Dear Parents, Just a reminder that Term 1 finishes this Thursday at 2.30. This has been a very short term of 9 weeks, with Term 2 being a longer term with 11 weeks. With the cooler weather coming up we encourage parents to make sure children have warm clothing to cater for any weather that comes our way. Term 2 starts on April 11.

The school congratulates the following students who have been selected as either a School Captain (Grade 6 only) or a Junior School Councillor. These are both important roles around the school. The Junior School Council members represent their class at meetings with teachers to organise things such as fund-raising activities and community participation activities. The School Captains do a number of jobs including helping at Assemblies, but also meeting and greeting visitors, speaking to visiting groups and generally being ambassadors for the school. The children who have been selected for both positions have been chosen because they show high levels of responsibility, leadership and a willingness to help others. The children were recently presented with badges which they are wearing proudly.

School Captains:  
Umar Kamal, Wajiha Tanveer, Yusof Hage, Jenna Kirkby, Amber Niumata

Junior School Council:  
Foundation C  
Ismah Islam  
Zareer Nuraz

12A  
Justin Schena  
Nour Ali

12S  
Hassan Abtiyow  
Lily Davey-Densley

1/2W  
Hassan Hage  
Kitty Street

3/4G  
Saad Murtaza  
Arwen Badlan

3/4A  
Logan Valentine  
Zainab Obeid

5/6 D  
Hajrah Sajid  
Abdul Hawli

5/6K  
Trisha Michalios  
Jaffer Mohammad

Parking and Traffic: Unfortunately we are still seeing some very dangerous driving behaviour from a small number of motorists. Some of the more dangerous examples include:

• Stopping their car on the pedestrian crossing to let children out or to pick up children. This is particularly dangerous for other children who are using the crossing, as other drivers often can’t see the children.

• Not stopping to let children cross at the School Crossings

• Parking in the school car park or the driveway to let out children while other children are using this entrance. Reversing back into traffic is also causing traffic chaos and there is always the danger of reversing over children.

• Having children run across the road while the parent waits in the car.

We regularly have officers from the Fawkner Traffic Management Unit patrol our school and the Police will issue hefty fines for these, as well as parking in No Standing areas, which will hopefully help people find a safer way to drop children off and pick them up.
School evacuation practice. Recently we had a practice of evacuating the school in case of any threat that means we need to get out of the buildings. Teachers had spoken to the grades beforehand and explained what we were doing. All grades moved quickly under the direction of the staff, and our evacuation was very orderly and organised. From time to time we will have practices and we will always let families know once these have been done.

Breakfast Club. We have had a very positive response to our Breakfast Club, where we regularly have 15-20 students come along on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Any child can come along to the staff room, where we will provide a choice of vita brits and milk, 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 are supervised eating breakfast and are able to go out to play or go straight to their classes after they have eaten (and helped clean up).

Canteen helpers. Annette 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 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.

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 2 and 3 children are not required to wear sun hats outside.

School terms 2016

Term 1: January 28 - March 24 (2.30 finish)
Term 2: April 11 – June 24 (2.30 finish)
Term 3: July 11 – September 16 (2.30 finish)
Term 4: October 3 – December 20 (1.30 finish)

Canteen will commence on 18 APRIL 2016 for Term 2

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR CSEF?

Applications Close 3 June 2016

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF (Camps Sports and Excursion Fund). Application forms are available from the school office.

Student Gardening Classes are on Thursdays between 10am and 12pm. Parents and friends of the school are invited to volunteer to help with the classes as well as to water during the week.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping out.
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Starts Saturday 16th April 2016
8.30am to 10.00am

Boys & Girls Aged 5 - 8
All Welcome

Charles Mutton Reserve
Creedon Street Fawkner

Register online or contact
John Gioupas - 0405 443 838
Year 7 – 2017

Information Sessions

Dear Parents/Guardians

Pascoe Vale Girls College invites prospective students and their parents to attend one of our information sessions at our College.

You will have the opportunity to meet College leaders and hear about our curriculum and programs offered to our students. This will be followed by a tour of the College.

The dates and times for our information sessions are as follows:

- **Tuesday** April 19 – 9.15am
- **Wednesday** April 20 – 11.15am
- **Thursday** April 21 – 7pm

Bookings are essential. Bookings can be made via our website: www.pygc.vic.edu.au or by calling the College on 9306-2544 to reserve a place.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to visit the College and look forward to meeting you.

If you are unable to attend the sessions in April, the College also conducts tours with the Principal on a Tuesday morning at 9.15am. Bookings can be made by calling the College on 9306-2544.

Yours sincerely

Ms Kay Peddle
Principal

Ms Kerry Hall
Head of Junior School