FAWKNER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

OCTOBER 2026



Principal: Carly-Marie Clark
Assistant Principal: Rose Arena

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

30 SWIMMING PROGRAM FOR SELECTED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER

2 REPORT WRITING DAY - **NO SUDENTS AT SCHOOL**

3 MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY

4 ACMI Excursion- SELECTED STUDENTS

6 SWIMMING PROGRAM FOR SELECTED STUDENTS

9 YEAR 5 STEAM VISIT TO JOHN FAWKNER COLLEGE

10 TRANSITION SESSION 1 - FOR **2027** FOUNDATION STUDENTS

11 MERRI-BEK CHILDREN'S REF GROUP - SELECTED STUDENTS

12 FIRST AID COURSE FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS F - 6

REMINDERS

Dear Families,
Please ensure you promptly action any notifications that appear on your Compass feed, such as late notices, absence notifications, or upcoming excursions.
If you are having trouble logging into Compass or need assistance with actioning any notifications, please contact the office.

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!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CLASS DOJO SHOP

This term has seen the launch of our Class Dojo shop. I had the opportunity to work with our Year 5 students last term to establish the shop. The Year 5 students have chosen a great range of experiences that students can now redeem with the points they earn. We also have a variety of objects (chalk, notebooks, bubble wands, fancy pens etc) which students can also redeem their points for. There are quite a number of students who are saving up their points to get the hot ticket item of 'Principal for a Day'. I have joked with the students that I may not need to work the last week, as there are quite a number of them who are working for this reward. It has been great seeing students showing the expected behaviours, and our staff acknowledging this by giving them Dojo points.

SCHOOL REVIEW

Our school review happened this fortnight, and it was fabulous to give our staff, students, and families the opportunity to share things they feel Fawkner Primary School is doing well, and potential areas for improvement. The panel visited classrooms to see teaching and learning in action as well. We were delighted with the recommendations from the panel and look forward to finalising these goals which will shape the work of the school for the next four years. We will share these with the school community later this term.

CAMP

Our Year 5/6 students had the opportunity to attend 15 Mile Creek for camp this term. I cannot thank our staff who organised and attended the camp enough for providing our students with such a great opportunity. It was amazing getting to see the photos on our Dojo story each day, and I was very jealous that I didn't get to go on camp this year! There were so many opportunities for our students to try new things, take on challenges, and build connections with students in their cohort.

EXPECTATIONS

This year, our staff and students have been working on having clear and consistent expectations when entering and exiting learning spaces. This has continued to improve over the year, and we are noticing students coming into class ready to learn and knowing what they will need to have ready for a successful lesson.

SUPERVISION BEFORE 8:45am

Please remember that our outside area is supervised by staff from 8:45AM each morning. Please ensure that you are supervising your children if they arrive before this time. Thank you for your support.

Carly-Marie Clark
Principal

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the students who have received an Achievement Award this month. We are proud of you showing the school values in all you do. These awards are presented at assembly each week.

All of the students who receive an award in Term 4 will go into the draw to have a pizza lunch with Ms Clark in Week 11 this term.

Week 10 Term 3					
	Student	**Value/s Demonstrated**		**Student**	**Value/s Demonstrated**
F/1A	F/1A	Responsibility	***4/5A***	Ahmed I	Respect
F/1B	F/1B	Responsibility	***5/6A***	Jacob	honesty
1/2A	Zoya	Kindness	***5/6B***	Khirad	Effort & Responsibility
1/2B	Ahmed	Effort	***ES Team***	Fred	Responsibility
1/2C	Medhi	Responsibility			
3/4A	Ibrahim	Respect			
3/4B	Nimi	Effort			

Week 1 Term 4					
	Student	**Value/s Demonstrated**		**Student**	**Value/s Demonstrated**
F/1A	Fonzo	Effort	***4/5A***	Umar	Respect
F/1B	Mirha	Effort, Responsibility	***5/6A***	Chelsea	Effort
1/2A	Zain Ali	Effort	***5/6B***	Omar	Effort
1/2B	Aarizul	Effort	***ES Team***	Fatima A (F1B)	Effort
1/2C	Hoorain	Responsibility			
3/4A	Yousef	Effort			
3/4B	Yousuf M	Respect			

Week 2 Term 4					
	Student	**Value/s Demonstrated**		**Student**	**Value/s Demonstrated**
F/1A	Kaan	Kindness	***4/5A***	Ibrahim K	Respect, Kindness
F/1B	Hamza	Effort	***5/6A***	Saeed	Effort
1/2A	Yagiz	Kindness	***5/6B***	Dion	Effort, Responsibility
1/2B	Jensen	Effort	***ES Team***	Ruqayya F1A	Effort
1/2C	Farishay	Kindness	***Italian***	Ruqayya F1A	Effort
3/4A	Omar Saad	Respect Respect	***Leadership Team***	Mr Rob Miss Bird Miss Ashton Miss Rooks Miss Walker	Effort
3/4B	Shayan	Responsibility			

Week 3 Term 4					
	Student	**Value/s Demonstrated**		**Student**	**Value/s Demonstrated**
F/1A	Rory	Effort	***4/5A***	Liam	Effort, Responsibility
F/1B	Ameena	Effort	***5/6A***	Akifa	Effort
1/2A	Zoya	Kindness	***5/6B***	Irum	Responsibility, Effort
1/2B	Yusuf M	Effort	***Phys Ed***	Isaak 34A	Effort
1/2C	Marley	Respect	***Mrs Lorenzini***	Fifi	Effort
3/4A	Aisha	Responsibility	***ES Team***	Emirhan	Effort, Responsibility
3/4B	Wojalaa	Respect			

COUNTRIES CELEBRATED IN OCTOBER ASSEMBLIES

Fawkner Primary School is a very multi-cultural school community. Commencing this year, at each assembly, our Student Leaders have been sharing information about a country that students and staff from our school have a cultural link to. We have learnt where the countries are located, what the most spoken language is, and the country's population. We have also displayed a copy of the flag in our BER building where we host our assemblies, and in our school office area. We look forward to learning about the many countries throughout the year. These are the countries we celebrated in October.



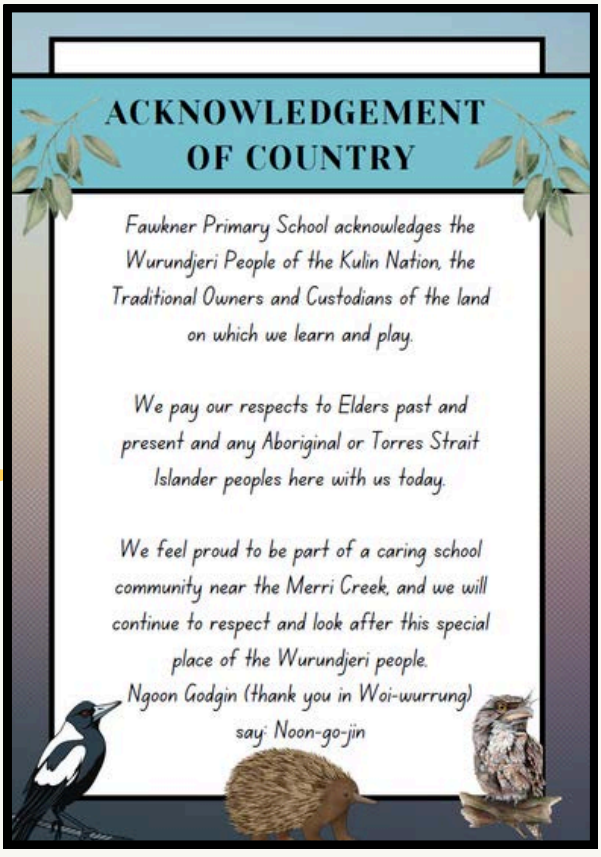
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AUSTRALIA



SAUDI ARABIA



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As part of our commitment to the Marrung Education Plan, we are enhancing our practices to develop our school community's knowledge of the rich and thriving culture of First Nations peoples.

Our Acknowledgement of Country reflects the traditional owners of the land, and our proximity to Merri Creek.

You will hear this Acknowledgement of Country read out at our weekly assemblies by our student leaders.

MEET OUR SCHOOL COUNCILLORS- PART 2

Our School Council is made up of parent and community representatives. Their role is to provide information to help make decisions for the whole school, support fundraising efforts at school events, as well as ensuring the school follows Department of Education expectations.

Our School Councillors encourage you to speak with them - share your ideas of things that are going well at the school, and suggestions you have for improvement. They are also able to help you follow school processes and provide you information about Fawkner Primary School.

Meet some of your School Council representatives- make sure you say hello!

Asma
Parent Representative
Languages I speak:
Urdu and English
What I enjoy about being on School Council:
I enjoy being part of a group where I can contribute ideas, learn from others, and take part in thoughtful conversations about our school community. I appreciate being able to bring different perspectives, listen to others, and be involved in shaping a school environment where families and students can thrive.



Amanda
Community Representative
Languages I speak:
English
What I enjoy about being on School Council:
I enjoy being on the school council because it gives me an understanding of what is happening in and around the school. I like hearing about how students engage in the curriculum, the different programs and activities they participate in, how data reflects their learning and school performance, and where improvements and decisions can be made to positively impact the school. I enjoy being part of the diverse and cultural community and interacting with other school council members, sharing ideas and hearing different perspectives, and connecting with the parents in the schoolyard. Most importantly, I enjoy being involved in a team that works together to support the school, its staff and students, and help create the best possible learning environment for our children.

INVITATION FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN YEARS 4, 5, 6

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Merri-bek Education Plan - Parent and Carer Feedback Session: Choosing a Secondary School

Parents and carers are invited to participate in a discussion as part of the Merri-bek North Education Plan (MNEP).

We are seeking feedback from local families to better understand what matters most when choosing a secondary school and how schools can best support students and families through the transition process. Whether you have already made a decision about secondary school or are still considering your options, we would value your perspective.

Come along!

Session Details

Date: Thursday 5 November
Time: 3:30pm - 4:15pm
Location: Fawkner Primary School

About the Merri-bek North Education Plan

The Merri-bek North Education Plan (MNEP) is a 10-year Department of Education initiative supporting **Coburg High School, Glenroy College, John Fawkner College** and **Pascoe Vale Girls College** to work together to improve learning opportunities, wellbeing, pathways and community engagement for local students.

Facilitators

This session will be facilitated by **Jonathan Lowe** (Executive Director) and **Helen Lambropoulos** (Project Manager, MNEP) from the Department of Education, who are seeking feedback from local families to help inform future engagement and communication across MNEP schools.

What We'll Be Talking About

During the discussion, we'll explore:

- What factors influence families when choosing a secondary school
- What information parents and carers need when making decisions
- How schools can better support families through the transition process
- Effective ways schools can communicate with families
- Opportunities to strengthen engagement between schools, families and the community

Why Your Voice Matters

Your feedback will help us:

- Better understand the needs of local families
- Improve communication and engagement with parents and carers
- Strengthen transition and school selection support
- Increase awareness of opportunities available across MNEP schools
- Inform future family engagement activities and communication strategies

What to Expect

This will be an informal and welcoming discussion where parents and carers can share their experiences, perspectives and ideas. There are no right or wrong answers, and all feedback will be used to help inform future planning and engagement across MNEP schools.

We look forward to meeting with you and hearing your thoughts.

ENTRY & EXIT ROUTINES AT FAWKNER PS

LINE UP EXPECTATIONS

Music

Stop playing as soon as music starts
Get a Drink/Visit Bathroom
Teacher/ES be at line

Bell/Line Up

Greet all students
Students to line up in pairs
Be in the line by the time the bell rings
Holding sports equipment
Yard duty teacher to inform teacher about children who haven't returned to the line

Instructions

At the line up teacher to give expectations/instructions before moving
Expectations, such as standing in two lines, in pairs, holding equipment before moving
Make sure all students are listening

Walk

Walk in two straight lines, in pairs
Instructions given at a stop point
Teacher at the front or the back if no ES

Recap further instructions

Stop at designated area/classroom door to give further instructions and remind students of expectations
Enter the classroom calmly and quietly

Roles and Responsibilities

Teacher to designate students with a special role in the line i.e at the back, the front and the middle.

EXITING EXPECTATIONS

Calm Eating Routine

Silent eating
Sit during whole eating time
Place rubbish and lunch box away

Preparing for Exit

Tidy tables
Stand behind chairs

Front Loading

Go to the toilet
Have a drink
Remind students of outside expectations
Reminder about hats (Terms 1 and 4)
Remind students to eat in undercover area

Equipment

Hold sports equipment until outside
Take equipment just before exiting the classroom

Walk outside calmly and quietly

Dismiss by table or small groups
Walk outside in a quiet and calm manner
Use external doors if applicable
Exiting on time

F/1 BUNDOORA FARM EXCURSION

On Thursday 17th September, our Foundation/1 students enjoyed an exciting day of learning at Bundoora Farm! As part of the 'What Living Things Need' program, students explored what animals and plants need to survive and stay healthy.

They loved meeting and feeding the farm animals, observing native Australian animals on the wildlife electric bus, and getting their hands dirty during the gardening activities. They also enjoyed an interactive felt-board activity and a special craft using real sheep's wool.

What a fantastic day of learning for our Foundation/1 students!



















BUNDOORA FARM



























5/6 CAMP -15 MILE CREEK

Our Grade 5/6 students had an incredible time at 15 Mile Creek, filled with adventure, lots of laughter, new friendships and unforgettable memories!

From creek walks, hut building and bush cooking to rock climbing, abseiling, bike exploring, the flying fox and orienteering, there was no shortage of exciting experiences. Students challenged themselves, stepped outside their comfort zones and developed their independence and teamwork, all while enjoying plenty of delicious food!

A huge thank you to our amazing staff for making camp such a special experience, and to our families for their support. We are so proud of the way our students embraced every opportunity, demonstrated resilience and lived out our school values.

We hope everyone has come home with big smiles, plenty of stories to share and memories that will last a lifetime!





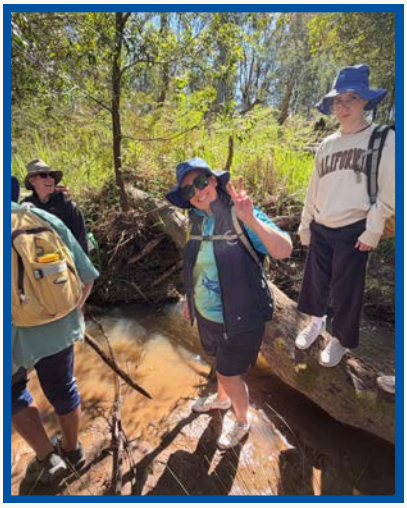








5/6 CAMP -15 MILE CREEK































5/6 CAMP -15 MILE CREEK























A Healthy Reminder - Water Bottles Only!

As the weather gets warmer, please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle filled with **water only**.

Soft drinks and other sugary drinks are not permitted at school.

Staying hydrated is especially important as temperatures rise, helping students stay focused, energised, and ready to learn throughout the day.

Thank you for your support in helping us promote healthy habits and keep our students happy, healthy, and safe!



REMINDER

This **MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER**, 2026
is Report Writing Day!

Students are not required to attend school.

This **TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER**, 2026
is Melbourne Cup Public Holiday!

Students are not required to attend school.

Garage Sale Trail

Garage Sale

garagesaletrail.com.au

SALE ADDRESS: Fawkner Primary School

DATE: Sat 14th November TIME: 8am-2pm

The Fawkner Garage Sale trail is happening and Fawkner PS is joining in. We will have excess office furniture, tables etc all at a bargain price! Cash and EFTPOS facilities will be available.



FAWNKNER PRIMARY SCHOOL



Family Night

'SOUNDS OF SUMMER'

ENTRY GOLD COIN DONATION

JOIN THE ULTIMATE SUMMER CELEBRATION WITH ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD AND DRINKS

DATE	WHERE	GATE OPEN
THURSDAY, 3RD DECEMBER	FAWKNER P.S	5PM

CONCERT STARTS AT 6PM SHARP.

FOOD AND DRINKS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE NIGHT - SAUSAGE SIZZLE (HALAL), ICY POLES, POPCORN AND MUCH MORE,

HATS IN TERM 4



A friendly reminder that school hats must be worn during Term 4.

If your child does not have a school hat, one can be purchased here, through our online shop for $17.00.

Please ensure your child's hat is clearly labelled with their name.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Clarity was requested regarding the colours allowed for leggings and long-sleeve tops worn underneath uniform items, and hijabs- royal blue, navy and white are allowed.

It's important that we are wearing the correct items.

If students need uniform items, they can be purchased from our supplier FCW. We also have some donated items that can be purchased at a reduced cost.

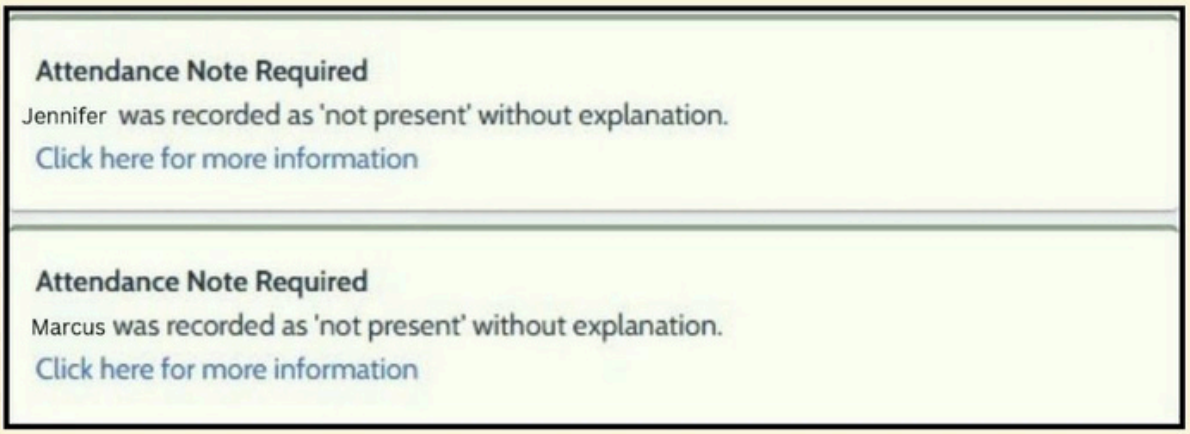


ATTENDANCE NOTES

IMPORTANT

Dear Parents,

Please ensure you promptly action the notification on your Compass news feed. It is essential that you click the link provided and update your child's attendance by explaining any lateness or absence from school.



The Department of Education's School Attendance Guidelines and our school attendance policy require that we address non-attendance. The unexplained absences to date may also mean that you may not have met your obligations under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the office on 9357 3579.

FAWKNER PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 4

week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	**OCTOBER** First Day of Term 4 For Students & Staff **05**	**06**	**07**	**08**	Swimming **09**
2	**12**	5/6 Camp **13**	5/6 Camp **14**	5/6 Camp **15**	5/6 Camp **16**
3	**19**	**20**	**21**	**20**	Swimming **23**
4	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	Swimming **30**
5	**NOVEMBER** Report Writing Day - **No Students Required At School** **02**	Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday **03**	ACMI Excursion - Selected Students **04**	**05**	Swimming **06**
6	Year 5 STEAM Visit to John Fawkner College **09**	Transition Session For 2027 Foundation Students - **Parents & Students** 9.15 - 10.15am **10**	Merri-Bek Children's Ref Group - Selected Students **11**	First Aid Course For Students in years F - 6 **12**	Swimming **13**
7	**16**	Transition Session For 2027 Foundation Students - **Parents & Students** 9.15 - 10.15am **17**	**18**	**19**	Swimming **20**
8	1/2 and 3/4 Bike Safety Incursion **23**	Transition Session For 2027 Foundation Students - **Students Only** 9.15 - 10.15am **24**	**25**	**26**	Swimming **27**
9	**30**	**DECEMBER** 2027 Foundation Transition Session - **Students Only** 9.15 - 10.15am **01**	**02**	Family Night **03**	Swimming **04**
10	**07**	2027 Foundation Transition Session - **Students Only** 9.00 - 10.30am Step Up Day - Whole School 9.00 - 11.00am **08**	**09**	Year 6 Graduation **10**	**11**
11	**14**	**15**	Year 6 Big Day Out **16**	**17**	Last Day of Term 4 1.30pm Finish **18**



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WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS

Classroom Cuisine provides healthy, interesting and affordable luches for students at **Fawkner Primary School**.

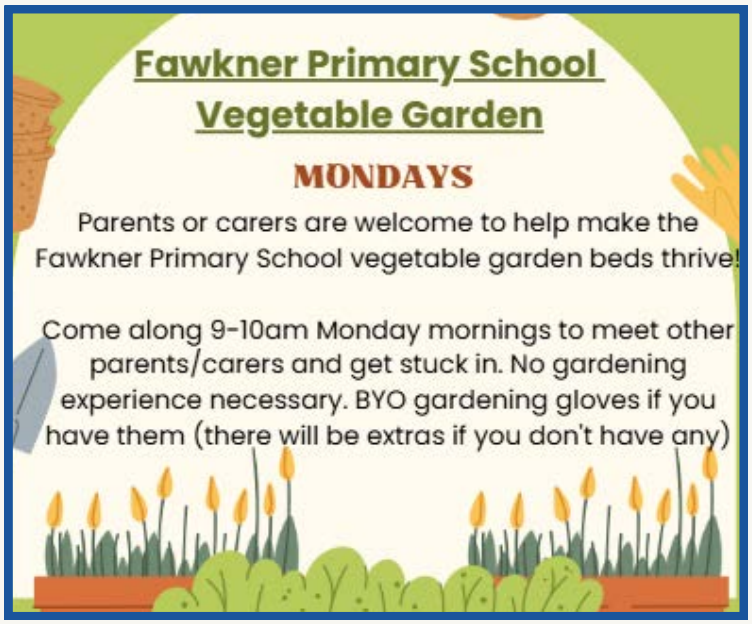


Please visit the website **www.classroomcuisine.com.au** or scan **QR Code** below for more information on menu items, registration and payment details.



Ways to be Involved at FPS

MONDAYS



WEDNESDAY MORNINGS



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS



MORNINGS



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October 2026

TERM 4

NEWSLETTER

Wow, it's October!

Welcome back to term 4 at Fawkner Primary School Theircare. We are looking forward to having an awesome term with lots of fun and exciting activities planned for your children to experience and explore. Please plan ahead and book your children/s session in advanced, so we can cater and plan for their attendance. In term 4, we promote sun smart, and all children must bring a hat for outdoor play "No Hat No Play". Sun scream is provided at the service, unless your child need special sunscreen please put in their bags. During this term we have up coming events that a planned and dates are mentioned. For more information don't hesitate to contact me on the contact details provided.





What's on in Term 4!

TC Tucker



TC Tucker is back! Launching on World Food Day – Friday 16 October. Fawkner PS TheirCare willnot participate.

Friday 23 October is Grandparents' Day!

Invite yourgrandparentsintoservicefor a meet and greet.

Tuesday 24 November is National Fairy Bread Day

Let's celebrate with a ***Pyjama Party!***

WeCare Spotlight Charities for Term 4: **Food Bank** and **The Salvation Army**

More information about our Special Days will be available soon! Book now at no extra cost to families.

Did you know your child could attend before or after school care for as little as $2.30 per session*?

Government Support doesn't stop at Long Day Care! It can continue into Before School, After School and Holiday Care. The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) means your fees could be reduced by up to 90%. See how much you can save, visit **TheirCare.com.au/families/#ccs**

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Do you have a child who will be starting Foundation in 2027? Make sure you complete an enrolment form.



Fawkner Primary School

DISCOVER FAWKNER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Where every child belongs, learns and thrives.





BOOK A SCHOOL TOUR

Come and see our vibrant classrooms, welcoming staff, and happy students in action.

SCHOOL TOUR DATES

Term 4

Monday 12th October 2026, 9.30am

Monday 9th November 2026, 9.30am

Northern Schools Early Years



Enrol now for 2027

at Lorne Street Kindergarten

Located at Fawkner Primary School

- Free 15-hour kindergarten programs for 3 and 4-year-old children
- Pre-prep for up to 25 hours for eligible children* (see over page for more info)
- Recently upgraded facilities & playground
- High-quality early learning
- Smooth transition to school



Call **9306 1662** or scan the QR code to enrol.
Application forms are also available at the school office.

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TERM 4
AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM

FAWKNER PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHEN: Thursday's 3:30pm - 4:30pm
WHERE: Fawkner Primary school ground
WHO: Suitable for prep - grade 6's
DATES: Term 4, 2026 | 8th October - 10th December

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