

NEWSLETTER



Issue 01 | Week 1 | Term 1

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

- 11 Family Information Night
- 11 GM – Library @ 6.30pm
- 13 Hockey clinic
- 18 Governing Council Meeting @ 7pm in the library
- 20 Hockey clinic

MARCH

- 6 Sports Day 2.10pm finish
- 7 Pupil free day
- 10 Public Holiday – No School
- 19 Soccer clinic
- 21 School photo day
- 26 Soccer clinic
- 27 Underdale Cup

APRIL

- 2 Soccer clinic
- 11 Last day of school 2.10pm finish

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DEAR COMMUNITY,

Welcome back to school!

What a fabulous week we have had welcoming our new receptions to school. It was also fantastic to welcome many new students into other classes across our year 1-6 classes. News is clearly getting out how fantastic our school community is and the environment that we are so proud of.

As many of you would be aware, we have started the year with a new logo. This was only approved in December last year. Over the break, we have worked really hard with our designers, Design Notion, to roll out the new brand. This does take time. While we are moving at record speed in changing everything over, we thank everyone for being so patient.

We are currently working with uniform suppliers to change our existing uniform items to the new logo. Families have asked if the 'old uniform logo' items can still be worn. Absolutely! There is no expectation to buy new items before the previous ones no longer fit. Many schools have a long 'phase in, phase out' period, and we are the same. Often younger siblings wear an older style and it always creates a talking point.

In the meantime, uniform items can also be supplemented with plain navy tops and shorts/skirts/shorts etc. that are readily available for many big retailers. We do ask that sports branded items (Nike, Adidas) not be worn to school. Please refer to our uniform policy for up to date information.

Thank you to all of our families who continue to support and encourage all of our little people to come to school every day. We know they get tired, but attending every day is so important. Teachers are really good at being aware of when their students are tired and will adjust the program accordingly.

In week 3, we will have our annual Family Information Night and AGM. See our save the date poster for details. More specific details will be published next week. We really want to see as many families as possible.

Even if you know the teacher, routines change and it is important to have current, up to date information.

Lastly, I just want to thank all of our community. It is such a privilege to be able to work with all of our little people. Giving us the opportunity and trusting us with your most prized possession is something that we take very seriously. Educators are aware of their responsibilities and thank you for joining our school community. Have a great weekend and stay cool.

Kind regards,

Zoe Wecker
Principal

Staffing

We are so very fortunate to have a team of outstanding educators here at FPPS. We have also, very deliberately, assembled a large team so that we can best support all of our learners.

Specialist teachers

Providing a range of specialist learning areas is very important for young learners. While our classroom teachers have the capacity to teach all areas of the curriculum, engaging with a specialist teacher, who is passionate about that learning area, is only going to be beneficial for everyone.

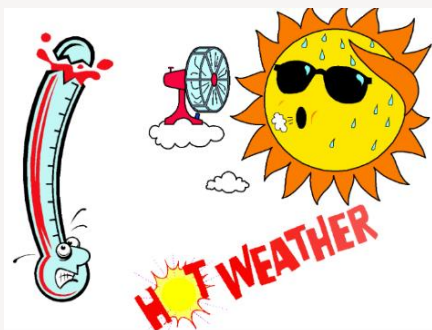
This year we have an incredibly talented team:

- **Rebecca Ihms** returning after a year off, our exceptional Japanese teacher will be working with all classes on a Monday and Tuesday
- **Kathryn Dunlop** joins us again as our Science teacher. Her hands on, engaging lessons, really gets all our learners questioning, investigating and excited about their learning.
- **Amy Spencer** our fabulous PE teacher, every Wednesday and Thursday. Amy brings a wealth of experience and



enthusiasm to our community.

- **Maddie Winter** returns in term 1 as our Digital Technologies teacher. Our primary learners are engaging in a Virtual Reality pilot program, for the first time. Our younger learners will also be looking at Digital Technologies and how they can use them in their every day lives.
- **Music** will return in terms 2,3 and 4.



Hot Weather Policy

Next week the forecast is for some hotter temperatures in the mid to high 30's. Is school still on?

Yes! All of our classrooms are heated and cooled so you never need to worry. We also have a hot weather and wet weather policy in place. If it is over 36 degrees, all students remain inside during play time. Start and finish time will remain the same.



AGM

Every year we hold our Annual General Meeting. This year it is on **Tuesday 11th February at 6.30pm.** All families are welcome but it is not compulsory.

During this meeting, we also elect Governing Council Members. Meetings are held twice a term, on a Tuesday night. Please come and chat with us in the front office for more information.



School Fees

This week, Kathy our finance officer, sent emails with our school fees for 2025.

If you are applying for school card, you do not need to pay your fees, until you receive a response. Families experiencing financial hardship are invited to come and arrange a payment plan. Centrepay plans can also be arranged for families receiving a Centrelink benefit.

SAVE THE DATE

AGM and Family Information Night

2025

We really hope to see you all!

FEBRUARY 11TH
FAMILY INFORMATION
NIGHT

FEBRUARY 11TH
AGM
6.30PM

FEBRUARY 18TH
GOVERNING COUNCIL
7PM



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Family Information Night

This year, our Family information Night is on Tuesday 11th February. We would like to see all families attend.

Very deliberately, we have changed the name of our Family Information Night.

Typically, we have called it 'Acquaintance Night' or 'Meet the Teacher night'. But it is so much more than that. This has meant that some families chose not to attend because they had met the teacher previously.

We would like to see all of our families attend, older and new. This is an opportunity for teachers to explain routines, talk about expectations and learning programs.

There are two sessions. The first starting at 5.10pm, the second at 5.40pm. Teachers will provide whole class information and general whole class learning information. Families are asked to arrange a separate time to discuss child specific questions in the following days. We are looking forward to connecting with you all. Please see your teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Western SAPSASA



Western Sapsasa Facebook Page



Your child attends a school that is a part of the WESTERN Sapsasa District. School Sport SA provides students with opportunities to compete in their chosen sport by representing their school, their District, or their State.

Students who are in years 5 and 6 have opportunities to compete in all common sports. There are also opportunities for all students born in 2015 and older to compete in Swimming, Cross Country, and Athletics events.

All information for the Western District is distributed to students through your school Sapsasa representative and will also be posted on our Facebook Page (Western Sapsasa – School Sport SA). If you would like to keep up to date with all Western Sapsasa information, please like and follow our page.

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