



Fawkner News

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Important Dates

May 2017

19—34A & 34G Melbourne Zoo Excursion
22-26—Education Week
22 & 23—Bully Busters Program
25—Grade 1 Students Learn to Be Safe Program
25—Glenroy District Cross Country
26—Walkathon

June 2017

12—Queens Birthday Public Holiday **NO SCHOOL**
16—Reports sent home
22—Parent Teacher Interviews

August 2017

31—Fathers Day stall

TERM DATES 2017

Term 2: 18 April—30 June
Term 3: 17 July—22 September
Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

Dear Parents, We have a number of events coming up in Term 2. Please take a few minutes to keep track of the happenings that your child will be involved in.

We had a great day having our school photos taken last week. Hopefully families will receive their photo packs later in the term. If you still wish to order photos we have forms available in the office that shows you how to contact the company directly to do so.

State Grant: Last week it was announced in the State Budget that the school would receive \$352,000 in funding to be used for facilities maintenance. We are discussing with the Education Department how to best use this money as we are working very hard to receive a much larger grant in the future to replace our main admin and classroom building with a newer facility. We will keep the community informed of the progress as we strive to make the school the best facility it can be.

NAPLAN testing. This week our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students have taken part in the NAPLAN testing program. The NAPLAN tests are Australia wide, with Primary school students in Grades 3 and 5, and secondary students in Years 7 and 9 taking these tests in May each year. Students are assessed in Literacy and Numeracy. The areas of Literacy students are tested in are: Reading, Writing, Spelling, Language Conventions and Grammar and Punctuation. In Maths, Numeracy is assessed.

Parents need to keep in mind that NAPLAN is just one part of the overall assessment program that happens in every school. Every grade at our school has an Assessment Schedule that the school puts together to ensure that children are assessed on a whole range of skills throughout the whole year. Educators have always said that the school reports that your child's teacher prepares at half year and the end of year are much, much more accurate than the NAPLAN tests. This is because the teacher spends all year with your child, whereas NAPLAN is done on a few days. Your teacher knows your child whereas the NAPLAN assessors don't. The teacher knows if your child has any areas of need or any strengths, and your teacher knows the background of your child and a whole range of other things that are so important in everyday teaching and judging how a child is progressing at school.

Parents also need to be aware that this information does not give an accurate picture of what schools are doing in the other years (in Primary schools in grade Prep, 1,2,4 and 6.) NAPLAN really only gives a snapshot of how children cope with a formal test in areas of English and Maths on one day in the middle of the year in Grade 3 and 5.

We ask that parents keep in mind that the teaching staff across Australia and in our school firmly believe there are many issues with the NAPLAN testing and that it is only one component of a child's overall assessment and development and should be viewed accordingly.

Breakfast Club: Please note, our brekky club runs on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Upcoming events:

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: Glenroy District Cross Country

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

Friday May 26: Walkathon

Monday June 12: Queen's Birthday public holiday

Tuesday June 13: Foundation students visiting Collingwood Children's Farm

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 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)

Big Heart Project



A humble netball court in the centre of Canberra was transformed into a sparkling sea of silver, after thousands of people donated millions of five-cent coins to raise money for Connie Johnson's Love Your Sister charity.

The Big Heart Project is the Canberra mum's final public event for the charity which was set up her brother – gold Logie winner Samuel Johnson.

Together, the pair has been working tirelessly to raise funds for breast cancer after Connie was diagnosed with the disease.

On Wednesday, thousands lined the Lyneham netball courts to toss five cent pieces high into the air to fill out the heart.

The original aim was to break the record for the longest line of coins, but they quickly changed that to creating the heart after they were inundated with donations.

The goal was \$1 million – over \$2 million has been raised.

Source: news.com.au

We are so pleased to say that Fawkner Primary School raised \$139.45 for the project, which is equal to 48.09 metres of five cent pieces. This is approximately 2789 five cent pieces!

Well done everyone! A fabulous effort for a wonderful cause.



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