Dear Parents, A special welcome is extended to all our new parents, as well as those who have been with us previously.

We have had an excellent start to the year. Our Preps and other new children have all settled in beautifully, and all the children have made a very positive start to their schooling. We are also extremely excited that the Lorne St. Kindergarten has now opened and the first group of students started this week. We welcome Felicity, the Kindergarten teacher, and Cathy, her Assistant, to our school site. The running of the Kindergarten is overseen by Moreland Council, rather than the school and Moreland Council handle all enrolment enquiries. The school is happy to support the Kinder, and we look forward to a very long and strong relationship.

As always we continue to have an excellent tone of behaviour among the children, both inside the class and in the yard. It has been great to see the older children looking after the newer students, and generally acting out our motto of “Caring and Sharing”

This year we currently have an enrolment of approximately 190 children in 9 grades, similar to last year. We welcome one new staff member, Miss Jaime Winchester, Grade 1/2W teaching from Room 16. Jaime has previously worked here on a regular basis and we welcome Jaime who has already established an excellent working environment in her grade.

Included in this newsletter is a full staffing list for your information.

Staff members who are now on Family Leave are Nahren Caniato and Asli Yuksel. Late last year both Nahren and Asli had babies, with Nahren and her husband Mark welcoming baby Angelina, and Asli and her husband Erkan welcoming baby Jade into their family. We look forward to seeing both new-borns and Mums in the very near future.

Breakfast Club. This year we begin twice a week breakfast club. On Tuesday and Thursday children can come along to the staff room, where we will provide breakfast of vita brits and milk, oats, toast and vegemite, toast and jam or toast and margarine, fruit salad. Children are welcome to come to the staff room between 8.30 and 9.00. There is no cost for this. Children will be supervised eating breakfast and will be able to go out to play or go straight to their classes after they have eaten (and helped clean up).

Canteen helpers. Annette is currently organising our canteen, and is looking for volunteers to help do this very important task. New parents are always welcomed. We cannot run the canteen without volunteers, so we really do ask parents to consider helping out occasionally so the school can run the canteen. Parents can speak to Annette in the office at any time. Canteen will commence next Monday February 8th. Canteen runs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We only do lunches and only sell quality food. We don’t sell soft drinks, lollies, fatty foods etc., and we sell the food for close to cost price.

Naming of the BER building. Our school has two main buildings where classes take place. The original building is the long building that was built in the 1960’s. This is where the current Prep-Grade 2 children have their classes. The newer building was built in 2010 as part of the Building the Education Revolution (BER) program. This building has always been referred to as the BER building. We believe the time is right to give the new BER building a better name, and are asking the children and community to consider suitable names. Teachers and students will be putting together some information to send home asking for suggestions to be considered. If you have any ideas please look out for the information when it comes home.
**Apple computers.** We continue to provide an outstanding Information and Communications Technology (ICT) program across the whole school. After changing to Apple equipment in 2012 and 2013, we continue to provide great tuition in using modern computers and relevant, educational learning programs to complement our in-school curriculum. We have extended our laptop program to include children in Grades 3 and 4, joining those in Grades 5 and 6 to be provided with an Apple laptop for use at school. This means that while they are at school each child in these grades will have exclusive use of the same laptop and they will be the only one to use that laptop. **Children in Grades 5 and 6 also have the opportunity to lease that laptop for the school year, allowing them to have 24/7 use of the unit.** The cost of leasing a unit is $240/year, which is tax deductible. Parents are required to pay up front for either the whole year or $60 for one term at a time. The Apple Mac Books are of the highest quality and represent fabulous value to the children and give a great boost to their education. We highly recommend parents take up this offer to allow their children to become confident ICT users in an ever increasing technological world.

**Parent Teacher meeting.** Monday Feb. 15 As in other years our first Parent/Teacher interview is really about sharing information and getting to know each other. The school places special importance on having a positive relationship between school and home as it is extremely important that the school staff and families work together to ensure educational success for each child. Details of our first get together has been sent home. We encourage all parents to attend with their child to meet with the teacher. A separate information sheet will be sent out closer to the date.

**Assemblies to be held on Fridays.** This year we will continue having our Assemblies on Friday mornings, at 9.10. All parents, family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. Our assemblies are held in the new building.

**Art smocks.** Our Art teacher, Mrs. Arena, has asked that parents check that their child has an art smock to use during Art lessons, to protect their school clothing. An old shirt or light jumper is perfect.

**Important notes:**

**Arriving on time.** Could parents please ensure children are at school before 9.00 as it is important that every child is here ready for the day by the scheduled start. It gets them into good habits and they don’t miss out on important learning time.

**School hat.** Please note that during Terms 1 and 4 all children should be wearing a school hat whenever they go outside while at school. This is part of our School Sun Smart program, that helps children learn about positive life habits. Hats are available to be purchased from the office.

**2016 Information Book.** Shortly we will send home our Information Booklet for 2016, that parents find useful for information on most things to do with the school.

**School terms 2016**

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**HATS**

Term 4 and Term 1 are when we need to be sunsmart and you will need a hat to play outside.

Please remember to bring your hat to school every day!
Staffing 2016

Roger Pell  Principal
Maria Weston  Assistant Principal

Hannah Carmody  Grade Prep  Room 6
Catherine Athanasiou  Grade Prep/1  Room 8
Nabiha Rustom  Grade 1/2  Room 14
Ellen Sturrock  Grade 1/2  Room 15
Jaime Winchester  Grade 1/2  Room 16
Ayhan Akin  Grade 3/4  Room 31
George Saisanas  Grade 3/4  Room 32
Rashelle Kelly  Grade 5/6  Room 34
Donna Darmanin  Grade 5/6  Room 36

Joe Mills  ICT, Literacy support
Vicky Viscuso  Italian, Literacy Support
Pina DiNucci  Phys. Ed./Personal Development
Rosa Arena  Visual Art/Performing Arts
Belinda DePropertis  Curriculum support, beginning Term 3

Janice Miskimmin  Business Manager
Annette Pell  Office assistant
Robyn Zibell  Admin. assistance
Carmela Ballato  Primary Welfare Officer
Ellen Glynn  Integration Aide
Janine O’Brien  Integration Aide
Paula Northey  Integration Aide
Kim Graham  Integration Aide
Donovan Pell  Integration Aide, casual
Craig Higgins  Integration Aide, casual

Joe Vella  Maintenance

Canteen

Canteen will start on Monday 8 February 2015.
Look out for the 2016 canteen menu and price list.

School Banking

Remember to bring your school banking books along every Wednesday with your deposit.
There are some great new rewards coming out this year.

If your child is absent from school, please notify us via the Skoolbag App or send a note or with your child when they return with an explanation for their absence. Alternatively you may telephone the school.
CANTENE PRICE LIST

CANTENE DAYS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Pasta

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Toasted Sandwiches

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Salad sandwich: choose from tomato, lettuce, cheese, carrot, cucumber $2.50

Salad roll: choose from tomato, lettuce, cheese, carrot, cucumber $3.00
Vegemite or cheese sandwich or roll $1.50

Drinks

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PLEASE PLACE LUNCH ORDERS IN AN A4 PAPER BAG WITH NAME AND ROOM NUMBER CLEARLY WRITTEN AND AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE BAG.

(PLEASE NO SMALL BAGS: lunch bags are usually available at supermarkets)

Also please state clearly on the bag which ingredients you wish to be included if you are buying a salad roll, or sandwich.

PAPER BAGS CAN BE PROVIDED FOR 10c EACH.
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "Install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 
Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
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MERRI COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Cultural Diversity Week 12-20 March 2016
Celebrating local culture & community through food

FAWKNER FOOD FESTIVAL

VENUE: FAWKNER PRIMARY SCHOOL
DATE: 19.03.2016    TIME: 10:30AM-2:30PM

We are currently seeking local food enthusiasts who are keen to share their cuisines or showcase their skills with the Fawkner community.

FREE STALL SITES

We are taking expressions of interest from:

- Food trucks
- Local restaurants
- Environmental groups
- Local Community Groups
- Local Schools
- Cooking demonstrators

HOSTED BY: Merri Community Health Services

WITH FUNDING FROM MORELAND CITY COUNCIL CELEBRATING PLACE GRANT

For more information or to book a stall, please contact Sarah Cotsopoulos on 9355 9907 or sarahc@mchs.org.au
Bringing Up Great Kids

Become the parent you want to be

A FREE six session parenting program for all parents

Childcare available

Join us for this great program. An opportunity to think about your family, talk about children’s development and learn how to manage the stresses of everyday life.

Where: Fawkner Leisure Centre
79-83 Jukes Road Fawkner

When: Wednesdays 17 February – 23 March 2016
1pm-3pm. Snacks provided

Bookings: Gabrielle Macdonald, Early Links Coordinator
essential tel: 9385 3207 or email gmacdonald@mcm.org.au

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Movies in the Park

A FREE EVENT FOR ALL

Inside Out (PG)
Friday 12 February
Cox Reserve, Murray Road, Coburg North
Melways Ref: 18 B10

Minions (PG)
Friday 19 February
Bridget Shortell Reserve, Old Glenroy Primary School Site, Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy
Melways Ref: 16 H3

Free sausage sizzle from 8 pm (vegetarian and halal options)
Film screened at nightfall (approximately 9 pm)

For more information: Phone 9240 1111 or visit moreland.vic.gov.au