014 GIANTS Yearbook, 20% off voucher for the Sydney Derby.

The GWS GIANTS reserve the right to substitute some items. Maximum of 1000 show bags available.

Miss Short

Principal’s message (continued)

Books to boost brains

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes each night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adults: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

ATTENDANCE CHATTER

Celebrate Attendance – Tips for Parents

Going to school is important. It makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

- Keep your child home only when they are sick
- Advise the school of any absence
- See doctors and dentists after school hours

Friends are important.

- Show an interest in your child’s friends
- Invite friends to come and play
- Encourage your child to play with other children

Helping your child have a happy day at school is important for you and your child. If you are having difficulties in getting your child to school you should contact the school as soon as possible to discuss the problem and ask for help.

Our Home School Liaison Officer is monitoring attendance of all children at Fairvale Public School.

Have a great fortnight,

Anthony Pitt
Relieving Principal
ONESIGHT FOUNDATION

Students of Fairvale PS have by now received a letter explaining an initiative we have been fortunate enough to be part of that allows all students to access a free vision test from Onesight. Onesight, a charity foundation, are coming to visit the school on Wednesday 19th August. An optometrist will conduct a basic eye test on each student and should your child require further examination, they will be provided with a OneSight vision voucher, entitling the student to a free pair of glasses from a selected range and a full examination at OPSM.

Should you wish your child be part of this process, please return the note by Thursday, 13th August. If you need further clarification, please phone the school on 9724 3470.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND SPEECH PATHOLOGY

Alexandrea Barrett (Speech Pathologist) and Lisa Celi (Occupational Therapist) will be holding a talk for Kindergarten parents on Monday 10th August. We will discuss what Speech Pathologists and Occupational Therapists are and how we work with Kindergarten students. We will provide tips on supporting your child’s speech and language development, as well as supporting fine and gross motor skills, and the sensory experience of your child.

Please come and join us at 9:10am in the staff room.
Alexandrea Barrett (Speech Pathologist) and Lisa Celi (Occupational Therapist)

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 – Morning: 9.00am – 11.00am
     OR
     Afternoon: 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 the Playgroup. This is not a child minding service.

Mrs Casonato
Playgroup Teacher
CLO Messages

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Education Week celebrations last Thursday – we had a most splendid time.

Tomorrow, our P&C meeting will be taking place in the school hall from 9:05 am. This will be another delightful opportunity to be updated about your children’s education and the wonderful initiatives that will be in place in the school.

Due to a number of occurrences of student lateness to school, kindly be reminded that it is very important for students to arrive on time to school, in order to enhance students’ development of their organisational skills as they progress in their years toward secondary and higher education. We thank you kindly for your ongoing support to your children’s learning outcomes.

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Fairvale Public School is now taking enrolments for children starting school in 2016. These children will participate in a ‘Transition to School’ program during Term 4, 2015.

If your child turns 5 before 31st July, 2016, it is important that you enrol your child at the office now.

Please pass this message to friends and neighbours whose child will be eligible to begin school in 2016.

An information meeting will be held in the school hall on Friday 23rd October at 10.00am.

Mr A. Pitt             Miss K. Byrne
Principal              Transition to School Co-ordinator

Maria Ha & Bashar Hanna, Community Liaison Officers
LANSDOWNE ZONE PSSA
Season 2 Results
Round 7

**Boys Basketball**
Fairvale PS 20 v Fairfield PS 18
*Most Valued Player: Pita Koro 5P*

**Girls Basketball**
Fairvale PS 44 v Fairfield PS 26
*Most valued Player: Olivia Oliveric 5K*

**Junior Mod Cricket**
Fairvale PS 73 v Fairfield PS 88
*Most Valued Player: Ahmed El Ali 3M*

**Senior Mod Cricket**
Fairvale PS 91 v Fairfield 83
*Most Valued Player: Julie Nguyen 6P*

**Girls Oz-Tag**
Fairvale PS 1 v Fairfield PS 6
*Most Valued Player: Akenesi Heleta 5K*

**Rugby League**
Fairvale PS 28 v Fairfield PS 28
*Most Valued Player: Kalvin Epati 6E*

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Welcome to Term 3

This term we are introducing new, exciting, and delicious food at recess and lunchtime over the counter for the children to taste and purchase.

New foods introduced this week to the children are:
* Dim Sims
* Chinese / Vietnamese fruit (lychees, coconut jelly, jackfruit and Longan).

We have been making fresh fruit salad with the new fruit incorporated with fruit they already eat, such as mandarins, strawberries and apples.

The feedback from the children is overwhelming.... they love it :-) They have asked if they can have it every day.

We have also replaced long life milk with fresh flavoured milk.

Thank you
From the canteen staff
5B
Yesterday I visited 5B during literacy rotations. The children were working in small groups to complete various activities – comprehension, spelling and vocabulary, literacy games, storyboard art and talking and listening post. The writing activity was a lot of fun and linked nicely with Pyjama Day where children had to write about their favourite dream. Children worked well in their groups and completed activities individually and collaboratively.

1M
Last week I visited 1M. The children had to make a shelter that could protect a family from rain, needed to be open to let the barbecue smoke out, needed to be strong and also had to be made from different materials. Children worked in small groups or pairs. Some children used straws, cardboard boxes and pipe-cleaners to make their designs really strong. My favourite part was watching and listening to the children communicate their ideas with each other.
BOOK WEEK – 2015

Everyone at Fairvale PS had a wonderful time at the Book Week Character Parade, last week. Lots of ‘characters’ were represented. Here are some of the photos taken. You can see there were superheroes (even Buzz Lightyear!) Lots of princesses and even Power Rangers. Mr Pitt was a very believable Captain Hook. Thank you to all the parents and families who helped the day be such a success.