



Fairfield Heights Public School Highlights

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Term 3 Week 4 – 2023

Friday 11th August 2023



Dates for your diary

14 August

Year 1 Phonics screening

22 August

Book Week and Open Day

23 August

Horsley Zone Athletics

Year 2 Excursion Sydney Zoo

5 September

K-2 Sports Fun Day

13 September

Kinder Excursion to Golden Ridge

Education Week will be celebrated in Week 6

Hello from Mrs Craig

We have had an exciting and challenging start to Term Three with many of our students and teachers participating in initiatives across our network. Two of our teachers will be representing our school at a Professional Development initiative at Broken Hill supporting our Aboriginal Education programs and we are forming partnerships with Harrington Street PS and Oyster Bay PS to enrich and share our practices in High Performance Gifted Education. We will be continuing our Middle Leadership Initiatives with Lansvale PS and Harrington Street PS as we implement the new English and Mathematics Syllabus documents K-6 ensuring that we are using Best Practice to support the learning outcomes of our students.

Thank you to those parents who are using our School Bytes parent portal to report student absences. More than five hundred families have logged in to the portal and are receiving student permission notes, calendar notifications and the school newsletter through their portal. If you require any help using the portal please contact the office on 97242254.

During the last week I have been talking to many students and parents about the safe and appropriate use of social media applications such as Snapchat, Instagram and Tik Tok. Students, parents and carers, principals, teachers and non-teaching staff all have a role to ensure students use digital devices and online services in safe, responsible and respectful ways.

Students must not bring mobile phones to school. If there needs to be an exemption on compassionate grounds parents must contact the school and obtain permission.

Inappropriate use of technology will be addressed according to our school's Behaviour Management Plan. This includes incidents outside of school where there is a clear and close connection to the school. Thank you for your active support in this matter.

During the coming weeks we will be conducting parent workshops to obtain feedback from the community to discuss how our policy on Student use of digital devices can best be implemented, to keep parents informed and to address any parental/carer concerns. We will also discuss how you can keep your child safe when they are using digital devices online.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Mrs Craig

PSSA

I would like to remind everyone of the latest sporting news from the Horsley Zone Primary School Sport Association (PSSA):

- Winter PSSA sport is going well. Please remember that children must pay \$7 every Thursday or Friday morning to cover the cost of the bus.
- The Horsley Zone Athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday 23rd August 2023 at The Crest Athletics Track, McClean St, Georges Hall. We have 43 children attending. Notes should be coming home this week. Good luck to everyone attending.
- Congratulations to Lea Malinovic and Tiana Lakic on making the Horsley Zone girls football team. The girls zone football team won the Sydney Southwest competition undefeated. Congratulations to Lea Malinovic who was selected to represent the SSW girls football team at the NSW STATE PSSA carnival to be held at Nelson Bay from August 15 to August 18.
- School PSSA is not a pathway program, so students who do not represent their school in PSSA are still able to try out for any Horsley Zone representative team with the permission of their parents and the school principal.
- All Horsley Zone team tryouts happen after school at various locations within our zone that have been selected by the coaches in charge of those representative teams.

Results from Round 10

Year 3 Netball lost to St Johns Pk PS	3 – 15
Year 4 Netball lost to Prairievale PS	4 – 8
Year 5 Netball lost to St Johns Pk PS	2 – 12
Year 6 Netball won against Prairievale PS	22 – 4
Jnr Boys Football lost to Prairievale PS	2 – 5
Snr Boys Football lost to Prairievale PS	0 – 2
Jnr Girls Football lost to Prairievale PS	0 – 1
Snr Girls Football drew with Prairievale PS	0 – 0

Round 11 PSSA Locations – Friday 11 August 2023

All netball teams are playing at Endeavour Reserve
All football teams are playing at Prospect View Reserve

Round 12 PSSA Locations Friday 18th August 2023

All netball teams are playing at Endeavour Reserve
All Football teams are playing at Brennan St Park

Public Speaking

As part of our Speaking and Listening program, students will have the opportunity to participate in the Fairfield Network Public Speaking Competition. All students K- 6 will be invited to prepare and present a short speech on one of the topics below.

Over the next two weeks speeches will be prepared at home in conjunction with normal homework routines. Speeches will then be presented in class during Weeks 7, 8 and 9 (28th August – 15th September).

Each teacher will select **ONE** class finalist.

Class finalists will be required to practise and present their speeches again during a stage final occurring in Week 1 Term 4. Each stage winner will be invited to represent Fairfield Heights Public School at the Fairfield Network Public Speaking Competition at King Park Public School.

Students need to prepare a speech on only ONE of the topics for their grade.

TOPICS

Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten * The speaking time for students is 1 minute

- My favourite place to visit
- Food I love to eat ...
- I am special because ...

Stage 1 - Years 1 and 2 * The speaking time for students is 2 minutes

- When I grow up
- If I could have one superpower...
- My favourite time of the year

Stage 2 - Years 3 and 4 * The speaking time for students is 3 minutes

- The ultimate sandwich
- If I could talk to animals ...
- How water is important

Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6 * The speaking time for students is 4 minutes

- What is more important: Doing what is right or being popular?
- My biggest birthday wish
- If I could invent something it would be ...

