



Fairfield Heights Public School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 3 – 2025

Friday 8 August 2025

Dates for your diary

AUGUST

Monday 11 August

Life Education begins

Wednesday 13 August

Year 2 Excursion
Sydney Zoo

Monday 18 August

Book Week

Wednesday 20 August

Open Day

Friday 22 August

Horsley Zone
Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 27 August

Year 4 Excursion Symbio

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 2 September

Year 3 Excursion
Wattamolla National Park

Wednesday 3 September

Stage 3 Camp
Broken Bay

Thursday 4 September

Stage 3 Camp
Broken Bay

Friday 5 September

Stage 3 return from Camp
Broken Bay

Monday 8 September

YSafe Cyber Education

Wednesday 10 September

K-2 Fun Day with Motiv8

Friday 12 September

Year 1 Excursion
Featherdale

Friday 19 September

Kindergarten Excursion
Golden Ridge Animal Farm



Message from Mrs Craig

As we embrace the vibrant spirit of Education Week, themed "Ignite Your Potential," I am filled with pride as we celebrate the remarkable achievements and growth within our school community. This week serves as a reminder of the incredible opportunities we provide our students to explore their interests, develop their skills, and ignite their passions as learners. Together, we are fostering an environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding work of our dedicated staff and students. The commitment and passion demonstrated by our educators in delivering high-quality teaching and learning experiences are truly commendable. Their innovative approaches and tireless efforts have played a pivotal role in supporting our students' academic journeys and personal growth. Similarly, our students continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, resilience, and creativity. It is heartwarming to witness them embracing challenges and celebrating their successes, reinforcing the importance of a growth mindset.

This term, we are excited to be part of the "Thriving Schools Partnership" with Newcastle University. This collaboration aims to enhance our educational practices and outcomes through evidence-based strategies and innovative initiatives. We look forward to the valuable insights and resources that this partnership will bring to our school, further enriching the learning experiences for our students. Our involvement in this initiative demonstrates our commitment to continuous improvement and our dedication to providing the best possible education for our children.

Message from Mrs Craig..continued

As part of our ongoing efforts to support all students, we have recently completed the NCCD (Nationally Consistent Collection of Data) survey. This survey is crucial as it helps us to better understand the needs of our students with disabilities and to tailor our support accordingly. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important process. The data collected will guide us in enhancing our inclusive practices, ensuring that every student receives the support they need to succeed.

In our pursuit of a positive and safe learning environment, it is essential that we all understand and uphold our school behaviour code. This code is not just a set of rules; it is a framework that promotes respect, responsibility, and resilience among our students. By reinforcing these values at school and at home, we can work together to create a supportive atmosphere where every student feels valued and empowered. I encourage all families to engage in discussions with their children about our behaviour expectations and to model these values in their interactions within our community.

Finally, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our school community for your unwavering support and commitment to Fairfield Heights Public School. Your involvement in school activities, your encouragement of our students, and your partnership with our staff make a significant difference in the lives of our children.

As we celebrate Education Week, let us all take a moment to reflect on the progress we have made and the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. Together, we will continue to ignite the potential within every student and build a bright future for our school community.

Warm regards, Mrs Craig

Small Group Tuition

The NSW Government has funded Small Group Tuition as a permanent, evidence informed literacy and numeracy program. This program provides targeted, short-term support for students Needing Additional Support (NAS), identified through NAPLAN, departmental and school-based assessments. It is implemented in all NSW public schools, ensuring equitable access for all students. At our school, the executive team has been collaborating to use this funding effectively. We are refining our plan, recruiting and training staff and identifying students who will benefit most, with a continued focus on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes.

P & C

Our next P&C meeting will be held in
Term 3 Week 9,
Tuesday 16 September 2025
at 9.30am in the School Hall.

Morning Tea will be provided.

We hope to see you there!

We are having a Cake Stall

The P&C are holding a cake stall on Open Day. We are asking parents to bake cakes, cupcakes, slices, cookies, muffins etc and donate them to the cake stall.

Donations can be dropped off in the hall before 10am on Open Day – Wednesday 20 August. Please include a list of ingredients used to make the baked goods. Please avoid using peanuts or nuts due to allergies.

Food prices will range from .50 cents to \$2.

Please send your spare coins with your child so they can buy items at the cake stall.

If any parents would like to help by selling the cakes at the stall please see the ladies in the office to put your name down.



Father's Day Raffle

The P&C will be selling raffle tickets on Open Day on Wednesday 20 August to raise funds for the P&C.

Raffle tickets cost \$1



The raffle tickets and cake stall are **cash only**. No eftpos will be available. Please bring coins and small denominations of notes eg. \$5 or \$10 notes.

Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 3 September 2025.



3-6 Athletics Carnival

Our school athletics carnival was held on Wednesday 6 August at Janice Crossio Oval.

The high jump activities were completed at school on our newly grassed play area.

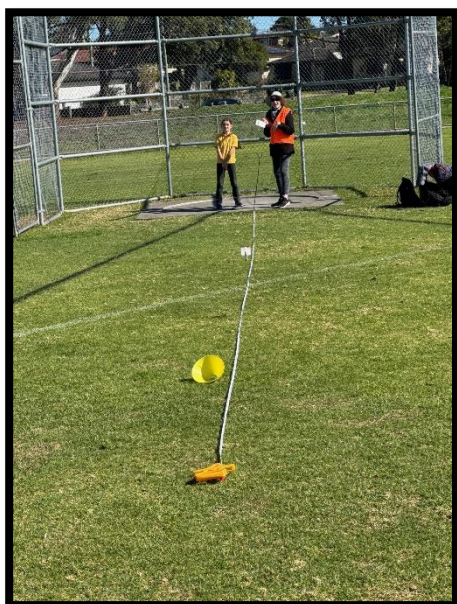
Mr Bijelic demonstrated to the students how to complete a high jump.

Some of our students were lucky enough to travel to Janice Crossio oval in a double decker bus! They were so excited!!

Many students made it to the Horsley Zone Athletics Carnival so keep an eye on School Bytes for more information.



3-6 Athletics Carnival



SCHOOL DISCIPLINE CODE



OUR VALUES

Cooperation Honesty Kindness Respect Responsibility Understanding

OUR CORE RULES

Core Rules	All students at Fairfield Heights Public School are expected to:
Be safe	▪ Play safely. ▪ Treat everyone with kindness and consideration. ▪ Move about the school sensibly and quietly. ▪ Use technology safely and responsibly. ▪ Make good choices and never bring dangerous objects or substances to school.
Be respectful	▪ Display good manners at all times. ▪ Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others. ▪ Wear the school uniform with pride. ▪ Keep the playground clean. ▪ Uphold the values of our school.
Be a learner	▪ Attend school every day. ▪ Be in class on time. ▪ Come prepared for the school day. ▪ Listen to their teachers and listen to each other. ▪ Try to do their best.

Sports News

Unfortunately our Gala day was cancelled on Friday 1 August due to the weather. Our next Gala Day is scheduled for Friday 29 August 2025. Our netball teams will be playing at Endeavour Reserve. Our boys football teams will be playing at Allambie Reserve. Our girls football teams will be playing at Brenan Park.



Nikola Bijelic represented Fairfield Heights Public School and Horsley Zone at the Sydney Southwest (SSW) Football Carnival held on the 30th of June 2025 at Lynwood Park, St Helens Park. The Horsley Zone Boys football team played well, and Nikola should be proud of his efforts and achievements as the youngest player on the team. Keep working hard, Nikola!



Kindergarten 2026

We are enrolling for Kindergarten 2026

Any child turning 5 years of age before the 31st July 2026 can start Kindergarten at the beginning of 2026.

(children born between 1st August 2020 and 31 July 2021)



Children in NSW must be enrolled in primary school by their sixth birthday.

To enrol your child for Kindergarten 2026:

- Click this link and enrol online

<https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/?schoolCode=3632>

- Pick up a paper enrolment form from the office.

Documented evidence of date of birth and proof of address will need to be shown / uploaded when completing the enrolment.

For more information regarding enrolment in NSW Public Schools, click this link.

<https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/>



New Library Bag

We have a new Library Bag!



Our new Library bag features a carry handle and is water resistant. It has a velcro strip closure and space on the back for you to write your child's name and class.

Library Bags are available from the office for just \$8.

Hats are also available to purchase from the office for \$6.

Life Education

Healthy Harold will be visiting our school from Monday 11 August until Monday 25 August 2025.

Each class will visit the Healthy Harold Van and enjoy a lesson on either Physical Health, Wellbeing or Safety.

Life Education has curriculum-aligned modules build on students' strengths, empowering them with knowledge & skills to make safer and healthier choices.

Please go to School Bytes or click the link in your email and complete the permission form.

Please tick Yes to give consent or No if you do not give consent. Thank you for your support.



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.

Book Week

This year's Book Week theme is "Book an Adventure"

On Wednesday 20 August we will be having our open day. You are invited to visit your child's classroom and experience the great teaching and learning that is taking place in our school.

You are also invited to watch the book parade.

Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character.



9.30am – 10.15am
10.30am – 11.15am
11.45am – 12.15pm
12.15pm – 1pm
1pm – 2pm

Open classrooms in 3-6
3-6 Book Parade
Open classrooms in K-2
K-2 Book Parade
Enjoy a picnic lunch with your child.

9am – 1.30pm

Visit the library and enjoy the displays created by the students. You can also donate a book to the school. Books will cost \$5.

Gold Banner Assembly

Our Term 3 Gold Banner Assembly will be held on Thursday 18 September 2025. (Week 9).

If your child has 3 Blue Awards, please bring the awards to the office.

You will receive an invitation to attend the assembly if your child is receiving a Gold Banner.



Student Safety Matters

Please be aware of the following safety matters.

SCHOOL GATES

- * The school gates are locked at 9.20am each morning.
- * One single gate (Gate 1) in Station Street is accessible by a buzzer.
- * Other pedestrian gates are opened at 3pm.

PLAYGROUND TEACHER SUPERVISION commences at 8.45am.

High Potential Gifted Education Years 2-6

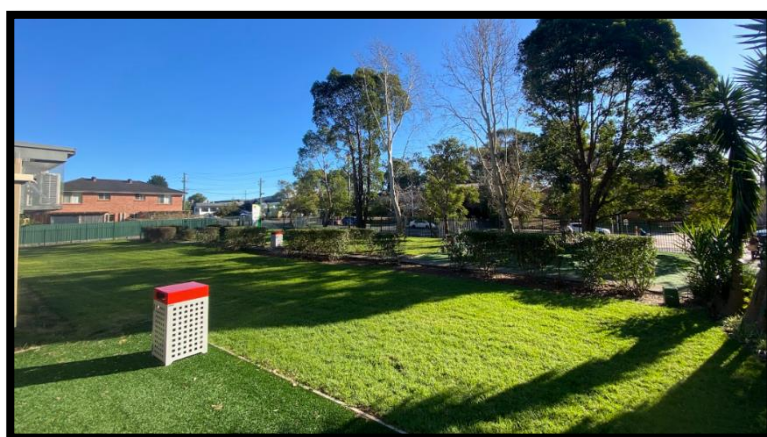
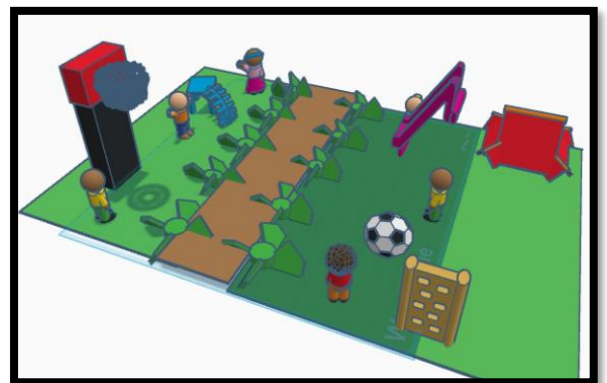
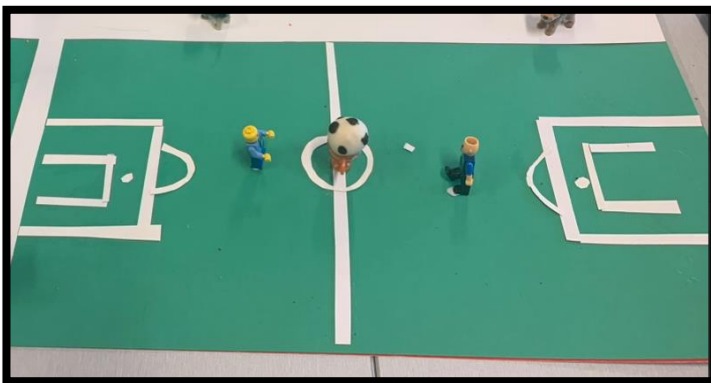
This year, some classes from Years 2-6 took part in a project called "The Great Playground Challenge." The task was to work together to design a new playground in an empty area of the school. The project aimed to get students involved in hands-on learning that helped them think critically and solve problems.

The goal was to boost students' creativity and teamwork skills while also improving their Maths skills through real-life applications. The HPGE project included daily problem-solving activities, allowing students to engage in practical experiences that challenged them and encouraged collaboration. Students worked together to measure the playground and used a variety of methods, such as grid paper and technology, to create a design plan. They then used hands-on materials to build the playground.

By working on real-world problems, students learned to use their knowledge in creative ways. All students really enjoyed their experience and felt proud of what they accomplished.



High Potential Gifted Education Years 2-6



Events coming up.....

Book Week – Open Day

Students will be having their book parade on Open Day, Wednesday 20 August.

Symbio Wildlife Park

Students in Year 4 will be attending Symbio Wildlife Park on Wednesday 27 August.

Life Education

Life Education classes will be held from Monday 11 August until Monday 25 August.

Sydney Zoo

Students in Year 2 will be attending Sydney Zoo on Wednesday 13 August.

Wattamolla National Park

Year 3 students will be attending Wattamolla National Park pm Tuesday 2 September.

Broken Bay Camp

100 Stage 3 students will be attending camp from Wednesday 3 September – Friday 5 September.

K-2 Fun Day with MOTIV8Sports

On Wednesday 10 September all students in K-2 will be participating in a fun day provided by Motiv8Sports.

Featherdale Wildlife Park

Year 1 students are going on an excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park on Friday 12 September.

Golden Ridge Animal Farm

Kindergarten students are going to Golden Ridge Animal Farm on Friday 9 September.

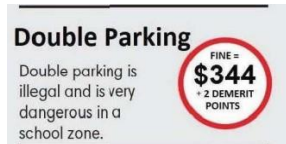


Respecting Our Neighbours

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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