

FAIRVIEWS

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Term 4, Week 10 Monday 11 December 2023

WORK READY DAY

On Thursday 7 December, 2023, Year 10 students participated in informative and highly engaging vocational education workshops at Fairfield RSL Conference Room. Guest speakers including Paul Wade (a former Socceroo player), Nikki Heald - Corp Training, and David Saliba (MP), all presented information on career advice, their wisdom on employability skills and how to successfully prepare for a job interview.

The students have been preparing for the Work Ready Day by writing their resumes and job application letters in their English classes. On the day, students dressed in business attire, undertook a formal job interview by responding to a set of interview questions with various employer representatives. All students gained valuable verbal and written feedback immediately after the interview.







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LETTER TO PARENTS & CARERS REGARDING CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Dear Parents / Carers

At Fairvale High School, we value the cultural diversity of our school community and promote respect and understanding of diverse perspectives and world views. With the recent escalation in the Middle East conflict, I would like to reassure you that our school strives to provide a safe and supportive environment for students, staff and families from all backgrounds.

Our thoughts are with any member of our community who may be impacted by the conflict.

Our staff are aware that anxiety about the conflict may trigger strong emotions and expressions of views among students who have affected family and friends or links to the region and are sensitive to the feelings and reactions of students. Please be assured that any discussions, topics or student behaviour matters which may arise in relation to the conflict will be handled fairly and with care. Counselling and wellbeing support is available and students who are worried or upset are encouraged to talk to the school counsellor or their teachers.

We ask that you to talk to your children at home about any concerns they may have at this time and remind them that our school is a safe space which promotes respect for all people. Please contact the school if you have any concerns so that we may work together to ensure that all our students feel safe and well supported.

If you need an interpreter, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The interpreter will assist you in talking to us. You will not be charged for this service.

Thank you for your ongoing support in promoting a positive and respectful learning environment at Fairvale High School.

Yours sincerely

Dr. K Seto

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to thank the teaching staff who have been dedicated in the pursuit of an aspiring, inclusive and respectful learning environment. I offer my appreciation to the School Learning Support Officers, Administration Staff, Community Liaison Officers, General Assistants, Student Support Officer, Counsellors, Cleaners, and Itinerant 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 staff who have attained merit selection positions during the year:

Mr Morris - Moving to Jamison High School
Ms Jeffries - School Administration Officer at FVHS
Ms Najjar - School Administration Officer at FVHS
Ms Piccoli - School Administration Officer at FVHS

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

Ms Fountis as relieving Principal,
Ms Sekuloski as relieving Deputy Principal Years 9 and 11,
Ms Derrick as relieving Deputy Principal Years 9 and 11,
Ms Borthwick as relieving Deputy Principal Years 10 and 12,
Mr Karam as relieving Deputy Principal (Inclusion),
Ms Soto as relieving Head Teacher EAL/D,
Mr Micallef as relieving Head Teacher PDHPE,
Ms Lacroix as Acting Head Teacher Stage 4,
Ms Gjelev as Acting Head Teacher Stage 5,
Ms Sleiman as Acting Head Teacher Mentor,
Ms Cvitan as relieving Head Teacher Home Economics,
Mr Repousis and Mr Medcalf as relieving Head Teacher(s)
Diverse Learning, and
Ms Jeffries as relieving School Administration Manager.

We have also farewelled members of staff who have retired, resigned or moved to other positions within the Department:

Mrs Piet (Deputy Principal);
Ms Haberecht (Visual Arts Teacher);
Ms Marinos (Social Sciences Teacher);
Ms Davies (Transition/Careers Advisor);
Mr Azer (Computing Studies);
Mrs Semenov (Performing Arts Teacher);
Mrs Petersen (SASS);
Mrs Rastall (SASS)

and Mrs Davis (SASS).

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUES...

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

Senior Captains: Sama Al Hadaya and Katelin Trinh Vice Captains: Jared Dinh and Thai-Tran Le Junior Captains: Rose Astifanah and Amira Taha Sports Captains: Jilli Doan and Thein Khang Nguyen Sports Vice Captains: Nikita Grima and Jayden Vincent

Congratulations also to our Year 12 Visual Arts Students who have been selected for Art Express:

- Alison Huynh
- Phuoc Nathan Nguyen Tran

Year 12 have finally completed their Higher School Certificate (HSC) examinations and their Graduation and Formal were special celebratory occasions. Thank you to their Year Advisors, Ms Cheng & Mr Di Yorio.

Year 12 will receive their ATAR ranks and HSC results on the 14th of December 2023. We look forward to <u>value added results</u> for every one of our Year 12 students and wish them all the best in whatever endeavours they embark upon as they transition from school to further study/training and/or employment.

Finally, I would like to wish the students, staff, and parents / carers a refreshing break over the festive season and a Happy New Year.

Together with the staff, I look forward to working with the students, staff and the community to improve further the learning outcomes for Fairvale High in 2024.

Thank you all for your support of the Senior Executive, Executive, Support Staff and teachers throughout this year.

Regards,

Dr. K Seto



SCHOOL BYTES (NEW PARENT PORTAL)

We are excited to announce, Fairvale High School is transitioning to an upgraded Finance System, School Bytes, as of Term 1, 2024.

School Bytes provides a parent/carer portal to help us communicate with you.

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for parents/carers to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including multiple siblings at once)
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- View, complete and submit digital permission notes

Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

The School Bytes Parent Portal also enables you to view the profiles of all your children in one section and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction.

Please note all previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes system and portal.

You will need to create a login for access to the School Bytes Parent Portal.

Instructions for registration have been provided on the next couple of pages.



https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/sections/4414095645839-Parent-Guides

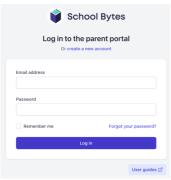
SCHOOL BYTES REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

IMPORTANT: To ensure that the registration process works smoothly and you can link your account to your child(ren), make sure that you use the same email address that you have provided to the school or if using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile phone number on record for you at the school.

To set up your parent portal, follow the steps below:

1. Open the parent portal link

Direct link: https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login



2. Select the *create a new account* link.

Direct link: https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/register



- 3. Enter your first name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.
- 3. Enter your last name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.

SCHOOL BYTES REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS CONT...

- 5. Enter the email address that you use for school communication.
- 6. Enter a password.
- 7. Confirm the password.
- Select create account.

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address. Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal. You can now link your account to all students in schools that use the School Bytes platform. When linking a student, the system automatically matches the data you provided with details stored on the student's school profile.

Linking Student to School Bytes Account

- Select link other student.
- Search for the school's name.
- 3. Enter the student's first name.
- 4. Enter the student's last name.
- 5. Select the student's current grade.
- 6. Enter the student's date of birth.
- 7. Select search.

If all student information matches with parent information according to the student's official enrolment stored at the school, the system will add the student to the parent account automatically.

Further assistance If you are unable to link a student to your account or if you have any questions relating to this article, please contact the school.



SRC - REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day is a day of profound significance. Each year on November 11 we remember the end of 4 years of fighting in 1918 and reflect with gratitude on the sacrifices made by all military personnel.

On Saturday, November 11, students from Fairvale High School, Nicholas Ristev and Aminah El Masri attended the Commemorative Service at Fairfield RSL and Thai-Tran Le, Mariel Paje, Tina Ton and (myself) Katelin Trinh attended the Commemorative Service at Cabra-Vale Diggers.

This was the first time the club had arranged with the local schools to run this service. The school captains of Cabramatta High School and Canley Vale high school took the leading role in hosting the event. Their seamless coordination and remarkable display of both responsibility and respect added a poignant touch to the occasion. The band from Patrician Brother's Fairfield co-ordinated the music for the service and played the Last Post, Rouse & Reveille and together we all participated in the wreath-laying ceremony, honouring the memory of our Australian Soldiers. All schools were praised for demonstrating exceptional leadership, warmly welcoming attendees, guiding the event, and delivering speeches.

In addition, we had the opportunity to engage with members of our community, including Ms Dai Le MP, local schools, and various representatives who paid their respects to all military personnel who have served.



Attending this special Remembrance Day event at Cabra-Vale Diggers was a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices of the past and the importance of cherishing peace.

On the 11th day, of the 11th month, at the 11th hour

Lest We Forget

Katelin Trinh - School Captain

YOUNG MATHEMATICIANS OF DISTINCTION

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At the beginning of Term 3, 57 Fairvale students from Year 7 to Year 11 were selected to compete in the annual Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC), which feature the top Mathematical thinkers and problem solvers from schools around the country. The competition consists of questions that test from basic number skills to advanced problem solving. Students must attain a high standard to earn a certificate.

This year, five students achieved a Certificate of Distinction, which is inspiring. In addition, Gordon Su in Year 7 was awarded the Best-in School certificate.



DISTINCTION AWARD WINNERS: Daryl Duong (Year 10), Tony Pham (Year 10), Gordon Su (Year 7), Sarah Lie (Year 10), and Hayden Tang (Year 9).

The following students were awarded the Certificate of Credit in this year's AMC.

Year 7: Chadi Jabbour, Vicky Pham.

Year 8: Ann Huynh.

Year 9: Tribeca Nguyen, Tracey Nguyen, Peter Ninh.

Year 10: Kelvin Doan, Justin Huynh, Jason Lim, Tien Ngo, Nicholas

Ristev, Stephen Su, Johnny Tran, Nathan Vuong.

Year 11: Shwan Amin, Jessica Luu, Victor Nguyen.

Congratulations to all participating students on their achievement, and a special thanks to Mrs Seto for presenting the certificates to the students.

Mr. J. Luan - Mathematics

YEAR 9 MATHEMATICS EXCURSION

On Monday 4th December 2023, 50 students from Year 9 went on a Mathematics excursion to Luna Park. Students explored and investigated the Mathematics that was present in the rides at Luna Park. Each activity completed was designed by the Mathematical Association of New South Wales (MANSW) and addressed the relevant strands and outcomes in the current Mathematics syllabus. Students learned as they rode the rides at this fun excursion, showing that learning can also be fun!

Mr Jas & Ms Hoang (Mathematics





DIVERSE LEARNERS IN THE TEXTILES ROOM

This term the diverse learning students were introduced to the textiles room. They experimented with different decorating techniques like tie-dye, fabric crayons and fabric paint. They had lots of practice sewing on paper and scrap fabrics before making their final product - the tote bag!

Each student had fun decorating and personalising the fabric for their tote bags before sewing it together and I'm proud to say that some of the students gained a new confidence in their sewing capabilities.

Ms Sleiman - TAS Faculty



LIBRARY - MENTOR PROGRAM & CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Mentoring sessions are held in the library at lunchtimes.

Year 11 mentors assist junior students to improve their literacy, numeracy and reading skills. The sessions are structured to meet the teacher-identified needs of the students. This program helps junior students not just with improving their schoolwork, but also improves their relationships within



themselves, and senior students, giving all involved a feeling of belonging to the school community.

As a reward for participating in the Mentoring program, students were able to participate in several craft sessions, linked to literacy, creating a wreath and decorations. The students enjoyed interacting socially and learning some new skills.

Ms. Chen and Ms. Hammond - Library











LIBRARY - BOOK WEEK

The library held a lunchtime event to celebrate the 2023 Book Week theme, **Read Grow Inspire**.

After viewing the shortlisted nominees for the Best Australian Children's Literature of the Year, and learning how the award operates, students made their own grassheads.

This involved placing grass seed and soil into an old stocking and then customising it with its own face (eyes, ears, nose) and clothing. When they were placed in water, the grass sprouted to create their hair! The hair could then be cut into any style the students liked. Some students even presented them to their dads for Father's Day.



Ms. Chen and Ms. Hammond - Library

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Fairvale's Visual Arts faculty ran the after school Photography Club in Terms 3 and 4, every Wednesday and Thursday from 3-4pm. During this time, students have learned various skills, some of which include: developing photos in the darkroom, taking photos using SLR cameras and practising various film techniques such as

Solarisation. Through these skills, students have developed a better understanding of photography and how to utilise effects to make their photos look more appealing to the eye. Overall, this club was very fun and a great experience for those who participated.

Ms. Jenny Omeros (Tentomas) - Visual Arts





YEAR 8 SCIENCE

Year 8 Science have been studying plant reproduction methods and how the environment determines their ability to grow and develop. Year 8 students placed bean sprouts in cotton wool, inside a sealed bag and controlled the amount of sunlight they received. The bean sprouts that were placed in direct sunlight grew significantly more than those grown in dark conditions. Well done Year 8!







Mr. Trevor- Head Teacher Science

SCIENCE A1

Science A1 have been learning about DNA and how it determines your characteristics and personality. They made models of DNA using lollies and had the opportunity to eat them once finished.



Mr. Trevor- Head Teacher Science

YEAR 7 SCIENCE

Year 7 have been learning how the Earth's natural processes create beautiful geological landforms. 7G used Minecraft to model some Australia's most well known structures. Wave Rock in Western Australia has been modelled and next to it is a comparison of the real-life Wave Rock.

Mr. Trevor- Head Teacher Science





DIVERSE LEARNERS ART EXHIBITION

Congratulations to our Diverse Learners who showcased their amazing Bodies of Works on Tuesday 5th December. Throughout the year they worked tirelessly to

create their

inspiring 2D and 3D artworks. Thank you to all the staff and student for showing their ongoing support by attending the exhibition.



We are so proud of your achievement.

Ms. Jenny Omeros -Visual Arts





YEAR 7 2023 TEACHER PORTRAITS

Our Year 7 Visual Arts students undertook a series of portraits tasks over the course of their weekly lesson this year. In term one they looks at the artmaking of Australian Artist Peter Cromer to create a mixed media collaged portrait of an animal of their choice. This artwork was followed by an investigation of hyper realist artist Chuck Close, whose grid technique is used to create detailed and accurate tonal self portrait drawings. Most recently Year 7 undertook the challenge of painting a Fairvale Staff member in our annual Portrait Prize. Students were randomly allocated a staff member to interview and paint.

Congratulations to all of our Year 7 Artists for a fantastic exhibition - our most popular exhibition for the school year!

Ms. Wolsely -Visual Arts









ART GALLERY OF NSW EXCURSION

On the 8th and 15th of November, the Year 9 Visual Design, Year 9 Visual Arts, Year 10 Visual Arts and Year 11 Visual Arts classes visited the NSW Art Gallery in Sydney CBD. Students visited the new modern Art Gallery, where they had the opportunity to engage with contemporary artworks as well as valuable history of cultural art such as regional Aboriginal Australian art through a guided tour. Students were particularly enthused about being able to experience new art that is relevant to the people of our world today. Students also spoke with featuring artist, Shireen Taweel, and had the opportunity to create art pieces with cardboard, created with the inspiration of her art that was displayed. Students also joined in the collaborative Archive of Mind art piece created by Kim Soo-Ja and created their own clay balls to grow the art piece. Overall, this was a very well-deserved, inspiring and fun learning experience for the students.



Ms. Wolsely – Visual Arts & Cassandra Laphai Year 9





YEAR 10 VISUAL DESIGN

Congratulations to Year 10 Visual Design who worked on their Independent Project, to create a Streetwear themed Body of Work. Students conceptualised their own ideas using their research of various street and graffiti artists. Their bespoke wearable designs employed stencilling and iron on transfer techniques that were handmade and digitally created using various assemblage and laser cutting techniques. Their items included bags and t-shirts as well as jewellery and accessories such as keyrings and hair-clips.

Ms. Jenny Omeros -Visual Arts







OPERATION ART COMPETITION

From the 16th September to 29th October, three of our students; Natasha Nguyen, Isabelle Nguyen and Maya Limbu represented our school at the annual Operation Art competition, a forum which supports students achievements. Their artwork was proudly displayed at the Armory Gallery in Newington, alongside many other students works from K-10. This is a great initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the New South Wales Department of Education, which promotes students to create artworks for the children to admire during their stay children in hospital.



YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS - SELECTED FOR ART EXPRESS

ARTEXPRESS is an annual series of exhibitions of exemplary artworks created by New South Wales visual arts students for the Higher School Certificate examination.

Phuoc Nathan Nguyen Tran

Congratulations to Class of 2023 Visual Arts Student Phuoc Nathan Nguyen Tran. His HSC Body of Work has been selected to be included in the @artexpress_official as part of the 2024 HSC Showcase Season.

Phuoc's artwork "Samsara" will be exhibited at the Ngununggula, Southern Highlands Regional Gallery in 2024.



YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS - SELECTED FOR ART EXPRESS

Alison Huynh

Congratulations to Class of 2023 Visual Arts Student Alison Huynh. Her HSC Body of Work has been selected to be included in the @artexpress_official as part of the 2024 HSC Showcase Season.

Alison's artwork "The profound cognitive effects of looking up" will be exhibited at the Art Gallery of NSW in 2024.



VET SUMMIT & VIRTUAL WORKPLACEMENT

Yr. 11 VET students participated in a 'VET SUMMIT' hosted by South West Connect (SWC). Students were exposed to various skills and Knowledge, which was carefully designed by SWC to help students get the most out of their work placements and VET subjects. SWC also provided mentors, interaction with industry experts, interactive Career Workshops, VET Industry Q&A Panel and Speed Networking. In particular, SWC sponsored Rich Tran - the innovative director and founder of Ultrafade by Rich, a salon renowned for its expertise in barbering and hairdressing, and boasts with 270,000 followers on Instagram. He gave away a free hair cut to Sarkees, a very grateful and inspired FVHS VET student. Overall, the day was a huge success with many positive outcomes!

During Term 3, Yr11 Business Services participated in the very first virtual Work Placement over 5 days, hosted by Sales Force. Overall the students were engaged, enlightened and entertained. Salesforce conducted an excellent business exposure and demonstrated a remarkable opportunity to bring the 'real business world' into the classroom. The students presented their impressive pitch at the end of the week and returned their feedback with an overall average of 8.2/10. The students were excited to be part of this experience and many said, "We have learnt a lot about business and also had a great time!"



Ms. Grace Ghossain -Head Teacher Secondary Studies





School Photo Day Friday 23 February 2024

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SCHOOL UNIFORM - SHOES AND SOCKS

It is important that parents and carers provide students with the correct school uniform elements through out the students school years. Below is a friendly reminder of the types of socks and school shoes Fairvale students need to wear to school on a daily basis.

SOCKS: Boys must wear GREY fold down ankle

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.

Slipper style shoes, sports style shoes and sports shoes are banned for safety reasons. Boots or shoes with steel caps are also not allowed. Students can attend Time to Shine on Fridays during the first half of lunch to polish their shoes in Wright Block, and are reminded to polish their school shoes on a regular basis.

Girls need to wear brown plain laced leather school shoes.



Boys need to wear black plain laced leather school shoes













Polishing your shows pride in appearance and also helps to protect the leather, helps to keep the shoes waterproof and makes the shoes last longer. If parents / carers / students have any questions regarding the School's Uniform requirements and policy, please contact Ms Efthymiades on 9604 3118.

We would also be grateful for any uniform donations of School Shirts, Pants or Shoes, you might have at home and no longer require to refill our second hand uniform pool.

Ms Efthymiades - Welfare

SRC - THE COMMENTS BOX

The SRC is excited to introduce The Comments Box!

Do you have any suggestions, concerns or ideas for Fairvale High School?

The Comments Box is a confidential space where students can write down their thoughts, suggestions or even express concerns about any aspects of our school and its learning environment.

The SRC is committed to actively listening to your input, with every comment reviewed and considered during SRC weekly meetings. Your ideas



matter, and the Comment Box is here to ensure that they are heard and acted upon.

Starting in 2024, The 'Comment Box' will be located at both the front office and the welfare hub to ensure accessibility for all students. So, if you have any ideas, comments, or suggestions, please fill in one of the slips below and place it in the comments box.

* SRC *	DATE:			
Student A	Comments/Suggestions			



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Monday 29 January 2024: Australia Day Public Holiday

Staff Development Days:

Tuesday 30 January 2024 & Wednesday 31 January 2024 (No students to attend school on the above days)

Thursday 1 February 2024: Years 7, 11 & 12 Start School Friday 2 February 2024: Years 8, 9 & 10 Start School

DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 1 2024					
Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	29 January	30 January	31 January	1 February	2 February
Week 1	AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day	Years 7, 11 & 12 Start School	Years 8, 9 & 10 Start School
	12 February	13 February	14 February	15 February	16 February
Week 3		 FVHS School Swimming Carnival 			 Year 10 Vaccinations
	19 February	20 February	21 February	22 February	23 February
Week 4					 School Photos Main Day
	11 March	12 March	13 March	14 March	15 March
Week 7			 NAPLAN online test period 	 NAPLAN online test period 	 NAPLAN online test period
	18 March	19 March	20 March	21 March	22 March
Week 8	NAPLAN online test period	NAPLAN online test period	NAPLAN online test period	 NAPLAN online test period Harmony Day Multicultural Day 	 NAPLAN online test period
	25 March	26 March	27 March	28 March	29 March
Week 9	 NAPLAN online test period 				
	8 April	9 April	10 April	11 April	12 April
Week 11		 FVHS Senior Athletics Carnival 	 FVHS Junior Athletics Carnival 		Term 1 concludes