



FARRER PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Term 4 Week 1 12 October 2017

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal
Linda Heath

Deputy Principal
Michael Hatswell

Early Years Executive
Sarah Reece

Primary Executive
Kate Banwell

Business Manager
Sharlot Holmes

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 4!

OUR FARRER STAR! MICHAEL MATTHEWS

Monday 16th October - 9.30am -10.00am

School Hall - All Welcome



On Monday 16th October we will be hosting a very special assembly to welcome back past Farrer Primary School student, Michael Matthews. Earlier this year Michael became just the third Australian to win the green jersey victory - the sprinter's competition at the world's most famous race, the Tour de France, and the first from the ACT. He will be introduced by our Education Minister, Minister Berry and share with Farrer students his experiences beyond school, and in particular how he has succeeded and achieved his dreams. We extend the invitation to you, our community, to attend this special event. We would appreciate it if all students could wear full school uniform on Monday and give Michael a big Farrer welcome.

SCHOOL BOARD

Board Chair
Arron Scolnik

P & C

P&C President
Kirsty McGovern Hooley

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - YEAR 4, 5 and 6 STUDENTS - BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE - INFORMATION EVENING

Over the past number of years senior students at Farrer Primary School have been involved in a Bring Your Own Device as part of their educational learning programme. In 2018 Year 4, 5 and 6 cohorts of students will be encouraged to Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) to school to use as part of their educational learning program. To support the rollout of our program we are inviting our current Year 3/4 parents along with any other interested parents to an information session.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT.

The information session will provide an overview of our program including an opportunity to listen and speak to teachers about the program. We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday evening. WHEN: Wednesday 18th October TIME: 5.00pm – 6.00pm

VENUE: Farrer Primary School- Staffroom

ALL WELCOME



PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION SESSIONS

Over the holiday break, 2018 preschool families would have received an invitation in the post to attend our preschool information session. This will be held on:

Thursday 2nd November 3.30-4.30pm at the preschool, Longerenong Street Farrer. We will introduce you to our preschool team, outline how the preschool operates, the program we offer and outline the preschool and directorate policies and procedures. Staff will also answer any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting families.

Following this, we will be holding our **2018 Kindergarten Information session at 4.45pm in our KP Kindergarten classroom.** Families will have received an invitation to this information session last term. This is an opportunity for preschool parents to meet with our Kindergarten team, find out about 'big school', programs and school happenings, what the first day of 2018 will involve and have any questions answered by staff. Transition visits between our Possum and Echidnas have been underway with more planned this term including a canteen visit. Notes were sent home this week regarding the canteen visit. Please touch base with the preschool staff if needed.

If you are unable to attend the information session, please let us know – we will be distributing important information packages.

FLORIADE – ALL WELCOME



We are very excited to have our choir, bands and guitar students performing at Floriade this Friday at 12.30pm. This is a fabulous opportunity for our community to come along and enjoy the students' performances on Stage 88 in Commonwealth Park. We would love to see family and friends join us to support our students. All welcome!

PIPS

Our PIPS assessments for Kindergarten will begin next week. The Performance Indicators in Primary Schools (PIPS) programme assesses the early literacy and numeracy skills of students in Kindergarten. PIPS is a computer based assessment programme. The teacher works one-on-one with each student to complete the assessment. PIPS assists teachers to assess each student's early literacy and numeracy skills and monitor ongoing progress as well as identifying students who may benefit from intervention or enrichment programmes. Parents will receive a copy of their child's assessment results in week 9.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to our wonderful team of parents who continue to support Farrer Primary School. Jo , Kerry, Antje, Wan and Sian and their families looked after our animals and gardens during the break. The gardens look great and animals were very well cared for. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME



Our farrer students, staff and community would like to congratulate Sarah Aby on the birth of her beautiful baby boy Jesse and Kat Newton on the birth of her beautiful baby girl Macie! All are well and we know they will enjoy this precious time with their baby. We welcome back Mr Joel Darrington who is teaching year 1 and PE across the school. We also welcome the wonderful Ros Bridie, who is teaching our Japanese program until the end of the year .

Congratulations to our
Term 3 Award winners
Well done everyone!



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:

1C

Jinning - Excellent journal writing

Ruby, Leah and Joshua - Wonderful recount

George - Great Billie the Bird illustration

5G

Cade - Outstanding multiplication in maths groups

Charlotte - Fantastic space poster

Eleanor and Ava - Outstanding art work

Elektra and Natalie - Great "Gold Rush" Venn diagram

KL

Luke S - Wonderful writing

2M

Hunter - Terrific work with sounds

Have a lovely fortnight

Linda Heath

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event	Communication
13 October	Floriade Choir/Bands	Note sent
16 October	Michael Matthews - Assembly	Newsletter
19 October	Year 6 Assembly	Newsletter
17-20 October	PIPS Kindergarten	Newsletter/App
20 October	Year 6 Market Day	Note sent
23 October	Echidna's visit KP	Note sent
24 October	Soccer gala day	
27 October	Possum's visit KL	Note sent

LEARNING, TEACHING AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT



On Wednesday of Week 9, students in the Year 5 and Year 6 bands went on an amazing excursion to Melrose High School for a combined band day. Our students joined the high school band using a range of percussion, wind and brass instruments. They all worked on nine different pieces which was a fantastic feat for everyone involved. At the end of the day the whole band performed a short concert of their favourite five pieces.

It was a great opportunity for the students to see how they can continue to play an instrument when they transition to high school. Thank you to Ms Mellor and Mrs Legge for taking the students on this excursion.



LEARNING, TEACHING AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Year One Excursion to the Jerrabomberra Wetlands

At the end of Term 3, as part of our Geography unit, Year 1 students visited the Jerrabomberra Wetlands. What a great learning experience it was! We have been learning about natural, managed and constructed features and this is a good example of a natural site that is managed effectively to preserve the natural environment.



We met 'Tucker' the long-necked turtle.



First we learnt about the history of the wetlands and how and why they are managed to preserve the environment and it's inhabitants.



Dipping for tadpoles and other interesting bugs!



Lots and lots of tadpoles!



Doing observations of our findings to look at under the microscopes.

ENVIROMENT CENTRE NEWS

Spring is a very exciting time to be in our gardens! Thanks to the wonderful families who volunteered to care for our Environment Centre over the holidays, everything is green and growing.

Thank you to:

Jo and family

Kerry and family

Antje and family

Wan and family

Sian and family



We have a lot of Red Russian Kale. Unfortunately this is not a favourite with the students and is not being used much. If you are a Kale eater, please come in and take some leaves when you are passing by. If you're not sure where it is in the gardens, come and ask. I don't want it to go to waste.

I am currently working with a group of Year 6 students on some STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) projects. One of the projects is to build some insect hotels for our gardens. We will be using mostly natural materials and have been learning about basic engineering principles to work out how to build the structures. If you have any of the following materials and aren't using them, we'd gladly take donations of the following materials:

Small offcuts of wood (no longer than 1m)

Cuttings of branches (diameter no bigger than 15cm)

Florists foam

Tie wire

Thank you,

Kate Elliot

Environment Centre



YEAR 6 MARKET DAY

Year 6 will be running our Market Day on Friday 20 October (Week 2). Stalls will be operating between 10:30-12:30pm. Students are able to purchase tickets in sheets for \$5 each. When students visit a stall, the Year 6 students will mark off how much they have spent (most activities are 50c or \$1). Completed tickets will be put into the children's raffle to be drawn at the end of the market day. For more information, please refer to the market day note and visit <https://sites.google.com/schoolsnet.act.edu.au/year-6-market-day>

for information about stalls.

Some of our stalls to look forward to

Craft and activity stalls

Cake and spider stalls

Thrillz and Skillz

Dress up as your favourite film character

All proceeds will go towards Year 6 graduation.

Thank you for your support.

Michael Tinio and Jodie Cochrane



KIDS' KITCHEN NEWS

Smoothie flavour – Mango & Strawberry

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4!

What's happening this term:



Fresh fruit smoothies are back, with flavours changing weekly - \$3.50

Our full menu will run from weeks 1 to 7.

- Wednesday, weeks 3 and 4 our gorgeous preschoolers will visit the canteen.
- Week 4 is "Halloween week" – the canteen dresses up and it's a little spooky!
- Thursday 2nd November (week 4), sushi day (online orders only).
- Week 7 Friday 24th November, our last meal deal for the year (paper slips and online).
- Weeks 8 and 9 our swimming lunch boxes will return (more to come)
- We are closed in week 10.



PARENT HELPERS – THANKYOU! Many thanks to these amazing mums who helped pack over 200 hot dogs for our last meal deal: Jennifer, Kath, Deborah, Jody and Judy. We had a load of fun during that crazy 30 minutes of packing!

See you in the kitchen,

Marnie Boreham-Smith and Gemma Spain

Phone: 6205 7919

Email: thekidskitchenfarrer@gmail.com

Mobile: 0418 196 529

Online ordering: www.school24.com.au

Hours: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Farrer School ID for account setup: **25128963**





Walk-in Centres in the ACT

Have you heard of Canberra's Walk-in Centres?

Walk-in Centres provide free and efficient access to treatment and health advice for one-off minor injury and illness on a no appointment basis.

Walk-in Centres are open from 7.30am to 10.00pm 7 days a week, including public holidays, and are located at:

Belconnen Community Health Centre, on the corner of Lathlain and Cohen St, and

Tuggeranong Community Health Centre, on the corner of Anketell and Pittman St.

Walk-in Centres provide free one-off treatment for less serious conditions, particularly after-hours when there are limited options available.

Walk-in Centres are staffed by a team of highly skilled Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners who have extensive experience in treating people.

Walk-in Centres offer a range of services and treatments. Visit our website www.walkincentre.act.gov.au to see what's offered.

Scale ACT '17

Scale Model Competition and Exhibition

Sat 11th - Sun 12th Nov 2017

UC High School Kaleen
108 Baldwin Ave, Kaleen ACT

Come and see:

- model displays (incl. 40th anniversary of Star Wars)
 - demonstrations
 - competitions
- Swap 'n Sell stall for secondhand goods
- traders selling kits, books, modelling accessories throughout the weekend.

Plus we have special Juniors (12yrs & younger) and Young Guns (13-18yrs) competition categories with FREE entry for 18yrs & under competitors

All welcome, whether to enter the competition or just have a look!

For more details, please visit

<http://www.actsms.asn.au>



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