



Fawkner News

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Important Dates

May 2016

24—Camp Information Night

June 2016

7—Casual Dress Day

15-17—Life Education Visit

16—Parent Session Life Ed

24—End of Term 2 **2.30pm Finish**

July 2016

11—Start of Term 3

TERM DATES 2016

Term 2: 11 April—24 June

Term 3: 11 July—16 September

Term 4: 3 October—20 December

Dear Parents,

Term 2 has been very busy with lots of activities happening around the school. Last week saw lots of excitement with Education Week, when we celebrated some of the many great things that are happening in education and in our school.

Parking and Traffic: We are experiencing a large number of cars who are pulling into the school car park driveway in McBryde St., to drop off children. This causes lots of problems. The first one is that children are crossing this driveway to come into the school and are often difficult to see. Cars turning into the school driveway run a very real risk of running into children. The second issue is that drivers need to reverse back into traffic to get out of the driveway. This often means holding up other traffic and means drivers can't see what is coming or whether children are crossing the roads etc.

Please don't use our car park or the car park driveway to drop off your children.

The school has lots of safe parking in Lorne St., and in Tyrrell Cres. where the Athletics Track is. These are only another minute walk, but are much safer. We encourage parents to use these options. The best option is to park your car, get out and walk your child into school. That way you know you are showing them how to be safe and ensuring they arrive safely at school. This might take a couple of minutes longer but it is much better for everyone.

GO CASUAL FOR CAMP QUALITY TUESDAY 7TH JUNE

We will be holding a casual dress day to raise money for Camp Quality.

Camp Quality provides essential support services to children with cancer and their families.

We will be asking for a gold coin donation on the day. Thank you for your support

Infectious Diseases. Recently we sent home the following note stating that we have a child at school who is going through treatment for cancer.

A student at our school is currently receiving medical treatment for cancer and will be attending school during their treatment and recovery.

This child's ongoing health is at risk if they come into contact with someone with an infectious illness e.g. chicken pox, measles or mumps. We ask you if your son or daughter is suspected of having any infectious illness that you keep them home until they are no longer contagious.

Should your child be suspected of having an infectious illness please contact the school **immediately** to enable the school to notify the parents and medical specialists.

School Camp, Grades 3-6. This year children from Grades 3-6 have the option to take part in our camp to DOXA Camp in western Victoria. The week-long camp is a great opportunity for children to experience some time in a different environment while doing fun, educational activities. Apart from the enjoyment aspect the experiences the children gain from being one of a large group interacting with their school mates and teachers is invaluable. The children who attend always say that camp was one of the most enjoyable and memorable experiences of their time at primary school. Each year we do different activities and have different memories from each previous year and we encourage all children to attend. The cost for the 5 day camp is \$250. This cost covers transport to and from the venue, accommodation for 5 days/4 night in comfortable rooms with their own toilet and showering facilities, (Usually there are 4-6 children per room), food for all meals except the first day's lunch, all activities while on camp etc. This year we will be including a day trip to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. Usually we have about 35-40 children attend with 5-7 staff members. We ensure the venues we stay at are of the highest quality and meet strict safety standards as set out by the Education Department. The children are always fully supervised and safety is always of the highest importance. We have organised an information evening for parents and children when we can help answer questions about the camp, what we do, supervision, safety etc. This will take place on Tuesday evening, May 24th. here at school.

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).

Important notes:

School terms 2016

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)



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ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS

For those families who chose to pay in four instalments the second instalment for your child's Essential Education Items Charge is now due.

For those families that are yet to commence payment please contact the office to discuss payment options.

Essential Education Items are essential items which are necessary to support the delivery of our programs at school and **parents are required to ensure their children are provided with these, either by paying the school to provide them or by purchasing the items themselves.**

A detailed list of these items is available from the school office and includes (but is not limited to) stationery, software licences and photocopying in lieu of purchasing text books.

Fawkner primary school makes every effort to keep the cost and the number of items that needs to be purchased to a minimum.

The cost for 2016 has been set at \$170.00.

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 Sustainability Team 2016

Mumen, Ibrahim, Omar, Cheyanne, Fatima, Laith, Fatima

We want everyday to be rubbish free, but check our total waste going to landfill from the classrooms on Rubbish Free Tuesdays. We also undertake the Hands Up Travel Surveys on Fridays. We hope to see more people riding or walking to school throughout the year. Some more of our work will be announced in future newsletters, our school website and at school assemblies.

Fawkner Primary School Camp 2016—Doxa Malmsbury 10th October 2016 – 14th October 2016

Children in years **3, 4, 5 & 6** will have the opportunity to attend. Camp will be held at **Doxa Malmsbury Camp - Malmsbury**, over four nights, 5 days. **Doxa Malmsbury Camp** is an excellent venue that is very popular with Primary Schools. The camp this year will be catered by the camp.

This year's camp promises to be just as exciting as every other year as we once again travel out of Melbourne. Environmental studies, orienteering, initiative activities, walks and bush activities will be among the many activities included in the program. All activities are carefully supervised and the safety of the children is always our highest priority. This year as part of the camping program the children will be having a day at Sovereign Hill.

The Camping Committee always aims to make camps affordable for families by keeping costs as low as possible. This year camp will cost \$250.00 per student. Parents who hold a valid means tested concession card and meet the eligibility criteria for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) payment the cost of camp can be reduced by \$125.00. Applications for the CSEF payment are available from the school office. Completed applications must be received at the school no later than 20th May 2016 .

Enclosed is a deposit of **\$50.00** to confirm my child's place on the camp to **Doxa Malmsbury Camp , 10th October 2016 – 14th October 2016**. . I understand that places on the camp are limited and applications will be processed in the order that they are received.

Name of child Room Amount enclosed. \$.....

Fawkner Primary School Earth Hour

Fawkner Primary School will have an Earth Hour to save electricity and fossil fuel. Most of our electricity uses fossil fuel which is burnt and pollutes the air. We will have an Earth Hour during Education Week. There are other ways to get electricity without burning fossil fuel like solar panels or wind turbines. We can save electricity by turning off the lights if we're not using them.

Turn off the interactive white board when not in use.

Turn off the fans when we're not using them and turn off the computers when you leave the classroom.

We see lots of lights on when no one is in the classroom so we would like to see the lights off when there is no one is in the classroom. Please support our Earth Hour.

Ibrahim Mumen



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Light_pollution

RECYCLING

We have noticed some people have been putting recyclable objects into their rubbish bins. We can improve this and reduce our waste. We are working on having the school purchase new recycling bins for the classrooms and to place recycling bins with posters of what to go in them in the undercover eating areas. So recycling can happen outside classrooms too.



ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS

Payment for your child's class materials including their school books is now due.

A number of payment plans are available to help make the payment more manageable.

For those families that elected to pay in four instalments your second instalment of \$30.00 is now due.

Please visit the office to arrange your payment.

Thank you.





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