



Fawkner News

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Important Dates

JULY 2015

27—Curriculum Day
NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS

AUGUST 2015

10—Camp Payment #2 Due
24—Camp Payment #3 Due

SEPTEMBER 2015

7—Final Camp Payment Due
18—End of Term 3 2.30pm Finish

TERM DATES 2015

Term 3: 13 July — 18 September
Term 4: 5 October—18 December

Dear Parents, We have had some very cold days recently and we ask that you check that your child has adequate warm clothes to cope with the cold.

Curriculum Day: Monday July 27 has been approved by School Council as a Curriculum Day. On this day staff will be looking at how some children struggle to master reading, and what we can do to further help those who have a problem processing words and writing. **On this day children are not to attend school.**

Welcome back to Mrs. Nahren Carniato who is working in a part-time capacity, juggling teaching with being a mum to a one year old. We welcome back Nahren and look forward to her involvement in supporting the teachers and children across the school.

We welcome Ms. Hannah Carmody who has now officially taken over from Ms. Julia Convery who has taken Leave to travel overseas until early next year. We look forward to Hannah continuing the great work that is happening in the Grade 1/2 area.

Kindergarten planning. The trenches for sewerage and storm water have been dug and the pipes laid underground. The two portable modules are being built, with the plan that they are on site by September/October. During this period the oval will have areas that are fenced off to allow construction without children having access. We are assured that things are on track to begin 4 year old Kinder. in 2016. The plan is to have Maternal Health and other services also available from 2016, including Play Group in the centre. We are very excited about the prospect of having this facility on our site and look forward to seeing it all take shape from hereon. If you have a Kindergarten aged child for 2016 you can pick up an enrolment form from our office.

Canteen. Canteen has started for Term 3. We have a new product—Warm Banana Bread for \$2.00 per serve.

Chocolate Drive. Our annual chocolate drive is under way. Additional boxes of chocolates are available please see Annette at the office.

School Camp, Grades 3-6. This year children from Grades 3-6 have the option to take part in our camp to Norval Lodge, Hall's Gap, in the Grampians in western Victoria. The week-long 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 \$250.00. This cost covers transport to and from the venue, accommodation for 5 days/4 night 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 cooked by our own school staff, and all are healthy and 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.

Attendance targets. We aim to have over-all average attendance of a minimum of 95% across the school year which equates to about 10 days absence for each child. We ask that parents encourage children to attend whenever they are well enough to attend, so that the children get into positive attendance habits from a young age.

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.

School terms 2015

Term 3: July 13 – September 18

(2.30 finish)

Term 4: October 5 – December 18

(1.30 finish)



Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camps** provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED DURING TERM 3

Final Date for Applications is 18 September 2015



FREE dental care for kids.

Did you know that children can receive up to \$1000 free dental care over two consecutive years:

The means-tested benefit came into effect on 1st January 2014. Under the schedule, children aged between 2 and 17 years who are part of a family in receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A or a relevant Government payment are entitled to a wide range of basic dental services.

For further information please visit

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/child-dental-benefits-schedule>