

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

On Wednesday 11th December I attended the Grade 6 Graduation, it was wonderful to see the students looking their best and celebrating their last days together. It is a huge event to organise and I would like to thank the Grade 5/6 teachers, Ms Bullen, and Ms Lockyer, for the work they have done in making the event a success.

Next year, the students return to school on Wednesday 29th January and we look forward to welcoming our new Prep students. In 2024, there will be a focus on students wearing correct uniform at school. School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence and a feeling of belonging within the student body. More importantly, it creates a space for students where social and economic inequity are removed. Students coming to school whose families cannot afford the latest fashion are not reminded of this when others come to school in \$300 basketball shoes.

When purchasing new uniform items and footwear over the holidays, please make sure it fits with the school policy, which is attached and can also be found on the school's website. Shoes can be runners, sneakers or school shoes, but they must be all black without any brand names showing.

Earlier this term there was a survey sent to parents about the newsletter and school finishing times. It was completed by 47 people, thank you to those who took the time to complete it. The results showed the following:

- All respondents open and read the newsletter...thankyou.
- Calendar dates are the most popular item in the newsletter, followed by the Classroom Information.
- The overwhelming majority want the school's finishing time to remain at 3:30pm.

I appreciate the time taken by families to complete the survey and can assure everyone the school's finishing time will remain the same as will the newsletter.

As we move into the holidays, I would like to wish everyone a safe a happy holiday and I hope everyone is able to spend time with the people they love and care for and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2025.

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





Our **STARR Award** for Term 4 goes to Olivia Wood. Olivia consistently exhibits all of the STARR values and has done so since she started school three years ago. She is positive, caring, polite, organised and resilient. Congratulations!!



Goodbye to any students and families moving to a different school in 2025. Thank you for being part of our community and all the very best for your learning in your new settings.



Goodbye, good luck and well done to our graduating 2024 Year 6 students.
THANKYOU STUDENT LEADERS!

Thank you to
our School Councillors for all for your support and work throughout the year.

To our PFA members, our crossing people and to ALL of our volunteers and student mentors, thank you for all that you do for our school community.



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PFA

The PFA would like to thank our awesome Fairhills families and staff for their continued support of our fundraising events.

If you have given up your time to help out or support our events, it has been very much appreciated and we could not do it without you.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday

Thank you
PFA



Calendar Dates	School Information
<p><u>January 2025</u> 28th STAFF AT SCHOOL- NO STUDENTS REQUIRED 29th First Day of Term 1 2025</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>

Chaplain's Corner

We have had so much fun this term, catching up, doing activities, eating, sharing, playing. 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!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BAGS!

When I asked for any spare bags you had, we were flooded with your support! We have well over 200 to use at the Top Up Pantry – thank you! Of course, you are still welcome to bring your bags when “shopping” with us.



GROUP FUN

Here are some photos of what we got up to this term:

The students were very excited to meet our “Minister for Education” and were especially fascinated by his work briefcase.



Students love sharing their ideas with each other at Colouring Club

FAIRHILLS FOOD FACTS

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We ate **156KG** of **apples**
This is the same size as a panda!



We ate **992** slices of **bread**
which is about as tall as 2 giraffes!



5/6B & 2/3S
ate the most fruit from their fruit bowl

Yummy!

GRADE 3
students attended Breakfast Club the most often



At the Top Up Pantry, we gave away:
108 jars of **VEGEMITE** and
bottles of **HONEY**

Thank you to our school community for joining our programs and to Foodbank Victoria and their generous donors who make our food programs possible!



Please continue to be kind, stay safe and make treasured memories with your families and friends this holiday. I look forward to seeing you all again in the new year!

Amy Kirkbright
Chaplain & Wellbeing Officer
Available Mondays and Tuesdays

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