



# Fawkner News

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## Important Dates

### July 2017

26—School Camp Parent Information Meeting

### August 2017

8— Foundation Dental Checkups at school

8—eSmart Parent Session

16—AFL 9's

17—'Glasses for Kids' Free Vision Screening Foundation—Grade 3

17—Hoop-time Basketball

18 & 25—Family Life Sessions

Grades 5 & 6

31—Fathers Day stall

### September 2017

7—Glenroy District Athletic Sports

22—End of Term 3 **2.30pm finish**

### October 2017

9—Start of Term 4

13—Swimming Program begins

16—Prep Orientation Begins

23—Prep Orientation Session 2

30—Prep Orientation Session 3

### November 2017

3—Kanga Cricket

6—Curriculum Day **NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN**

7—Melbourne Cup **PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL**

12—Fawkner Festa

20—24 Grade 3-6 Camp

Dear Parents, Welcome back for the second half of the year. There are lots of things happening throughout the term, so please keep an eye on the upcoming events located in this newsletter.

**Staffing news.** At our most recent Assembly in Term 2 Mrs. Donna Darmanin, one of our Grade 5/6 teachers, announced that she will be retiring from teaching, with her last day being next Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup>. Donna has been a wonderful teacher and colleague for well over twenty years and will be sadly missed. She has a special rapport with the children in her grade who greatly appreciate her gentle, but firm teaching style. We wish Donna all the best for her retirement, and look forward to hearing about the next phase of her life.

We are very fortunate to have a great replacement for the rest of the year who already has a fantastic working relationship with all the children in Mr. Brody Riccardi. Brody has been teaching Phys. Ed. to all grades this year, and is very excited about stepping into the classroom on a full-time basis. Two of our current teachers will be teaching Phys. Ed. replacing Brody. Returning from leave, Mrs. Pina di Nucci will be teaching 8 grades, with our Outdoor Education teacher, Anne Watson taking the other two grades. Again we are very fortunate that we have experienced, capable teachers who already have relationships with the children who can easily slip into new roles.

**Grade 3-6 school camp.** This year children from Grades 3-6 have the option to take part in our camp to Golden Valleys Lodge in Flinders (near Rosebud). 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, supervised rooms with their own toilet and showering facilities, food for all meals except the first day's lunch, (all meals are cooked by our own school staff, and all are healthy and suitable for children from all backgrounds and cultures), all activities while on camp etc. 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. **On Wednesday July 26 we will hold an information evening** for parents and children when we can help answer questions about the camp, what we do, supervision, safety etc.

Upcoming events:

**Tuesday July 25: Last day for Mrs. Darmanin**

**Wednesday July 26 7.00 P.M.: parent Information meeting re Grade 3/4 school camp**

**Tuesday August 8: Foundation dental check-ups, at school**

**Tuesday August 8: e-smart, parent session**



Wednesday August 16: AFL 9's competition

Thursday August 17: Grade Foundation – 3 "glasses For Kids" free vision testing program

Thursday August 17: Hoop Time, basketball competition

August 18 and 25: Family Life sessions, Grade 5/6

Thursday August 31: Fathers Day stall

Thursday September 7: Glenroy District Athletic Sports day

Friday September 22: End of Term 3, 2.30 finish

Monday October 9; term 4 begins

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

Term 4: Monday October 9 – December 21 (1.30 finish)



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