OUR COMMUNITY IS COMMITTED TO LEARNING, GROWING and ACHIEVING TOGETHER.

Term 4 is a very busy time in the school year, with lots of events scheduled before the end of the year including Christmas Carols, Grade 6 Graduation and a State Election polling booth at our school.

To make all this possible we rely heavily on the work of our Parents and Friends Association (P.F.A.). They are very active in our community but also rely on families for support with donations and time to make events successful and fundraising possible.

Please regularly monitor Compass to stay up to date with school excursions and incursions, ensuring that consent and payments are completed on time. Compass is also the best place to keep informed about volunteer opportunities through the PFA.

Earlier last week, I had the opportunity to travel to Canberra with the Australian Education Union. There, I was joined by Principals from other states and territories where we met with federal politicians to advocate for the reinstatement of permanent federal funding for public school infrastructure.

In 2017, the removal of ongoing federal funding for public school infrastructure left a significant gap in the long-term investment needed to maintain and upgrade schools across Australia. A comprehensive 12-month investigation into school infrastructure needs across the country has since highlighted the substantial infrastructure deficit facing public education and the urgent need for a sustainable, long-term funding commitment.

While Victoria has received a significant boost in school infrastructure funding over the past three years, this has been a one-off investment rather than an ongoing funding commitment.

Our discussions in Canberra focused on the importance of reinstating permanent federal infrastructure funding to support public schools across Australia. Schools need reliable, ongoing investment to plan for future needs, address ageing infrastructure and ensure every student has access to facilities that support their learning, wellbeing and success.

Finally, as a part of our community, please follow our Facebook page at Fairhills Primary School | Melbourne VIC | Facebook and our Instagram page at fairhills.ps

Tanya Burton
Principal

Student of the week awards- Congratulations to all our achievers
6th November 2026

Prep M	**Finn** 	For creating a terrific personal recount that was interesting and entertaining. Well done!	**Prep M**	**Roddy** 	For working well with others when trying to complete the Rush Hour problem - great listening Roddy.
1/2A	**Zaine** 	For consistently demonstrating STARR values, showing respect towards others and displaying fantastic sportsmanship. Well Done!	**1/2A**	**Vardaan** 	For taking on feedback and using it to make improvements to writing.
3/4L	**Charlotte** 	For always putting in her best effort, being organised and a caring, thoughtful member of our class. Just awesome!	**3/4L**	**Kabir** 	For his consistent and persistent efforts to take on challenges and achieve. Fabulous!
3/4L	**Olivia** 	For the persistence and effort she has put into understanding the texts she reads. Super achievements!	**3/4L**	**Phoebe** 	For her positive approach to her schoolwork and persistence when learning seems hard. Fantastic efforts!
5/6B	**Jai** 	For working hard to complete tasks and remaining focussed during learning time.	**5/6B**	**Imelda** 	For continually giving her best and striving to improve. Keep it up Imelda!

P.E.	**Raymond** 	For consistently bringing a positive attitude to PE classes and demonstrating a willingness to challenge themselves in every lesson. Keep up the great work!	**P.E.**	**Savannah** 	For enthusiastically participating in all PE activities and always giving your best effort. Keep up the fantastic work!
S.T.E.M.	**Sylas and Blake**  	For demonstrating creativity and enthusiasm in STEM when designing and creating a model of a frog habitat. Well done!	**S.T.E.M.**	**Veer, Oliver, Viaan and Quinn**    	For demonstrating excellent teamwork by sharing ideas, listening to each other and contributing to the design process to create a useful and practical product in STEM. Well done!
Visual Art	**George** 	For listening to instructions and working quietly on his artworks. Good job!	**Visual Art**	**Ellie** 	For always putting in her best efforts to complete her artworks. Keep it up!
Performing Art	**Zoya** 	For participating in our dance and singing routines with 100% enthusiasm. Well done!	**Performing Art**	**Sammy** 	For bringing his enthusiasm and listening skills to every Visual Arts lesson. Keep it up!

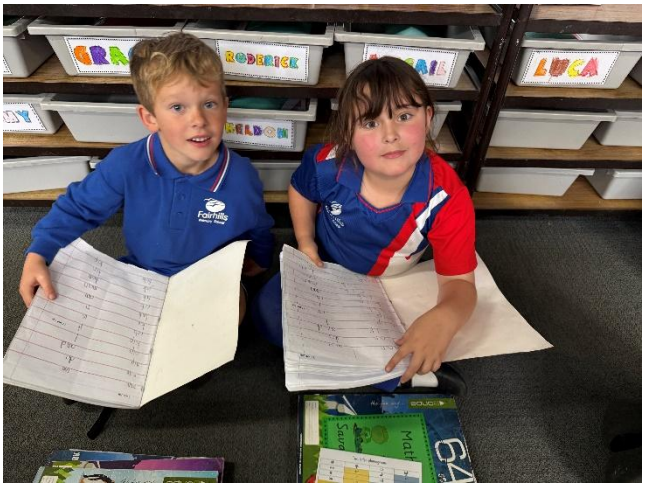
Calendar Dates	School Information
November 12th JSC Future Passion Day 2027 Prep Transition 2.30pm 13th PFA Colour Run 18th Open Afternoon 2.30pm 19th Grade 3/4 Excursion 23rd School Swimming 24th School Swimming 25th School Swimming 26th School Swimming 27th School Swimming Second-hand Uniform Shop 2.30 Assembly 3pm	**Principal:** Tanya Burton **School Council President:** Natalie Pahi **Parents and Friends (PFA) President:** Tamara Simari Lauren Thornton **Phone:** 9758 3007 **Email:** Fairhills.ps@education.vic.gov.au **Absence notification**: via Compass Parent portal or by phone. (This must occur prior to 9.30am on the day of a child's absence) **Office Hours:** for communication, payments and enquiries. Monday: 8.30am-3.45pm Tuesday: 8.30am-3.45pm Wednesday: 8.30am-3.45pm Thursday: 8.30am-3.45pm Friday: 8.30am-3.45pm

Junior News

It has been a very busy few weeks with students completing end of year assessments, our Open Afternoon and our Responsible Pet Ownership incursion. During our Buddies program the Grade 6s helped their buddies plant out tomatoes and capsicums into pots for Mrs Ruberto and The Garden Club – the preps had been looking after these seedlings since the end of Term 3.






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Living Safely with Dogs



Buddies



















Senior News



























Future Passion Day
Date: Thursday 12th November

At Christmas time, some families have a hard time affording presents and food. Foothills Community care provides a Christmas Eve meal for families who are doing it tough. Please make a gold coin donation and wear your outfit so that we can support families in our area who need some extra help this Christmas.

Let's aim to raise $100



Don't spend Christmas alone this year!

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Over the past 24 years, we have been hosting our Foothills Christmas Lunch for locals to come together and celebrate, especially for those who would normally spend Christmas alone.

What does our Christmas Lunch look like?

We offer 2 sessions for people to choose from, and both have limited capacity, both on Christmas Eve - 24th December:

More details to come later in 2026

Each session features our traditional Christmas fare, including a main meal with all the usual Christmas goodies. There will be plenty of entertainment on the day, including face painting, kids activities, a Christmas photo booth, a nativity play and of course a visit from our very own Christmas angel with gifts for all.

Preference will be given to local residents of Knox and the Dandenong Ranges as we usually receive many more inquiries than we are able to take for the day


after the BELL
GROWING CURIOUS MINDS
AFTER THE BELL AUS - FAIRHILLS
ENVIRONMENT & EVENTS
Be Kind Create Remember
Week Beginning Monday 9 November 2026
MONDAY
Indigenous Weather Symbols
Design a Weather Chart
Follow the Leader
Tag
TUESDAY
Make a Rainbow
Fog in a Jar
Apwerte (Indigenous Game)
Basketball
WEDNESDAY
REMEMBRANCE DAY
Thank you
Thank You Poppies
Remembrance Day Butterfly
Red Light, Green Light
Cloud Investigation
THURSDAY
What's Good and Bad for the Environment?
Snowstorm in a Jar
Treasure Hunt
Hoop Hopping
FRIDAY
INTERNATIONAL KINDNESS DAY
Be Kind
What Makes It Rain?
Kindness Cookies
Words of Affirmation Chalk Art
Kindness Relay
COOKING CLUB - FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER
Kindness Cookies - bake, decorate and share kind words!
KID'S JOKE
What does a cloud wear under its raincoat?
Thunderwear!
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2.45-3.15pm
Obstacle course,
slime and colour fun