



FAIRVIEWS

I Learn to Live

Term 1, Week 11
Wednesday 10 April 2024

MEET OUR SENIOR EXECUTIVE 2024



Ms Christie (Years 7 & 9 Deputy Principal),
Dr Seto (School Principal),
Mr Eagles (Inclusion/Support Deputy Principal),
Ms Borthwick (Years 8 & 11 Deputy Principal),
Ms Fountis (Years 10 & 12 Deputy Principal)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

With the end of Term 1 2024 drawing near, the FVHS staff thank parents for their continued support with uniform, application to study and courteous behaviour from the majority of the student body. Congratulations to students who continue to strive for and attain academic excellence, as well as students who make small improvements and continue to work hard, achieving their personal best with each task. Congratulations also to all students who participated with gusto at the athletics carnivals, also doing their best for their house and themselves.

In Term 2, year 10 will be beginning the process for subject selection for stage 6 (years 11 and 12). More information will be provided about the process to students and parents / carers next term. Year 10 have also been sitting for their HSC Minimum Standards tests in Literacy, Numeracy and Writing; it has been pleasing to see many students meeting the standards already. This means they are on the road to attain their HSC, as this is now a requirement as well as meeting course requirements, completing assessment tasks to a satisfactory standard and meeting course hours.

A reminder for parents also that Parent Teacher night will be held on July 2 in Term 2. Parents and carers are strongly encouraged to attend to speak with their child's teachers about their progress throughout the year.

Term 2 for students will begin on 30.4.2024 as 29.4.2024 will be a staff development day without students. On this day, teachers will be developing programs for new syllabus implementation due in the coming years.

A reminder to all parents to please text, email or provide a written note of explanation when your child is absent from school. Please also provide a note if your child is to leave early or arrive late by way of explanation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards

Ms Fountis
Rel. Principal



HSC ENCORE CONCERT



It was with absolute joy and delight that 50 Year 11 and Year 12 Fairvale High School music students witnessed the exceptional talents of Mitar Tomasevic (Year 12, 2023). Mitar took the spotlight as a featured artist at the esteemed HSC Encore concert. Held at the prestigious Sydney Opera House on March 4, 2024, Mitar's performance of his solo piece "Libertango" had the entire grand hall clapping along.

The HSC Encore concert provides a platform to showcase the finest performances and compositions from the previous year's NSW HSC Music examinations. Mitar's participation stands as a testament to his remarkable talent and unwavering dedication, exemplified by his notable achievements throughout his musical journey.

Mitar began playing the accordion in 2014, drawing inspiration from his Serbian/Balkan heritage. Competing since the age of nine in annual competitions, Mitar's talent has garnered international recognition. His inaugural international competition in Auckland, New Zealand, resulted in a first-place victory. Currently, Mitar is diligently preparing to compete on a global stage in China and the United States. We wish him the best of luck and congratulate him on his achievements.

Mr Thwaites - Head Teacher Performing Arts

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

On International Women's Day, the 8th of March 2024, we attended the Young Women's Leadership Seminar held at the Legislative Assembly Chambers in the Parliament House of New South Wales.

The theme for 2024 was **#inspireinclusion** and during the seminar, we heard from numerous inspiring speakers, such as, Professor Lisa Williams, and a panel of female members of Parliament who shared their experiences, highlights and the setbacks they faced while being women working in male-dominated fields.

We were also given the opportunity to ask these speakers questions during a Q&A segment, which allowed us to learn more about their personal views and opinions, and how we can venture into leadership based careers.

The experience was extremely informative and fulfilling, providing us with new perspectives on what the future holds for ourselves and our fellow female peers.



Tania Denkha & Rose Hamawi (Year 11)



YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

On Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th March 2024, Year 7 students participated in an excursion at Bundeena, Royal National Park.

Students participated in learning and fieldwork activities related to their topic of study on Landscapes and Landforms.

Despite the warm weather, students enjoyed the scenery and exploring the transformation of this coastal landscape.



**Ms Sekuloski (HT Admin)
&
Ms Casha (Social Science
Teacher)**

YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

Year 9 Geography Mandatory Field Work Excursion was held on 19 & 20 March 2024 at Bonnie Vale, Royal National Park.

Students had the opportunity to participate in fieldwork activities related to their topic on Sustainable Biomes. Students were fully engaged in practical activities coordinated by the Park's rangers and educational officers.



As a result, students are able to explain the important connections between people, places and envi-

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DIVERSE LEARNING - AUTISM AWARENESS

On Tuesday April 2 2024, Diverse Learning students recognised Autism Awareness Day.

This day aims to increase understanding and acceptance of autism and the different ways it can affect people's lives.

Diverse Learning classes A1, A2 and A3 designed a door display to show their own understanding of Autism and to represent their unique, individual identities.

Ms Rossiter - Diverse Learning Teacher



DIVERSE LEARNING - DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Thursday 21 March 2024, Diverse Learning recognised World Down Syndrome Day.

World Down Syndrome Day provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the rights and inclusion of people with Down Syndrome around the world. The theme for 2024 was to end the stereotypes.

Diverse Learning students in A2, A3 and AA coloured in socks in different patterns and colours to represent the Lots of Socks campaign which is designed to get people talking about Down Syndrome.

Ms Rossiter - Diverse Learning Teacher

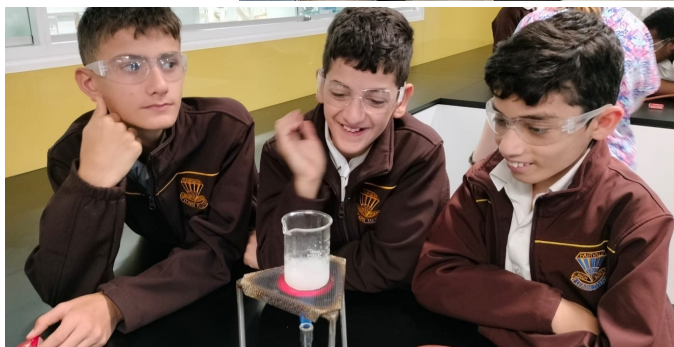
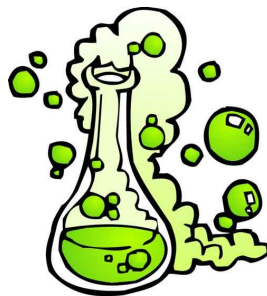
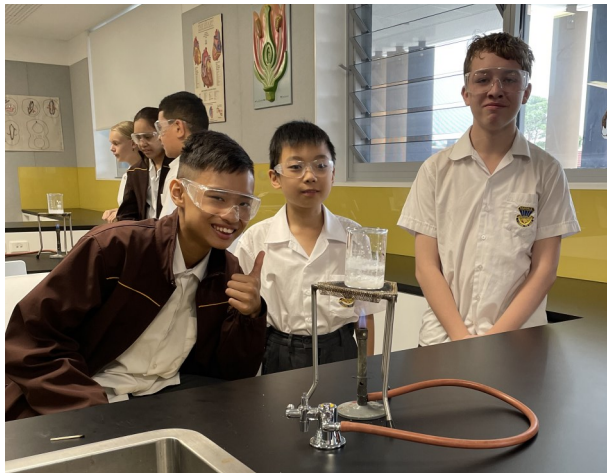


DIVERSE LEARNING - SCIENCE LESSON

In Diverse Science lessons, A3 and AB have been learning about chemicals, chemical reactions and how to separate chemicals as well as how to be safe in a lab.

Mr Nguyen from Science helped A3 and AB complete an experiment which involved students separating salt from water.

Ms Ky & Ms Rossiter - Diverse Learning Teachers



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2024



DOVES STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER

I am thrilled to say I am a student who represented Fairvale High School at the NSW Parliament House on the 7th of February 2024.

The reason I even had this amazing opportunity was because I was nominated as a DOVES member and was invited to be given my badge by the Minister of Education and Deputy Premier Prue Car herself.

Walking through the corridors of this historic building opened my eyes to the weight of the decisions made within those walls and the impact they have on people's lives. DOVES is a student council made up of 27 students from all over NSW, who carry out monthly meetings to discuss and implement positive change in our education system.

Fortunately, our school has a wide range of resources compared to other schools who don't even have counsellors, elevators, large halls or even a school building. I think it's pretty safe to say that we take these things for granted and that we should really start being more grateful. This student body is something I truly cherish because I'm not just in it because I'm a student who cares about my future, I am a part of something bigger. It has empowered me to raise my voice, and has also provided me invaluable opportunities to collaborate with a diverse group of students and teachers. This group of people are actively listening to teens who will graduate school as people who will change society for the better. I can't thank Dr Seto and Ms Fountis enough for opening the doors to this wonderful opportunity.



Sama Roy, DOVES Ministers Council Member and FVHS student

SCHOOL UNIFORM - SHOES & SOCKS

It is important that parents and carers provide students with the correct school uniform elements throughout 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 shoes 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

SCHOOL UNIFORM - TIES

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR TIE

Compulsory for Winter in Terms 2 and 3

HOW TO TIE A TIE

1



1) Start with the wide end ("W") of your necktie on the right, extending about 12 inches below the narrow end ("N") on the

2



2) Then cross the wide end over the narrow end

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3) Bring the wide end around and behind the narrow end.

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4) Then bring the wide end up.

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5) Pull the wide end through the loop and to the right.

6



6) Bring the wide end around front, over the narrow end from right to left.

7



7) Again, bring the wide end up and through the loop.

8



8) Then, bring the wide end down through the knot in front.

9



9) And -- using both hands -- tighten the knot carefully and draw it up to the collar.

Simply keep working on this necktie knot and be sure to practice a few times until you are really good at it!

SCHOOL UNIFORM - BROWN & BLACK SHOE SUPPLIER

We have been advised there is another Brown and Black school shoe supplier called "WG7 Workgear Select", and if you mention Fairvale High School, they will provide you with a \$20 discount.

Located at: Shop 19/25 Smart Street, Fairfield NSW 2165
Phone: 0433 315 516

Monday 29 April - Staff Development Day

Tuesday 30 April - Term 2 Commences for Students

DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 2 2024

Term 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	29 April	30 April	1 May	2 May	3 May
Week 1	• Staff Development Day	• Year 11 Half Yearly Exams • All Students commence Term 2	• Year 11 Half Yearly Exams	• Year 11 Half Yearly Exams	• Year 11 Half Yearly Exams
	6 May	7 May	8 May	9 May	10 May
Week 2	• Year 11 Half Yearly Exams	• Year 11 Half Yearly Exams	• Year 11 Half Yearly Exams	• Year 11 Half Yearly Exams	• Year 11 Half Yearly Exams
	13 May	14 May	15 May	16 May	17 May
Week 3				• FVHS Cross Country Carnival	
	20 May	21 May	22 May	23 May	24 May
Week 4	• The Australian Geography Competition	• The Australian Geography Competition	• The Australian Geography Competition	• The Australian Geography Competition	• The Australian Geography Competition
	27 May	28 May	29 May	30 May	31 May
Week 5				• Lansdowne Zone Athletics Carnival	
	3 June	4 June	5 June	6 June	7 June
Week 6					
	10 June	11 June	12 June	13 June	14 June
Week 7	• Kings Birthday Public Holiday			• SSW Cross Country	
	17 June	18 June	19 June	20 June	21 June
Week 8			• Year 7 Vaccinations		
	24 June	25 June	26 June	27 June	28 June
Week 9				• Lansdowne Zone Athletics Carnival	• Lansdowne Zone Athletics Carnival
	1 July	2 July	3 July	4 July	5 July
Week 10		• Parent and Teacher Evening			• Term 2 Concludes