



Fawkner News

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Important Dates

February 2017

March 2017

13th March PUBLIC HOLIDAY

No School for Students

31—Term 1 Ends

2.30pm Finish

April 2017

18—Start Term 2

TERM DATES 2017

Term 1: 31 January –31 March

Term 2: 18 April—30 June

Term 3: 17 July—22 September

Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

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 first group of students to come from **Lorne St. Kindergarten** has started this week. It is great that we can offer from Kindergarten to Year 6 on the one site, and it makes it so much easier for children to transition from Kindergarten to school when they are familiar with the school.

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 210 children in 10 grades, an increase of approximately 20 children and one grade from last year. We welcome one new classroom teacher, Miss Stephanie Murdaca, Grade 1/2 M who is teaching from Room 5. We also welcome Mr. Brody Ricardi as our Phys. Ed. teacher 3 days per week. Brody has previously worked here as an Integration Aide, but is now working in a teaching capacity. Mrs. Pina DiNucci who has been our Phys. Ed. teacher is taking Leave for 2017 from the middle of February. We also welcome back Mrs. Nahren Carniato who is working 2 days per week, supporting teachers in the Junior grades.

We also have two Integration Aides who began with us late last year. We welcome Louise Mifsud and Naomi Serratore who are working with children in a variety of grades.

We also welcome back Anne Watson who continues to work as our Gardening program teacher on Thursdays, while spending Monday to Wednesday working in the classes in Integration support.

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

Breakfast Club. This year we are changing the days we offer our twice a week breakfast club. On **Wednesday and Thursday** children can come along to the staff room, where we will provide breakfast of Uncle Toby’s Cheerios, muesli, baked beans, fruit salad or toast. 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.) **The first Breakfast Club will be on Wednesday February 15.**

Playgroup. Our very successful Playgroup will continue to be held on Tuesday mornings in the Lorne St. Kindergarten, starting on Tuesday February 14th. Playgroup op-

erates from 9.00 – 10.30. parents and young children who don't attend Kindergarten or school are welcome to attend.

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 on Monday February 13th. 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. Price List for the canteen is attached to the Newsletter

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 4, 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 \$200/year, which is tax deductible. Parents are required to pay up front for either the whole year or \$50 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. As in other years our first Parent/Teacher interview will be scheduled for later this month. This first meeting 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 will be sent home soon. 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.

2017 Information Book. Shortly we will send home our Information Booklet for 2017, that parents find useful for information on most things to do with the school.

School terms 2017

Term 1: January 30- March 31 (2.30 finish)

Term 2: April 18 – June 30 (2.30 finish)

Term 3: July 17 – September 22 (2.30 finish)

Term 4: October 9 – December 22 (1.30 finish)

Staffing 2017

Roger Pell Principal
Maria Weston Assistant Principal

Hannah Carmody	Grade Prep	Room 6
Catherine Athanasiou	Grade Prep	Room 8
Stephanie Murdaca	Grade 1/2	Room 5
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 , until mid Feb
Brody Ricardi	Phys. Ed./Personal Development, 0.6
Rosa Arena	Visual Art/Performing Arts
Belinda DePropertis	Curriculum support
Nahren Carniato	Curriculum support
Anne Watson	Gardening program teacher / integration aide

Janice Miskimmin	Office	Annette Pell	Office
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
Louise Mifsud	Integration Aide	Naomi Serratore	Integration Aide
Donovan Pell	Integration Aide	Craig Higgins	Integration Aide
Rob Don	Integration Aide		

Joe Vella	Maintenance
Suzana Bardic	Contract Speech Pathologist

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your school
community



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!



Fundraising for your school

As a local business, Peter Leahy Real Estate values relationships with the local community and we are dedicated to supporting local children in their education.

A **\$1,000 donation** will be made to your school when any school family or staff member exclusively lists and sells their property with Peter Leahy Real Estate.

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CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Application Forms Now Available!

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Tuning in to Kids

Become the parent you want to be

A **FREE** six session parenting program
for parents of prep students



Learn how to

- Support your child in their first year at school
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions
- Have a happier, more fulfilling family life

Where: Fawkner Leisure Centre
79-83 Jukes Road Fawkner

When: Tuesdays 14 February – 28 March 2017
12.30pm-2.30pm. Snacks provided

Bookings: Gabrielle Macdonald, Early Links Coordinator
essential tel: 0438 849 234 or gmacdonald@mcm.org.au

SCHOOL BANKING COMMENCES THIS WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY

The Dollarmites are bringing the future to your school.

Since 1931, CommBank's School Banking program has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and develop lifelong money skills.

For our 2017 theme, a futuristic adventure is in store. Students will join the new-look Dollarmites as Future Savers, making their way towards the Savings Hover Park – a fantastic playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis.

Encouraging savings habits with great rewards

School Banking will continue to reward children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour, and this year we're introducing an exciting new range of reward items. Two are released every term, and available in Term 1 are the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers. Your child can redeem one of these reward items, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to download and print this year's Rewards Card. On our website you'll also find a fun activity sheet and a Savings Tracker your child can use to keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

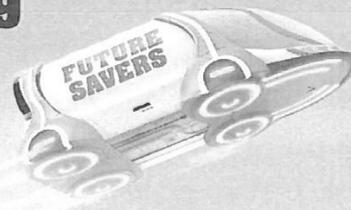
Dedicated savers get a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland

The Future Savers Grand Prize competition will take one lucky student on a family trip to Tokyo, Japan. Up to two adults and three children will get tickets to explore Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea, including the futuristic Tomorrowland attractions. This prize includes:

- Return economy airfares from the winner's nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Five nights' accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea
- AU\$1,000 spending money

To enter, your child simply has to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Things you should know: Full terms and conditions found at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Australian residents aged 4–13 yrs only with parent/guardian permission. Must have CBA Youthsaver account and be participating in CBA's 'School Banking program'. Starts 23/1/17. Ends 11.59pm AEST 29/9/17. Max 1 entry/person. Draw: L3/11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000 at 12 pm AEDT 11/1/17. Winner in The Australian 17/10/17. Prize 1 x 5-night trip for 2 adults + 3 kids (aged 13 and under) to Tokyo, Japan, valued up to AUS\$2,855. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124, of Level 30, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Permits: NSW LTPs/16/07099, ACT TP16/01759. SA T16/1590.



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CANTEEN PRICE LIST

CANTEEN DAYS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Pasta

Lasagne	\$3.50
Macaroni & Cheese	\$3.50
Chicken Curry & Rice	\$3.50

Pizza

Margharita	\$4.00
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Toasted Sandwiches

Cheese & tomato	\$1.50
Cheese & vegemite	\$1.50
Cheese	\$1.50
Vegemite	\$1.50
Tomato	\$1.50

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

Chocolate milk	\$2.00
Apple or orange juice	\$1.50

Frozen Yoghurt

Strawberry	\$2.00
Raspberry	\$2.00

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.