



# Farrer Newsletter

Term 2, Week 7, 12 June 2008



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Education and Training

Farrer Primary School acknowledges the traditional owners of Ngunnawal Land

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Principal: Wayne Prowse

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### June

- 12: Wakakirri Parent Meeting  
7.00pm in the Staffroom
- 13: Book Club due back
- 16: P & C Meeting 7.00pm
- 19: Choir to Goodwin Village
- 20: Combined Band Practice Yr 6  
Curtin Primary School
- 24: School Photos K-6

### Contact Info

#### Coordinator - Stage 1

Joanne Lees

#### Coordinator - Stage 2

Bob Bannister

#### Coordinator - Stage 3

Trish Lentfer

### Next Board meeting

3 July 2008

4.30pm - 6.00pm

### P&C

President: Mr. John Alley

Term 2: 16 June

Term 3: 4 August and 8 September

Term 4: 27 October and 1 December

### Next P&C meeting:

Monday 16 June 2008

### Band times

#### Year 5

Monday 11.00am-11.45am

Wednesday 11.00am-11.45am

#### Year 6

Monday 11.45am-12.30pm

Wednesday 11.45am-12.30pm

### Practise Times

#### Year 5

Friday Lunch 12.40pm-1.05pm

#### Year 6

Friday 8.30am-9.00am

### Gymnastics

Wednesday 12.30pm-1.25pm

### Newsletter deadline

Please submit all items for the newsletter  
before 9.00am Wednesday morning.

### Principal's message:

**Staff illness and absence:** Surprisingly teachers, administration and teacher's assistants get sick and have urgent family business at a similar rate to the broader community. Teachers are also required to undertake curriculum development and professional development some of which occurs during school hours. So why are things more interesting for us when staff are away from school? The main reason is that no matter how outstanding our relief staff can be, we will sometimes notice certain students behaving differently when they have a different teacher. So what can families and school do when classes have relief teachers? My advice to teachers and families is to normalise the situation and advise students/your children to look for the positives.

**New library staff arrangements:** Following Kerry Millington's move to become the teacher of 1S for the remainder of the year, (as Sharon Smith begins her parenting leave), Anita Peraic will take on the additional role of library coordinator. In weeks to come Anita will be joined by a library technician to support the ongoing development and administration of our library as the centre for literacy, computing and research.

**School photos** for our Kindergarten to Year 6 students will be taken on Tuesday 24 June. Payment order forms have been sent home with today's newsletter. Families wishing to have family photos of their children will need to get another form from the Front Office and return payment prior to the day.

**Last Friday's Kindergarten assembly** was a wonderful event viewed by a large number of parents.

No doubt the combination of our regular awards, the Year 5 band's first public performance and Kindergarten's great use of the microphone helped to bring so many parents.

**Open invitation for all families to attend assemblies:** As always all families are invited to join the 40 plus family members who usually attend our fortnightly assemblies.

**Student Achieving Reports:** Semester reports will be provided to students on Thursday of Week 9, 26 June. Families who require multiple copies of reports should affirm their information arrangements with our Front Office staff.

**Parent-teacher sessions** will be organised through individual teachers during Week 10 of this term, commencing on Monday 30 June. Our usual extended evening for parent teacher sessions will be Tuesday 1 July until 7.00pm for available staff.

**This week's front page photos** were taken during Public Education Week.

*Wayne Prowse*

## Student Reporters

### Preparing a garden

A few weeks ago we got taught by a fantastic gardener, Oscar (Ben and Ruby Shepherd's Grandfather). He taught us how to prepare a garden.

The tools that we needed were: a rake, leveller, pitch fork and a shovel.

Step 1: Use the rake to clear the garden of leaves.

Step 2: Use the metal rake to level the soil.

Step 3: Use the soil softener (a long pole that is attached to small metal gears) to soften the soil.

Step 4: Use a pitch fork to turn the soil.

Step 5: Use the shovel to dig holes in the garden.

Step 6: Get compost from the compost bin and put it in the holes.

Step 7: Get water and squirt it in the holes.

Finally we level the garden again and the garden is ready for plants!

## P & C News

### Uniform Shop

Pre-loved items are on special this term, \$1.00 per item. We have many sweatshirts and trackpants available.

For your convenience I can email order forms to you (caroledwards@aapt.net.au). Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom or can be left at Front Office reception for collection.

Regards, Carol Edwards.

### Notes sent home this week

School photo order form

Holiday happening booklet