



Fawkner News

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Important Dates

June 2019

14th Years 1 & 2 Collingwood Ch'n Farm
19th Years 5 & 6 Scienceworks
21st—Reports home
25th Parent/Teacher Interviews
28th—End of term 2—School finishes at 2.30pm

July 2019

15th July Term 3 Commences

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



WE ARE PART OF
THE **RIDE2SCHOOL**
PROGRAM

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Dear Parents, We have been hit with a very strong cold snap which looks like it will be with us all winter. Could you please ensure your child has warm clothing to cope with this weather? Children generally go outside at recess and lunch times unless it is raining. They will need a coat and perhaps a beanie and gloves as the wind chill can make it very cold.

Please remember Monday June 10th is a Public Holiday.

Staffing. We welcome a new staff member, Emma Lorenzin, who is our new Speech Pathologist. Emma is an experienced Speech Therapist having worked in schools and private practice. She will be at school on Monday and Tuesdays, working with students who require some extra support. We look forward to Emma getting to know our children and helping those who she works with.

New car park. Parents are able to park in the newly developed car park at the entrance to the netball courts in Tyrrell Cres. on the northern side of the school. There are also car parking spaces on the road there. Parking there is a much better option than in the busy streets. Parents can park, leave the car and enter through either of the gates near the vegetable garden or the school crossing. There is no time restriction on the parking so before school you can park well before 9.00 and walk your child to the school yard. Also, at home time you can park well before 3.30 and wait inside the school yard. Leaving via the gates on the northern side of the school is easy for all children, so you can organise to meet your child at the playground and then exit via the gates.

Cross Country. This Thursday 15 students will represent the school in the annual Glenroy District Sports event. We look forward to hearing about their involvement.

School reports. Your child's mid-year report will go home with your child on Friday June 21st. This is an important report that helps you understand your child's progress at the half way mark of the year. It is important for parents to understand that your child's school report is written by their classroom teacher, and is a much more accurate account of how your child is progressing than the NAPLAN national testing, completed in Grade 3 and Grade 5.

NAPLAN testing. In every year level the classroom teacher spends approximately 200 school days with your child. The teacher knows what each child's strengths and weaknesses are, and understands how your child learns best. Each teacher regularly uses a number of assessments to make informed judgements about each child in every subject area. In the seven years of Primary schooling the classroom teachers spend approximately 1,400 school days with each child. On every day the teacher is helping your child learn in the way that suits them best, and doing a large amount of assessments in all curriculum areas to make informed judgements on the progress of every child. On the other hand the NAPLAN testing for each subject is done across two hours in the seven years and is only one method of testing done at Year 3, 5, 7 and 9. Most schools recommend that parents who want to know where their child is at in relation to expected progress, should be having conversations with the teachers, in preference to using NAPLAN scores.

Parent Teacher interviews. These will take place on Tuesday June 25th. In 2019, Fawkner PS will again be using a digital booking system for our interviews. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. Parents who do not book a time will be contacted by their child's classroom teacher to arrange a suitable time.

There will be limited availabilities for parents to meet with specialist teachers (PE, Art, Digital Technologies & Italian) during this time. If you would like to meet with any of these teachers, please book in a time. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 9357-3579.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

MAKE A BOOKING

Enter the code 7nat4

Curriculum Days. School Council has approved a Curriculum Day on Monday November 4th. This is the day before the Melbourne Cup public holiday (Tuesday November 5th.)

Parent Helpers: Reading. We would still love to have some more parents help with listening to children read at school. If any parents are able to give up a little bit of time, even one morning a week, it would greatly help the children.

Picking up children. We also ask that parents not enter the teaching areas while classes are being taken as it is very distracting for the children and the teachers. Children and parents should have a designated meeting place outside so that at 3.30 everyone knows where they are going and who is taking them home.

Student Absences. If children are away from school we require a note from home, stating the date they were away and a brief reason. It can be as simple as "My child was absent from school because he/she was sick" We are required by the Education Dept. to have notes for every absence and ask that you help us with this requirement.

School Banking. Just a reminder that school banking operates each Wednesday. If you haven't already established a bank book for your child, please see Annette in the office. Parents are able to send the bank wallet and some money each week for the school to bank on their behalf.

School camp. Our Grade 3-6 camp this year is to DOXA Camp in Malmsbury. 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 approximately \$250. This cost covers transport to and from the venue, accommodation for 5 days/4 nights in comfortable, supervised motel-style rooms with their own toilet and showering facilities, (Usually there are 4-6 children per room), food for all meals except the first day's lunch, (all meals are 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. We will be organising an information evening for parents and children when we can help answer questions about the camp, what we do, supervision, safety etc. We will inform parents of this date soon.

Swimming program, Term 4. Our swimming program will begin in the first week of Term 4.



Education Week - Careers Parade





School terms 2019

- 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)



Woolworths are running the Earn & Learn Program again this year starting 1st May to 29th June.

Every time you shop at Woolworths and spend \$10.00 or more you received Earn & Learn Stickers, which you can bring to school and place in the Earn & Learn box, located in the foyer.

Ask your grandparents, aunts, uncles & friends to also collect the stickers for you.

Last time we collected 4,000 points, which we used to purchase sports equipment for our school.

Attached is a Sticker Sheet for you to start collecting.

Let's try and bet that total this year!



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.