FAWKNER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

January 2026

Principal: Carly-Marie Clark
Assistant Principal: Rose Arena

UPCOMING EVENTS

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FEBRUARY
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FEBRUARY
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Our school values underpin everything that we do at Fawkner Primary School and are part of everyday life for the staff, students and families.
We promote the school as a safe, fun learning environment where every child is valued and all children are challenged to achieve their best. Our values uphold everything we do at Fawkner Primary, and help to maintain our integrity for being the best school members we can be.

EFFORT
RESPONSIBILITY
HONESTY
RESPECT
KINDNESS

REMINDERS

Applications to apply for Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund are now available. If you would like to apply, please bring either your healthcare card or pension card to the office and complete an application form.

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Email: fawkner.ps@education.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9357 3579
www.fawknerps.vic.ed.au

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to 2026

It has been delightful being able to welcome back our returning students, as well as welcoming our newly enrolled students this week. There has been real excitement for staff and students, seeing old friends, meeting new classmates and getting to know each other. This week, teachers and ES staff have been working with their students, helping to build routines, unpack expectations of behaviour towards learning and each other, and developing positive relationships with each other.

As a staff, we have set goals in our teaching and learning teams, about what we want our students to feel, say, do and think by the end of 2026. We are all wanting students who **feel** safe, included and accepted at FPS; students who **think** deeply about their learning; **say** 'I am proud to be a student at FPS'; and always aim to **do** their best.

Term 1

There are a number of exciting things happening in Term 1- these events and dates can be found on the term calendar in this newsletter. Make sure you keep this somewhere handy, so your family knows when things are happening.

School Improvement Works

Over the holidays, we have had a number of tradespeople working on site. A key area that has had a 'makeover' is the outside area near the playground entrance. When finished, this area will be an outdoor classroom space for teachers to use with their students. Designed by a group of Year 5/6 students last year, we are looking forward to the installation of the last few items in February, and then being able to use it.

Meet the Teacher- Tuesday 17th February

This is a great opportunity for parents, students and teachers to meet together to share information to support a positive and productive 2026. Further information about booking times is on the next page.

I am looking forward to an exciting Term 1 with our school community- I cannot wait to see everything we accomplish this term.

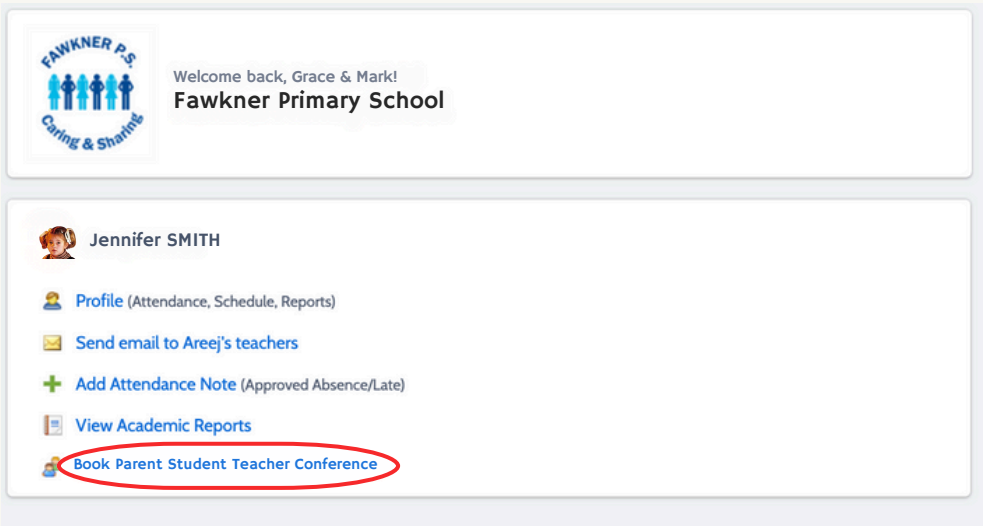
Carly-Marie Clark
Principal

Fawkner Primary School has a facebook page! We want to share with the wider community all of the great things our school offers.
Jump online and give the page a follow!

MEET THE TEACHER

TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2026
11:30am-7:00pm
Students only attend school during their meeting time

Our Meet the Teacher day is a great chance for families to meet their child's teacher for 2026, hear from the teacher about some key things for the year, and share any information with the teacher about how to support your child to have a great year.
Bookings will need to be made on Compass.
Bookings will be open from Monday 2nd of February.
Translators are available- please inform your child's teacher or the office if you will require this service.



PARENT PAYMENTS

The Parent Payment amount has remained at $250 per student for 2026.

This amount is used to fund curriculum contributions, including digital devices and subscriptions, learning materials and supplies for activities, and stationery for students to use in the classroom.
Payment can be made via Compass- either in one amount or spread out over the year.
Thank you to the families who have already paid this voluntary payment.
If you would like further information, please contact Janice or Louise in the office.

2026 STAFF

Leadership and Administration (Admin) Team:
Principal- Carly-Marie Clark
Assistant Principal- Rose Arena
Teaching and Learning Leader- Lillian Hancock
Disability Inclusion Leader- Rebecca Thompson
Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader- Carmela Ballato
Business Manager- Janice Miskimmin
Admin Assistant- Louise Mifsud
Teacher Admin Assistant- Paula Northey

Teaching Staff:
F/1A- Holly Russell
F/1B- Pina Di Nucci
1/2A- Ellen Sturrock
1/2B- Catherine Ivic and Molly Boyle
1/2C- Zoe Clinnick
3/4A- Jaime Winchester
3/4B- Rachel Eggby and Hannah Coatsworth
4/5A- Nabiha Rustom
5/6A- Lauren Bird
5/6B- Teaghan Rooks
Italian- Vicky Viscuso
STEM- Matthew Nichols
The Arts- Belinda De Propertis and Asli Yuksel
Phys Ed- Rebecca Strangis and Asli Yuksel
Intervention- Kayla Lorenzini

Classroom Education Support Staff:
F-2 Team: Anna, Janine, Ashton, Ruza, Diana
3-6 Team: Lisa, Rob, Kim

COMMUNICATION

There are a number of ways you can keep informed about what is happening at Fawkner Primary School.
Monthly Newsletter- Last Thursday of each month (Compass and Website)
Term Newsletter- week 2 of each term (Class Dojo and Website)
Class Dojo- teachers will share learning activities and events
Compass- alerts for upcoming events, whole school information, permission and payment for excursions, bookings for Meet the Teacher & Parent Teacher Interviews

2026 SCHOOL LEADERS

School Captains

Tameka

Sameera

Vice Captains

Irum

Chelsea

Rayan

House Captain

Tyrell

Azhar

House Captain

McBryde

Bilal

House Captain

Syndal

Omar

House Captain

Lorne

Zaheer

Children's Reference Group

Alec

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Fact sheet 1: school council elections – information for parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected school employee member category – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

A small number of school councils have **nominee members**.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

A mandated elected student member category, two positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

act with honesty and integrity – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty

act in good faith in the best interests of the school – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds

act fairly and impartially – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest

use information appropriately – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available

exercise due care, diligence and skill – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school

use the position appropriately – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage

act in a financially responsible manner – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions

comply with relevant legislation and policies – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law

demonstrate leadership and stewardship – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or

the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

standing for election as a member of the school council

encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same electorate that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate)

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

Consider standing for election to school council.

Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.

Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.

Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

SCHOOL HATS

A reminder that during Terms 1 and 4, students are required to wear a school hat at all times when outside. If your child needs a new hat, they can be purchased from the school office for $17.

FAWKNER PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 1

week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	**JANUARY** AUSTRALIA DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY 26	FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 FOR TEACHERS 27	**FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 FOR STUDENTS** FOUNDATION STUDENTS 9.00am - 12.30pm 28	FOUNDATION STUDENTS 9.00am - 12.30pm 29	FOUNDATION STUDENTS 9.00am - 12.30pm 30
2	**FEBRUARY** FOUNDATION STUDENTS BEGIN FULL DAYS 9.00am - 3.30pm 02	03	NO SCHOOL FOR FOUNDATION STUDENTS 04	05	06
3	09	10	11	12	13
4	16	MEET THE TEACHER 11.30am - 7.00pm 17	18	19	20
5	23	24	25	26	27
6	**MARCH** 02	03	04	CURRICULUM DAY - NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL 05	06
7	LABOUR DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY 09	10	11	12	13
8	16	17	18	19	20
9	23	24	25	26	27
10	30	School Photos 31	**APRIL** Tabloid Sports Carnival & Fun Run - Whole School 01	Last Day of Term 1 2.30pm Finish 02	GOOD FRIDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY 03

2026 STARTING SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FOUNDATION STUDENTS

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1st New Year's Day	2nd	3rd
4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th
18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th
25th	26th Australia Day	27th School Tomorrow!	28th 1st Day of School! 9:00 - 12:30	29th 9:00 - 12:30	30th 9:00 - 12:30	31st Home Weekend

FEBRUARY

1st FEBRUARY TODAY!	2nd 9:00 - 3:30	3rd 9:00 - 3:30	4th No School	5th 9:00 - 3:30	6th 9:00 - 3:30	7th
8th	9th 9:00 - 3:30	10th 9:00 - 3:30	11th 9:00 - 3:30	12th 9:00 - 3:30	13th 9:00 - 3:30	14th

Testing - will by appointment. Your child will be allocated a testing session.
They will bring a note home with their time.

COMPASS SCHOOL MANAGER APP

COMPASS School Manager App

Our School's communication tool.

At Fawkner Primary School we use the Compass School Manager App to communicate important information with our parents.

- Stay up to date with all the latest news and events.
- Be the first to know about excursions
- No more missing notes
- Have access to your child's end of semester reports the instant they are published.
- It is easy to use and best of all it's FREE!

Your personal access key is available from the school office.

Visit the office and we will help you get set up.

Compass

CONTACT THE TEACHER
EXCURSION PERMISSIONS
MAKE PAYMENTS
ADVICE ABSENCES
VIEW REPORTS

FAWKNER P.S.
Caring & Sharing

BREAKFAST CLUB

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Breakfast Club
will recommence on
Tuesday, 3rd of February
and will run every
Tuesday and Thursday
from
8:15am to 8:50am.

LUNCH ORDERS

Classroom Cuisine.com.au

Lunch orders recommence on

Wednesday 4 February

and will be available on

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at

www.classroomcuisine.com.au

- Register your child, or log in if you already have an account
- Select the dates to order for
- Choose from the delicious menu items (Gluten Free, Dairy Free, Halal, Vegetarian, Vegan)
- Confirm your order and payment
- Your child's lunch will be delivered directly to F.P.S labelled with your child's name and class

BOOK CLUB

Next Book Club order is due 16th February

Providing Value to Families

Book Club

School Book Club

Our School Book Club gives families a great way to enjoy books while supporting our school. **Orders can be placed online through their LOOP website.** LOOP gives you access to special offers too. Orders can also be placed by returning the order form with correct payment to the school office. All purchases help support school.

Books are perfect for learning, gifts, and enjoyment.

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club LOOP for Parents

Here are eight easy steps for ordering via LOOP:

1. Log in, or create a new account
2. Follow the Wizard to set up the child's profile
3. Click the ORDER tab, select the child's school & class
4. Add the child's first name and last initial
5. Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
6. Apply any promotional codes that have been earned
7. Make a payment via credit card
8. Await order arrival at the child's school

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

FPS COMMUNITY HUB

Fawkner PS

COMMUNITY HUB

Upcoming Event

- Come along and join other Fawkner Primary parents for a relaxed morning of conversation, connection, and community! ☕
- Tea and coffee will be provided, and you're very welcome to bring along something to share if you'd like.
- It's a great chance to meet new faces, catch up with friends, and see our beautiful new Community Hub in action.
- All parents welcome

FPS Catch-Up Club – Meet & Greet

Tuesday, 10th February

🕘 9:00am – 10:00am

📍 Fawkner Primary School – Community Hub

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

TheirCare

where Kids love to be!

Fawkner Primary School

- Social, enjoyable & fun experiences for children
- Develop creativity, life skills & confidence through play
- Qualified, caring & engaged staff
- Exciting & thoughtfully developed programs
- Healthy & Yummy food provided each day

Bookings now open!

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	7:00 AM to 8:45 AM	$20.66	$2.06
After School Care (ASC)	3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	$32.58	$3.25
Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	$75.12	$7.51
Holiday Program***	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Standard fee costs before Child Care Subsidy | ** Standard fee costs after maximum Child Care Subsidy | *** Standard fee costs excluding incursions/excursions

Cancellation Fees

(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)

BSC/ASC within **48 hours** of session start time: **$5.00**

Holiday Program within **5 days** of session start time: **$10.00**

Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

Service Phone number:
0418 357 578

Your service Coordinator will be available during session times.

Late Booking Fees

(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)

BSC/ASC within **48 hours** of session start time: **$5.00**

Holiday Program: book less than **5 days** from the session start time fee is **$10.00**

Late Pick-up Fees

(Child Care subsidy does not apply to Late Pick up Fees)

$1 per minute after service close time.

Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy!

To register visit theircare.com.au

TheirCare support team is available between 6.30am - 9pm weekdays (Eastern Standard Time) on 1300 072 410 or info@theircare.com.au