



Fairfield Heights Public School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 7 – 2025

Wednesday 11 June 2025

Dates for your diary

JUNE

Tuesday 17 June

Year 5 Excursion –
The Rocks

Wednesday 18 June

K-6 Naidoc Performance

Friday 20 June

3-6 Gala Day

Monday 23 June

Parent / Teacher
Interview bookings
open on School Bytes

Tuesday 24 June

P&C AGM 9.30am HALL

Wednesday 25 June

Year 2 Colonial Day

Thursday 26 June

Reports available on
School Bytes and email

Gold Banner Assembly

Monday 30 June

Last day to book Parent
/ Teacher interviews

JULY

Tuesday 1 July

Parent / Teacher
Interviews afternoon 1

Wednesday 2 July

Year 6 Leadership Day

Parent / Teacher

Interviews afternoon 2

Thursday 3 July

K-2 and Year 3 & 4 Disco
(held during school hours)

Friday 4 July

Kindergarten Teddy
Bears Picnic

Year 5 & 6 Disco

(held during school hours)

Last day of Term 2

Tuesday 22 July

Students return to school



Message from Mrs Craig

I would like to share some important updates about our school activities and initiatives that enhance student wellbeing, engagement, and learning.

Student Wellbeing and Engagement

We are proud to announce that we now have four classes in our support unit and have been recognised as outstanding practitioners in the area of inclusive education.

Our team has expanded to include three school psychologists and a school nurse who are working closely with our learning support teams to assist many of our families both with identifying their child's learning needs and liaising with external practitioners. Additionally, we are utilising flexible funding to hire more SLSOs and LST teachers. This means that every child in the school has access to small group interventions in Literacy and Numeracy

To promote participation in all school activities, we are pleased to inform you that every excursion is subsidised, ensuring that all students benefit and can participate fully in the life of the school.

Infrastructure Improvements

We have made significant improvements to our school's infrastructure, including renovations to the toilets, Year Six roof, and removal of 8 demountable classrooms, along with the installation of fencing around the carpark. We are currently exploring estimates to enhance our playground area further. I have set aside money from school and community funds to develop a new playground and sports area.

A new sensory area has been established in the K-2 playground, and we are developing an HPGE initiative, so that we can incorporate student and parent voice in the design of a new playground.

Message from Mrs Craig continued

Sport and Fitness Initiatives

Our Motiv8sport initiatives are in full swing, featuring programs for students in Years 3-6, Kinder induction, and a K-2 Sports Fun Day. We are proud to share that FHPS has been recognised for providing coaches for PSSA Gala days at the district level. The school funds participation for gifted students in various sporting activities at Zone, District, and State levels, and we are developing a comprehensive fitness program for all students.

School Bytes

To streamline communication and operations, we are utilising School Bytes for monitoring attendance, paying accounts via credit card, maintaining school calendars, printing and archiving school reports, and notifying parents of interview opportunities. Each child's report will be printed and provided to parents.

Number Screening

We recently participated as a trial school for the new Year One Number Screening tests, where Mrs. Ramirez and I were interviewed, and our students in class 1R were filmed. We will receive a copy of this film for our records.

P&C

I would like to acknowledge the P&C for the work that they have done to support all aspects of our school community over many years. Their contribution to our school has been invaluable.

Everyone will have received notification that on Tuesday 24th June the P&C will hold its AGM.

All Executive positions and members can self-nominate for one of the roles. All financial members can vote.

As parents your involvement is vital to our school community, and we appreciate your continued support, and I am looking forward to continuing to ensure that your children continue to reach their full potential at FHPS

Could I just add that if you have a concern or a question, please contact myself, Mrs Cooper or Mrs Benetel. We will do our best to address any issues.

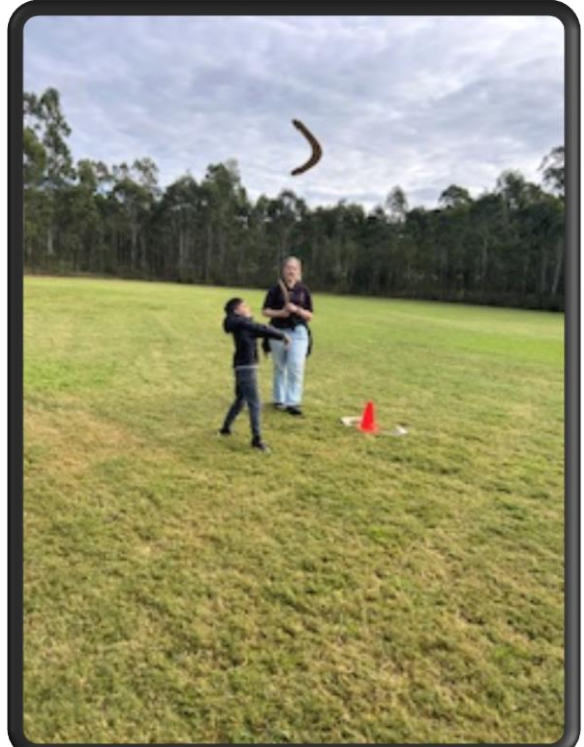
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Craig - Principal

Stage 2 Lizard Log Excursion

On Tuesday 3 June Stage 2 students went to Western Sydney Parklands – Lizard Log as part of their study in Geography, Science and Aboriginal Education.

Students planted native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers in the Parklands, and enjoyed a hands-on lesson in an outdoor classroom.



Harmony Day

Students and teachers celebrated Harmony Day. It is a day to celebrate Australia's diverse cultural heritage, foster inclusivity, and promote respect for all Australians, regardless of their background.

Students were asked to wear orange or their cultural dress.



Sporting News

We would like to welcome back Coach Tom and his team from Motiv8Sports! Tom and his coaches have been providing Years 3-6 with a dedicated sports program every Friday. Motiv8sports' unique approach blends multiple sports with music, challenges, and non-stop excitement. This program provides opportunities for students to achieve outcomes at each stage of the K-6 PDHPE Syllabus in both Knowledge and Understanding Outcomes as well as Skills Outcomes.

Students in Year 3 – 6 have participated in one Gala day this term and have another Gala day on the 20 June. Fairfield Heights PS has students playing netball and football.

Netball games will be played at Endeavour Reserve. Boys football will be played at Prospect View Park and girls football will be played at Brenan St Park.

Students will travel by bus to the venues. Parents are welcome to watch.

Congratulations to Sileen for representing Fairfield Heights PS in the Horsley Zone Cross Country.

Congratulations to Sileen and Meri who are representing FHPS in the Horsley Zone girls football team and Nikola who is representing FHPS in the Horsley Zone boys football team.



 **motiv8sports**



Western Sydney Wanderers Training Clinic

Year 2 had the opportunity to participate in the Western Sydney Wanderers training clinic. This was a free clinic to all Year 2 students. The clinic was held on Wednesday afternoons.



K-2 Easter Hat Parade

K-2 participated in the K-2 Easter Hat Parade. Students designed their hats in class.



Events coming up.....

- **Year 5** are heading to **The Rocks on Tuesday 17 June**. Students will explore The Rocks and learn the history of the colonial settlers and historical sites. Students need to be at school by **7.45am**.



- **Naidoc Celebrations. K-6** will watch Tjupurra from the Djabera Djabera tribe from Kimberley region of Western Australia, perform an Australian music experience accompanied by both personal and ancestral stories. All students are invited to attend the performance which will be held on the school grounds. The school will cover the cost of this performance.
The event will be on **Wednesday 18 June**.

- **Year 2** will be having a **Colonial day on Wednesday 25 June**. Students will participate in a variety of activities which explore life in the past to support this term's History unit – *Past in the Present, Changing Technology*. We are looking forward to an exciting day filled with lots of fun, exploring how people lived in the olden days.



- **Parent / teacher interviews** will be held **on Tuesday 1 July and Wednesday 2 July** from 3.30pm – 5pm. Please use the School Bytes parent portal to book your interview. Interview bookings can be made from Monday 23 June.
- **Year 6 Leadership day** will be held on **Wednesday 2 July**. This will prepare Year 6 students for their role in Leading Peer Support during Term 3.

Canteen

The canteen will be open Monday to Friday for recess and lunch purchases. Lunch orders need to be placed before 9.10am daily. You can order your child's lunch at the canteen or on the Flexischools app.

No Hat No Play

At Fairfield Heights PS we have a **No Hat No Play** policy. If your child forgets their hat they will be able to play under the COLA in the shade.

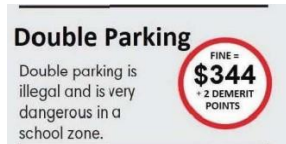
Hats are available to purchase from the office

Respecting Our Neighbours

We request that parents / carers respect our neighbours when choosing where to park before school and at the end of the school day.

* Please **DO NOT** park in or across driveways.

* **NO** double parking - this is dangerous for our students.



Attendance

Attending school every day is very important. Regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options.

What your child learns each day builds on what they learned the day before. If your child does not attend school, their learning routine is broken, so they can lose confidence and miss out on developing friendships with their peers.

You have a legal responsibility to send your child to school **every** school day.

At Fairfield Heights Public School you child is required to be at school before 9:10am. If your child is late they must go directly to the school office to receive a late slip. Parents will not be allowed to pick their child up early between 2:45pm and 3:15pm unless they can provide an explanation eg. Dr's appointment. All students should be collected promptly at 3.15pm.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss days per year
5 mins per day	3 days
30 mins per day	18 days

Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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