



Fawkner News

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Important Dates

September 2017

22—End of Term 3 **2.30pm finish**

October 2017

9—Start of Term 4

12—Bright Start to Foundation
Session 1, 9.30-10.30am

13—Swimming Program begins

16—Prep Orientation Session 1

17—Foundation to Grade 2 Parent
Forum at St. Marks Primary School
6.30—8.30pm

20—Swimming Lesson 2

23—Prep Orientation Session 2

27—Swimming Lesson 3

30—Prep Orientation Session 3

November 2017

3—Kanga Cricket

3—Swimming Lesson 4

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

7—Melbourne Cup

PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL

10—Swimming Lesson 5

14—Swimming Lesson 6

17—Swimming Lesson 7

12—Fawkner Festa

20—24 Camp Grade 3-6

December 2017

1—Swimming Lesson 8

11-15 Arts Festival Week

15—Family Night

19—Grade 6 Graduation

21—Last Day For Students



Dear Parents,

Just a reminder that school finishes at 2.30 this Friday. Term 4 begins on Monday October 9.

We are currently enrolling new students for 2018. We ask if you or any family or friends intend to enrol children for 2018 could you please complete the enrolment form as soon as possible to help us with our forward planning.

Junior School Council fundraising "Pyjama Day". This Friday Junior School Council have organised a fundraising fun activity where children can wear their pyjamas and make a gold coin donation. The Junior School Council have agreed to donate the money to Ronald McDonald House (McHappy Day). We recommend that children wear some warmer clothing under their pyjamas.

Ready, Set, Prep program. Our school has joined with Moomba Park Primary, St. Matthews Primary, St. Marks Primary and Darul Ulum College in a project called the Ready, Set, Prep Program. The group has received significant funding to employ two staff to oversee the program. The aim is to support families in Fawkner with young children to prepare themselves and their children for Primary school. The workers, Veronika and Irene will work closely with all 5 schools, the local Kindergartens and other service providers in Fawkner to help all families with everything they may need as they begin this crucial stage of their lives when the children begin school.

An important part of this readiness is to help children learn the basics of reading, writing, counting etc. Our school will begin a pre-Foundation program for children who are enrolled to begin Foundation at our school in 2018. This is called the **"Bright Start to Foundation"** program. These children are able to enrol in a program run by the school on a Thursday morning where Ms. Carniato, one of our experienced and highly skilled teachers will work with children to develop these basic skills. We have 22 places available. The sessions will take place in the Kindergarten, running from 9.30 until 10.30.

This program is not in place of Kindergarten, but is an extra program run by the school. Please see attached flyer

As part of the Ready, Set, Prep program the 5 Fawkner Primary Schools in Fawkner have organised a forum for parents with young children to attend. On this night a trained children's expert will work with families to help them understand what they can do to help prepare their children for being part of a school community, and dealing with the little issues that they will and do encounter at school and in life.

We encourage and invite all parents with young children to attend. We are encouraging parents with children from Playgroup through to Grade 2 to attend. Child-minding is provided.

This interactive workshop will encourage parents to build their children's resilience and help their children develop skills in social competence, problem solving, independence and optimism.

Tuesday 17th October 2017 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

VENUE: St Mark's PS Hall (enter via Lee St)

Please see attached invitation.

22 September - End of Term 2.30pm finish

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.

Foundation Orientation Program. Our sessions for parents and children who are beginning Foundation at our school in 2018 are on Monday October 16, 23 and 30. Invitations are being sent to all families who have enrolled. Please note this is a separate program to the Bright Start to Foundation program.

Upcoming events:

Friday September 22: End of Term 3, 2.30 finish

Monday October 9: term 4 begins

Thursday October 12: Bright Start to Foundation program begins. 9.30-10.30 in Kindergarten.

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

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

Tuesday October 17: Ready, Set, Prep forum. St. Marks P.S., 6.30-8.30

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

Essential Student Learning Items 2017

For those parents who elected to pay in instalments your next payment is now due.

If you opted to pay at the beginning of each term \$25.00 is now due.

If you opted to pay half yearly the final payment of \$80 is now due.

Payments are welcome at the office at any time.

Up-to-date statements are available on request.



Fundraising for your school

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Netball Ceremony

On Thursday, 14th of September 2017, 12 children from 5/6R and 5/6K went to Charles Mutton Reserve for a very special ceremony. The Andrews Labour Government will build 16 new netball courts across Moreland, giving more locals the chance to get on the court when they want, close to home. Netball is a very widely played sport throughout Australia. Minister for Sport John Eren joined Member for Broadmeadows Frank McGuire and Member for Pascoe Vale Lizzie Blandthorn to announce \$1.36 million to deliver the courts. Eight new netball courts at Charles Mutton Reserve in Fawkner, two courts at JP Fawkner Reserve in Oak Park, two courts at Cole Reserve in Pascoe Vale and four courts at Sewell Reserve in Glenroy. All 16 of these courts will be floodlit, giving local players and teams the flexibility they need to train more often and safely, later into the evening. Even though it was a very chilly morning it was a very thrilling announcement for us because we can easily access the courts at any time from school. We would like to thank Mr. Pell for taking us and supervising us.

More Information:

<http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-and-publications/news/netball-booms-in-moreland/>



Free Pop-up Art Workshop

School holiday activity for parents and primary school aged children

Are you looking for something to do in the school holidays?

Want to spend some fun time together with your children?

Come along to our pop-up recycled art workshop

Wednesday 4 October, 10.00am-12.00pm

Major Road Community House,
95 Major Road, Fawkner



FREE!

Registrations are essential

Contact **Gabrielle Macdonald**

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www.melbournecitymission.org.au/services/program-detail/early-links

The Early Links Program is funded by the Australian
Government Department of Social Services



"We all had a great time. The art supplies were amazing"

"I not only interacted with my family, but with other mums and children from the neighbourhood"

"We got so many ideas to use recycled stuff and had a chance to come out and keep the girls away from their iPads"

Fawkner Schools Ready, Set, Prep Program invites you to a night

with **CHRIS DAICOS**

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN

Foundation - Gr 2 PARENT FORUM

Tuesday 17th October 2017 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

VENUE: St Mark's PS Hall (enter via Lee St)

Fawkner Primary School and other schools in Fawkner have joined together to organise a forum for parents with young children to attend. On this night a trained childrens' expert will work with families to help them understand what they can do to help prepare their children for being part of a school community, and dealing with the little issues that they will encounter.

We encourage and invite all parents with young children to attend.

This interactive workshop will encourage parents to build their children's resilience and help their children develop skills in social competence, problem solving, independence and optimism.

The research informs us that a resilient child is one that is *socially competent, can problem solve, and has the ability to see a difficulty as a problem that can be worked on, overcome, changed, endured, or resolved in some way; has good self-esteem and autonomy which allows the child to cope successfully with challenges; and is hopeful and optimistic about what tomorrow has in store for them.*

Chris' workshop on **Building Resilience in Children** is ideally placed to support families with young children. This 2 hour interactive workshop for parents/carers will encourage you to consider how you can help your child learn life-long skills and how you can help your children help themselves.

As a trained social worker and teacher, Chris has extensive experience in working directly with children and adolescents and supporting staff. Chris has facilitated many successful professional development sessions for teachers and parents within the private and public sectors on a range of topics from staff and student welfare to organisational health issues. Chris is also actively involved in the tertiary sector, teaching students in Master of Social Work, Master of Teaching and the Master of Education (Student Wellbeing) courses. To see what people have said about Chris' workshops; visit www.chrisdaicos.com.au

Foundation - Gr2 PARENT FORUM - BUILDING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN – RETURN SLIP

Yes, I would love to attend the 'Building Resilience in Children' information forum.

*Please note: this session is not suitable for children to attend. **Adults only – Child Minding will be available. The schools have organised for children to be looked after by school staff.***

Child's name:

Parent's name: Number of adults attending:

Phone number:

I require Child Minding for children (Please fill in the number)

Please return this to the Fawkner Primary School Office by Friday 13.10.17