



Fawkner News

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Important Information

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR DETAILS?

Please notify the office of any changes to your address or contact details.

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM DATES 2022

28 January – 8 April

26 April – 24 June

11 July – 16 September

3 October – 20 December

EVERY DAY COUNTS

School Success starts with Attendance



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 all know that 2020 and 2021 have been extremely tough years for everyone, and 2022 is also starting out in difficult circumstances. We have been very fortunate to have limited disruption, although we have had a number of staff and students who are in isolation, mainly due to being close contacts of positive COVID cases.

We have had an excellent start to the year. Our Foundation students and other new children have all settled in beautifully, and all the children have made a very positive start to their schooling. Currently we have around 260 students.

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".

We will be sending home our Parents Handbook in the near future which will help parents learn how things operate at our school.

Staffing. We welcome back Catherine Ivic who has had 12 months Family Leave. Catherine is teaching Grade 5/6I.

We also welcome Simon Payton who is teaching in Grade 3/4 until later in Term One.

COVID related information. School has been busy giving out the Rapid Antigen Tests that are supplied by the Education Department. The recommendation is that each child is tested (at home) twice per week. If a child tests positive parents are to immediately notify the school (preferably by phone).

Children are to isolate for 7 days if they test positive. They may return to school after they have completed their isolation period, only if they are well and symptom free.

If children live in a house with anyone who tests positive, they must isolate for 7 days. They can then only return to school at the end of their isolation period if they test negative on their day 6 test, and if they are well and don't have any symptoms.

After School Care. Our After School Care program is up and running again. We use TheirCare as our provider. Students are able to be cared for after school. If you would like more information, please speak to someone in the office who can give you more information and contact details. The "TheirCare" website is available at <https://theircare.com.au/>.

All bookings are to be made through TheirCare, not through the school.

Playgroup. We are waiting for further information about Playgroup, due to COVID restrictions. We will inform families when we have more information.

Canteen. We are not able to run our canteen at the moment, due to COVID restrictions. We will inform families when we have more information.

School grant. We were extremely pleased at the end of 2020 to learn that the school has received a grant of \$7.8 million to replace our main administrative area and classrooms. Our current main building was built 60 years ago. 2021 was a planning year, with building works likely to begin this year. We look forward to seeing the building work begin.

We have had a third relocatable building delivered, which we will use if we need to re-locate grades when the building works start.

Nut products. We occasionally have 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.

Important notes:

Birthdays. Celebrating children's birthdays is special however we ask that you **do not** send any cakes, cupcakes, lollies, chocolates, party bags or similar items to school. Our teachers will ensure that your child's special day is recognised in the class.

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.

Driving and parking We sometimes 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. There is a carpark on Tyrrell Cres that is perfect for parents to park off the road and walk into school. 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.

Children riding to school. Any children riding to school are the responsibility of the parents. Parents should teach the children appropriate road rules and safety measures to ensure each rider knows how to interact safely with cars and pedestrians. This includes wearing a proper bike helmet while riding.



After School Care is now available
at Fawkner Primary School.

3.30pm – 6.00pm

Contact the team on

1300 072 410 for further information.

School Terms 2022

Term 1: January 28- 8 April 1 (2.30 finish)

Term 2: April 26 – June 24 (2.30 finish)

Term 3: July 11 – September 16 (2.30 finish)

Term 4: October 3 – December 20 (1.30 finish)

HATS

It is Term 1 and we need to be sunsmart.

You will need a hat to play outside.

Please remember to bring your hat to school
every day!



Privacy Collection Notice

Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). This notice explains how the Department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the Department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the [School Entrance Health Questionnaire](#) (SEHQ) and the [Early Childhood Intervention Service](#) (ECIS) Transition Form.

The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

- **Emergency contacts** – Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the Department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.
- **Student background information** – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the Department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The Department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.
- **Immunisation status** – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The Department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.
- **Visa status** – This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage

information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the Department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and Department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: [Enrolment: Student transfers between schools](#)

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a [Freedom of Information](#) (FOI) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the Department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

What type of online services are used at our school?

Our school uses a variety of online services and applications (**online services**) to support and enhance our students' educational experiences and to create a high quality and innovative learning environment. Our school uses online services for:

- 1) teaching and learning;
- 2) communication and engagement with parents;
- 3) student administration;
- 4) school management;
- 5) complying with legal requirements; and
- 6) other purposes stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information on these online services for these purposes or where permitted by law. Where appropriate, school staff or service providers may access information in online services for those permitted purposes. For example, when the service provider provides technical support.

Please click this link to read important [privacy information for parents, guardians and carers](#).

How do we protect personal and other information?

Victorian privacy laws require schools to handle personal and health information in accordance with the appropriate principles such as the [Information Privacy Principles](#). Our school take steps to ensure data is securely handled, such as: privacy assessments, contractual arrangements and monitoring. We also educate students on cyber safety so that they can have positive online experiences.

What content and materials will be shared through the online services?

Students may have the ability to create, store and share any school work related content, such as photographs, audio, video recordings, and non-classroom related information. Where this work contains personally identifiable information of students or others, we will guide students on how to handle it safely and respectfully, and to seek appropriate permissions.

What school policies and support apply to these services?

The following school policies and documents apply: Acceptable Use Agreements, , Photography and Filming Policy, Digital Technologies Policy. These will be used to inform the school community on acceptable behaviours. Our school policies are available from <http://fawknerps.vic.edu.au/?cat=9>

If you wish to request access to your or your child's information, or have any questions, please contact the principal on 03 9357 3579.



Fawkner Primary School

Online Services

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Online services used for multiple purposes

Online Service	Purpose	Information type	Data Storage Location	Accounts
Sentral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * teaching and learning * parent communication and engagement * student administration * school management 	Student Full Name Student Year Level Student Class Student DOB Student Email Student Photo Student ATSI status Student Health and Welfare Information Student Behavioural Information Student Assessment eCases ID Parent Details	Australia	Student Teacher Administrator Parent
Class Dojo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * teaching and learning * student administration 	Student Full Name Student Class Student Assessment Parent Details	Overseas	Teacher
Essential Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • teaching and learning • assessment 	Student Full Name Student Preferred Name CASES21 ID Student Year Level Student Class Student Assessment	Australia	Student Teacher Administrator
JAMF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Device management 	Device serial numbers No personal information	Australia	Administrator
G-Suite for Education (DET brokered)	Various subjects *communication and engagement with parents	Student Full Name Student Email Student Year Level Student Class Student Location Information Student Work Student Assessment	Overseas	Student, Teacher Administrator
Code.org	Coding in STEM	Student First Name First initial of Student Surname Student Age	Overseas	Student Teacher
Wushka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy • Levelled readers supporting students learning to read. 	Student First Name Student Last Name Student Class	Australia	Student Teacher
Oliver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Management 	Student Full Name Student Preferred Name CASES21 ID Student Year Level Student Class Student Address Parents/Carers/Guardians Full Name Parents/Carers/Guardians email address	Australia	Administrator Student Teacher

Online services used for teaching and learning, and (where applicable) for parent communication and engagement about the student's learning outcomes.