



Fyans Park Primary School



FAMILY NEWSLETTER - Issue 3 - 13th FEBRUARY 2014

2014 CALENDAR DATES

FEBRUARY

Fri 14th	Special Food Day
Mon 17th	School Council 7.00pm
Wed 19th	Preps at home
Mon 24th	School picnic 5.30pm—7.00pm
Wed 26th	Preps at home
Fri 28th	Clean Up Day for schools

MARCH

Wed 5th	School photos Parent/Teacher interviews
Mon 10th	Labour Day Holiday
Fri 14th	School Sports Day - Landy Field (Please note changed date)
Mon 17th	School Council AGM

APRIL

Fri 4th	Last day Term 1
Mon 21st	Easter Monday Holiday
Tues 22nd	Term 2 begins
Fri 25th	ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

- * Receipts
- * Bank Books
- * Gr P-2 Religious Education
- * Gr 3/4 Permission to Blog
- * Gr 3/4 3pm Project Permission
- * Gr P-2 & 5/6 3pm Project Permission
- * Gr 2-6 Chatter Books at Geelong West Lib.

STUDENT HEALTH ALERTS

We require from families of children with serious issues including anaphylaxis and asthma a current health plan from your doctor including up to date medications including epipens, ventolin, etc..

The health of students is always our prime concern and in order to support this we need your plan should it be required. We ask parents to please look to this as a matter of urgency for their children's safety.

SMOKE HAZE OVER GEELONG

The last couple of days have seen smoke haze across the city due to bushfires. Reassuring children that they are in no immediate danger from the fires is paramount, but also those children who are prone to respiratory issues we need to make sure they have some reliever with them in case it is required.

INVITATION TO FAMILY PICNIC

We invite all families to join us for our family picnic to be held on Monday 24th February between 5.30 - 7.00pm at school. Bring some picnic food for tea and come along and enjoy our school community.

Our SRC (student representative council) will organise some fun activities for the kids on the oval as well.

SCHOOL COUNCIL FEBRUARY MEETING

The first school council meeting for the year will be held next Monday 17th Feb at 7.00pm. All councillors please take note. A meeting of the Finance and Resources committee will precede school council at 6.30pm.

Address : 37 Cook Street, Newtown 3220
Telephone : 03 5221 3772
Facsimile : 03 5223 1208

Email : fyans.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Website : www.fyansparkps.vic.edu.au
P/Assoc. Email : fyansparkpa@hotmail.com

OSHC - CAMP AUSTRALIA

Telephone : 0452 247 130
Hours : 6.45 am — 8.45 am
3.30 pm — 6.00 pm

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) :

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; **uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery.** You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; **or**
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; **or**
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- **\$200** for prep students
- **\$150** for students in Years 1 – 6.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by **28 February 2014.**

For more information about the EMA, visit <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx>

**CHANGED ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER ?
NEW MEDICAL CONDITION ?**

Please let the Office know asap so we can keep our records accurate.

Thank you!



FOR SALE

5 x tickets to 'TASHI' at GPAC - 29th March at 2.30pm - \$14/ticket. Please phone Heidi Hobson on 0434 336 099 or 9646 9357 for information.



JUNIOR TENNIS LESSONS – TERM 1, 2014

Tony Brushfield, a qualified Tennis Coaches Association of Victoria member, offers coaching sessions at school for groups of four children every Tuesday Lunchtime. This term's lessons commence **next Tuesday 11th February** and will be **\$70 for 7 weeks.**

Please return the below application form to the school Office or contact Tony on 5244 0040 or 0408 524 898 for further information. The children will be advised of their lesson time at the tennis court at 1.45 pm on Tuesday 11th February 2014. As numbers are strictly limited, acceptance will be based on order of replies received.

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Please forward this section to school with a cheque for \$70 payable to Tony Brushfield by Tuesday 11th February.

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____ Room No.: _____ Age: _____

Please enrol my child in Junior Tennis Coaching. The appropriate remittance is included with this application.

Signed: _____



RE

RE will commence in March for Grades Prep to 2. Permission notes have been distributed today.

Children and Hot Cars. No Exceptions. No Excuses.

On hot days, it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car.

The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside.

Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death.

Young children's smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of \$2165 or three months in prison.

If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.



EVERY DAY COUNTS - SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

BACK TO SCHOOL SPEED ZONES

Minister for Roads Terry Mulder is reminding all Victorian drivers that school speed limits will apply across Victoria from Tuesday 28 January 2014. "While thousands of children prepare for the start of the school year, drivers should also get ready for the changed road conditions around schools," Mr Mulder said. "Speed limits will be reduced to either 40km/h or 60km/h outside schools in the morning from 8am to 9.30am and in the afternoon from 2.30pm to 4pm." The school speed zone limits are clearly signposted with permanent speed limit signs, advance warning signs, time based signs or electronic variable signs. "School speed limits are important because young children are the most vulnerable of all road users and can often be unpredictable and difficult to see," Mr Mulder said. "This is why drivers must take extra care around schools, and slow down. "A small reduction in speed can dramatically increase the chance of a child surviving if hit by a car."

The school speed limits will apply Monday to Friday from Tuesday 28 January to Friday 4 April (except for public holidays).

"Drivers should be aware that though individual schools may operate on different days within these periods, drivers must obey reduced speed limits outside all schools on these days even if an individual school is closed," Mr Mulder said. "It is also important for parents and carers to take extra care when dropping kids off. If driving, ensure your child is in the appropriate restraint for their age and size, obey the parking restriction signs, keep clear of the children's crossings and don't double park." "Drivers should also watch out for school children on bikes particularly at intersections and roundabouts. More people are likely to take advantage of the warmer weather, whether they are walking or riding, so it is important drivers look out for children."

For more information about school speed zones and getting your kids to school safely, go to www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

For information on Click Clack, a road safety education storybook, written by renowned Australian author Danny Katz and illustrated by Mitch Vane go to www.vicroads.vic.gov.au. You can download the free Click Clack app as well.

You're Invited!



**Fyans Park Primary School
invites**

Students, Parents, families and friends to our

FAMILY PICNIC

on

Monday 24th February 2014

from approx. 5.30pm-7.00pm

This is an informal get together to launch the year, meet new families, and generally enjoy some social interaction together.

So bring a chair, rug, picnic tea, buy fish `n chips, sushi or whatever, but just come along for some informal fun – B.Y.O. eats and drinks.

The SRC has some fun activities for the kids including sports equipment, races and fun activities on the oval.



CAMDEN



Emma Zanghi & Jack Kennett

ORMSKIRK



Riley Clifford & Scarlett Adams

WINDMILL



Paris Bray & Max Dementiev

COOK



Palwasha Rasool & Alex Bond

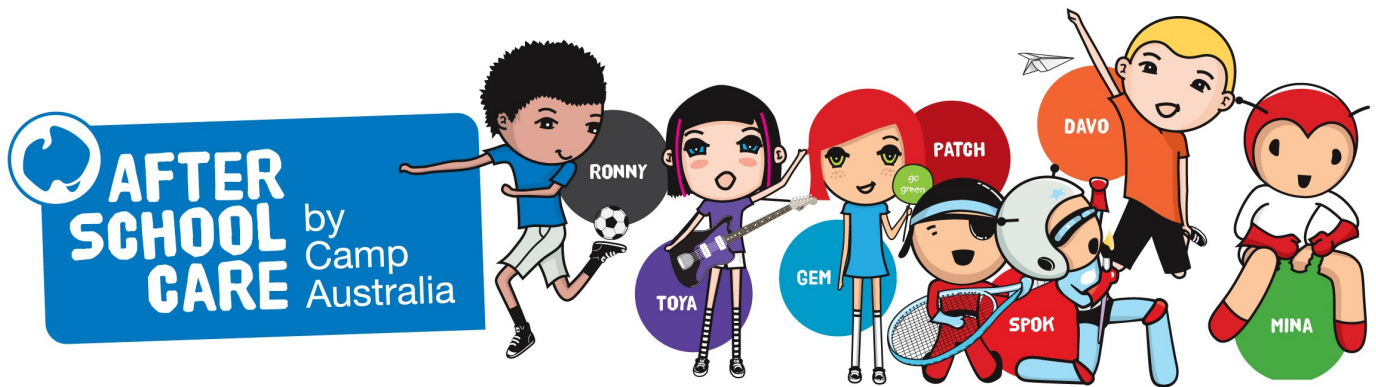
FOCUS LEADERS FOR 2014

Team Vic Sport Trials

Nominations are being taken for the 2014 Team Vic. Sport Trials for Basketball, Football, Netball and Soccer. If your child is in Grade 5/6 and competes at a high level in one of these sports, please see Mr Calnin for a nomination form. These students must excel in their chosen sport and have awards, certificates or nominations to back this up and complete on their nomination form. Due date for these nomination forms is Friday 14th February.

Jason Calnin

FPPS TERM DATES 2014	
Term 1 :	29 January to 4 April
Term 2 :	22 April to 27 June
Term 3 :	14 July to 19 September
Term 4 :	6 October to 19 December



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Staying Cool!!

Hi Families,

Please note we have a new opening time of 6:45am for Before School Care!!

The past weeks in OSHC have been very warm so in order for us to cool down effectively we have had some awesome water fights, I encourage you all that if you are coming along on a hot night to OSHC bring a change of clothes and maybe Mums/Dads can bring a towel with them J The children have enjoyed wetting each other and they especially enjoyed wetting Dawn last Thursday.

Our badge earning has started this week with the children learning the basic skills needed to achieve the various badges we will have available for the children to earn.

If anyone has any old shirts lying around it would be appreciated if we could have them in O.S.H.C so that we can use them as art smocks for the children when they are painting.

Looking forward to a fabulous 2014!!

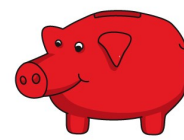
Cheers & Keep Smiling,

Jodie



Once registered

You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.



Save on Care

Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families

are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on **1300 105 343**



Holiday Clubs

Don't forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays.

Use the Holiday Club

Finder on the website to find the nearest program:

www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs



Healthy Snacks

Afternoon tea is served daily.

Menus are tailored to children's tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.



HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au