



Fawkner News

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Important Dates

March 2017

28—Curriculum Day **no school**

31—Term 1 Ends

2.30pm Finish

April 2017

18—Start Term 2

25—ANZAC DAY Public holiday
no school

26—56D & 56K Shrine of Remembrance Excursion

May 2017

2—School Photos

11—Mothers Day Stall

15—Walkathon

18—Glenroy District Cross Country

19—34A & 34G Melbourne Zoo Excursion

22-26—Education Week

22 & 23—Bully Busters Program

25—Grade 1 Students Learn to Be Safe Program

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, It seems like we have just begun the school year, but we finish Term 1 next Friday March 31 (2.30 finish) Term 1 has been a very smooth and productive term. There is a real positive vibe around the school, and it is great to walk around the school and see everybody enjoying their schooling and working effectively.

Next Tuesday, March 28th, we have the first **Curriculum Day**. On this day **children are not to attend school**. The teaching staff will be looking in-depth at the new Vic. Curriculum which is the state-wide curriculum framework that schools are expected to use as a framework. The Vic. Curriculum has taken over from the previous Aus Vels curriculum that was a curriculum framework for all Australia.

Recent school events

Walk Ride To School Day.

Ready, Set, Prep.

Pascoe Vale Girls Open Day.

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.

Upcoming events:

Tuesday March 28: Curriculum Day

Tuesday April 25: ANZAC DAY, No school on this day

Wednesday April 26: Grade 5/6 excursion to the Shrine of Remembrance

Tuesday May 2: School Photos. Details and student packs to be sent home early Term 2.

Thursday May 11: Mothers Day stall

Tuesday May 15: Walkathon

Thursday May 18: Glenroy District Cross Country

Friday May 19: Grade 3/4 excursion to Melbourne Zoo

Monday May 22: Education Week begins

Monday May 22 and Tuesday May 23: Bully Busters program, at school.

Thursday May 25: Learn To Be Safe program, Grade 1 students. (Every Thurs. until end of term)

Monday June 12: Queen's Birthday public holiday

Friday June 16: School reports sent home

Thursday June 22: Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday August 31: Fathers Day stall

Thursday September 7: Glenroy District Athletic Sports day

Monday October 13: Swimming program begins. Limited to 55 children

Monday October 16: Prep. Orientation program begins, session 1

Monday October 23: Prep. orientation, session 2

Monday October 30; Prep. orientation, session 3

Friday November 3: Grade 5/6 Kanga cricket tournament

Monday November 6: Curriculum Day. Children are not to attend school.

Tuesday November 7: Melbourne Cup public holiday

Sunday November 12: Fawkner Festa

Monday November 20—Friday November 24: Grade 3-6 Camp.

Monday December 11—Friday December 15: Fawkner P.S. Arts Festival

Friday December 15: Fawkner Family Day/Night

Tuesday December 18: Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony

Thursday December 21: Last day for students. 1.30 finish.

Friday December 22: Curriculum Day

School terms 2017

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

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

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

Term 4: Monday October 9 – December 21

(1.30 finish)

Our Excursion to the Immigration Museum

On Friday the 10th of March grades 34A and G went on an excursion to the Immigration Museum. First we had to walk to the Fawkner Train Station and catch the train to the city. We got off the train and had our playlunch at a beautiful playground near a river.

After playlunch we walked along the Yarra River and made it to the Immigration Museum. We participated in a program called 'Pack your Bags'. We acted out two stories. One story was about a girl named Rebecca Greaves who came to Australia in the 1850's who wished to find gold. Another story was Cuc Lam a Vietnamese refugee who came in the 1970's. She had a special red bag. We wore fun costumes from those days.

We had a great time at the Immigration Museum. We would like to thank Mr Akin and George for taking there. It was the best excursion we have ever been to. We were all tired when we came back to school.

By Clare, Lina and Adam in 34 A

Ride to School Day 2017



THE MOST EXCITING EXCURSION

On Tuesday the 14th of March 2017, the 5/6's went to the Royal Botanic Gardens. We caught the train from Fawkner Station to Flinders Street and then walked along St. Kilda Road. When we got to the gardens, we also saw The Shrine of Remembrance. We split up into our classes and did two separate activities. 5/6K went with Hilary and made rainforest animals and insects out of natural materials like leaves, pinecones and twigs. Then we went for a big walk around the gardens and saw lots of different trees. We went into the hothouse where it's perfect conditions for rainforest plants, it was so hot in there!

After our walk we had lunch and played some games. We then walked down to the lake and back to Flinders Street Station to catch the train home. We saw lots of workers packing up from the Moomba Festival. On the train home, we were so tired! Many of us fell asleep. We walked 12.6kms for the whole day and it was 32 degrees so it was hot!

Thanks to the staff at the Royal Botanic Gardens for showing us around and to Miss Kelly, Mrs Darmanin, Mr Ricardi, Kim and Paula for coming along.

By Jack and Bihzad

Ride to School Day 2017

St Patrick's Day Friday 17th of March dawned bright and sunny for our annual Ride to School Day. Congratulations Fawkner Primary School! We had 54 riders on bikes and scooters, along with 54 walkers use a fun and healthy way to travel to school. This was an almost 200% increase in the number of bikes and scooters and approximately 25% reduction in the number of car journeys made to school compared to a typical day.

We hope you enjoyed the day and that you will choose riding, scooting, skating or walking more often to improve your fitness, happiness and readiness for learning. Try it once or twice a week as a start. The more riders and walkers we have means the less cars we have which reduces traffic and makes it safer for everyone too.

We'd like to thank the Pushy Women of the North, Erin from Bicycle Victoria and Jess and Veronica from Merri Health for their support of this event.

It was great to see some students and teachers who haven't ridden to school much before and we all enjoyed our ride around the Athletics Track for Fun and Fitness too.

The class with the highest percentage of riders, scooters and skaters will be announced at our assembly on 24th March. They will win a yummy prize of their choice and thanks to Bicycle Victoria all riders, scooters and skaters will go into a raffle to win some prizes, also to be announced at our assembly on 24th March.

You may have noticed our new (recycled) bike rack installed this week. Thanks Joe and Andrew. Let's fill it up with bikes quickly to get more!

Thanks again for your support.

The Fawkner Student and Staff Sustainability Teams



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



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Pascoe Vale Girls College invites prospective students and their parents to attend our Open Day on **Wednesday 19th April 2017**.

Information sessions followed by tours of the College will be held at the following times:

1. Morning 9:00am – 10:30am
2. Afternoon 4:00pm – 5:30pm
3. Evening 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Parents and children need only attend one session. There is no need to register attendance at a session.

Fundraising for your school

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New for 2018- The Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program for girls who have above average academic ability and achieve at a high level

Pascoe Vale Girls College is proud to announce the introduction of the SEAL Program that provides personalised teaching and learning that meets the needs of gifted and talented learners. The program provides stimulating learning experiences that challenge, extend and develop the gifts and talents of students by offering acceleration and enrichment. SEAL students will study a faster paced curriculum and have the opportunity to study concepts in greater depth. There is a greater emphasis on higher order thinking and learning skills and independent learning and research.

The SEAL Program is suited to girls who are capable of studying curriculum at a faster pace than mainstream classes, have a strong passion for learning, are capable of working independently, enjoy intellectual challenges and have superior ability to problem solve.

Visit the College website for more information and to apply for the SEAL Program: www.pvgc.vic.edu.au

If you are unable to attend our Open Day Sessions, the College also conducts tours with the Principal throughout the year. Bookings can be made by calling the College on: 9306 2544 or online at www.pvgc.vic.edu.au/our-school/enrolment