



FARRER PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Term 3 Week 9 14 September 2017

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Linda Heath

Deputy Principal
Michael Hatswell

Early Years Executive
Sarah Reece

Primary Executive
Kate Banwell

Business Manager
Sharlot Holmes

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Learning Journey

A huge thank you to our parents and school community for such a wonderful turnout at last Wednesday's Learning Journey. The FPS students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to share their learning, progress and achievements with parents and friends. A big thank you to all of the wonderful FPS teachers and LSA staff in supporting our students with their preparation for the learning journey.



Parent Information Sessions

Over the past few weeks we have hosted several information sessions for parents. These included a healthy lunch box session by Nutrition Australia and a relationships and sex education session by SHFPACT. We have continued our commitment to facilitate purposeful information sessions for parents throughout 2017 and this will continue into term 4.

MAC Assembly

A special mention to our students from the MAC who hosted our whole school assembly last week. The students worked very hard leading up to the assembly and did an outstanding job.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT.

ACT Principals Association Future of Education Event

Last Friday I attended the the ACT Principals Association workshop that unpacked ideas to form a submission on the Future of Education that will be provided to the ACT Education Directorate. It was terrific to work in collaboration with principals from many other ACT schools and gain an insight into the vision and future of ACT public schools. This large body of work will continue into term 4 with the ACT Government sharing recommendations based on feedback and research early in 2018.

Fathers Day Movie Night

It was wonderful to see so many students and parents at the P&C Father's Day movie night. The feedback from the students has been great with the Lego movie being a hit. It was a great opportunity for dads and families to spend time with their children. At



FPS we emphasise the integral role that dads play in their children's lives. A big thank you to Craig Jamieson an the P&C for their coordination of the event.

Digital Technology Day

We are very excited to be hosting a cluster schools digital technology day for selected students at FPS next Monday. Students from Farrer, Mawson and Torrens primary schools will be joined by students from Canberra College to investigate and explore their way through a range of technologies. We are very fortunate to have the support of University of Adelaide and ANU which will guide the students on the day.

Celebrating Teaching Excellence

It is with great pleasure we announce that Lana Dibb, Justine Robinson and Sarah Aby have been nominated for the 2017 ACT Public Education Awards. This nomination recognises their outstanding contribution to education. We congratulate our nominees and wish them every success at the award ceremony in November.

2017 ACT PUBLIC EDUCATION **AWARDS**
CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

QUALITY WORK

I have again been delighted to have students come and share their outstanding learning with me this fortnight. It is so lovely to listen to students articulate their understandings and share in their pride. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate and acknowledge the following students:

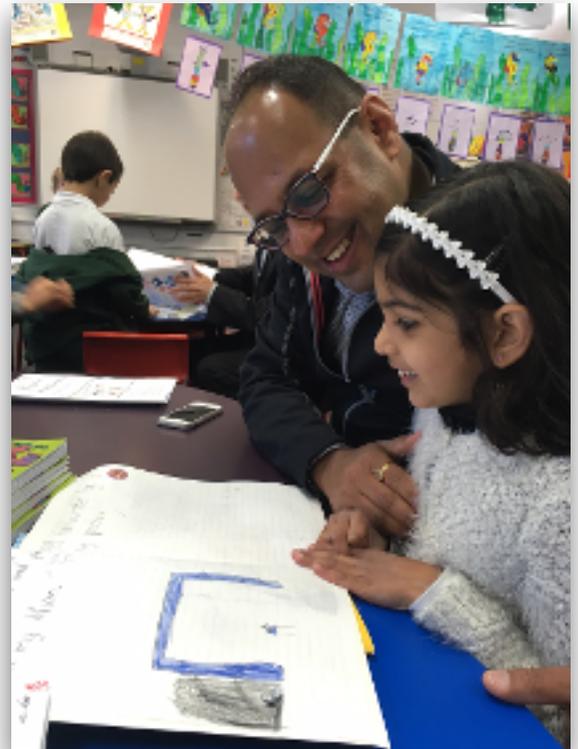
Year 6 - Robotic Drawings

Aiden, Haku, James and Harry

Year 1C - Quality Writing

Riley , Jinning and Dawoud

Have a lovely fortnight
Michael Hatswell
A/g, Principal



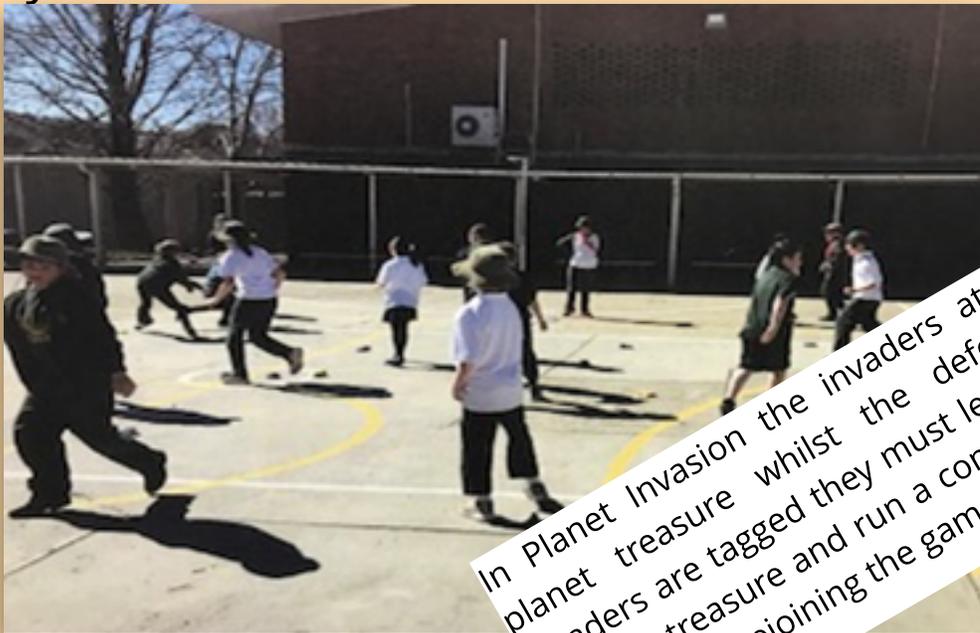
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event	Communication
14 September	Jump Rope For Heart	Newsletter/App
14 September	Pre-school - Adam Ship visit	Note sent
15 September	Preschool transition visit	Note sent
15 September	Year 1 Excursion to Wetlands	Note sent
18 September	Digital Tech Day @ Farrer	Newsletter/App
19 September	CEIS Program	Note sent
19 September	Declan the Music Man Echidnas	Note sent
21 September	Declan the Music Man Possums	Note sent
21 September	Term Award	Newsletter/App
22 September	Last day of Term 3	Newsletter/App
9 October	First day of Term 4	Newsletter/App
13 October	Floriade Choir/Bands	Note sent
17-20 October	PIPS Kindergarten	Newsletter/App

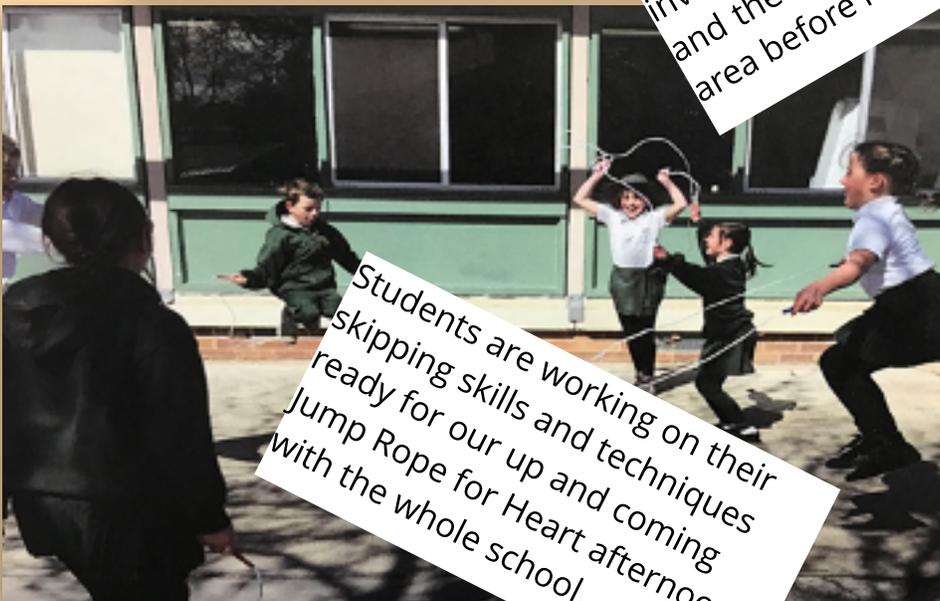
Year 3

Sporting Sensations

Throughout the year, the Year 3 students have been joining forces each week to learn a series of Physical Education games that will improve their coordination, agility, fitness and team skills.



In Planet Invasion the invaders attempt to take the planet treasure whilst the defenders guard it. If invaders are tagged they must leave the planet surface and the treasure and run a complete lap of the playing area before rejoining the game.



Students are working on their skipping skills and techniques ready for our up and coming Jump Rope for Heart afternoon with the whole school.

Year 3

My Prepositional Poem

Using a stimulus of different pictures students were asked to pick one and create a poem using prepositional phrases. Here are some delightful examples.

By Malcolm Bourke

My lovely horse

Horse runs through the park in the wind.
Through the forest,
under the treetops,
behind the flag,
except in the night.
Horse runs through the park in the wind.

My Preposition Poem by Addi McKinnon

*The Greyhound goes
around the leg,
Towards the paddock,
Across the lake,
In the lounge,
On the grass,
around the leg,
The Greyhound goes.*




My Preposition Poem by Grace Evans

**THE BOY RIDES
ON THE STREET
DURING THE DAY
ON A SKATEBOARD
DOING TRICKS
NEAR THE SHOP
THE BOY RIDES.**

My New Dog

My new dog ran....
Over the hill.
Across the road.
Around the block
Through the park
Under the table
Across the metal fence
In the house
And went to bed for a long sleep



By Oliver H

The Birthday Girl

The Birthday girl ran...
Down the stairs to welcomed her friends
Up the stairs to cut the cake
Outside to jump on the trampoline
Into the jacuzzi pool
Beneath the slippery slide and then...
Inside her home in time
to open her presents
Before her friends go
home.



By Hailey Sy

The artist painted...

On a smooth white canvas
At the beautiful art gallery
Beside the other wonderful paintings
Underneath the lit up chandelier
Among the really interested crowd
Between the very ancient objects
Within hours the gallery would close
Off the artist would go
Past the glass doors and
Into his warm and cosy home
Painting!



LEARNING, TEACHING AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

On Thursday 31st August, Kindergarten went on an excursion to the National Zoo and Aquarium. The students have been looking at the needs of living things – in particular studying Australian animals. During the excursion the students went on a guided tour where they were able to feed, pat and even hold some animals. It was a very fun and exciting day!

Jess Pickering and Les Longford



LEARNING, TEACHING AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

On Tuesday 12th September Kindergarten were lucky enough to have a visit from some firefighters from Phillip fire station. Students learnt about what to do in a fire emergency including the strategies stop drop and roll, and get down low and go, go, go! They also discussed and practised evacuation plans and how to call 000. Before the firefighters left we got to have a look at some of the equipment on the truck and have a go at squirting water with the hose.

Jess Pickering and Les Longford



LEARNING, TEACHING AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Our beautiful Preschoolers have been working closely with Mr Adam Shipp this week. Adam is the Indigenous Engagement and Training Officer at Greening Australia. He has been helping them to broaden their understanding of our Ngunnawal plants through the Preschool's Ngunnawal Plant Project.

Sarah Reece



SHFPACT



Thank you to the families who attended the education workshop on Puberty and Personal Develop run by Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT (SHFPACT) on Tuesday evening. SHFPACT, a health promotion charity assisted with funding from the ACT Government, has been supporting schools in Canberra to deliver effective, relevant, accurate and responsible sexuality education since the 1970s.

Kate Banwell



For more information about SHFPACT:

<https://www.shfpact.org.au/community-health-promotion/school-s-educations-program>

Program Update

Hello OSHClub families, The term as always is flying by. We have been enjoying the good weather outside, until last week!!!

We have been enjoying lots of messy art. We have had fun with shaving cream and food colouring, we made slime, and lots of wonderful creative pictures with paint. We have also made some wonderful things with boxes, we even had an arcade with games.

In the kitchen our seniors have been making us wonderful late snacks, experimenting with flavours and textures with the help of all the other children.



On the 1st of September, we had the OSHClub party and olympics, it was a great day. We participated in an egg and spoon race, racing with balloons between our legs. 3 legged race, wheel barrow race and more. Our winners weren't decided on who was the fastest, but could be who was the funniest, came last etc. As long as it still has interest, we might add this to the program once a term.

We have a new buddy system in place for our preschool children, they will buddy up with our seniors, who will take them to the bathroom, take them inside if they want a drink whilst we are outside, also building relationships with the older children.



We have a lot of lost property again, I will keep it until the last week, then I will be giving it to the school uniform shop. Have a look if you think anything could be your children's. There are a few drink bottles and lunchboxes as well.

Grace is settling in and getting to know all the children. Come and say hi, she is a wonderful addition to the team.

Thanks everyone for a wonderful term. Enjoy the holidays and see you next term!

As always any questions or concerns feel free to come and speak to me Sandra and the team.

This Week's Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	Word search	Uno	Giant snakes and ladders	Connect 4	Hangman
After Care Activities	3D glasses	Animal masks	Stilts	Spring rolls	Tornado in a bottle

Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0428 130 826
Coordinator: Sandra
Assistants: Grace, Michael, Suman, Claire and Lachlan
OSHClub Head Office: 02 8355 5300

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

**FARRER PLAYSCHOOL ENROLMENT DAY INFORMATION
FOR 2018 SESSIONS**



Is your child turning 3 before 30 April 2018?

The FARRER PLAYSCHOOL is a non-profit, community based educational facility for 3 year olds. Our fully qualified teachers use a structured program to help the 'Playschoolers' develop the social skills and confidence that will be of value to them in their Preschool year and most importantly it is LOTS OF FUN!

Playschool sessions are held:

Monday 9.30am to 2.30pm @\$59.50 per session

Tuesday 9.30am to 2.30pm @ \$59.50 per session

Wednesday 9.15am to 12.15pm @ \$35.50 per session

(Due to the popularity of our classes a child may only attend 1 session per week)

If you are interested in having your child attend one of our sessions, please come and fill out an expression of interest on our enrolment morning:

Monday 9 October 2017 8am - 10am

At Farrer Playschool,

Located next to Farrer Primary School Preschool Unit

If you are unable to make our enrolment morning, enrolment forms will be available to download from our website.

www.farrerplayschool.com.au from 10am on Enrolment Day.

(Please note positions are offered to children in accordance with our enrolment policy.) ■

Woolworths Earn and Learn

For Farrer



Please collect your Earn and Learn stickers now at Woolworths and drop into the Farrer Collection box at either the Mawson Woolworths store or here in our front office.

Help us collect tokens to earn points towards additional school



Changes to the Transport Canberra Bus Network, Saturday 7 October 2017

On Saturday 7 October 2017, Transport Canberra will be introducing a revised network and timetable. This change is the first of a series of improvements towards an integrated public transport system in 2018 with the introduction of light rail to the nation's capital. This information including new timetables and maps are now available for parents and students to view on the Transport Canberra website - transport.act.gov.au

Should you have any queries regarding your school service please call 13 17 10.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Farrer Flyers

Seeking 5/6 students to play touch and join our Farrer Flyers team:

2017 Junior Summer Information

The 2017 Touch Football ACT Junior Competition will commence the week of the 9th of October 2017 and conclude with semi finals/finals the week commencing the 4th of December 2017.

When: Thursday Where: Deakin

School Year 5/6 (Boys, Girls and Mixed) 6:00pm
NB - Times are preliminary and may be influenced by competition numbers.

The competition will be run at five different locations across ACT.

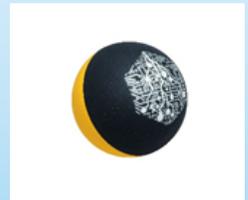
Cost: Yr 5 - Yr 10 = \$90 per child

Please contact Trish Foster by email at thetrim1@bigpond.com if your child would like to join the team.

School Banking is every FRIDAY at recess time.

Two exciting new Term 3 rewards are now available, while stocks last!

Smiley Emoji Keyring Volt Handball



If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to register.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Term 3 – Bible Bonanza

This term we will go on a thinking journey to discover more about some different characters who are part of the 'one big story' told in the Bible.
Only students with permission will attend.

Christian Education in Schools (CEIS) occurs if parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by CEIS, using approved resources and volunteers. If you wish to add your child to the current attendance list print the section below and return it to school or go to www.ceis.org.au

Please return this section to the school if you wish to add your child to the existing list.

YES, I request that my child/ren listed below participate in the CEIS sessions offered at school.

Child: _____ Parent name: _____
Child: _____ Parent signature: _____
Child: _____ Date: _____



FARRER RIDGE NATURE PARK GUIDED SPRING WILDFLOWER WALK

ON SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER,
10AM TO 12 NOON

Meet at the top of Muresk Street.

Bring camera, binoculars, wear hat & sturdy shoes!

More information: Parks Stromlo,
62057384

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