

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

The school is in the midst of planning for 2025 and with the grade structures now confirmed the staffing structure for 2025 is as follows:

- **Prep:** Ms Brigid Minas
- **Grade 1/2:**
 - **Term 1:** Ms Lucy Wallace
 - **Term 2-4:** Ms Lucy Wallace (2 days) & Ms Jessica Johnstone (3 days)
- **Grade 3/4:** Ms Sally Lockyer
- **Grade 3/4:** Ms Cheryl Smith (3 days) & Ms Raelene Schumann (2 days)
- **Grade 5/6:** Ms Tracy Bullen
- **Art and Performing Art:** Ms Raelene Schumann
- **P.E. & STEM:** Ms Jaimee Pell
- **Mandarin:** Ms Maggie Xu
- **Education Support Staff:**
 - Ms Anette Murphy
 - Mr Matt Huges
 - Ms Sharon Zmood
 - Ms Sandra Roberto
 - Ms Farzana Moslehuddin
 - Ms Maggie Xu
- **Business Manager:** Ms Kathy Jacobs
- **Administration:** Ms Melissa Mc Donald
- **Speech Therapist:** Ms Jessica Lim
- **Health & Wellbeing Leader:** Ms Brittany McGinley
- **Chaplain:** Ms Amy Kirkbright
- **Garden Maintenance:** Ms Rene Papoulis

The process that has occurred prior to this structure being created is an extensive one and I am looking forward to working with the staff, students and families in 2025 to continue to build a school where high expectations and high-quality teaching are at the core of all we do alongside care, compassion and an element of fun.



2025

Vegetable Garden

The school now has a thriving vegetable garden at the east end of the school. This year the students have enjoyed snow peas and broad beans harvested from the garden. I would like to thank Mrs Roberto for setting this up and working with the students to grow and maintain a healthy vegetable garden.

- We need families to volunteer to water the garden over the summer holidays. The dates needed are between the 21st December and the 6th January. It will only need watering when there has not been rain for a couple of days, and access will be via the gate using an access code. Of course, anything harvested during that time, can be enjoyed at home.



The Colour Run was held on Friday 22nd November. Whilst the day was an incredibly hot one, strategies were put in place to mitigate this, and the day was huge success. The students who participated had a lot of fun and ended up very messy. Parents also had fun powdering, sliming and hosing down children as they made their way around the track. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P.F.A. for their work in making this event possible.



Finally, as a part of our community, please follow our Facebook page at [Fairhills Primary School | Melbourne VIC | Facebook](#) and our Instagram page at [fairhills.ps](#)

Tanya Burton
Principal

PFA

The PFA are currently organising a BBQ for all to enjoy at the Christmas Carols. If you are able to help please let the office know.

Today you will receive raffle tickets for our Christmas Raffle. The Christmas raffle will be drawn at our BIG Assembly on the last day of school. To make the raffle a success the PFA are asking for any donations suitable for a Christmas Hamper. Please drop them at the office

Thank you
PFA























2024 CALENDAR DATES

<u>Calendar Dates</u>	<u>School Information</u>
<p><u>December</u></p> <p>3rd School Council Meeting</p> <p>4th Prep/1/2 Living Safely with Pets Incursion Helpers Morning Tea 9.15am PFA Hot Dog Lunch</p> <p>5th Prep Transition</p> <p>6th Grade 6 Bike Hike Grade 1/2 Camp Experience</p> <p>10th Transition Day</p> <p>11th Grade 6 Graduation 5pm</p> <p>13th Grade 5/6 Aqua Adventure Day Christmas Carols</p> <p>16th-19th Whole School Swimming</p> <p>20th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Assembly starting at 1.15pm • Dismissal at 1.30pm <p><u>January 2025</u></p> <p>28th STAFF AT SCHOOL- NO STUDENTS REQUIRED</p> <p>29th <u>First Day of Term 1 2025</u></p>	<p>Principal: Tanya Burton School Council President: Bev Shaw Parents and Friends (PFA) President: Tamara Simari</p> <p>Phone: 9758 3007 Email: Fairhills.ps@education.vic.gov.au Absence notification: via Compass Parent portal or by phone. (This must occur prior to 9.30am on the day of a child's absence)</p> <p>Office Hours: 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>

Student of the week awards- Congratulations to all our achievers



	22 nd November		29 th November		
Prep/1 M	Blake 	Working hard on your narrative to include interesting words - excellent job!	Prep/1 M	Dylan 	An amazing start to your narrative - you set the scene wonderfully - well done!
1/2J	Charlotte 	For demonstrating the STARR value of achievement and working so hard on your spelling. Well done Charlotte!	1/2J	Harper 	For consistently demonstrating the STARR value of respect and working so hard to improve your bookwork. Well done Harper!
2/3S	Dylan 	For locating clues in a text and using word origins to assist with new words and their meaning. Excellent effort!	2/3S	Manny 	For always using manners and being respectful to all students and staff. Great effort Manny!
3/4H	Jax 	For locating clues in a text and using word origins to assist with new words and their meaning. Excellent effort!	3/4H	Connor 	For getting through all of the times tables challenge levels in just one term.
5/6B	Arisa 	For always striving to improve in everything she sets her mind to! Keep it up Arisa.	5/6B	Kaya 	For performing his Parking Officer duties to an excellent standard. Well done Kaya!

5/6L	Charlette 	For being such a reliable 'Minister for Transport' completing all tasks with confidence. Super efforts Charlette!	5/6L	Jasmine 	For participating enthusiastically in end of year activities; bike ed, graduation preparation, and Christmas songs. Great leadership!
Visual Arts	Jye 	For using his creative skills to make an echidna out of clay and matchsticks. Well done!	Visual Arts	Cooper 	For completing his paper mache bowl and painting it with acrylic paint. Great job!
Performing Art	Anna 	For her beautiful singing and enthusiasm during our Christmas carol rehearsal. Well done!	Performing Art	Mia 	For her amazing concentration and attention to the beat with her tambourine during our Christmas carol rehearsal. Great job!
S.T.E.M.	Georgia 	For creating an excellent labelled diagram and 3D model of the moon phases. Great work!	S.T.E.M.	Ziggy 	For putting in great effort and detail into all your work. Well done Ziggy!
P.E.	Mahli 	For using great strategies when playing bucketball. Well done!	P.E.	Zac 	For consistently demonstrating respect and teamwork in PE. Keep it up Zac!

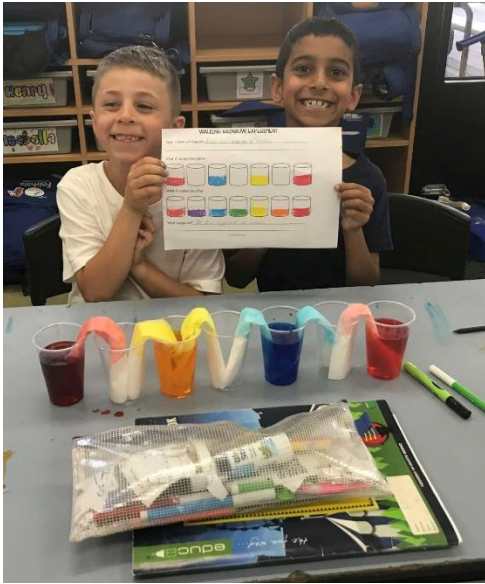
Junior News

We've been very busy in the Junior School over the last couple of weeks. Rehearsals for our Christmas concert are coming along beautifully. Listening to the children singing and watching their faces as they sing their little hearts out and do their very best dance moves, makes my day every day.

In Junior School maths we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes and designing our very own 2D monsters.

In our Inquiry unit we are still mixing different compounds together and last week we mixed primary coloured food dyes with cups full of water. We then made a line of paper towels and observed how the two primary colours mixed to make secondary colours, and then recorded our findings in our Inquiry books.



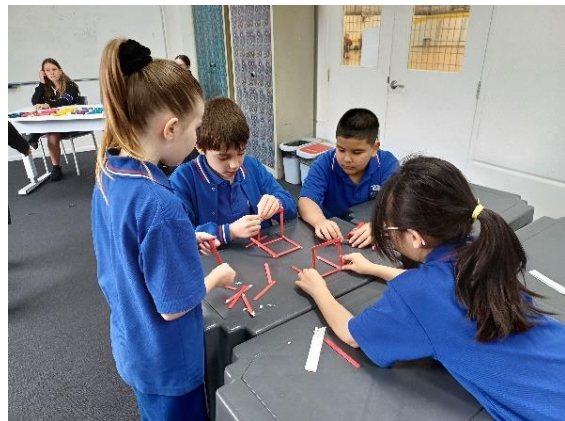


Grade 3/4 News

Several Year 3/4 students attended The Fairhills High Junior Cup on Tuesday the 19th of November. Students in Year 3/4 from Wattleview, Kent Park and Knox Central Primary schools also participated in the special day.

Schools rotated through four activities, earning points towards their end of day total. The activities included a Sphero STEM challenge, Team Towers, Drama games and basketball shooting. We fished the day with a school versus school tunnel ball relay game.

The day was concluded with a Presentation, where Fairhills students were awarded with third place medals and a certificate for the school. I am proud to say our students were excellent ambassadors our school and we are grateful to Fairhills High School for hosting the event.



Grade 5/6 News

The end of the school year in 5/6 is exhausting for everyone! Senior students have been super busy! Year 5 students have been writing and practicing their leadership speeches, so they are confident and prepared when reading their speeches next week. All students have worked hard to convince the panel that they are the BEST person for the role they are aiming to be awarded. Watch this space for snap shots of their presentations.

Year 6 students are living in memory lane at the moment! They are all busy writing stories that reflect on their years in primary school. We have posters for each year, filled with all the adventures they went on! Their digital scrapbooks are starting to take shape. They are going to be a fabulous memory of 7 years of their school life.

During Math sessions, the senior students have been focusing on measurement. They have been measuring areas and items in the classroom, converting measurements throughout the metric system and next week, they will continue with measurement and focus on volume and capacity.

Mrs Lockyer and Mrs Bullen

