



Term 4 Week 10 Tuesday 15 December 2020

INTRODUCING FAIRVALE HIGH SCHOOL'S 2021 SCHOOL CAPTAINS



From left: Mohammed Qays (Junior Captain), Hollie Easton (Sports Captain), Imeelya Al Hadaya (Junior Captain), Alisha Ali (Sports Captain), Nicholas Ly (Captain), Sydney Ung (Sports Captain), Stephanie Lin (Captain), Raja Al-Saberi (Vice Captain), and Jacky Minh Luu (Vice Captain)

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The 2020 year has required an extraordinary level of resilience and energy for teachers, school teams and their communities. Students, staff and their families are to be commended for responding quickly with the transition to online learning and the weekly updated guidelines for managing a safe school environment. Whilst most students have engaged with online learning, we would all agree that this mode of delivery cannot replace face to face teaching. I would like to thank the teaching staff who have been dedicated in the pursuit of an aspiring, inclusive and respectful learning environment. My appreciation to the teachers' aides, administration staff, Community Liaison Officers, General Assistants, cleaners and itinerant support teachers who support our students every day.

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

On this occasion we would like to acknowledge a number of staff members who have attained merit selection positions during the year:

- Ms Julia Brown as Head Teacher History,
- Ms Laura Borg as Head Teacher Home Economics,
- Ms Evet Enwiya as Teacher Learning Support,
- Ms Nadine Sleiman as Teacher Home Economics,
- Mr Kassem Abuhamed as Teacher PDHPE,
- Ms Suzi Isaac as School Learning Support Officer, and
- Ms Tina Le as School Administration Officer.

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

- Mr Brett Calder as relieving Head Teacher Performing Arts;
- Mr Andrew Nguyen as relieving Head Teacher Administration,
- Mr Ben Peach as relieving Head Teacher Canley Vale Tutorial Centre,
- Ms Carla Haberecht Acting Head Teacher Teaching and Learning,
- Ms Gissel Lacroix Acting Head Teacher Sport,
- Mr Thanh Le Acting Head Teacher Secondary Studies, and
- Ms Gina Sleiman Acting Head Teacher Mentor

Congratulations to the following staff who have attained positions of merit as follows:

• Mr George Balis as Behaviour Specialist SEO 1, and

• Rebecca Glen as Head Teacher Special Education at Moorebank High We wish Ms Glen and Mr Balis all the best in their future endeavours and thank them both for their dedication and support in ensuring our school is inclusive.

Congratulations also to the following students who have been selected as per our merit processes to the student leadership team:

Captains: Stephanie Lin and Nicholas Ly **Vice Captains:** Raja Al-Saberi and Jacky Minh Luu **Junior Captains:** Imeelya Al Hadaya and Mohammed Qays **Sports Captains:** Alisha Ali, Hollie Easton and Sydney Ung

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED...

Year 12 receive their Higher School Certificate (HSC) results on Friday 18 December and we look forward to 'value added' results for every one of our Year 12 students. All Year 12 are welcome to come to the school on Friday 18 December for an afternoon tea.

As well, Ngoc Tram Bui and Christina Cepelja have had their Body of Works nominated for Art Express 2020. A wonderful achievement indeed.

Our capital works program is progressing and we have had use of a new COLA and Year 7 area during Term 3 and 4. Next year at the beginning of Term 4 we will have additional classrooms (30 in total), including a specialist art, hospitality and science rooms 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 improve further the learning outcomes for Fairvale High in 2021.

Thank you all for your support for the Senior Executive and Executive throughout this year.

Regards, Dr K. Seto

FAIRVALE STUDENT CONTINUES ON PATH TO SUCCESS



Fairvale High School's 2016 Dux Adriana Esho continues on her path to success 4 years after graduating from high school.

On 20 November Adriana graduated from the University of New South Wales with a Bachelor of Medical Science degree - "Completing my Bachelor of Medical Science degree at UNSW has been a journey of its own. It's been challenging but has helped me grow as a student and as an individual. It will definitely be a memory I will cherish forever".

Adriana has received an offer to continue her studies at the University of Melbourne. She will be commencing a Doctor of Medicine degree in 2021.

"This opportunity has been one earnt after many rejections and years of resilience, an opportunity that I will never take for granted. Despite four years of continued effort, the final reward was definitely worth it. The plan is to enjoy Christmas with the family before packing my bags to move to Melbourne.

The next four years will be an experience like no other." Our best wishes to Adriana and the Esho family through the next journey of academic growth and development.



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CAREERS NEWS

The Fast Forward program hosted by Western Sydney University at the end of October welcomed 20 students from Year 9 to the first gathering this year, through a Zoom meeting. During the program we worked through the booklets and explored our identity, what we enjoy doing and what we plan to do in the future. There was a multiple intelligence section that gave students various areas such as verbal-linguistic, naturalistic, interpersonal and many more. These areas helped us explore job interests for the future and what we may be good at depending on the category we fall under. There were a lot of other fun activities and challenges that we had to overcome as a team without being distracted by the "villain". We also had the opportunity to meet a university student who gave us advice on how to reach our goals and educated us about a variety of courses we could take on and shared some of her experiences with her chosen career pathway of becoming a PDHPE teacher and studying health and wellbeing. Overall it was an enjoyable morning and we learnt many new things that will prepare us for our future.

Imeelya Al Hadaya and Marya Atallah - Year 9

NATIONAL

Friday 30 October was National Bandanna Day. A wonderful fundraising event hosted by schools and businesses around Australia to raise money and awareness for young people affected by cancer. The money raised is put towards helping those in need as they bravely fight against cancer. 'Canteen'



is a not-for-profit organisation that created this fundraising campaign. Many Year 9 students generously volunteered to sell bandannas



students was greatly appreciated.

Riley Pittman & Jade Hill - Year 9

YEAR 7 DEBATE TEAM

3:00pm Home Time!

After a chaotic year (thank you COVID), the new Year 7 Debate team have finished their scheduled debates as part of the NSW Premier's Debating Challenge. The team should be congratulated on their efforts. The team consisted mostly of students completely new to debating and they demonstrated commitment to their arguments as well as an excellent capacity to take on



board the adjudicators' feedback. At each debate the team improved and presented stronger arguments, leading them to success and their win against East Hills Boys' High this term. 2021 will see them as an even stronger team, so watch this space!

Ms King - Debate Coach / Coordinator

2021 NEW YEAR, NEW BELL TIMES!	Fairvale High School Bell Times 2021			
	PERIOD	START		
	Roll Call	8:40		
	1	8:56		
	2	9:34		
	Recess 1	10:12		
	3	10:27		
	4	11:05		
	Recess 2	11:43		
	5	11:58		
3.00pm Home Time!	6	12:36		
	Lunch 1	1:14		
	Lunch 2	1:29		
	7	1:44		
	8	2:22		
	Home	3:00		

VET AWARDS 2020

Congratulations to six Fairvale High School students who were winners of the Public Schools NSW, Ultimo Vocational Education and Training Awards 2020. Enrique Moreno-Molina, Karstena Shaba, Nemanja Borovcanin, Tram Bui, Kelly Le and Selena Nguyen received this award for exceptional achievement and commitment in their VET course. Due to COVID restrictions, the Awards were presented online using Zoom on 14 September 2020 where students, parents / carers and staff were invited to participate to recognise their outstanding efforts.



Karstena Shaba – Award for Business Services

Karstena has demonstrated a proactive approach towards her learning, by always asking questions, clarifying her understanding of the task at hand and how best she can meet the deadline. Karstena exhibits an excellent understanding of the content studied. Her enthusiasm and positive attitude is seen through her engagement in

class discussions and the completion of all assessment tasks to a high standard. Karstena received excellent feedback from her two work placements. The host employers were very impressed with her mature and proactive approach and they recognised her keen, positive attitude to learn and be involved in all parts of the business.



Tram Bui – Award for Information and Digital Technology

Tram is a hardworking, conscientious student who has excelled in Information, Digital Media and Technology. She has enjoyed all aspects of the course including virtualisation, troubleshooting, web development, database development and discussions. Tram is proactive and will explore avenues to produce quality work in all her assessments. Tram has developed her employability skills and broadened her

knowledge in this course that will benefit her in her future endeavours.



Enrique Moreno-Molina – Award for Diligence Business Services

Luis Enrique Morales is a hardworking, dedicated and focussed student who has excelled in the Business Services course. He listens attentively to all instructions and regularly asks questions for clarification as well as participates in class discussions. During his work placement, Enrique displayed enthusiasm to learn and get involved in all parts of the business operations. Enrique manages to organise himself and his time in a most efficient manner. He is always punctual to class, community activities and his work placement positions. Enrique displays proficient skills in teamwork, using business technology and a variety of software programs. Enrique has developed employability skills that will benefit him in his future endeavours.



Nemanja Borovcanin – Award for Construction Nemanja is a hardworking and diligent student who has excelled in the Construction course. He has demonstrated proficient skills in practical work using carpentry tools, equipment and concreting. Nemanja adopted a leadership role while completing the concreting assessment task and was well respected by his peers. He was outstanding when participating in his two work placements where both employers stated Nemanja displayed exemplary work ethics with his enthusiasm to learn, participate in work and follow instructions. Nemanja has gained a holistic

understanding of the Construction industry, which will help him navigate a pathway to future careers.



Selena Nguyen – Award for Retail Services

Selena Nguyen is a hardworking and conscientious student who works well independently and in a team. She exhibits an excellent understanding of the content studied in each competency and participates in class discussions frequently asking questions to improve her learning and understanding of the course. Selena's keen interest in her studies has increased her knowledge and exposure to certain aspects of retail and supported her acquisition of industry skills required for future employment.



Kelly Le – Award for Hospitality Kitchen Operations Kelly is consistent and thorough and she takes opportunities to learn and assist where possible. She is not afraid to voice her ideas to achieve goals. Kelly is one of the most attentive and responsive students in class. She often uses time outside the class to improve her classwork or help other students. She is an effective team player, as well as a key figure amongst her peers. At both her work placements, Kelly received very positive reviews from her supervisors especially with regards to her excellent work ethics.

Also congratulations to the students' teachers Ms Sekuloski (Business Services), Mr Atkins (Construction), Mr Azer (IDMT), Mr Nguyen (Hospitality) and Ms Zoghaib (Retail Services) for their support and dedication over the last two years.

YEAR 12 CONSTRUCTION

The students in Year 12 Construction successfully completed their concreting task, with all gaining hands on skills, competency and team work spirit. They were organised and worked very well setting up and laying out a concrete footpath around the school's Bini shell.

Mr Bernoth - Industrial Arts



HALLOWEEN FUN

A1 students in Diverse Learning wished everyone a Happy Halloween 2020. *Ms Ali -Diverse Learning*

Students are: Amiel Edian, Elvin Pham, Max Seacy, Yahya Al-Dulaimi Kaden Chun



CARDIO CLUB IS THE BEST PROGRAM IN SCHOOL!

Cardio Club is a fitness program run by Ms Kopos on Tuesdays and by Mr Karam on Thursdays. Cardio club helps you to decide what kind of person you want to be, and it also helps you get fit! You can make friends while working out, you can to listen to motivating music, and we mostly work in groups to challenge each other. We get to have so much fun in Cardio Club and it is for free! The teachers are so kind to you especially Ms Kopos, she loves us so much that she really pushes us to achieve our best. Mr Karam is a really encouraging teacher, and he can teach you the correct technique that you need to use the gym equipment. Cardio club helps you to get out of your comfort zone and it helps you develop teamwork. It helps you develop mental and physical toughness. If you come to 30 sessions of Cardio Club, you will receive a free Cardio Club Nike shirt!

Teenagers should participate in Cardio Club because it benefits us both physically and mentally. It can help you control your emotions and reduce stress. Running has so many benefits such as improving cardiovascular fitness, strength and boosting your metabolism, so even when your workout is over, your body keeps burning your calories. On Thursdays, we use the gym equipment. The gym machines guide your body through controlled ranges of motion and allow you to improve muscular strength, power and endurance.

The main thing is that on Tuesdays and Thursdays, you get to have fun, make friends, communicate and get fitter at the same time!

Trust me, join Cardio Club (the extraordinary place) or keep living your ordinary life. Need to join? Go to the PDHPE staffroom and get a permission note.

GO ON, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!

Join us at Cardio Club before school, at 7:30-8:30am Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ramina Youkhanna - Year 8



YEAR 12 BODY OF WORKS EXHIBITION



NOMINATIONS FOR ARTEXPRESS 2021

Congratulations to our Year 12 Visual Arts students: **Tram Bui** and **Christina Cepelja** whose HSC Body of Work have been selected for **ARTEXPRESS 2021.**



Name: Tram Bui Title of artwork: The White Ending Expressive art form: Ceramics Statement: Once a stretched multicoloured garden of corals wavering left and right, now disintegrated into bleached corpses of the ocean. And that's what I call: "From a rainbow start to a white ending." My work is an examination of the slow process of coral bleaching, and how it could overturn humanity in the near future. I chose ceramics as my expressive art form as it enabled me to experiment and manipulate the clay into unique patterns that imitate the texture of real life corals. The use of watercolour further

reinforced the message by allowing me to demonstrate the diminishing colours and components of corals due to global warming. The last head that faces upside down, portrays the heavy consequences that humans will face when most corals become bleached. Without corals, chaos hits.



Name: Christina Cepelja Title of artwork: Death Toll Expressive art form: Ceramics

Statement: During Australia's horrific bushfire season more than 400 people died from smoke pollution and thousands more were rushed to hospital. My artwork titled, 'Death Toll' is a representation of those whose lives were brutally taken away throughout the period of the rapid blazes. My artwork allows the audience to emotionally connect with the piece as it evokes them to reconcile with a disastrous memory within the Australian culture. The tree sticks represent the 20 million hectares of Australian land that was burnt down and the individuals (clay pieces) who were killed alongside these traumatic occurrences. However, the clay pieces that stand in groups beside each sculpture delineates the families who have lost their relatives because of the bushfires. Positioned directly next to the sculptures exhibits that even though their loved one have been dreadfully killed in the bush fires, the memories of them are still present. Hence the sticks to represent the cause of their death, which were the fires.

UNIFORM SHOP SPECIAL OPENING HOURS			Thursday	28 January 2021	8:00am - 12:00pm	
Wednesday	13 January 2021	8:00am - 2:00pm	DAYLIGHT	Friday	29 January 2021	8:00am - 12:00pm
Thursday	14 January 2021	8:00am - 2:00pm		Monday	1 February 2021	8:00am - 12:00pm
Monday	18 January 2021	8:00am - 2:00pm	SCHOOLWEAR MANUFACTURING-CO.	Wednesday	3 February 2021	8:00am - 12:00pm
Wednesday	20 January 2021	8:00am - 2:00pm	THEN EVERY MONDAY: 8:00AM- 12:00PM		8:00AM- 12:00PM	
Monday	25 January 2021	8:00am - 12:00pm				8:00AM - 12:00PM
Wednesday	27 January 2021	8:00am - 12:00pm		For purchases online: daylightsportswear.com/fairvale		

YEAR 8 SKATEBOARD EXHIBITION

Congratulations to our Year 8 students on the completion of their Skateboard decks. Their amazing artworks were exhibited and viewed by many staff and students in our Art Gallery. Thank you for your ongoing support of our Visual Arts students.



Congratulations to our award recipients **Rana Jaffari, Luke Henare** and **Sara Chalawi** for 'Excellence in Design and Technique Execution' and Jeena Ibrahim and Teresa Nguyen for displaying, 'Sustained Diligence throughout the Assessment'.



A KILO OF COOKING FUN

Year 9 Food Technology have been working hard this term. Students have learnt how to accurately measure and weigh ingredients during practical lessons whilst cooking celebratory dishes from around the world. We have prepared dishes such as Vasilopita, a traditional New Year Greek cake, discussing the symbolism of hiding a coin in the cake for good luck for the year to come. We look forward to exploring other cultures during our practical lessons this term including: Canada, Indonesia, Norway and Thailand.



INTRODUCING FAIRVALE'S STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER

My name is Ken Vaisagote, I am the newly appointed Student Support Officer at Fairvale High School. My focus is to advocate, enhance and promote the wellbeing of all students.

I meet with students individually, hold small group sessions, as well as deliver whole school evidence-based programs and strategies when required. My aim is to walk alongside students through their journey, support them to overcome challenges and assist them to achieve their goals as High School students.

I work closely with the Senior Executive, Welfare Team and all staff members to enhance the students' learning and to provide them with the

OPERATION ART 2020

Operation Art is an exhibition created by students for children in hospital. We are delighted to have Emma Xayamongkhoun and Noor Alhuda Abdul Sada represent our school. Emma's intricate collage titled, 'A Different Point of View' is about taking time to realise and appreciate the little things around us, whilst Noor's delightful drawing titled, 'Rainbow Delight' depicts a cheeky little pug dressed in a onesie, waiting to eat his rainbow delight. Both artworks are sure to cheer up the patients at our children's hospitals. The exhibition can be viewed online @operationartexhibition. Congratulations to both students.





opportunity to develop the skills so they can become the very best versions of themselves and so that they may flourish in every aspect of their lives.

If you need my assistance, please contact me on (02) 96043118 or alternatively, see me in my office in the Welfare Hub area of Wright Block.

Mr K. Vaisagote - Student Support Officer

"HEREDITY"

As part of Module 5 Biology "Heredity" Asexual and Sexual reproduction of varied organisms were explored. Different reproduction methods were analysed for both sexual and asexual reproduction as well as the advantages and disadvantages. Some of the following plants were planted, included Ferns (Polypodiopsida) which are versatile plants where they can both reproduce through spores and through routs. Geraniums (Angiosperms) can reproduce from cuttings where they possess meristem cells that allow them to grow. Ginger and turmeric (Rhizomes) reproduce from the routs: new stems rise to the surface.





Spring onions (Tubers) reproduce asexually as a result of the tiny scale leaves equipped with buds that grow on its surface. Each of these buds can form a new plant, genetically identical to the parent.

Alina Al Hadaya - Year 11



YEAR 7 RESEARCH SKILLS

Term 4 has seen Year 7 attending the library for a series of research skills lessons. They are being taught by the librarians, Ms Chen and Ms Hammond, how to search, identify and locate accurate information and resources from reliable sources. They are currently learning how to evaluate websites and select



trustworthy sources of information. These skills will assist them greatly in completing their future assignments and assessments.

Assisting your child to become a member of Fairfield City Library will give them access to a huge amount of hard copy and digital resources and current databases that will help with their school assignments.

Ms Chen and Ms Hammond - Teacher-Librarians



HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF FAIRFIELD CITY LIBRARY



Becoming a Member of our libraries is free to everyone. You can join at any branch by presenting proof of your identity (including name and current address). There is no minimum age for joining, but those under the age of 16 years require a parent/ legal guardian to be present when joining the library. The

parent/ legal guardian will need to provide: Adult identification and proof

of current address. Proof of relationship using the child/young person's medicare card, healthcare card or birth certificate.

We have 5 branches – Fairfield, Cabramatta, Wetherill Park, Bonnyrigg and Smithfield.

https://www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/Services/Open-Libraries

WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK

Students are aspiring to complete tasks in a timely manner. Their wonderful teachers created personalized revision folders and rewards to cultivate an aspirational learning environment.

Ms Glen - Diverse Learning







PLANT IT AND WATCH IT GROW!

A1 students are growing parsley! We planted our seeds in Term 3 and now are very excited to see our plants flourishing. *Ms Ali - Diverse Learning*







ATES TO REMEMBER END OF 2020 & TERM 1 2021

School Holidays:

Year 7 Start School:

Australia Day Public Holiday:

Staff Development Day (No students to attend school):

Thursday 17 Dec. 2020 to Friday 29 Jan. 2021 Tuesday 26 January 2021 Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 January 2021

Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 Start School

Wednesday 29 January 2021 Monday 1 February 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Term 4	25 January	26 January	27 January	28 January	29 January
Week 1	School Holiday	Australia Day Public Holiday	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day	 Year 7 start school
	1 February	2 February	3 February	4 February	5 February
Week 2	 Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 start school 				
	8 February	9 February	10 February	11 February	12 February
Week 3		 School Swimming carnival (Yr 7 and competitors) 			
	15 February	16 February	17 February	18 February	19 February
Week 4	•			 Year 7 Vaccinations 	
	22 February	23 February	24 February	25 February	26 February
Week 5				 School Photos Lansdowne Zone Swimming Carnival 	
	1 March	2 March	3 March	4 March	5 March
Week 6		 Absentee Photo Day 			

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.fairvale-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/

May you all have a Happy and

Safe Holiday!