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| Monday 28 October | P&C AGM 7.30 in the staffroom |
| Thursday 31 October | Eagletag Gala Day Years 3-6 |
| Wednesday 6 November | State Athletics Kindy 2020 Transition 1 |
| Thursday 7 November | State Athletics School chess competition |

Looking to 2020

As term 4 slips by quickly we are starting to plan for 2020 and I would like to share a few thoughts with parents. As we end a decade it's a great time to reflect – I have been at FFPS for 10 years now and that time has just flown. I see a small, caring school that has continued to flourish both in our academics and in our wellbeing programs.

Our recent NAPLAN results were outstanding sitting us well above state (as we should be) and seeing the majority of children fall into the top bands in all areas of testing. 3 years have dropped but we see an increase as we have more new families enrolling for kindy. We also see an increase in numbers across other grades as we welcome families from the surrounding area to work at the new hospital.

I do think the recent building and traffic impacted on our enrolment from this area. Uncertainty around zoning may have had an impact.

In 2020 we will continue to prioritise literacy and numeracy in all classrooms. This ongoing focus is what has ensured our high achievements in reading in both NAPLAN assessments and our internal PAT (reading comprehension) assessments. We will continue to use our new Stepping Stones maths program as we have seen greater student engagement this year in mathematics.

We will also maintain our focus on academic excellence in other Key Learning Areas whilst we ensure all our children are known, valued and cared for.

Workshops

If you are interested in helping with workshops in week 9 (week starting 9 December) and maybe have a great idea for workshops please contact Matt Philips at matthew.philips@det.nsw.edu.au. We would love this to be a community event.

Surf lifesaving

The surf lifesaving team are seeking permission to take photos at the school surf safety talks to possibly add to their newsletter "The Shore Break" If you do not give permission please email MJ Broomfield at mary-jane.peel@det.nsw.edu.au.

Long service leave

I will be taking 2 weeks leave and will be leaving the school in the most capable hands of MJ Broomfield and Kylie Davidson whilst I am away. Please email MJ mary-jane.peel@det.nsw.edu.au or Kylie kylie.davidson3@det.nsw.edu.au with any concerns you may have during my absence.

Gail Smith

Principal

Respectful Responsible Learner

The focus for this fortnight is: I am kind to others

Assembly Award Winners

Term 3 Week 10 and Term 4 Week 1

Kindergarten 2020

If you have a child starting kindergarten next year please hand your enrolment information into the school office. Our transition programme starts on Wednesday 6 November.

P & C News

President's Report

ffpsandcpresident@gmail.com

Special Invitation - P&C AGM at 7.30pm on 28 October

At FFPS P&C our sole purpose is to benefit ALL children who attend our school. As a school community we want to enable every child to become the best they can be. To this end we



Canteen

ffpsandccanteen@gmail.com

Thank you to all the families who have moved to School24. The transition has gone really smoothly.

There are still plenty of shifts available this term, particularly on Fridays, so if you would like to help for a couple of hours in the morning or afternoon, please contact Claire on ffpsandccanteenroster@gmail.com.

Charlotte Nash
Canteen Convenor



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