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Term 4, Week 10 Thursday 14 December 2017

INTRODUCING FAIRVALE HIGH SCHOOL'S 2018 SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Back row: (L-R) Aleksandar Markovski (Jnr Captain), Ashley Pauulu (Sport Captain) Adam Khodr (Sport Captain) Matelita Tuitahi (Sport Captain) Anthony Bun (Jnr Captain)

Front row: (L-R) Steven Tang (Vice Captain), Penny Nguyen (Captain), Emilija Batar (Captain), Sylvia Mikha (Vice Captain) and Isabella Awraham (Junior Captain).

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to first thank the students of the school who have been engaged in class, cultural, social and sporting activities and as a result can be proud of their achievements. Moreover, I would like to thank the teaching staff who have given so tirelessly of their time and energy for the well-being of the students. My appreciation also extends to the teachers' aides, office staff, General Assistants, gardener, cleaners and itinerant support teachers who support our students and teachers.

My gratitude also to the members of the P&C for their continuation of the P&C scholarships and their participation in the decision making processes of the school.

On this occasion we would like to acknowledge a number of staff members who are leaving Fairvale High at the end of the year:

- *Ms Cheryl Barnier* (Librarian) who will be retiring. She has dedicated many countless hours to improving the library skills of students for successive Fairvale generations;
- *Ms Ingrid Oakley* (Visual Arts) who gained a position by transfer to Caringbah High School;
- Mr Josip Zeko (Social Sciences) who gained a position by transfer to St Ives High School.
- *Ms Sharlene Oud* (School Administration) who gained a position by transfer to Holsworthy High School;
- *Ms Viviana Ortega del Rio* (Languages) who will be resigning from the Department of Education;
- *Ms Tayla Whitfield* who gained a permanent position by merit to Delany College; and
- *Ms Kathy Shigelski* who gained a relieving Head Teacher TAS position for 2018 at Ryde Secondary College.

The staff and students of Fairvale High will miss you and appreciate your collective efforts in improving the educational and wellbeing of our students.

Thank you also to the teachers who have relieved in higher positions throughout the year:

- Ms Krystal Fountis as Acting Deputy Principal,
- *Ms Mira Sekuloski; Ms Cherine Spirou and Mr Anthony Karam* as relieving Deputy Principals,
- Ms Sharon Dempsey as relieving School Administration Manager,
- Ms Caterina Malki as relieving Head Teacher Home Economics,
- Ms Tammy Borthwick as relieving Head Teacher English,
- Ms Pru Husari as relieving Head Teacher Diverse Learning,
- *Ms Jo Higgins* as relieving Head Teacher History and
- Mr Dylan Trevor as relieving Head Teacher Science,
- Ms Nikky Kopos as relieving Head Teacher PD/H/PE, and
- *Ms Sandra Te* as relieving Head Teacher Learning Assistance as well as the staff that have relieved for shorter periods of time throughout the year.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Fairvale students have been involved in a wide range of extra curricular activities ranging from public speaking, debating, mock trials, dance ensembles, music concerts through to SRC leadership events.

On Monday 11 December we recognised all our numerous sportspeople who have improved and excelled in various sports throughout 2017. For the fourth time running Fairvale High students won the Zone Cross Country and Zone Athletics Competitions. Congratulations to Ms Lacroix for her Award for Excellent Service in School Sport. This is a recognition of her dedication and commitment to improving the sporting outcomes for all students.

We look forward to the Year 12 HSC marks and ranks and we are confident of great results overall. Jenny Vu Bao Tran Nguyen in Year 12 has already had her Visual Arts work selected for Art Express 2018. Jenny's work titled 'What's really on the inside?' will be exhibited at two venues; Hawksbury Regional Gallery and the Glasshouse Port Macquarie next year.

A number of our students represented the school at leadership conferences, musical events and ANZAC and Remembrance Day ceremonies at the local RSL clubs. We appreciate their representation and thank their teachers and SRC coordinators Mr Wilson and Ms Pixomatis for organising their attendance.

Moreover many excursions, incursions, study skills workshops and Crossroads camp were held throughout the year. Thank you to all the staff who organised these events.

In the area of professional learning we held our tenth staff conference. Next year we will continue this tradition as we plan for our eleventh staff conference to be held in March 2018.

We also look forward to the new capital works that will begin next year which will involve the building of 30 new classrooms and a multi purpose hall.

Finally, I would like to wish the students, staff and parents a refreshing break over the festive season and a safe and happy New Year. Together with the staff I look forward to working with the students and the community to further improving the learning outcomes for Fairvale High in 2018. Thank you all for your support for the Senior Executive and

Executive throughout 2017, and your continued efforts in the coming year.

Regards, Mrs K Seto



WORK READY DAY

Last week, Year 10 students participated in a Work Ready Day at Fairfield RSL. They were interviewed for a range of prospective entry level positions as well as had three presenters provide information about the world of work. Nikki Heald from Corptraining gave some insights into the requirements for preparing for casual work while David Saliba, Youth Pathways Network presented information about career essentials. The day culminated in a motivational talk from Paul Wade, ex Socceroo captain about overcoming adversity, having a winning mentality and achieving your goals.

Congratulations are in order for the students who came well prepared with their Resume's and presented themselves in corporate attire.



Best dressed certificates were presented to Dean Suttijitt, Jaaved Rasheed, Leo Sahi, Rebecca Nguyen, Bonita Herwig and Julie Elhlou.

Ms Higgins - Career Adviser

MATHEMATICS EXCURSION TO LUNA PARK

On the 7 November, 2017, 101 Year 9 students went on a Mathematics excursion to Luna Park. The aim of the excursion was to observe Mathematics in a different light, rather than just numbers and algebra from a textbook. We got to work with and observe many different mathematical experiences involved with the rides. We could see the use of trigonometric ratios, angular measurement, velocity and measurements.

The students were able to spend a lot of time enjoying the rides also, after learning about them. All the students are commended for their excellent behaviour and participation during a fun day.

Mr Jas - Maths Faculty



TEACHER LIBRARIAN MESSAGE

As another school year comes to an end, I want to take this opportunity to reinforce the importance of the school library for all students and staff. The library is an extension of every class room as it houses resources to support quality teaching and learning across Key Learning Areas.

Students utilise school library resources to research relevant topics and complete their assignments, home works and assessment tasks. Teacher librarian and support staff are always available to lend a hand. Apart from the textbooks, non-fiction and reference books, FVHS library houses a vast array of fiction genres, magazines, manga, graphic novels and foreign language resources. Students not only find academic



support here, they also find quiet areas to read their favourite book, play chess with mates, hold You-Gi-Oh tournaments, print out work to be submitted, play games on computers- during the three breaks as well as before school.

Our new Oliver library system is available to all FVHS students and staff through their student/staff portal and can be accessed from anywhere at any time on any smart device. You are able to browse our resources, reserve items for yourself and check out (and borrow from) a wide collection of e-books through Oliver. Senior students and staff find "Federated Search" option very useful as they can gain instant access to a multitude of FVHS library resources, DoE digital resources, Informit database, ClickView online, Britannica and ProQuest databases as well as Henry Parkes state equity centre library and Jill Sherlock Memorial learning assistance library simultaneously on their chosen topic! Hence, Oliver should be everyone's "go-to" place for information. Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday!

SPORTS EXCELLENCE ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all the sports award recipients and to the coaches who have so consistently dedicated their time and energies to improving the skill level of our students.

Once again we have had a very successful year – we have won the Zone Cross Country competition, won the Zone Athletics competition and achieve the Overall School Championship Award. Well done to all our participants.

My thanks to the PD/H/PE faculty, the Sports coaches from PE and various faculties and Ms Lacroix for her sustained and consistent contribution in lifting the profile of sport at Fairvale High. Ms Lacroix has been a key member of the PDHPE team at Fairvale High School for twenty one years. She has been the Sports Organiser / Head Teacher of Sport for a number of years and active in organising all three major sporting events at the school. These are the annual Swimming Carnival, Cross Country Carnival and Athletics Carnival. Ms Lacroix organises the coaches for over 40 sport teams throughout the year. This involves both NSW DET School Sport knockout competitions and tournaments run by various sporting bodies such as Netball NSW. As a member of the Lansdowne Zone School Sports Association committee, she regularly coordinates Gala Days which involve Year 7 and Year 8 students from six schools participating in a non-competitive, fun day of sport.

Ms Lacroix established the Talented Athlete Program at Fairvale High School for over 50 students who progressed to the Lansdowne Zone Athletics Carnival in 2016. This resulted in more students than ever progressing through to the South West Sydney Regional Athletics Carnival, NSW Combined High Schools Athletics Carnival, and the All Schools National Athletics Championships.

In the lead up to each Zone Athletics Carnival, Ms Lacroix runs incursions for those students participating in the Relay events. Forty eight students take to the school football field learning the correct technique for relay races, including baton transfer, how and when to run and how to finish the race.

As part of her Head Teacher of Sport role, Ms Lacroix set up a whole school House system. The House system has been linked to the Year 7 and Year 8 Integrated Program that caters to the various skill levels of Fairvale Students. As part of the House System, Ms Lacroix has also invested time in mentoring our House Leaders.

These students appreciate the opportunities that they receive, and most recently they were able to attend the Fairvale Public School Primary Athletics Carnival as student helpers.

SPORTS EXCELLENCE ASSEMBLY

Ms Lacroix introduced an innovative rewards system for Fairvale students resulting in over 100 students per year becoming eligible to attend the annual Sports Excellence Excursion. Under Ms Lacroix's leadership, Fairvale High School has been Lansdowne Zone Cross Country Champions for four years in a row. There are six local schools in the Lansdowne Zone. For the past eight years, the number of students progressing from the Zone Carnival to the SSW Regional Cross Country Carnival has been steadily increasing. In 2017, a record 41 students progressed to the SSW Regional Cross Country our highest number in recorded history.



As well, Fairvale High School has been Lansdowne Zone Athletics Champions for three years in a row. As is the case with Cross Country, the number of students progressing through to the regional level in Athletics is increasing each year.

Ms Lacroix has been a member of the Lansdowne Zone School Sports Association team for five years. For four of the five years Ms Lacroix has been the in the role of Vice-President.

It is very fitting therefore that Ms Lacroix was declared the winner out of 50 NSW nominations, for the **Excellent Service to School Sport Award 2017**.

Please congratulate and thank Ms Lacroix for her extraordinary efforts and dedication to the sporting success of Fairvale High.

YEAR 7 VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

What a roaring success the Year 7 Visual Arts Exhibition was this year, with students showcasing their creative talents in the form of sculpture, painting, drawing and photography. A large number of staff and students attended the exhibition and were captivated by the talents of their students and peers. The staff members engaged with their portraits and were delighted to see their colleague's faces steal the spotlight. Our People's Choice Award will be announced in the coming weeks. We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of our staff. Congratulations to our Year 7 students for doing a great job of portraying the staff at Fairvale High School.

Visual Arts Faculty





YEAR 7 VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION



ARTEXPRESS 2018

On behalf of our school community we would like to congratulate our very talented Year 12 Visual Arts student Jenny Nguyen on having her exemplary work selected for ARTEXPRESS 2018. ARTEXPRESS is an annual series of exhibitions of exemplary artworks created by New South Wales visual arts students for the Higher School Certificate examination. Jenny's work titled 'What's really on the inside?' will be exhibited at two venues; Hawksbury Regional Gallery and the Glasshouse Port Macquarie next year.

Final details and dates of exhibitions will be available on the official ARTEXPRESS website early next term.

https://www.artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/



SCHOLARSHIP FROM WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

On the 8 December Katerina Linh Nguyen received an Academic Access Scholarship from Western Sydney University (WSU). Katerina is guaranteed a place at WSU with scholarship benefits provided she gain an ATAR of 90 and above. This award demonstrates the value of hard work and discipline required not only throughout school, but more importantly in life.



BUSINESS SERVICES WORLDSKILLS COMPETITION

The WorldSkills Australia Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) program is a series of work-simulated projects based on industry standard frameworks which are designed and administered by practising teachers and industry professionals.

VETiS competitions operate on the same two year cycle as WorldSkills Australia's Regional Competitions. The VETiS Regional/Zone Competitions are open for students who are enrolled in the first year of a VET course in secondary schools.

This term, three students from the Business Services course competed in the competition. At this one day competition, the students, Casey Tuong, Matelita Tuitahi and Sonya Al-Merzah were able to showcase their skills working in a simulated industry environment. The students reported having enjoyed the competition, experience and feedback on their employability skills, stating it was a great opportunity to practise business services concepts in a simulated work environment.



Congratulation to Matelita, Casey and Sonya for their efforts, with a special mention to Casey for achieving second place in the competition.

Ms Smyth and Ms Sekuloski - Business Services Teachers

Here are a number of ways that you can stay in touch with what is happening at Fairvale High School

FACEBOOK'Like' and 'Follow' these pages:• Fairvale High School: facebook.com/FairvaleHS/• PDHPE & Sport: facebook.com/FvhsPdhpeSport/• Visual Arts: facebook.com/fairvale.visualarts• Performing Arts: facebook.com/fvhspa

CAREER NEWS

Last month, Connah Stanley participated in five days of work experience at the Australian Defence Force.

He was introduced to the demanding physical fitness tasks required from the defence force personnel including land and sea. Connah also had the opportunity of working with the various divisions including:

- Bomb detection dog wing
- Museum of combat engineering
- Weapons training
- High tech metal detectors.

Connah said he enjoyed the week and now as a renewed focus for his future career with the Australian Defence Force.



Five Year 9 students - Isabella Awraham, Anthony Bun, Fiona Ky, Aleksandar Markovski and Dean Munoz participated in a three day workshop "Expanding Your Career Horizons" at Cabra Vale Diggers, delivered by qualified Career Advisers.

The program aims to make a smooth transition from school to work while building on student confidence and developing their ability to prepare themselves to make informed choices regarding potential career paths. There were a number of workshops that the students participated in including visiting workplaces to gain an understanding of how to succeed in life and work, team building, goal setting and professional interactions.

Eleven Year 10 students attended the UTS Summer School Orientation in preparation for the two week Summer School in January. Students chose a focus from Design, Science or Health and worked within those groups for the day. The two week program is a great opportunity as it encourages and supports the student's aspirations and works with them to provide as much practical information for them so they can make better informed and more assured choices about their future.

VALE CUP

On Thursday 23 November Fairvale High School and Canley Vale High School came together to participate in the 2017 Vale Cup.

The Vale Cup originated in 2015 where Mr Karam (Head Teacher PDHPE – Fairvale High School) and Mr Radford (Head Teacher Welfare – Canley Vale High School) thought it would be great to combine two excellent local schools to:



Establish a friendly level of competition

Build community relationships between students and staff at both schools Provide students with an additional opportunity to practise and refine their skill in a variety of extra-curricular areas including sports and the arts; and to create a yearly tradition that will embrace the ethos and culture of each school.

In 2017, we expanded the competition to include the following activities;

- Boys Volleyball
- Girls Netball
- Mixed Oz Tag
- Mixed Table Tennis
- Debating
- Spelling Bee
- Cook Off
- Visual Arts Draw Off
- Chess Challenge
- Music Band Entertainment (non-competitive)

All students and staff had an enjoyable day. This year, Canley Vale High School were victorious and have the bragging rights of holding the Vale Cup for the next year.

In 2018, both schools will be looking at ways of incorporating other Key Learning Areas to continue to challenge our student's skills. Well done to all 72 Fairvale students who participated in this annual event.

Vale Cup History

2015 winners – Fairvale High School 2016 winners – Fairvale High School 2017 winners – Canley Vale High School



Mr Karam - HT PD/H/PE

WHAT IS NETIQUETTE?

Netiquette refers to manners when using online communication such as e-mail, forums, blogs and social network sites.

<u>Good netiquette is when you</u>	<u>Good netiquette is when you</u>		
 Always leave if the conversation makes you feel uncomfortable Never send an email in capital letters. That is considered to be shouting on the Internet. When composing emails, use the subject field, as it helps the recipient to Identify the email. Respect people's privacy. Do not pass on private information or photos from other people unless you have their permission. Otherwise you may be accused of cyberbullying or online harassment. 	 Respond to rude or threatening messages. Engage in social media conflict, insults or abuse. This is also known as flaming. Say nasty or untrue things or make jokes about others especially in public forums, newsgroups, or chat. Spam other internet users with unwanted emails or flooding people with irrelevant messages. 		

Helen Al Zubaidi - Year 12 Business Services

UNIFORM SHOP SPECIAL Opening Hours



Tuesday	16 January	8:00am - 1:00pm	
Thursday	18 January 2018	8:00am - 1:00pm	
Monday	22 January	8:00am - 1:00pm	
Tuesday	23 January	8:00am - 1:00pm	
Monday	29 January Staff Development Day	8:00am - 2:00pm	
Tuesday	30 January	8:00am - 12:00pm	
Wednesday	31 January	8:00am - 12:00pm	

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8:00AM- 12:00PM 8:00AM - 12:00PM

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FAIR							
TERM 4 2017 - TERM 1 2018							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Week 10	11 December • Sports Assembly	12 December	13 December • Academic Excellence Assembly	14 December • Reports Issued • HSC results released	15 December		
<u>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</u> MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 2017 TO MONDAY 29 JANUARY 2018 <u>TERM 1 BEGINS</u> TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 2018 (YR 7, 11 & 12 COMMENCE) WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2018 (YR 8, 9 & 10 COMMENCE)							
HAPPY HOLIDAYS							
	29 January	30 January	31 January	1 February	2 February		
Week 1	 Staff Development Day 	• Yr 7, 11 & 12 Commence	• Yr 8,9 & 10 Commence				
	5 February	6 February	7 February	8 February	9 February		
Week 2	•	•	•				
	12 February	13 February	14 February	15 February	16 February		
Week 3	•		• School Photo Day	 Year 12 Senior Science Assessment Task Boys ZoneTrials 	• Girls Zone Trials		
	19 February	20 February	21 February	22 February	23 February		
Week 4	 Year 8 English Assessment Task 	 Year 12 English Essay Swimming Carnival 	•				

Please Note: The above events and/or event dates are subject to change. If you have any questions, please contact the school on - 9604 3118 or visit the website - www.fairvalehigh.com/

SCHOOL UNIFORM

<u>SOCKS</u>

In 2018 boys must wear GREY fold down ankle socks. White and black socks will no longer be allowed to be worn. This has been discussed at Year Assemblies and in morning roll call throughout term 4 this year.

Girls must wear white fold down ankle socks or chocolate brown tights.

SHOES

All students need to wear school shoes. School shoes must be plain laced leather enclosed shoes. Boys need to wear black school and girls need to wear brown school shoes.



Slipper style shoes are

banned for safety reasons and sports style shoes and sports shoes are not acceptable. Boots or shoes with steel caps are not allowed.



Students are also reminded to polish their school shoes on a regular basis. This shows pride in appearance and also helps to protect the leather, helps to keep the shoes waterproof and makes the shoes last longer.