



Fawkner News

17 March 2015

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Important Dates

MARCH 2015

27—End of Term 1 2.30pm
Finish

APRIL 2015

13— Start Term 2

MAY 2015

7—School Photos

JUNE 2015

26—End of Term 2

TERM DATES 2014

Term 4: 6 October—19 December

TERM DATES 2015

Term 1: 29 January—27 March

Term 2: 13 April—26 June

Term 3: 13 July — 18 September

Term 4: 5 October—18 December



Happy
St Patricks
Day

17 March 2015

Dear Parents, As Term 1 draws to a close, we ask that parents set procedures in place at home to ensure that children are at school on time. 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. Also, just a reminder that school finishes at 2.30 on the final day of Term 1, Friday March 27th. Term 2 begins on Monday April 13.

Hours of supervision: The school gates are normally opened between 8.00-8.15. However teacher supervision does not begin until 8.45 when there are teachers outside on Yard Duty. We encourage children to arrive at school between 8.45 and 8.57 when the line-up music begins.

At the other end of the day, staff are on Yard Duty from 3.30-3.45. Once the children leave the gates at 3.30 they are the responsibility of their parents. Children should be picked up on time. The gates are generally shut again by 3.45.

Picking up children. We also ask that parents not enter the teaching areas while classes are being taken as it is very distracting for the children and the teachers. Children and parents should have a designated meeting place outside so that at 3.30 everyone knows where they are going and who is taking them home.

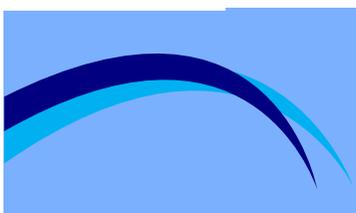
Attendance targets. We aim to have overall average attendance of a minimum of 95% across the school year which equates to about 10 days absence for each child. We ask that parents encourage children to attend whenever they are well enough to attend, so that the children get into positive attendance habits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

Lollipops. Commercially available lollipops are very dangerous, as they are roughly the same size and shape as the airways of a child. Please do not give your child lollipops to have at school, or send lollipops for others. If a child has a lollipop that becomes stuck in an airway the result could be disastrous.

Birthday celebrations. We are always happy to help with celebrating children's' birthdays. However we need to be careful if children bring lolly bags or cakes to share with their classmates (and teachers.) Obviously lollipops and nut products are not to be brought, but also you should let your child's teacher know the ingredients of any cakes or other foods that you bring. Party poppers and balloons are also products that we do not want at school as they can also be dangerous.

School Captains and Junior School Councillors. We were very pleased to present badges to our School Captains and Junior School Councillors at Assembly recently. The School Captains are often asked to welcome visitors to the school, speak on behalf of the students and occasionally represent the school at official events. Children selected have shown high levels of responsibility and great personal qualities throughout their time at Fawkner Primary School. The School Captains for 2015 are **Ammar Ammar, Tanesha Kennedy, Hailie Bromley, Ruqaiyah Allouche and Moustafa Rabah**. We congratulate these 5 students, knowing that they will represent their fellow students and the school excellently.

Each grade has 2 Junior School Councillors who represent that grade at JSC meetings throughout the year. Typically JSC members help make decisions about fund-raising events, and help run these events. The JSC also makes suggestions to the school staff about anything that they believe is in the best interest of the school. This year's JSC reps. are:



5/6D:	Ayaan Kamran	Rheem Nabulsi
5/6K:	Mazen Alzahrani	Amber Niumata
3/4/5A:	Hajrah Sajid	Ibrahim Hizamul Ansari
3/4G:	Syd Greenacre	Kayla Harrison
1/2S:	Shaniqua Harrison	Ali Mohammad
1/2J:	Nadia Oueida	Omar Nabulsi
1/2/3R	Hasan Ahmed	Portia Greenacre
P/1A:	Juwairiya Shah	Joseph Semaan
PrepR:	Adam Deen	Salam Abboud

Parking and driving 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 and carers 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.

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. However the school also has a responsibility to ensure that each child follows the road rules when entering and leaving the school. This includes wearing a proper bike helmet while riding. In the interests of their safety, all children and their parents are to sign an agreement that they will follow all traffic and safety rules. If your child is riding to school, or will be doing so you will need to collect this form from the office.

We're getting a Kinder!!!!!! If you haven't heard already, Fawkner Primary School has been successful in receiving a grant to install a new Kindergarten and Early Learning Centre on our site.

We have received \$650,000 from DEECD (the Education Dept.) and a further \$325,000 from Moreland Council (total \$975,000) to erect an Early Years Centre on our grounds. This centre will cater for 4 year old Kindergarten, 3 year old Kindergarten, Maternal Child Health, Playgroup and allied health services. The centre has been named "Lorne St. Kindergarten at Fawkner Primary School"

We are still on track to begin operation in 2016. Enrolment forms for 4 year old Kindergarten are available from the office.

School terms 2015

- Term 1: January 29- March 27 (2.30 finish)
- Term 2: April 13 – June 26 (2.30 finish)
- Term 3: July 13 – September 18 (2.30 finish)
- Term 4: October 5 – December 18 (1.30 finish)



If your child is absent from school, please send a note with your child when they return with an explanation for their absence.



2015 Junior School Councillors



2015 School Captains





Simply ask mum and dad to download the FREE Fawkner Primary School Skoolbag App to their smart phone and help your class to enter the draw to win a free Pizza Lunch.

To be eligible to enter your class must have $\frac{2}{3}$ rds of the parents with the App downloaded on their smart phone.

Skoolbag is a great way to keep up with what is happening in and around the school.

Receive an alert when the newsletter is available.

Reminders about pupil free days.

You can even send in absence notes direct from your phone.

Remember it is FREE to download.

Instructions on how to Download the App are available from the school office



Easter Raffle



Tickets 3 for \$1 or
50c each.

Available from the
school office

20 Prizes

We Didn't Have the "Green Thing" Back in My Day

In the line at the shop, the cashier told the older woman that plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to her and explained, we didn't have the "green Thing" back in my day.

That's right, they didn't have the "green thing" in her day. Back then, they returned their milk bottles, Coke bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilised and refilled, using the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But they didn't have the "green thing" back in her day.

In her day, they walked up stairs, because they didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. They walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300 horsepower machine every time they had to go two blocks. But she's right. They didn't have "green thing" in her day.

Back then, they washed the baby's nappies because they didn't have the throw-away kind. They dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts, wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that old lady is right, they didn't have the "green thing" back in her day.

Back then, they had one TV or radio in the house not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a pizza dish, not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, they blended and stirred by hand because they didn't have electric machines to do everything for you. When they packaged a fragile item to send in the mail. They used wadded up newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, they didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. They used a push mower that ran on human power. They exercised by working so they didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right, they didn't have the "green thing" back in her day.

They drank from a fountain when they were thirsty, instead of using a cup or plastic bottle every time they had a drink of water. They refilled pens with ink, instead of buying a new pen, and they replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade go dull. But they didn't have the "green thing" back then.

Back then, people took the tram and kids rode their bikes to school or rode the school bus instead of turning their mums into a 24 hour taxi service. They had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And they didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But that old lady is right. They didn't have the "green thing" back in her day. Gee!!! That was MY day too!

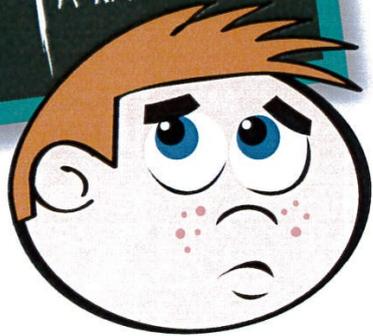
Anonymous



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	over 13 years of schooling. that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly HALF A YEAR
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 YEAR
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS



Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!





The Moreland School Holiday program information and enrolment forms will be available for the **March/April 2015 School Holiday Program from Friday 20 February 2015, 5pm, bookings will close on Friday 6 March 2015.**

Forms are available from:

Local Primary Schools in the municipality;

Council's website and;

Citizens Services Centres – Monday to Friday between 8.30 am to 5.00 pm.

Coburg Offices, 90 Bell Street, Coburg

Brunswick Offices, 233 Sydney Road, and

Glenroy, 796N Pascoe Vale Road, Glenroy

If you have difficulty accessing the information and enrolment forms or general queries, please contact Council on Ph: 9240 1111.

Regards

Mena Matheas

School Holiday Program Officer

Moreland City Council

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A promotional poster for the North Coburg Rebels baseball team. The background shows a baseball player in a grey and maroon uniform swinging a bat on a field. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image. At the top, it says 'Baseball Come & Try!' in large, bold, white letters with a yellow outline. Below this is the team's logo, which features a baseball with a face and a maroon cap with a white 'R'. To the right of the logo, it says 'NORTH COBURG REBELS' in bold, white letters with a yellow outline. At the bottom right, it says 'ALL Ages Girls and Boys Season starts in April' in bold, white letters with a yellow outline. At the bottom left, there is a maroon starburst shape with the words 'Come & Try' in white. At the bottom, there are two columns of contact information in white text on a yellow background. The left column says 'Parker Reserve Keady St. Coburg North Melways Ref 17 H7'. The right column says 'Contact: Andy Malthouse 0419 566 658 www.rebelsbc.com'.



Want to learn how to save **lots of money** on your power bills?

Future Powered Families helps parents save energy and so save on their power bills, and we're looking for parents to take part. You could:

- Come along to a **FREE** short workshop for some energy and money saving ideas
- Have another parent visit your home for to give some **FREE** advice on easy ways you can save energy.
- Get some **FREE** training in how to visit other parents homes and get paid \$50 for every home you visit.

Contact Amy on 9341 8121 or Amy.Yang@environmentvictoria.org.au

Who can take part?

Unfortunately, funding requirements mean only some people are eligible. To participate, your oldest kid needs to be 15 or younger. You also need a household income of \$78,000 or less, or to be on a Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card. Unfortunately, people who live in Government-owned public housing aren't able to take part.

How long does the training or visit take?

Workshops usually run from anywhere from half an hour to one hour. Training to do home visits is usually one all day session or several sessions of a couple of hours each. Home visits usually take about 45 minutes. We ask people we train to do eight home visits each.

How do you take part or find out more?

Contact Amy to find out when your nearest workshop, training or home visit is happening, on **9341 8121** or Amy.Yang@EnvironmentVictoria.org.au.

Who's behind this project?

Future Powered Families is being run by Environment Victoria, a non-government, not-for-profit environment organisation committed to safeguarding our environment. The project is funded by the federal Department of Industry, to help people on low incomes save energy.

This activity received funding from the Department of Industry and Science as part of the Low Income Energy Efficiency Program.

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FREE NBA BALL
PRIZES TO BE WON

MON 30TH & TUE 31ST MAR 2015 | 9.30am-3pm

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*Early bird – register and pay before 16TH March 2015



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All levels | Boys and girls | 6-14 years



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Separate programs

***TOURNAMENT PLAY**

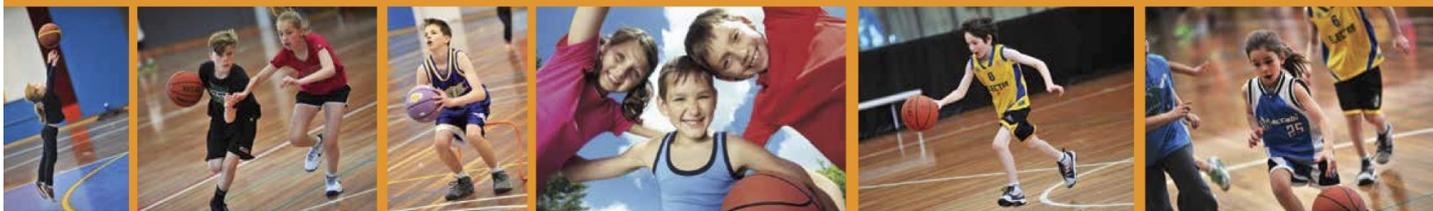
***3 ON 3 COMPETITIONS**

***SKILLS TEST**

***INNOVATIVE PROGRAM**

***FUNDAMENTAL DEVELOPMENT**

***MULTIPLE AWARDS/PRIZES**



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Six Week Emotion
Focused
Parenting Group

Tuning into Kids !!

Would you like to learn how to:

- ✓ Be better at understanding your child's emotional outbursts
- ✓ Help your child learn to communicate and cope with strong emotions
- ✓ Help to prevent behaviour problems in your child
- ✓ Teach your child to deal with conflict

Tuning into kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence.

Children with high emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Have better concentration at school
- Are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- Tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Where: At Merri Community Health Services — 93 Bell Street, Coburg

When: A total of six weekly sessions from (10 am to 12.00 noon) on

Wednesday 13th May 2015	Wednesday 3rd June 2015
Wednesday 20th May 2015	Wednesday 10th June 2015
Wednesday 27th May 2015	Wednesday 17th June 2015

RSVP: By Friday, 1 May 2015 to Jess on (03) 9319 9482 (jessical@mchs.org.au) or Anthony on (03) 9355 9938 (anthonyw@mchs.org.au)

Please note that we cannot cater for children during this group, so alternative childcare arrangements will need to be made.

Cost: \$42 total (\$7 per session, no fee for Health Care Card Holders)

 Merri Community Health Services



Come and join the fun at Broadmeadows Netball!

**Monday
afternoons**

**4.30 –
5.30pm**



Free

Free Netball Clinics

When: Monday afternoons

Time: 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Where: Netball courts at the Broadmeadows Leisure Centre
Corner of Dimboola Road and Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows.

Who: 7 to 13 year olds, beginners and experienced welcome.

Cost: Free

Participating children will be invited to participate in a round robin style competition in Term 2.

To register or for more information please
call 0417 582 162 or email [broadmead-
owsnetball@hotmail.com](mailto:broadmeadowsnetball@hotmail.com)



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Association