



# FARRER PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

*Farrer Primary School acknowledges the Ngunnawal People the traditional custodians of the land*



Term 2 Week 1      27 April 2017

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Linda Heath

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Senior School Executive  
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Kirsty McGovern Hooley

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



### WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2!

We welcome all families back for an exciting term of learning. We hope you had a lovely break and look forward to working with you and your children to achieve positive outcomes. We look forward to events in many extra-curricular areas including our annual Cross Country, Athletics carnival, Rostrum Public Speaking, Japanese Autumn Festival, Alpha theatre production and school photos.

### STUDENT SUCCESS

A huge congratulations to Shiori Ishikawa our Year 6 student, who won the writing competition for the Woden Valley RSL branch ANZAC writing competition this year. We are so proud of Shiori's achievement! Shiori read her winning essay to a crowd of students from the Woden Valley area along with dignitaries from the New Zealand High Commission and Australian forces at a ceremony in Eddison Park, to commemorate ANZAC Day and to reflect on peace. Our Director General, Natalie Howson attended and shared Shiori's essay with all Education staff across the ACT. A copy of Shiori's essay is attached.

Well done Shiori!



*Shiori with Director-General of Education, Natalie Howson and Mrs Heath*



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### **ANZAC CEREMONY**

Today we held our Anzac Day assembly. It was lovely to remember all Australians who served and died in war and on operational service. I was most impressed with the presentation to commemorate all those who have served our country. Thank you to Mr Gibson, Mrs Legge and our year 5 students who organised this event. It was fantastic to see our Goodwin residents attend and enjoy our ceremony. They had some wonderful stories. Well done!

### **INFORMATION EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AT MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL**

The information evening for prospective students to Melrose High School in 2018 is on Thursday 11 May, starting at 5:50pm – 7.30pm. Parents and students will be able to meet the principal, listen to important information and take part in a tour of the school. I encourage our families to go along to hear about all the wonderful learning programs that Melrose High School has to offer.

### **NAPLAN UPDATE**

Our year 3 and year 5 students will be participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in week 3. The assessments cover skills in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. NAPLAN tests skills that are developed over time through the school curriculum. They provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the test, once every 2 years. Teachers also use other assessments and data each term to track and monitor your child's progress. Unfortunately we have been advised that there are technical issues with the testing system that cannot be adequately resolved before the May NAPLAN test dates. Therefore no schools in the ACT will use online testing this year. For 2017, this means that NAPLAN tests will be done with pencil and paper as our school has done in previous years.

### **ENVIRONMENT CENTRE CARE**

Thank you to all our wonderful parents and their children for taking such good care of our animals in the environment centre over the holiday period. To all our families we appreciate your efforts in the work on our gardens and with our animals. Our Environment Centre is highly valued by all our students, staff and community

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### **PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN**

Preschool enrolments opened on line for 2017 on April 26. The on line address is [http://www.det.act.gov.au/school\\_education/enrolling\\_in\\_an\\_act\\_public\\_school](http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school). Enrolments are open until May 30. Your child must be 4 by April 30 2018. All enrolments must be completed on-line. If you need to use a computer or need any help, please contact the front office on 62057911 and we will assist you with this process. Please note that enrolment does not confirm a placement, you will receive written confirmation.

### **JUNIOR EASTER HAT PARADE**

The Farrer Primary School community was treated to some wonderful Easter hat creations during the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday of Week 10. Kindergarten to Year 2 participated in this fun event, displaying great enthusiasm. A huge thank you to our Ellyard parents as so many attended the event. A big thank you to Jess Pickering for organising the event.



### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Our school Cross Country carnival is on Wednesday 2nd May. The morning provides a wonderful opportunity for students to demonstrate their athleticism by strapping on their running shoes and completing our Cross Country course. Please ensure your child/ren has a drink bottle and hat. Students can wear their house colour on the day. We look forward to cheering on each other and displaying our sportsmanship. All welcome.

### **QUALITY WORK**

I would like to congratulate the following students who have shared some wonderful learning with me this week. What a fabulous way to start the term!

Cade	5G	Wonderful writing
Maddison, Erin, Layni and Jacob	4R	Terrific work with water colour
Max, Cleo, Lincoln and Grace	2M	Excellent handwriting
Nicholas	1C	Excellent spelling
Alistair	1C	Great work in maths

Have a fabulous fortnight  
*Linda Heath, Principal*

## ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY



Year 5



Laying of the wreaths



One minute silence



Our Goodwin visitors



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event	Communication
27 April	ANZAC Assembly 2pm	Newsletter/App
28 April	Year 6 Excursion	Note
1 May	ACT Swimming	Note
2 May	Year 6 Combined Band	Note
3 May	School Cross Country	Note/Newsletter/App
4 May	Year 1 Assembly	Newsletter
5 May	Year 6 visit to Melrose HS	Note coming
9 - 19 May	NAPLAN	Note/App
9 May	Preschool Mother's Day Stall	Newsletter/App
9 May	P&C Meeting	Newsletter/App
12 May	Mother's Day Stall	Newsletter/App

## STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

During the school break, 14 Farrer staff updated their first aid qualifications. There were no 'first day of holidays sleep-ins' for us! Thank you and well done to staff - this is a really important additional skill to have and we know our students are in safe hands in the event of an emergency.

Sarah Reece

Early Years Executive Teacher



## ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

We would like to extend a special thanks to Jo Laver and her crew for strengthening our garden beds and moving some soil into them. This is a great job to have done in preparation for our Garden Working Bee this Friday. We are hoping our school families will be able to bring shovels, wheel barrows and spare hands to finish filling our gardens with new garden soil that we have brought in. If you can spare the time, please come between 3:30 and 5:00pm. Feel free to bring a plate to share when we finish. Families who can make



it will also get the opportunity to learn about

the Environment Centres new and exciting sustainability project.

I hope to see you on Friday!

Mrs Elliot

Environment Teacher

## CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS AT FARRER

Congratulations to Shiori again on her award winning entry.

### What ANZAC day means to me

BY: Shiori

When I first read the task I thought, this essay isn't really for me as none of my family have served in the Australian army. But then I realised that I am here today writing this essay in a peaceful quiet environment because of what all those brave young Australians did for our country back in Gallipoli in 1915 and also what they do for us today.

My family has some pretty interesting, but different, history in war. My dad is from Hiroshima, Japan. In 1945 the first atomic bomb was dropped in Hiroshima city. The radiation spread for kilometres and the people that were in the area where the bomb had exploded died almost instantly. Even after the bombing had finished the effect of the radiation was still very great. My great grandfather was one of the people that was indirectly affected by the bomb. He was in a hospital near Hiroshima city that was looking after a lot of people that were suffering from the bomb and as he was exposed to the radiation he died from leukemia at a young age.

On my Mum's side of the family my Grandparents had to leave Iran due to religious persecution. Here in Australia they have found a home where they can practise their beliefs without imprisonment. That is because of the willingness that the ANZACS showed to make Australia a peaceful society where everyone can safely believe what they want to believe without any fear. Whilst none of my family has served in the Australian military, the ANZAC spirit still touches our lives and hearts.

Their sacrifices have made a very big impact on the country that we live in today, their effort has made Australia a free country so everyone can wear, believe and eat what they want.

You don't have to have been born in Australia but I still think that everyone should appreciate the ANZACS. It doesn't matter if you have been here for one year or your whole life. Every time you find yourself enjoying life with your friends and family, remember the ANZACS and be grateful that you're not surrounded by war and that you and your family have opportunities to live a wonderful life. Writing this essay has reminded me of how much the ANZAC sacrifice means to me, every single day.

*Artwork: wreaths presented by classes at our ANZAC Day Assembly*

# What's happening in Japanese ?

Students from 1C started learning new vocabulary around the topic of WEATHER.



Figure 1 Alistair

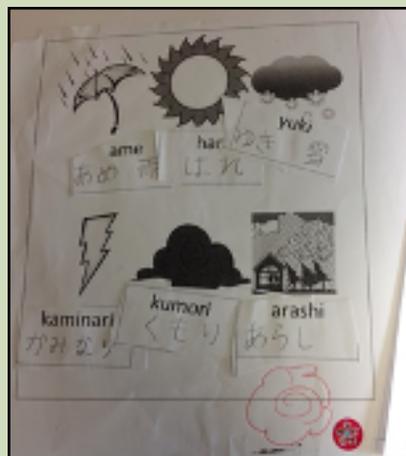


Figure 2 Ashley

Students in year 5 began new vocabulary lists on their new topic: きんじょ kinjo (Neighbourhoods)

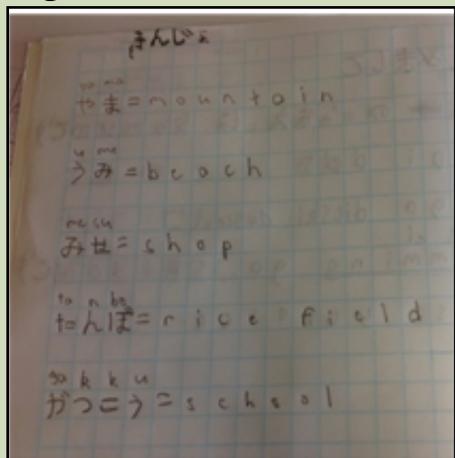


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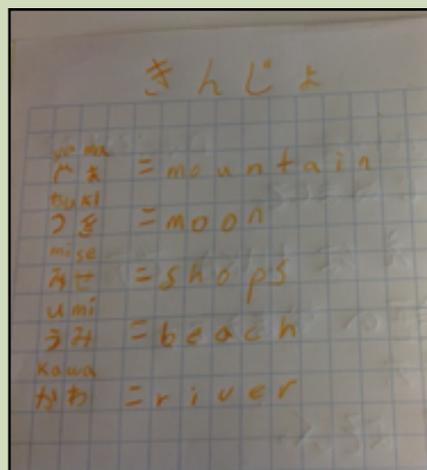


Figure 3 Luka

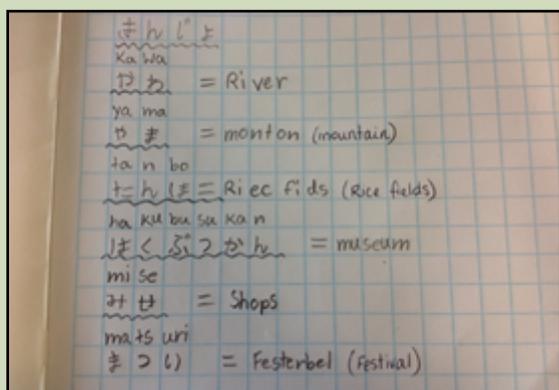


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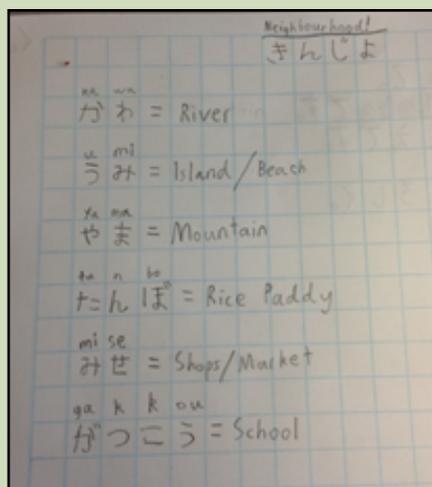


Figure 5 Luke



# REMINDER

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE MOTHER'S DAY STALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**THE GIFTS CAN BE WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE AND LEFT THE IN BASKET AT RECEPTION**

### ***IDEAS***

- Individually wrapped chocolates (no nuts) or toffees to add to coffee cups that have already been donated would be wonderful.
- Other gift ideas – chocolates (no nuts) are always popular, gardening things, kitchen items, cookbooks, hand cream, etc.
- If anyone is crafty, handmade items such as coat hangers, hand towels, etc are also very popular.

**IF YOU CAN HELP WITH THE STALL ON FRIDAY, 12 MAY FROM 9am UNTIL LUNCH OR CAN HELP AT THE PRESCHOOL ON TUESDAY, 9 MAY AT 1.15pm, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. MY NUMBER IS 0411 716 351 or [kandkrobinson@bigpond.com](mailto:kandkrobinson@bigpond.com)**

Thank you for your support.

Karen Robinson

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News from **THE KIDS' KITCHEN** your School Canteen

### MEAL DEAL THANKS

Many thanks these fabulous Farrer mums who helped pack nearly 200 hot Dogs on the last day of term one. Thanks to Linda, Judy, Rebecca, Michelle, Jennifer and Candice. As usual the kids love their 'red treat' for the term and the sales where fantastic! Thanks Farrer.

### TERM TWO

We back open for business and with a couple of little price tweaks our menu is up and running. The couple of items that will effect most of the school are: Twisted frozen yoghurts \$2.50; Yoghurt with fresh fruit/muesli \$2.50; Fresh Juice \$3.00; hot Milo \$2.00 and Pasta bolognaise \$3.50. Price increases throughout the year do happen and due to our very tight margins we have to pass them on.

See you in the kitchen,

Marnie Boreham-Smith and Gemma Spain

Mobile: 0418 196 529

Phone: 6205 7919

Email: [thekidskitchenfarrer@gmail.com](mailto:thekidskitchenfarrer@gmail.com)

Online ordering: [www.school24.com.au](http://www.school24.com.au)

School ID: 25128963

Hours: Wednesday to Friday (lunch & recess)



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## Art Zone

ART CLASSES FOR KIDS AGED 7-13

The Art Space - Farrer Primary School  
Tuesday 3.30 - 5.30

Tues 2nd May - 27th June

**\$160\*** (includes materials)

drawing painting  
SCULPTURE  
model making  
clay work painting  
jewellery making photography  
AND MORE!

**kids & works**  
0609 462 810  
kids@bigpond.net.au

\*Flexible payment options available

**OrienteeringACT**  
www.orienteering.act.gov.au

### Saturday Orienteering - Winter 2017

Follow a map & find flags in the safety of urban parks

## Map Mates

Team based kids adventure course

**Five Saturdays beginning - 6 May 17**  
Followed by 4 months of ACT Junior League events

Any kids 10 yrs and under - teams of 2 to 4

\* Free Welcome Event Saturday 6 May 17 \* Prizes \* FREE Season Pass  
\* Free map reading activities \* Safe Urban Parks \* Easy maps  
\* Team events \* Dress in your colours! \* [www.orienteering.act.gov.au](http://www.orienteering.act.gov.au)  
\* Register at [www.orienteering.act.gov.au](http://www.orienteering.act.gov.au) or 06 53 62 62 62

**GKR KARATE**  
STRONG - HUMBLE - BRAVE

### Fitness with purpose: learn self defence

Children who learn to learn are less likely to be bullied and school work and class behaviour are improved

No contact - just a good game

+ Self Defence  
+ Taekwon Do  
+ Kick and Kickboxing  
+ Judo and Jujitsu

Softball Programs  
 Club Kit  
 Coaches  
 Girls  
 Seniors

\* Classes  
 \* Membership  
 \* Prizes  
 \* Events

Classes at Farrer Primary, Farrer, Greenway, Yarralumla  
For your Free Trial Class

contact Wendy: 0406 375 091  
wendy.gkr@gmail.com

**GKR Karate supports Beyond Blue**

Learn self defence      Karate For all ages

## Melrose High School

Marr Street, Pearce

### Prospective Students

**Yr 6 Orientation Day**  
Thursday 4 May 2017 (between Primary and Outcomes 4)  
Friday 5 May (between Primary and Outcomes 4)

Information on the 11 high schools in the area, including core school selection criteria and a 3000 family presentation.

**Information Evening**  
Thursday 11 May 2017, 5:00 - 7:00pm  
at Farrer Primary School

Add on to the Presentation, more of the school and details of school services.

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Simon Vaughan - Principal  
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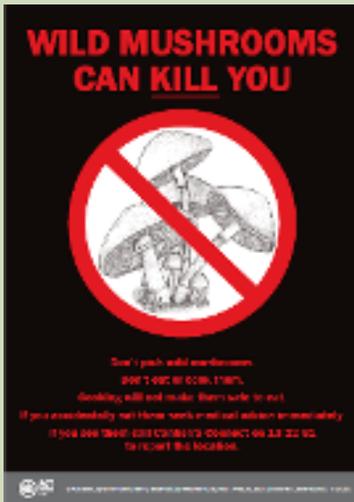
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**Do not touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms!** Death Cap mushrooms are one of the world's deadliest mushrooms and can be currently be found across the Canberra region. Since 2002, there have been four deaths and many poisonings in the ACT due to Death Cap mushrooms.

In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms often grow near established oak trees in mild, moist weather. Death Cap mushrooms have previously been found growing on school grounds in the ACT.

Parents and teachers are asked to remind children **not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms.** As the Death Cap mushroom can easily be

confused with edible varieties, adults are also strongly advised not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. It is difficult, even for experienced collectors, to tell the difference between the Death Cap mushroom and edible wild mushrooms. All parts of the Death Cap mushroom are poisonous and eating part of a mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the Death Cap mushroom does not make it safe.

If you suspect that you or one of your family members might have eaten Death Cap mushrooms, you should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom, do not touch the mushroom with your bare skin. If it is in your own yard, the best option is to leave it be and make sure others stay away from the area. The mushroom will die in a few days. If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom growing in a public area, please contact Access Canberra on 13 22 81. For further information on Death Cap mushrooms, download the fact sheet online at <http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/fact-sheets/environmental-health>.

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