



Fawkner News

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Important Dates

February 2019

11 February—Playgroup commences
12 February—Breakfast Club commences
25 February—Mike Larkan Channel 10 visits
28 February—Parent/Teacher Interviews

March 2019

20 March—School Photos

April 2019

5 April—Term 1 finishes
23 April Term 2 commences
25 April ANZAC Day Public Holiday

TERM DATES 2019

Term 1: 30 January –5 April.
Term 2: 23 April—28 June
Term 3: 15 July—20 September
Term 4: 7 October—20 December

Dear Parents, A special welcome is extended to all our new parents, as well as those who have been with us previously. We are always excited to meet new families and look forward to supporting you and your children throughout these vitally important school years.

We have had an excellent start to the year. Our Foundation and other new children have all settled in beautifully, and all the children have made a very positive start to their schooling. Our school numbers are steadily growing. At this point last year we had approximately 240 students. Currently we have just under 270, which is a significant increase. 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”

Staffing. We warmly welcome a number of new staff to the school. They have all settled in beautifully and all are having a very positive influence on the children. New staff are:

Mr. Adam Sayers, Leading Teacher. Adam is a highly experienced teacher who joins our Leadership team. Adam will be working with all grades and teachers to support learning across the school.

Ms. Bronwyn McLeod, ICT Teacher. Bronwyn has a wealth of experience working as a classroom teacher and an ICT teacher. Bronwyn has worked at our school as a replacement teacher in 2018.

Ms. Leah Myers, Grade 1/2 Teacher. Leah also worked at our school in 2018, and has many years’ experience working as a classroom teacher.

Mr. Donovan Pell, Phys. Ed. and Sport. Donovan has worked at our school for 5 years while he completed his studies. He is in charge of running Physical Education classes for all grades as well as organising sport, swimming, camp, Bike Ed., dental visits etc.

Lisa Busutti, Integration Aide. Lisa is an experienced support person who joined us after working at a neighbouring school.

Jack O’Shea, Integration Aide. Jack has spent time at our school running cricket clinics for Cricket Victoria and has wide experience working with children in other employment.

Naomi Serratore, Integration Aide. Naomi worked with us in 2017 then took time away last year to study before returning to us again this year.

We are thrilled to have such a great group of staff join us for this year. Included in this newsletter is a full staffing list for your information.

Fawkner P.S. to be on T.V. Channel 10’s Mike Larkan will do a live weather report from our school on **Monday February 25th**. All students are welcome to attend. Mike will interact with some children on air while doing the weather report. Our students and Mike will be on T.V. at 5.30 for about one minute, then at 5.55 for 2-3 minutes. We will send home more details closer to the date, but ask that you make the effort to have your children come along to participate in this great opportunity.

Parent Teacher meeting. Thursday February 28th. 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. This year we are trialling a new booking system where parents can book a time to see the teacher via the internet, using www.schoolinterviews.com.au. You will be asked to enter a code: v6bar, then put in your details, then select the teachers you wish to see, and select the times that suit you. The site is live now, so you can book your time now. We will send home a separate note with the information in the next couple of days as well. We encourage all parents to attend with their child to meet with the teacher.



Assemblies to be held on Mondays. This year we will have our Assemblies on Monday mornings, at 9.10. All parents, family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. Our assemblies are held in the new building.

Breakfast Club. This year our Breakfast Club will operate on **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Children can come along to the staff room, where we will provide breakfast of Uncle Toby's Cheerios, Vita Brits, muesli, 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 Tuesday February 12.**

Playgroup starting Monday February 11. Our very successful Playgroup will continue to operate, this year on a Monday. Playgroup operates from 9.00 – 10.30. one day per week in the Kindergarten building. Parents and young children who don't attend Kindergarten or school are welcome to attend. Please speak to the office staff if you would like more information.

Canteen. 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.

Volunteers Morning Tea. We are running a Parents Information session next week on Wednesday February 13, at 9.00 so that we can explain how the canteen operates and how volunteers can help. Parents can speak to Annette in the office at any time regarding the foods we sell and anything else. Volunteers only need to commit to three hours on a canteen day. If we don't have volunteers to support the school we won't be able to operate. If you are interested please come along to the meeting on Wednesday to meet other parents and to hear how you can help your child's school.

Nut products. We have several students who have an allergy to **nut products**. **This allergy can be extremely serious and potentially life-threatening.** Even the slightest trace can be dangerous to children. We ask that all parents NOT send to school foods that contain nuts, particularly **nutella, peanut butter and snack bars like Snickers, Picnic and even muesli bars that contain nuts.** We realize this may cause inconvenience to you, but ask that you find other fillings for sandwiches for your children and not send products to school that contain nuts in the interests of safety for others. We also ask you to reinforce with your children the importance of washing their hands after meals.

Apple computers. We continue to provide an outstanding Information and Communications Technology (ICT) program across the whole school. Our laptop program includes providing every child in Grades 3 to 6 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 3, 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 \$240/year, which is tax deductible. Parents are required to pay up front for either the whole year or \$60 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.

Art smocks. Our Art teacher, Miss Russell, 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.

Label all property. Could parents please write a name on all jumpers, hats, lunch-boxes, drink bottles etc.

2019 Information Book. Shortly we will send home our Information Booklet for 2019, that parents find useful for information on most things to do with the school.

School terms 2019

Term 1: January 30- April 5 (2.30 finish)

Term 2: April 23 – June 28 (2.30 finish)

Term 3: July 15 – September 20 (2.30 finish)

Term 4: October 7 – December 19 (1.30 finish)

Fawkner Primary School

Playgroup



Playgroup will be starting on Monday 11th February 2019.

- WHEN** MONDAYS
- WHERE** KINDERGARTEN
{Cnr. Lorne St. & McBryde St.
Fawkner}
- TIME** 9.00 am till 11.00 am.



Playgroup is run for children between the ages of 0 to 5 years old.

Come along and have some fun with your child, meet new people and engage in different activities for children. Some of the activities will include arts & crafts, games and dance.



For further information contact Ellen Glynn or Annette Pell at Fawkner Primary School, 03 9357 3579.



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**Do you have a friend you enjoy
spending time with?**

We need your help!!!!!!

Why not spend a couple of hours together, once a fortnight helping out in the school canteen. You will be able to have a coffee and chat while preparing lunches for the children.

Canteen runs Monday, Wednesday & Friday. If you are able to help, please see Annette in the office.



Have you missed text/call from us checking on your absent child? Don't forget to text or call us back so we know your child is safe and the absence can be correctly recorded.

HATS Term 1 and Term 4 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!



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HEALTH & WELLBEING FESTIVAL



11 - 15 FEB 2019
FREE EVENT

MON, 11/2
CRAIGIEBURN
CENTRAL

TUE, 12/2
VICTORIA STREET MALL
COBURG

WED, 13/2
C.B. SMITH RESERVE
FAWKNER

THUR, 14/2
BROADMEADOWS
SHOPPING CENTRE

FRI, 15/2
NORTHLAND
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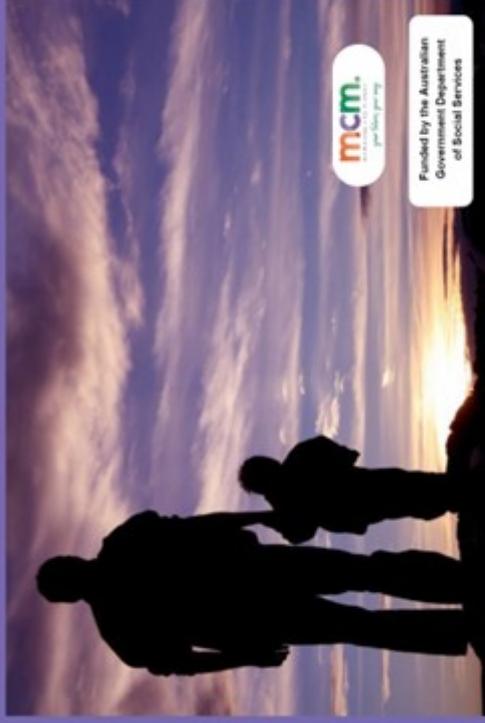
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Tuning in to Kids for dads

Learn how to

- o Support your child as they learn and grow
- o Help your child to manage their emotions
- o Have a happier, more fulfilling family life

What parents in Fawkner said about *Tuning in to Kids*

'Not having a close family here, this kind of workshop gives me more confidence and the feeling of being connected to the community.'

'Please attend this program if you want to equip yourself with the skills needed to really listen to your child, understand their emotional state ways to deal with those emotions.'

'This course allows you to understand your kids better and yourself as a parent.'

Tuning in to Kids is a 6 week program that shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence.

Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
 - have better concentration at school
 - are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Date and time:
Wednesdays
7.00pm-9.00pm
27 Feb - 3 April 2019

Location:
Moomba Park Primary
111 Anderson Road
Fawkner

Registrations essential

Contact
Gabrielle Macdonald,
Early Links Coordinator
0438 849 234 or
earlylinks@mcm.org.au

**THIS IS A
FREE
PROGRAM
FOR DADS**
with children
aged 3-10

"It's been a wonderful opportunity and we both enjoy the sessions immensely. We look forward to Monday mornings!"



Parent-Child Mother Goose Rhyme Time Group for babies from birth to 2 years old

Give your baby the best start in life...

Join us for Parent-Child Mother Goose sessions where we enjoy songs, rhymes, stories & morning tea and.....it's FREE!
You can help your baby's brain development and speech in a warm and welcoming group.

Monday mornings
11.30am-12.45pm

Fawkner
Community House
95 Major Road
(cnr Edward St)

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BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED.
For more information and to book in please call
Kirsty on 0438 849 234
email earlylinks@mcm.org.au



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"It's not just one hour a week, it brings much benefit the rest of the week at home as my baby and I sing the new songs and connect."

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Term 2: 29 April — 24 June
Term 3: 15 July — 16 Sept
Term 4: 7 Oct — 16 Dec

"This is a great program for little children and grown ups too. The songs and rhymes are engaging and fun for kids. We both learnt so much."



Parent-Child Mother Goose Rhyme Time Group For preschoolers aged 2-4

Give your child the best start in life...

Join us for a 10 week Parent-Child Mother Goose program where we enjoy songs, rhymes, stories & morning tea and.....it's FREE!
You can help your child develop greater skills in talking, reading and getting along with other children

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"It is some of the best bonding time I have with my daughter, especially as I work 3 days a week."

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