

*OUR COMMUNITY IS COMMITTED TO  
LEARNING, GROWING and ACHIEVING  
TOGETHER.*

Teachers will soon begin developing preliminary class lists for 2024. They consider several factors when developing these lists including academic ability, social competencies, gender, students who work well together and those who may not work well together. Building new relationships is an important part of our education process and friendship groupings are considered throughout the process.

Parent input, based on student learning needs, is also considered. Parents who have specific concerns about their child's learning needs for 2024 may provide written information to me (not the class teacher) by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Information received after this date will not be considered.

Teacher requests will not be available due to the possibility that teachers may leave the school, be deployed to other roles within the school or teach in a different area next year.

Later in the term, the 2025 class structure will be released. Prior to the whole school transition on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December the teacher allocation to those classes will be announced.

Our 2025 Prep Transition program starts on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October and it is always an exciting time of year when the new prep students are in the classroom. If there are any families who know of a Prep student who is not yet enrolled, please encourage them to contact the school.

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Tanya Burton  
Principal



## Junior School Council News

This term, the Junior School Council are promoting 'Rubbish Free Lunch Boxes'.

At Fairhills we are very conscious of the rubbish that is blowing around the school in this windy weather, so we will be encouraging families to leave the wrappers at home and place their snacks and sandwiches straight into their child's lunch box. **Paper sandwich wrap is still acceptable.**

There will be a tally run in each classroom and at the end of each week, our JSC's will calculate the score of each classroom's progress with their rubbish free lunch boxes.

At the end of term, there will be a reward for the winning class!



Calendar Dates	School Information
<p><b>October</b></p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> Knox Division Volleyball Team Finals            24<sup>th</sup> Prep Transition            25<sup>th</sup> PFA Meeting 2.30pm                Knox Division Tennis Team Finals</p> <p><b>November</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Assembly  <b>4<sup>th</sup> CURRICULUM DAY-NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL</b>            5<sup>th</sup> Melbourne Cup-Public Holiday no students at School</p>	<p><b>Principal:</b> Tanya Burton  <b>School Council President:</b> Bev Shaw  <b>Parents and Friends (PFA) President:</b> Tamara Simari</p> <p><b>Phone:</b> 9758 3007  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Fairhills.ps@education.vic.gov.au">Fairhills.ps@education.vic.gov.au</a>  <b>Absence notification:</b> via Compass Parent portal or by phone. (This must occur prior to 9.30am on the day of a child's absence)</p> <p><b>Office Hours:</b> for communication, payments and enquiries.            Monday: 8.30am-4.00pm            Tuesday: 8.30am-4.00pm            Wednesday: 8.30am-4.00pm            Thursday: 8.30am-4.00pm            Friday: 8.30am-4.00pm</p>













Our new retaining wall completed during the holidays











Along with some lovely new plants to brighten up our garden.



## Student of the week awards- Congratulations to all our achievers

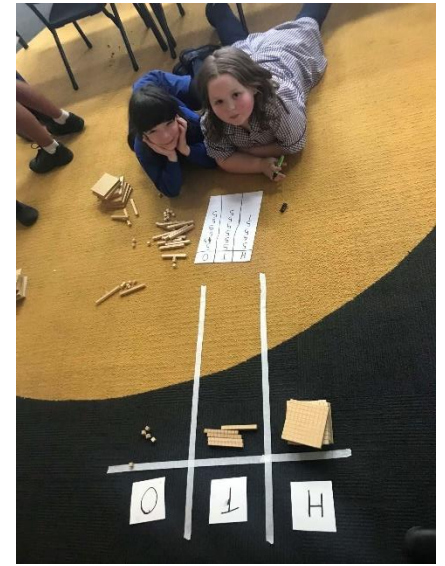


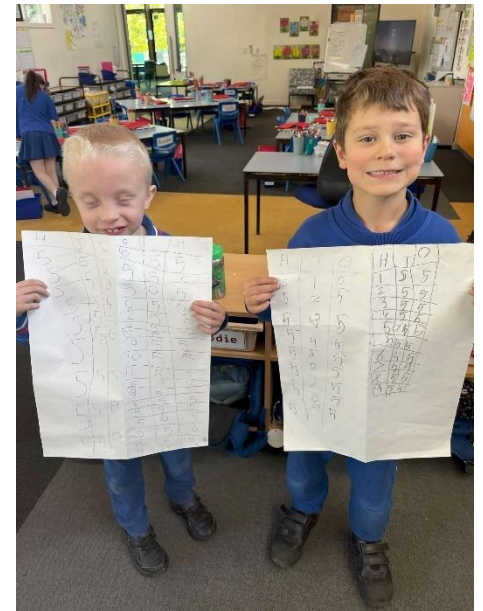
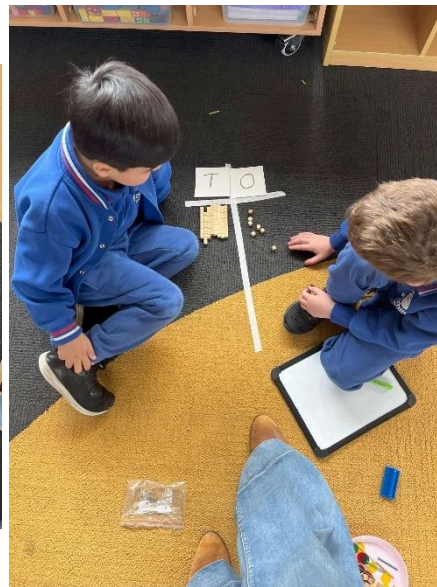
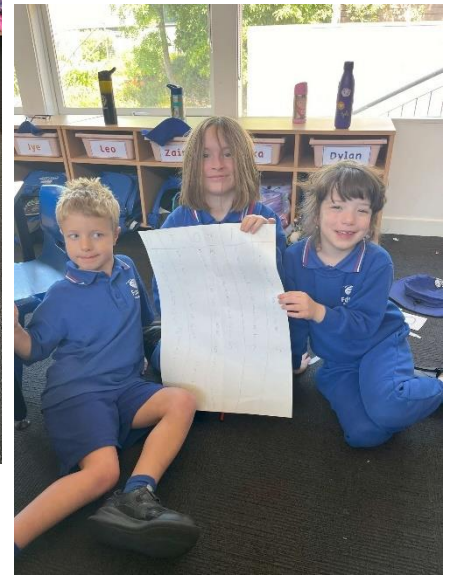
11 <sup>th</sup> October			18 <sup>th</sup> October		
Prep/1 M	<b>Ziggy</b> 	For working hard on whole body listening during class discussions - you are contributing more often and more confidently well done.	Prep/1 M	<b>Blake</b> 	Demonstrating our Teamwork STARR Value when working on problem solving - well done persisting with your partner to find MANY solutions.
1/2J	<b>Zara</b> 	For consistently showing the STARR values and trying her very best - well done Zara!	1/2J	<b>Willow</b> 	For consistently showing the STARR values and being such a kind and thoughtful member of the class!
2/3S	<b>Teddy</b> 	For writing a very detailed information report. Well Done!	2/3S	<b>Luke</b> 	For putting a great deal of effort into his presentation of his work and making sure the overall appearance of his work is pleasing to the eye. Well done!
3/4H	<b>Mitchell</b> 	For working very well during independent work, setting a good example for others. Fantastic work, Mitchell.	3/4H	<b>Logan</b> 	For using specific, descriptive words in his writing, making it more interesting for his readers. Great work, Logan!
5/6B	<b>Skylla</b> 	For displaying all of the STARR values during buddies and caring for others. Wonderful to see Sky!	5/6B	<b>Maddi</b> 	For consistently completing your classwork with 100% focus and care. Fantastic commitment to learning Maddi!

5/6L	<b>Khloe</b> 	For her positive growth mindset towards her learning. She asks questions and keeps on trying. Awesome efforts Khloe!	5/6L	<b>Sophia</b> 	For her responsible, caring manner when dealing with any situations that arise. Our school is lucky to have such a fantastic decision maker as our school captain. Super citizenship Sophia
Visual Arts	<b>Mahli</b> 	For completing an amazing Picasso inspired self-portrait using colour and free form lines. Great job!	Visual Arts	<b>Harvey</b> 	For putting a huge amount of effort into his fingerprint blossom tree. Great job!
Performing Art	<b>Alexia</b> 	For demonstrating her 5 STARR values during our Music session and focussing on learning the notes on her recorder. Fabulous effort!	Performing Art	<b>Hazel</b> 	For her amazing concentration during our percussion and recorder session this week. Keep up your wonderful attitude!
S.T.E.M.	<b>Olivia</b> 	For consistently doing her best and producing high quality work. Keep it up!	S.T.E.M.	<b>Leo</b> 	For being a kind and responsible learner in the STEM room. Keep it up Leo!
P.E.	<b>Jobe</b> 	For consistently working hard during PE and at all sporting events. Keep it up!	P.E.	<b>Lucas</b> 	For demonstrating outstanding striking and fielding during kickball. Super effort Lucas!

## Junior News

Welcome back for Term 4! During these first two weeks, our Junior School maths focus has been on place value and partitioning, and we have had lots of fun using concrete materials to try and find ALL the solutions to some very tricky maths problems. Meanwhile, in literacy the focus has been on procedural texts. We have been looking at the role they play in our lives (think recipe books, assembly manuals and board game instructions) and how we can use verbs and adverbs to create the clear, direct language needed for instructions.





## Reminders:

- **HATS** – In accordance with both the [Cancer Council of Victoria](#) and [SunSmart Australia](#) advice, FHPS has a strict 'no hat-no play' policy. Please make sure your child has a **CLEARLY** labelled hat for outdoor PE, lunch and recess.
- **Blue Communication Satchel** – please make sure you continue to check your child's blue communication satchel **DAILY** for any notices, schoolwork coming home and Take-Home Reading Log with a book for you to hear your child's reading each night.

## Grade 3/4 News

This Term Year 3 and 4 are learning about Chemical Science.

The Year 4 unit is called Material World. New materials have revolutionised modern life. Plastics have been used instead of glass in bottles and windows, and even instead of metals in aeroplanes. Lighter, stronger, warmer fabrics have made extreme weather conditions more comfortable. Designers incorporate new materials in clothes and bags to better suit our needs. Scientists are now researching materials that have desirable properties but have less impact on the environment.

The Year 3 unit is called Melting Moments. Every day we see or use things that have been melted or frozen, heated or cooled. All around us are items that we find both useful and attractive that have been moulded into different shapes using heating and cooling. These can range from cast iron frying pans and plastic rubbish bins to chocolate bilbies. Understanding the properties of materials and how they change state under different conditions can help scientists to develop even more extraordinary products to help improve our quality of life.

Year 3 students enjoyed investigating what happens to particular things when they were heated up.





## Chaplain's Corner

We have had a great start to the term! Our regular programs are back on:

- **Breakfast Club:** Mondays and Tuesdays, 8:15am-8:50am @ The Hall
- **Top Up Pantry:** Mondays, 3:25pm @ The Hall
- **Top Up Trolley:** Tuesdays, 3:25pm @ Blue Basketball Court
- **Colouring Club:** Tuesdays, lunchtime @ bottom of the Core
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I love our programs because there are always smiles, fun, and everyone is kind and helpful to each other. All are welcome to join in once, twice, or always!

### FREE 30-DAY TRAVEL PASSES



State Schools' Relief support Victorian families with long-term, short-term, or unexpected difficulties. They provide many of our students with uniforms but they also offer student travel passes.

Travel Passes are a paper 30-day pass available for both primary and secondary school students in need, just in time for Term Four!

A Travel Pass can be used on:

- buses, trains, trams in Melbourne (Zone 1 and Zone 2)
- all regional town buses
- V/Line train and coaches



If you would like a travel pass, please inform Amy or the Office staff and an application will be made on your behalf.

## GOT BAGS? WE NEED THEM!

If you have too many reusable bags at home, or you've gained a collection of green bags from the Top Up Pantry, please bring them to the office or to Amy so we can use them again and again and again and again..... Thank you! *PS. No plastic bags, please!*



**Amy Kirkbright**  
**Chaplain & Wellbeing Officer**  
**Available**

## FAIRHILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB MENU

MONDAYS + TUESDAYS  
IN THE HALL, 8:15AM-8:50AM

All family members are welcome to join us any time!

### TOAST

- + PLAIN
- + BUTTER
- + VEGEMITE (level 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6)
- + HONEY
- + BAKED BEANS
- + CANNED SPAGHETTI



### CEREAL

- MAPLE CRUNCH
- O's
- WEETIES
- VITA-BRITS
- + COW'S MILK
- + LACTOSE-FREE MILK



### DRINKS + FRUIT

- LITTLE MILKS
- FRESH OJ
- APPLES, ORANGES, PEARS
- FRUIT CUPS



### SPECIAL REQUEST!

- JAFFLE TOASTIE w BAKED BEANS
- JAFFLE TOASTIE w SPAGHETTI
- HOT OATS / PORRIDGE w any toppings
- FRUIT SLUSHIE (apple, pear, orange)

## Senior News

The senior students have started this term with money on their minds!

One of their Inquiry focuses this term is '*Economics and Business*'. They have all applied jobs for and been successful in achieving a position within our ***Classroom Government System***.

Each student will receive a weekly wage for performing their job efficiently. They will pay tax, pay bills, pay rent and pay for health insurance. We have many rewards (cash incentive) and a few fines (to be paid with their money) when they don't follow our Fairhills values. We also have vouchers they can purchase. The content of the vouchers has been decided by the students and they are looking forward to some extra fun while completing their learning activities.





## PFA

### Exciting News!!

The PFA will be opening a second-hand uniform cupboard:

- **WHEN:** Each Friday that we have Assembly from 2.30pm-3.00pm
- **WHERE:** in the B.E.R. (building at the back of the school, door furthest from oval)
- **COST:** Gold coin donation

The Uniform is all second hand that has been donated to the school, from families.

If you have any uniform that your children have grown out of, you are more than welcome to drop it in at the office to be used in our Second-Hand Cupboard.





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