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# FAIRVIEWS

*I Learn to Live*

Term 1, Week 6

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## MULGA'S MARK ON FAIRVALE



Fairvale High School is looking a bit brighter thanks to the wonderful artwork created by Sydney artist in residence, Joel Moore known as Mulga. Students were able to see the mural come to life from start to finish.

Some Year 10 Visual Arts students were able to assist in painting part of the colourful mural. There were many students who were star-struck having the famous artist working within our school as they had studied his work in class.

Make sure you check out the mural which is located in Wright Block.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to our returning students and families, to our new Year 7 cohort, and to new families. It is wonderful to see our students excited to begin a new academic year.

Congratulations to our 2024 Year 12 students whose efforts were rewarded with above state average results in a number of subjects. A number of students achieved over 90 ATARs with our dux Steven Tran attaining an ATAR of 97.1.

Congratulations to Alison Le who achieved 2nd place in the state in Retail Services – this is a fantastic result indeed!

### **Welcome to new and returning staff and especially to:**

Ms Piet, Year 9 & 12 Deputy Principal returning from her deployment in DoE;

Ms Gouganovski – Relieving Principal (Thursdays and Fridays).

Ms Gouganovski is a very experienced Deputy Principal currently working at Fairfield High and previously for an extensive time at James Busby where she relieved as Principal. We welcome Ms Gouganovski to Fairvale High and I know you will support her in forging and strengthening school relationships.

**New Staff to Fairvale High include:** Ms Yap (Science), Mr Hoang (Social Sciences) and Mr Niu (School Counselling Services).

The teaching staff are looking forward to another productive year and our focus will be on improving student achievement, enhancing the wellbeing of all students, with a particular focus on attendance and belonging, as well as, the continuing professional learning for our teachers and support staff.

We have just had a successful Thrive Week to enhance belonging, forge connections and build leadership skills. Thank you once again to the staff who led these extra-curricular activities.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

Dr. K Seto



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## Congratulations to the 2024 DUX Steven Tran



And a huge congratulations to the following students on achieving ATARs over the 90.

Cassidy Cao   Shwan Amin  
Jared Din   Steven Tran

We were also excited to hear that one of our own students, Alison Le came 2nd in the state for Retail Services. Well done to these students who have done themselves and the Fairvale community proud.



## WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY YEAR 12 CONFERENCE

On the 19th of February, we attended the 2025 Future Student Engagement Year 12 Conference at Western Sydney University. This was a great opportunity gaining valuable insights into life beyond high school.

We listened to inspiring speakers, Kylie Captain and Alec Anderson, who shared practical skills and lessons to help us approach our next chapter with confidence.

We also explored a range of university courses that interested us, gaining a deeper understanding of their content and career pathways. The experience not only expanded our knowledge of university life but also helped us reflect on our future, equipping us with the tools to make informed decisions moving forward.

- Rose Hamawi (Year 12 student)



## YEAR 7 GET TO KNOW FAIRVALE

During week 4, the PDHPE faculty ran a "Getting to Know Fairvale" activity where Year 7 students worked in groups to find clues located around the school.

Each group was required to hold onto a hoop while working together in finding clues and different locations to get the following clue. This helped develop their understanding of the school grounds while getting to know one another in a team building exercise.

Congratulations Year 7 for the fantastic effort and behaviour across all your subjects in term one. Keep up the great work!

Mr Mikulic  
Year 7 Adviser

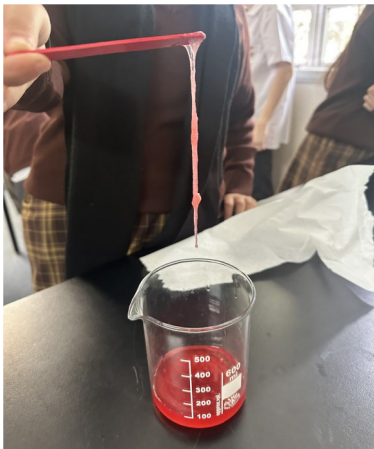


YEAR 7 CONTINUED...



## YEAR 10 SWEET SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

This term Year 10 have been learning about DNA, mutation and disease. Mr K Nguyen and 10E successfully modelled the structure of DNA using toothpicks, gummy bears and gummy snakes. In doing so, they were able to model an abstract idea with clear visuals, colour and a hands-on experience.



Ms M Nguyen and 10B took this experiment one step further and extracted DNA from the cells of strawberries. In doing so, the students were able to visualise the volume of DNA found in the cells of one single strawberry. Great job Year 10!

Mr Trevor  
Head Teacher Science



## REWARDS DAY

In the last week of school in 2024, students from Years 7 – 10 attended a fun-filled activity afternoon at Time Zone Bowling Villawood. These students were chosen by their Year Advisers for consistently demonstrating their commitment to their own academic studies and to the Fairvale community throughout the year.

Students were treated to an exciting round of bowling and lunch from the venue's café. The afternoon was rounded off as students were allowed to utilise the games arcade, with some winning it big with tickets and the claw machines!

Everyone had an enjoyable time and it was a lovely way to relax and have some fun before the close of the school year. We are hoping to repeat the activity this year, so make sure your F.A.I.R. values are on display in 2025!

Mr Smith  
Head Teacher Learning & Welfare



## FAIRVALE ARTWORK AT ARTEXPRESS

Congratulations to Class of 2024 Visual Arts student Katelin Trinh. Her HSC body of work has been selected to be included in the ARTEXPRESS HSC Showcase.

Katelin's ceramics artwork, "The Moth and My Mind" is being exhibited at Lismore Regional Gallery. The sculptures represent a journey of the mind. Particularly struggles with body image, anxiety and self-doubt which in turn become catalysts for growth.

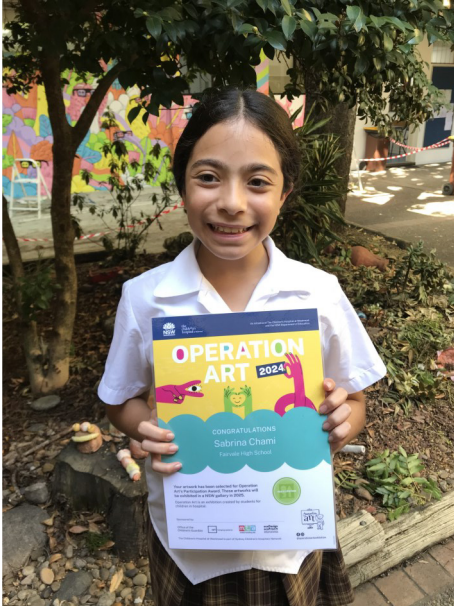
ARTEXPRESS is an annual series of exhibitions of exemplary artworks created by New South Wales visual arts students for the Higher School Certificate examination.



## OPERATION ART

Congratulations to Monica Quach and Sabrina Chami for their entry into Operation Art in 2024. Their artwork has been chosen from the hundreds of entries to go on display at Fairfield City Museum & Gallery.

The Visual Arts faculty thank all students who participated in this statewide competition and look forward to your participation this year.



Monica and Sabrina's artwork will be showcased at Fairfield City Museum & Gallery from 24 May to 19 July 2025.

Ms Omeros  
Visual Arts Teacher



## WEEK THRIVE - WELLBEING WEEK

Over the past few years, we have held Wellbeing Week in Week 5 of each term. The week is very popular with students and staff and continues to grow, with different activities being offered each time.

Wellbeing Week has been rebranded to Week Thrive. The aim is to help improve / enhance student wellbeing through allowing students to:

- connect to others, make new friends, meet new teachers;
- feel healthy, happy and more comfortable;
- learn a new skill;
- challenge themselves and have fun; and
- build student leadership skills by allowing them to run or assist staff in the running of sessions.

Students had the opportunity to participate in a range of activities at lunchtime throughout the week led by staff and students. Week Thrive depends on the generosity of staff and students who give up their time to offer activities.



WEEK THRIVE CONTINUED...



Week

Thrive



Activities

## WEEK THRIVE CONTINU ED...

Students put their creativity to the test by planting succulents in beautifully decorated cups. This hands-on activity encouraged mindfulness and provided a relaxing break from daily routines. With a variety of lush green succulents to choose from, students had the freedom to design their own unique potted plants, making for a fun and engaging experience.



Students expressed excitement about incorporating their new succulents into their study spaces or gifting them to loved ones. This activity highlighted the importance of creativity, relaxation, and self-care, which are the core values of Week Thrive. It was a fantastic way to promote wellbeing while fostering a sense of accomplishment and joy among students.



Students have the opportunity to present ideas for activities that they would like to see being offered, support a teacher to run an activity or run an activity with the support of a teacher.

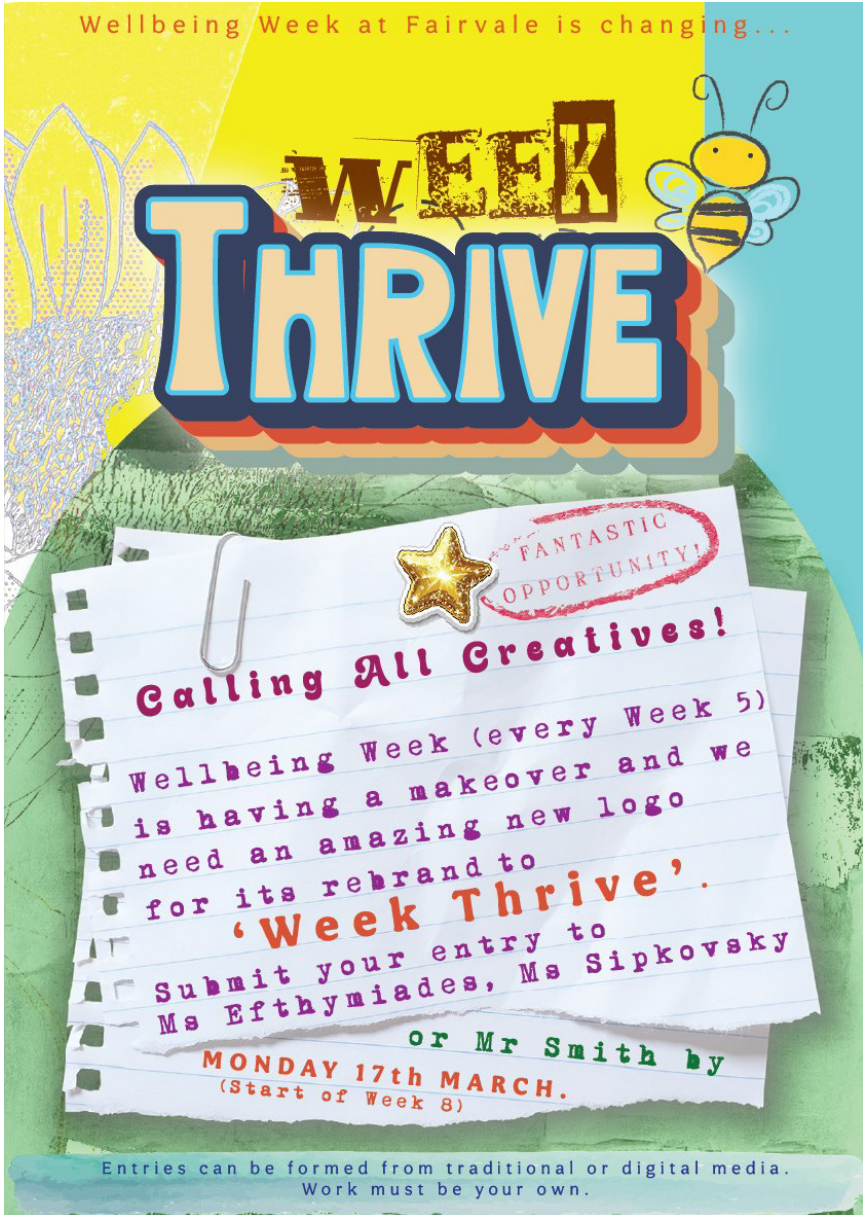
Students should start thinking about activities for Term 2 Week Thrive and speak to Ms Efthymiades.

Ms Efthymiades  
Head Teacher Welfare

## WEEK THRIVE COMPETITION

This year we are renaming Wellbeing Week to - WEEK THRIVE. A competition is being held for students to design a logo for Week Thrive. Entries are due by Monday 17 March to Ms Efthymiades, Ms Sipkovsky or Mr Smith.

Wellbeing Week at Fairvale is changing...



# WEEK THRIVE

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY!

**Calling All Creatives!**

Wellbeing Week (every Week 5) is having a makeover and we need an amazing new logo for its rebrand to

**'Week Thrive'.**

Submit your entry to Ms Efthymiades, Ms Sipkovsky or Mr Smith by

**MONDAY 17th MARCH.**  
(Start of Week 8)

Entries can be formed from traditional or digital media.  
Work must be your own.



## Free workshop

### Hội thảo miễn phí nói về tự kỷ dành cho cộng đồng người Việt.

#### Canley Vale, NSW

Hội thảo nói về cảm ứng giác quan.

Hội thảo dành cho phụ huynh, bậc ông bà và người chăm sóc toàn thời, đang hỗ trợ học sinh tự kỷ.

Hãy đến tham dự buổi hội thảo của chúng tôi, ở đây quý vị sẽ có cơ hội nghe, chia sẻ và cùng học hỏi với các gia đình khác trong cộng đồng Việt nam.



### Trong buổi hội thảo, quý vị sẽ tìm hiểu về:

- những khác biệt mà trẻ tự kỷ có thể gặp phải khi cảm ứng thông tin từ các giác quan của chúng
- sự khác biệt trong việc cảm ứng giác quan có thể tác động như thế nào đến cuộc sống hàng ngày của các cá nhân và những người xung quanh họ.



Buổi hội thảo này sẽ được trình bày bằng tiếng Việt.



Chúng tôi sẽ phục vụ trà sáng và bữa trưa nhẹ



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Thứ Tư, Ngày 2,  
Tháng 4, Năm 2025  
Từ 9 giờ 45 sáng,  
đến 2 giờ 15 chiều



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## YEAR 7 AND 10 VACCINATIONS

NSW Health works with schools to offer the vaccines recommended and funded for adolescents by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) in a school-based vaccination program, including:

- diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, (whooping cough), (dTpa)
- human papillomavirus (HPV) meningococcal ACWY.

### The next vaccination days for 2025 are:

- Year 10 - 9th April 2025
- Year 7 - 11th June 2025
- Catch up day for missed vaccinations for both Year 7 and 10 will be on 3rd September 2025.

Contact the Head Teacher Welfare, Ms Efthymiades, if you have any questions or issues trying to provide online consent.



## 2025 NSW School Vaccination Program



Immunisation protects your child against serious vaccine-preventable diseases.

### In 2025 the following vaccines are offered at school for free:

- Year 7 students are offered a *single dose of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine and a single dose of human papillomavirus vaccine.*
- Year 10 students are offered a *single dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine.*

Vaccination will only be given at school if consent has been received.

To complete online consent, visit [https://nswhealth.service-now.com/school\\_vaccination](https://nswhealth.service-now.com/school_vaccination) or scan the QR code:



For detailed steps on how to provide consent, click or scan the QR code:



English



Arabic  
العربية



Korean  
한국어



Simplified Chinese  
简体中文



Traditional Chinese  
繁體中文



Vietnamese  
Tiếng Việt Nam

Do not have a Medicare card or internet access? Ask your child's school for a paper consent form.

For more information, please contact your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 or visit [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation).

## LIBRARY SCIENCE WORKSHOP

The library has turned into a creative space for science lovers! Year 12 mentors are presenting a series of science workshops at lunchtimes to junior students. Participants experience hands-on science through a series of fun projects which they will take home. In previous workshops, students have made cars and catapults, while learning about energy and the lever principle. The upcoming workshops include hands on projects involving slime, oobleck, mini lava lamps, torches, and the relevant science theories behind all of them.

Presenting the science workshop can help obtain university scholarships and early entry applications. All Year 11 and 12 students are welcome - if you would like to join see Ms Chen in the library.



## LIBRARY TUTORING & CHESS MENTOR PROGRAM

The library is buzzing with the enthusiasm of Year 12 and junior students who are involved in subject tutoring and chess mentoring programs at lunchtime. Our senior student mentors are tutoring junior students in English and Maths. Junior students have been keen on coming to the mentoring sessions, which has not only increased their confidence with their studies but has also allowed them to form friendships with Seniors.

It has been lovely seeing senior students become excellent role models for younger students. This mentoring program experience can help obtain university scholarships and early entry applications. All Year 11 and 12 students are welcome - if you would like to join see Ms Chen in the library.



## DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 1 2025

Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>3 March</b>	<b>4 March</b>	<b>5 March</b>	<b>6 March</b>	<b>7 March</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	• SSW Boys Basketball	• Year 7 Meet and Greet Afternoon	• SSW Girls Football	• Year 11 Live Entertainment White Card	• International Women's Day
	<b>10 March</b>	<b>11 March</b>	<b>12 March</b>	<b>13 March</b>	<b>14 March</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	• SSW Swimming	• Parramatta Boys Rugby Gala Day	• NAPLAN Online 7 & 9	• NAPLAN Online 7 & 9	• NAPLAN Online 7&9 • Secondary Youth Leadership Conference
	<b>17 March</b>	<b>18 March</b>	<b>19 March</b>	<b>20 March</b>	<b>21 March</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	• NAPLAN Online 7 & 9	• NAPLAN Online 7 & 9 • Junior Athletics Years 7-9	• NAPLAN Online 7 & 9 • Senior Athletics Years 10-12	• NAPLAN Online 7 & 9	• NAPLAN Online 7&9 • Harmony Day
	<b>24 March</b>	<b>25 March</b>	<b>26 March</b>	<b>27 March</b>	<b>28 March</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	• NAPLAN Online 7 & 9	• SRC Induction Day	• SSW Boys Football • SSW Rugby • Year 11 UNSW Leaders Program	• SSW Netball	
	<b>31 March</b>	<b>1 April</b>	<b>2 April • Year</b>	<b>3 April</b>	<b>4 April • SSW</b>
<b>Week 10</b>			12 Geography Excursion		Open Boys & Girls Touch • Year 12 English Stand. Excursion • Year 10 UNSW Excursion
	<b>7 April</b>	<b>8 April</b>	<b>9 April • Year</b>	<b>10 April</b>	<b>11 April •</b>
<b>Week 11</b>			10 Vaccinations		Last day of Term