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| **Important Information** |
| **HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR DETAILS ?**Please notify the office of any changes to your address or contact details. |
| TERM DATES 2020 |
| **Term 1:** **29 January – 27 March****Term 2:****13 April – 26 June****Term 3:****13 July – 18 September****Term 4:****5 October – 17 December.** |
| **FDD enjoying school**  |
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Fawkner News

28th February, 2020



TERM DATES 2019

**Dear Parents,**

This year Term 1 is a short one, and we currently are over half way through it already. The teachers and children have been busy getting to know each other, and doing lots of wonderful work in the classrooms. We have met with our Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) provider which is a company called TheirCare. We are on track to begin **Before and After School Care** at the start of Term 2. To help explain the whole process of booking, paying, dropping off, picking up children etc., we are holding a **community meeting** for all interested families to come along and receive all the information required to take part in the program, on **Wednesday March 11, at 6.00 here at school.**

**School Photos.** We have our School Photos booked for **Wednesday March 18.** Please look out for the information packs that will be sent home soon.

**Traffic issues.** We often see parents parking in places that aren’t safe, particularly on or near the School Crossing. These areas are not to be parked in as they restrict the view of other drivers who may not be able to see children crossing the roads. Parents sometimes need to park further away and walk for a minute or so, rather than put children at risk. We ask that everyone do this for the safety of the children. We also regularly have parents who drive too quickly around the school. If these people continue to do this, the school will pass their details to the Fawkner Traffic Management Police who will make contact with the parents.

**Seat belts.** Sadly we see a number of children who get into cars after school and their parents drive off without the child putting on their seat-belt. It is law in Australia that every person in a car has to have a seat belt on before the car moves. It is also common sense that children should be protected in case of an accident.

**Breakfast Club.** We continue to offer a free breakfast for our children on Tuesday and Wednesday before school. Children need to be in the staff room before 8.50 as we start to pack up at 8.50 so that all children have finished their breakfast and are on time to line-up by 9.00.

**Tennis program.** Children in Grades 5/6 are participating in tennis clinics at school, learning basic skills and taking part in fun learning activities.

**Parent / Teacher interviews. Wednesday March 4**. Teachers are looking forward to this session where we spend some time learning more about your children and sharing our expectations for the year. Parents are asked to stick to the meeting times so that everyone can have their full 10 minutes.

**Evacuation practices.** Over the next few weeks we will be practicing getting children safely in and out of the classes in case of emergency. We will be fully explaining to the children the steps involved and then having whole-school practice sessions at various times on different days. We will be using our emergency siren, so if you live nearby and hear the siren please don’t worry. This is only a practice. If your child comes home and talks about having to come into class, or sirens going off please discuss these issues with your child and assure them that nothing is wrong, that we are just having a practice in case we do need to evacuate or do a lock-down at some stage.

**Public Holiday,** Monday March 9. School is not open on this day.

**Science incursions, at school, Grades 1/2Tuesday March 10: Grades 1/2M and 1/2W, and the following day Wednesday March 11: 1/2C and 1/2R**

**Children coming late to school**. Unfortunately, we are experiencing a number of children who are now in the habit of getting to school after 9.00. It is important that children learn to be organised and responsible. If they get into the habit of being on time to school, then they will value their education more and increase their chances of educational success. Parents should ensure children are out of bed early enough to get to school on time. We recommend children do what they need to do at home, eg. eat breakfast, get dressed, pack school bag etc. and not get distracted by television or other electronic devices before school.

**Picking up children early**. We also ask that parents try not to pick up children before 3.30 as the teachers are still doing quality, valuable work at that time. If parents have appointments, please try to make them for after school time

**Before and After School Care. Beginning Term 2. Information Night, Wednesday March 11, at school.**

**Science Works excursion, Grades 2/3 and 3/4 . Friday March 13.**

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We will be using Class Analytics, a web based platform, to assist our school in analysing the progress of our students and to help us plan for the future.

In order for us to use Class Analytics, we need to use your child’s information which we currently hold at school including your child’s enrolment and achievement details. This information is uploaded to Class Analytics via a secure online portal. This enables us to exercise our duty of care and assists us in creating optimal learning environments for all students.

The information on Class Analytics will be stored in Australia on a secure cloud based server which meets the strict requirements of our school and the Department of Education.

We will ensure that we take all reasonable steps to ensure the information which relates to your child remains safe and secure and that their privacy continues to be protected.

For information about the school’s privacy obligations and how we handle personal please see the Department’s schools privacy policy:

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx

If you have any concerns, please contact the school office.

Do you hold a valid Healthcare card?

If so you may be eligible to apply for CSEF - Camp, Sports and Excursion Funding.

Simply collect an application form from the school office and return the completed form together with your healthcare card for us to process your application.

Applications Close 19 June 2020

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|  | **Important dates to remember** |

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|  |  | **ASSEMBLY – MONDAY’S AT 3.00**  |
| 28 Feb | Foundation | Incursion - Moreland City Council  |
| 3 Mar | Years 5 & 6 | Tennis Program commences |
| 4 Mar |  | **PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS** |
| 9 Mar |  | **PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL** |
| 10 Mar | 1/2M & 1/2W | Incursion – Hands on Science |
| 11 Mar | 1/2C & 1/2R | Incursion – Hands on Science |
| 11 Mar |  | **Before and After School Care. Beginning Term 2. Information Night, Wednesday 11 March.** |
| 13 Mar | 2/3S & Years 3 & 4 | Excursion - Scienceworks |
| 18 Mar | Whole School |  **SCHOOL PHOTOS** |
| 27 Mar |  | **End of term 1 – 2.30 finish** |

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|  | **Community News** |

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| BREAKFAST CLUBBreakfast club runs on Tuesday & Wednesday before school. |
| CANTEEN Canteen operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for lunch orders **only.** |
| SCHOOL BANKINGOn 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. |
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