



**Term 1- Week 3 – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

# Fountain Gate Primary School Newsletter

2021 Fees can now be paid via the Compass App.

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Students dismissed at 11:30am
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Meet and Greet via Webex (book via Compass)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	School photo day

Canteen is now open Wednesday – Friday ( Orders via QKR App Only)

**HATS must be  
Worn during Term 1**



All students must wear a school hat during Term 1 for recess, lunch and any outdoor activity.

## Payments

Due to Covid19  
CASH will no longer  
be accepted.

**Parents must limit their time on school grounds to 15mins.**



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# Principal's Comments

Dear families,

## MEET AND GREET

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021

The school meet and greet will be held on  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, from 12.30-6.15pm.**

### What is a meet and greet?

This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher for a brief 15 minute introduction on WEBEX, not face to face. It is not a parent teacher interview to discuss your child's academic progress.

### How to book your meet and greet time.

Meeting times can be booked now on Compass.

1. Go to the two heads icon
2. Select Conferences
3. Select 2021 Webex Meet and Greet
4. Select your class teacher
5. Select a time that suits.

Meet and greet will commence at 12:00pm and conclude at 6:15pm.

Students will be dismissed at 11:30am, parents must collect their child from their classroom and sign them out with the teacher.

### Children can NOT meet at the gate.

For those who are unable to do this your child/ren will be supervised at school by senior and specialist staff for the rest of that day. From 11.45 - 3.15, children will need to be signed out from the small gym.

**No child will be allowed to go home before 3.15pm unless picked up by an adult.**

**School Crossings will not have supervisors until 3.00pm.**

**Teachers will send home Webex information via your child on  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February.**

Warm Regards, *Jenny Duggan*

# **School Council**

It is the time of year when we form our School Council. Nominations are now open to select members for the coming two years.

## **What is a School Council?**

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

## **Why are parent members so important?**

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help inform and shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

## **Do I need special experience to be on Council?**

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

# Prep Timetable —Term 1 2021

WEEK	DATE	TIME
1	Friday 29th January 2021	Either 9:00am to 11:00am or 11.30am -1.30pm
2	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb.- Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	8:55am to 1:30pm. <b>No school on Wednesday.</b>
3	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb. – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	8:55am to 3:15pm. <b>No school on Wednesday.</b>
4	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb. - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	8:55am to 3:15pm. <b>No school on Wednesday.</b>
5	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	8:55am to 3:15pm. <b>No school on Wednesday.</b>
6	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March - Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	8:55am to 3:15pm
7	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	8:55am to 3:15pm. <b>Public holiday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.</b>
8	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	8:55am to 3:15pm
9	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	8:55am to 3:15pm
10	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March- Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	8:55am to 3:15pm <b><u>Public Holiday on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</u></b>

## TERM DATES 2021

- Term 1** - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January– Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
**Term 2** - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
**Term 3** - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
**Term 4** - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

# Homework Club 2021



Please note there are changes to the booking and payment process for Homework Club in 2021.  
**Bookings are essential and MUST now be made via QKR app.**

All payments will be made at the time of booking. (Please see QKR information sheet.)

**Children will not be able to attend homework club without a booking.** Should you need to book your child into Homework Club at the last minute due to an urgent situation, please contact the General Office on **9703 1187** to make arrangements and payment over the phone.

**Cost: \$8.00 per session**  
**Hours: 3.15pm - 5.00pm SHARP**

A **2021 Registration Form** is required for all students attending Homework Club in 2021. If you would like your child to attend in 2021, please contact the General Office for a Registration form.

**Reminder: Parents are required to supply any medication, Ventolin and/or spacer that may be required while your child is attending Homework Club.**

The group will continue to run from the Orana Room. Children can be picked up at any time up to 5.00pm (students **must** be collected by **5.00pm sharp**). Any child remaining after that time will be taken to the school office and parents will be contacted.

**Pick up** – Children are to be collected from the Orana Room each day by 5.00pm sharp.  
Parents/Guardians **MUST** sign their child out from clubs each day.  
Children will not be allowed to meet you in the carpark.

Please contact the Clubs Co-Ordinator on 0490 360 882 for gate access.

Should you have any queries in relation to Homework Club,  
Please contact the General Office on 9703 1187.



## Canteen News 2021



## CANTEEN IS OPEN WEDNESDAY - FRIDAYS

Please note the canteen is now **ONLINE ORDERING ONLY**. All orders must be placed via the **QKR app**. Please see instructions below for downloading and using the QKR app. Please note Lunch wallets are no longer required. All orders will be packed in a disposable paper bag.

**NO COUNTER SALES WILL BE AVAILABLE  
AND NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED  
PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY TO SCHOOL**

If you have any queries in relation to the app or online ordering, please contact the General Office for assistance on 9703 1187.

**FOR DOWNLOAD AND ORDERING INFORMATION  
PLEASE REFER TO QKR APP INSTRUCTIONS BELOW**



**Breakfast Club 2021  
Each Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
Outside the Canteen**

**Free breakfast - including Cereal, Toasted sandwiches,  
Milk and fruit is available for students from 8.30am-8.45am.**



Asthma Action Plans need to be updated annually, signed by your Doctor and must be provided to the school as per the Education Department policy.

In addition to the plan, we also need the prescribed medication to be at school and a Medical Authority Form completed. This medication must be:

- Clearly labelled with students' name
- In date
- In correct packaging
- Spacer included

All medication provided to the school is stored in a secure locked cupboard in sick bay.



# STUDENT AWARDS



**2K —Rehan**

For making a great start at FGPS. Keep up the great work!

**3D — Grace**

Starting at her new school with a positive attitude. Well done!

**3D — Parisa**

Starting at her new school with a positive attitude. Well done!

**3D — Shaylah**

Starting at her new school with a positive attitude. Well done!

**3W — Zohal**

Congratulations on making a wonderful start in your new school. You should be so proud of your bravery and open minded attitude towards making new friends.

**4U- Kaden**

Your excellent work in Maths and Writing today. Well done!!



# CLASS AWARDS

## 1/2D

A fantastic start to the year! It has been so good getting to know all of you and you are already demonstrating great persistence and fantastic growth mindsets. Keep up all the amazing work 1/2D!

Miss Dinsdale

## 1B

Getting along with each other so nicely and making sure everyone is happy.

Ms Baird

## 2B

Having a fantastic attitude on their first full week back! I am so excited to have an AWESOME year!

Miss Burton

## 5M

An incredible start to the school year. You have demonstrated kindness, persistence and organisational skills. What a great way to start the year!

Mrs Mott

## 6D

A fantastic start to the year! We are looking forward to working with you and creating many memories!

Ms Demirci

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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 is 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. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is 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 is:

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

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





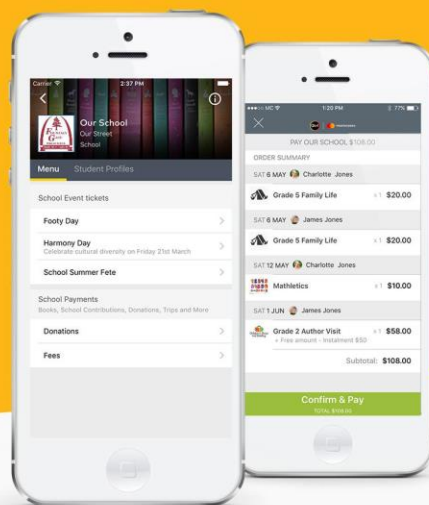
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For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:

- Order and pay for your child's lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;
- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



## Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

### Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



### Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

### Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

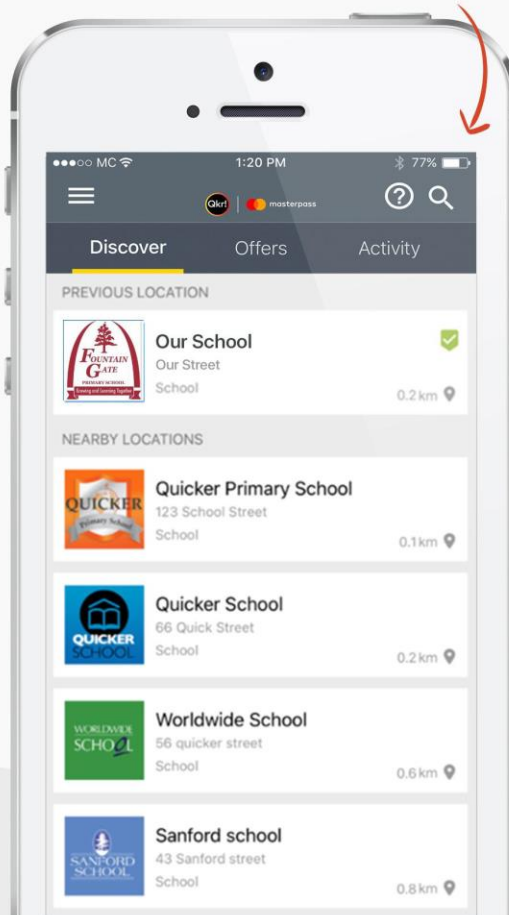
### Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name

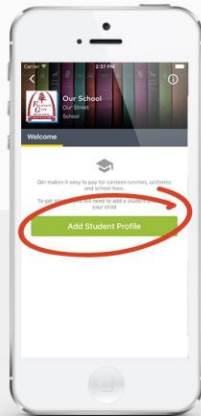




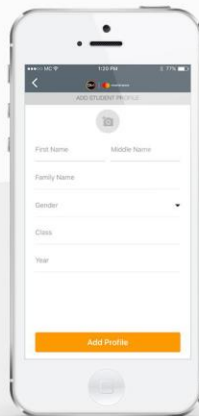
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## Add your children's details in Student Profiles

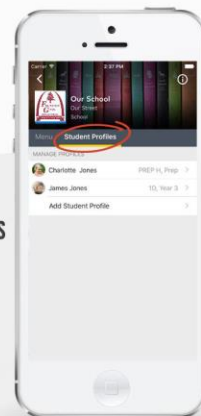
Select  
'Add student profile'



Add each  
child's details

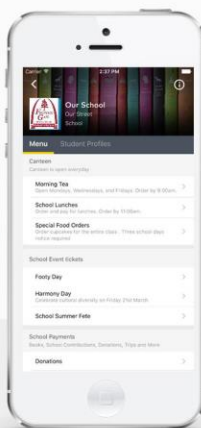


Manage each  
child's details in  
Student Profiles



## Order meals

Select a menu  
from our canteen

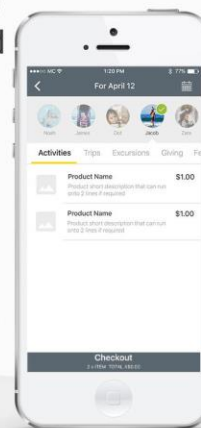


Tap the green  
box to view  
your receipt  
or to cancel  
an order



Select a date  
for a child and  
order a meal

Tap 'Repeat  
order' to  
copy all paid  
orders from  
one week to  
the next



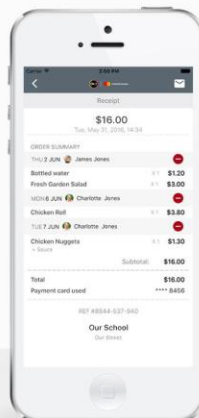
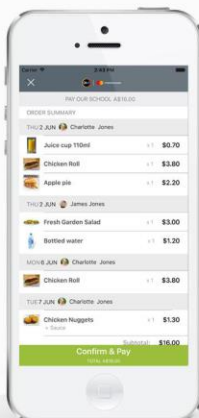
Tap to change  
the date you  
are ordering for

Tap to change  
the child you are  
ordering for

Tap 'Checkout'  
then confirm and pay

## Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to  
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted  
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you  
can continue to the home page, or  
view your receipt.



# Parent's Guide to Compass

The Compass Parent Portal is an integrated, online portal that allows you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teachers
- Update your family contact information
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks
- Download and view your child's Semester Reports and Progress Reports
- Book Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
- Pay and provide consent for events and school fees

## Accessing Compass

Compass is a web-based system that is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome and Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps. Search for 'Compass School Manager' in the store.

Every family receives a separate login to Compass, which will be provided to you by the school. If you are having trouble finding the Compass link for your school you can go to <http://schools.compass.edu.au> where you can search for and find our schools direct URL.



## Logging in to Compass

To log in you will require your unique family username and password. These details will be provided to you by the school.

Upon first login, you will be required to change your password and confirm your email address and mobile phone number. These details may be used by the school for SMS, password recovery and email communication throughout the year.

If you have lost your details or forgotten your password, you can recover your details by clicking the 'Can't access your account?' link on the front page.

If you require your password to be reset, please contact the office on 9703 1187

**Sport  
Fitness  
Confidence  
Self Defence  
Discipline  
Fun  
Friendship**

## ***Karate Classes***

***\*Free Uniform, Free Trial Class!!***

***Tuesdays:***

**Fountain Gate Primary School**

Prospect Hill Drive, Fountain Gate

Juniors, 7 to 13 years, 5:30pm to 6:45pm

Teenagers, 5:30pm to 7:00pm



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LBKA Centers:

***Forest Hill – Wantirna – Rowville – Glen Waverley – Mount Waverley***

***Dandenong - Doncaster East - Cranbourne***

***Fountain Gate – Narre Warren South – Patterson Lakes***

**For Bookings Phone 9887 4098**





# **COLLEGE OPEN DAY**

## **Wednesday 17th March**

**Student-led tours with the Principal**  
**9:15am and 12:15pm**

**Information evening with**  
**experiential learning**  
**6pm**

Please RSVP via  
(03) 8795 9400  
[events@hpssc.vic.edu.au](mailto:events@hpssc.vic.edu.au)


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


# 24/7 Mental Health Services

## Beyond Blue


*Anyone feeling anxious or depressed*


 [beyondblue.org.au](https://beyondblue.org.au)

 1300 22 4636

## Kids Helpline

*Counselling for young people aged 5 to 25*

 [kidshelpline.com.au](https://kidshelpline.com.au)

 1800 55 1800

## MensLine Australia


*Men with emotional or relationship concerns*

 [mensline.org.au](https://mensline.org.au)

 1300 78 99 78

## Open Arms

*Veterans and families counselling*


 [openarms.gov.au](https://openarms.gov.au)

 1800 011 046

## Lifeline

*Anyone having a personal crisis*


 [lifeline.org.au](https://lifeline.org.au)

 13 11 14

## Suicide Call Back Service

*Anyone thinking about suicide*

 [suicidecallbackservice.org.au](https://suicidecallbackservice.org.au)

 1300 659 467



### Is it an emergency?

If you or someone you know is at immediate risk of harm, call **triple zero (000)**