



Fawkner News

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Important Dates

March 2019

11th March, Labour Day—Public Holiday
20th March—School Photos
19th March—Foundation
—Excursion Aquarium

April 2019

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

May 2019

9th May—Mother's Day Stall

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 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. 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."

Labour Day, public holiday. There is no school on **Monday, March 11** as this is a public holiday in Victoria.

School Photos. This year our school photos will take place on **Wednesday, March 20**. Information will be sent home shortly.

Sunsmart Policy. It is really pleasing to see our children automatically find their hats to wear outside. It has been a particularly hot start to the year, but with our emphasis on wearing hats, finding shade, drinking lots of water and generally looking after ourselves in hot weather, our children are learning to deal with warm weather.

Fawkner P.S. on T.V. It was very exciting to have Channel 10's Mike Larkan do a live weather report from our school this week. If you couldn't make it to school, or missed it on live T.V. Mike did two live crosses. In the first one which took about two minutes a group of children demonstrated how they have learnt to ride safely as part of our Bike Ed. program, and Mike interviewed two of our students, Portia and Saleh, who talked about how the skills they have learnt. Mike then did a longer segment of about 5 minutes giving the weather forecasts from our adventure play area with all our children present. As usual our children were brilliant and showed wonderful behaviour. Mike and the crew made special comment of how the children did what they were asked, had beautiful manners and showed great respect to their visitors. Attached are some photos. A special thanks goes to Ms. Jaime Winchester for organising this event.

Parent Teacher meetings. We had a great attendance at our first meeting on Thursday. This important session gives parents and teachers a chance to share information and get 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. We have further interviews at the end of Term 2 and the end of Term 4.

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 operates on **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Children can come along to the staff room, where we will provide breakfast of Uncle Toby's 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.)

Children with low immune. A note was sent home on February 14 regarding a number of students enrolled at our school who have compromised immune systems. These children's ongoing health is at risk if they come into contact with someone with an infectious illness e.g. gastroenteritis, chicken pox, measles or mumps. We ask you if your son or daughter is suspected of having any infectious illness that you keep them home until they are no longer contagious.

Should your child be suspected of having an infectious illness please contact the school



immediately to enable the school to notify the parents and medical specialists. Fawkner Primary School values your support in relation to the wellbeing of all of our students.

School Banking. On Wednesdays children are able to do “school banking” where parents can send an amount of money which is deposited in their child’s bank account. The way it works is that when parents join, the Commonwealth Bank opens an account for the child and gives the parents a bank book. On Wednesdays parents send money with the bank book and the school deposits the money in the child’s bank. A person from the Commonwealth Bank will be coming to our School Assembly this week to talk to students and parents about how to join the program.

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.

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.

2019 Information Book. This book contains useful information for on most things to do with the school. If you had provided the school with an email address we emailed our 2019 Information Booklet to you recently. A paper copy was sent home to those without an email address.

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.



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!



Term 1 update.

School Banking. Helping kids learn the value of saving.

What pocket money can teach your child.

Pocket money can help teach kids about the value of money and how to look after it. However, there's no 'one size fits all' approach and it's important to decide what's right for your family. Research of over 1,000 parents of primary school students revealed that 55% give regular pocket money[^] and here's how they manage it:



Over half give less than \$10 per week (\$5 - \$10 is the most common range). There's no right or wrong – the amount should suit your family situation.



Around 4 in 5 parents link pocket money to the completion of a chore or task. This can help children understand that money needs to be earned.



On average, kids save about half of their pocket money each week. Learning to put money aside for a bigger goal is a valuable life skill.

Join the Dollarmites on a Polar Savers adventure.

The majority of parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour[^]. So to help, our Dollarmites characters (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are taking School Bankers on a Polar Savers adventure, that's full of exciting rewards.

Students participating in School Banking will receive a silver Dollarmites token each time they make a School Banking deposit at school (maximum one per week). Once they've collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a Polar Savers reward.

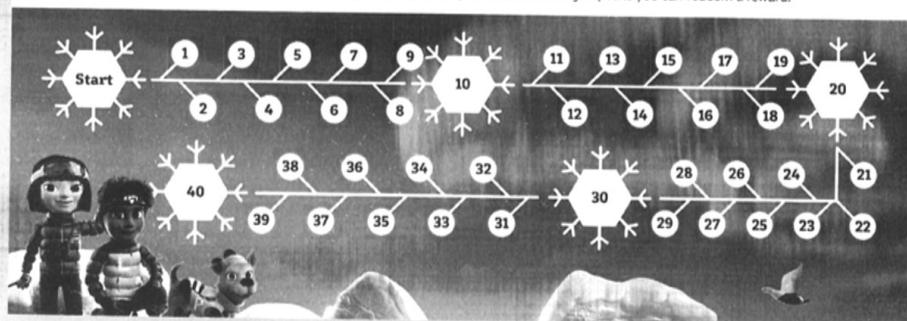


Polar Savers Rewards:

- Term 1:** Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set
- Term 2:** Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Icicle Slapband Ruler
- Term 3:** Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards
- Term 4:** Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

School Banking Deposit Tracker.

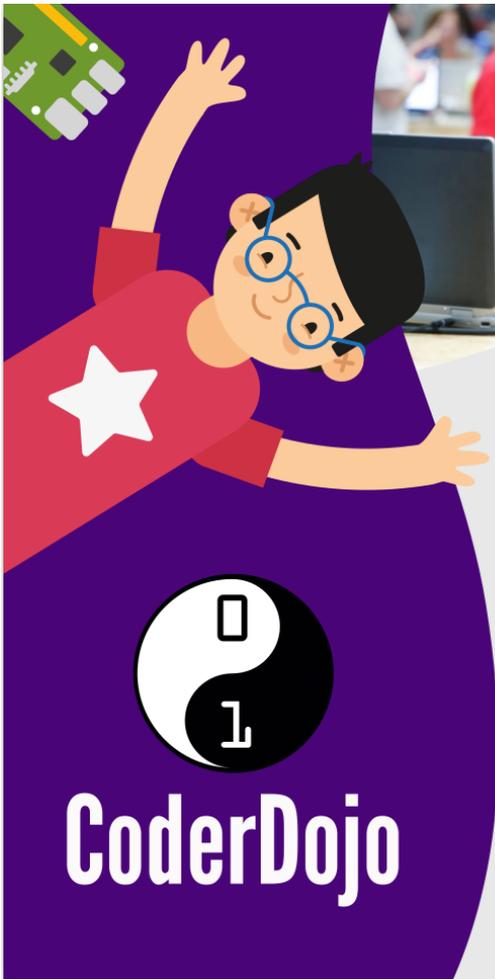
Colour in a number every time you make a deposit at school. For every 10 School Banking deposits you can redeem a reward.



To find out more about the School Banking program and how to get your child involved, ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a School Banking Parent Pack or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

[^]Parents of Australian primary school children (n=1144), School Banking Research, conducted by Fiftyfive5, May-June 2018. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124.





Location

**Fawkner Community House
95 Major Road, Fawkner**

Date/Time

**Every Monday from 11th Feb 2019
From 6:30pm to 8pm**

Contact info

Email: fawkner.au@coderdojo.com

Free to join for kids from age 7-17



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SPEND \$100 FOR HARMONY DAY

On 21 March 2019, people all over Australia will celebrate Harmony Day.

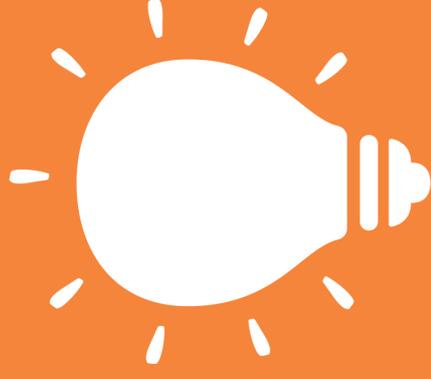
Hello, Fawkner! is offering \$100 to Fawkner residents who want to throw a Harmony Day party – anytime during the month of March.

To find out more, and express your interest in holding an event, contact:

 hellofawkner@merrihealth.org.au
 (03) 9355 9917



21 MARCH
HARMONY DAY



GOT AN IDEA FOR FAWKNER?

Do you have an idea that will make Fawkner an even better place to live?

In early 2019, Hello, Fawkner! will be running a course for people like you!

As part of the course you will:

- Develop a project plan
- Engage other people in your project
 - Create a budget
 - Put your idea into action

Participants will receive some funding for their project.

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