



FARRER PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Term 4 Week 3 26 October 2017

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal
Linda Heath

Deputy Principal
Michael Hatswell

Early Years Executive
Sarah Reece

Primary Executive
Gabby Rogan

Business Manager
Sharlot Holmes

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR 2018

THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

PRESCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION -3:30pm-4:30pm-

Venue - Preschool room

·New **Preschool** parents for 2018 are invited to join us Thursday 2nd November at 3:30pm for a Preschool information session. The session will be hosted in the current preschool classroom by our preschool teacher Ms Lana Dibb and Executive staff. We look forward to seeing you there.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION SESSION -4:45pm-5:45pm-

Venue - Kindergarten room

·New **Kindergarten** parents for 2018 are invited to join us Thursday 2nd November at 4:45pm for a kindergarten information session. The session will be hosted in the current kindergarten classrooms by our kindergarten teachers, Ms Jessica Pickering and Mr Les Longford and Executive staff. We look forward to seeing you there.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE-ALL INVITED- 10:30am -Thursday 9th November



EVENT: Remembrance Day service

TIME: 10.30am-11am

VENUE: School Hall

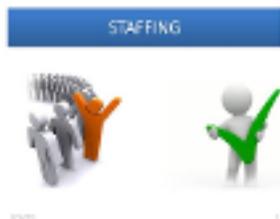
11 November is Remembrance Day. Australians observe one minute's silence at 11.00 am on Remembrance Day each year to remember the sacrifice of those who died or otherwise suffered in Australia's cause in wars and war-like conflicts. We would like you to join us for our Remembrance Day service.

PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

We are very excited to have Tim Walshe booked to run workshops for staff and students in the Performing Arts this term. Tim is a very experienced dance teacher and has studied classical ballet, Jazz and Hip Hop. All classes will be involved in this program. An end of year concert will be held to celebrate this work with our whole school community.



STAFFING UPDATE



Congratulations to Gabby Rogan who will be acting School Leader C for the remainder of the year. She is replacing Mrs Banwell who is currently on maternity leave. Mrs Rogan will remain on 4R and lead the Senior School team. Mr Darrington will be covering the release role delivering PE throughout the school for the remainder of the year.

MARKET DAY

Farrer had a wonderful market day yesterday. Year 6 have been working hard since Term 3, planning and preparing their stalls as part of our Business and Economics unit and it was wonderful to see them implementing their ideas. Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 students who did a fabulous job of planning, organizing and running stalls. A big thank you to all our amazing parent helpers too and especially Ms Cochrane and Mr Tinio! Well done.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT.

SOCCER GALA DAY

What a wonderful day students enjoyed this week participating in the Soccer Gala Day! Students formed teams and mini- games were played on our oval. Thank you to Capital Football for their support to Farrer Primary School and particularly the great support to our students in providing some sporting fun!



P&C DISCO

Thank you to our hard-working P&C for our most successful Disco to date! A huge number of students attended all dressed in spooky costumes! Huge thanks to all our wonderful parent helpers on the night and also to Mr Hatswell! It was fabulous!

STUDENT SUCCESS



Throughout Term 2, all students in Year 6 worked hard to write stories for the Children's Book Council of Australia's Make Your Own Story Book competition. A huge congratulations to Imogen Holley whose story book was highly commended. She was invited to an award ceremony with Jackie French, as a part of ACT Children's Week on Wednesday. Imogen's story, along with others from Year 6, will be available to read in the library soon.

Congratulations to our fabulous
award winners



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:

1N/R

Amelia T - Fantastic reading and writing

Luca - Terrific maths

KL

Jamie K - Outstanding Digital Tech ideas fo the future

1C

Rohan - Fantastic reading

Leah - Wonderful fact finding

2X

Lauen and Dana - Terrific maths

Lucas, Lillie and Raechel - Wonderful fact finding

2M

Jemima - Wonderful fact finding

5G

Lauchlan H - Excellent work in Japanese

MAC

Will, Lachlan, Fletcher, Morgn, Hunter and Alistair - Wonderful Spring poems

Have a lovely fortnight

Linda Heath

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Date			
27 October	Possum's visit	KL	Note sent
27 October	Year 2 Dental Care	incursion	Newsletter/App
30 October	Year 5 Combined Band		
	Performance is	@12pm	Note to be sent
1 November	Year 5 Thinking	Carnival	
	Melrose High		Note to be sent
2 November	Preschool Information	Session	Note sent
2 November	Kindergarten Information	Session	Note sent
8 November	Year 3 War Memorial	Excursion	Note sent
9 November	Remembrance Day	Assembly	Newsletter/App

Farrer Preschool Unit

Information Session for 2018 Families

When: Thursday 2nd November 3.30-4.30pm

Where: Here at the preschool, Longerenong Street Farrer.

We would also like to extend an invitation to an **introductory session** with your child at the preschool.

Echidnas: Tuesday 5th December 3.30-4.30pm

Possums: Thursday 7th December 3.30-4.30pm

Farrer Primary School

Kindergarten Information Session for 2018 Families

When: Thursday 2nd November 4.45-5.45pm

Where: Kindergarten (KP) classroom, Ellyard building.

PRESCHOOL PHILOSOPHY RENEWAL PROCESS



Preschool Philosophy Renewal Process

Under the National Quality Standards (NQS) Framework, our national governing principles for early years learning, we are required to ensure that our preschool has a statement of philosophy that guides all aspects of our service (standard 7.2.1). Every few years we revisit and reflect on the currency of our preschool philosophy.

In our reflections this year we felt that while our philosophy still outlines our core beliefs and is strong in 'Farrer' voice we wanted to include our children's voice.

This year we have been busy capturing our preschoolers' voices. Preschoolers have been reflecting on how they feel about preschool in different forms (you may have seen the

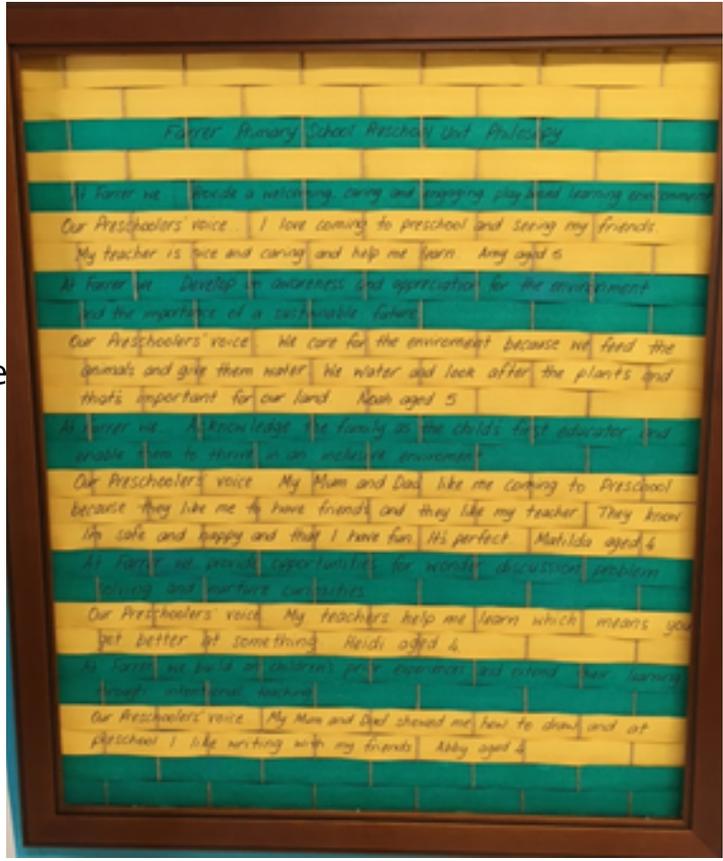


ribbon display in our bag room). After a recent process of simplifying the philosophy and further interviewing our pre-schoolers we have crafted our revitalised version of which we are very proud. This version maintains our strong beliefs and captures some beautiful comments, instilling a preschoolers' voice in our statement.

We thank our preschool families enormously for their contribution in our consultation process.

Sarah Reece, Early Years Learning Exec Teacher

Our Philosophy in a Weave (thank you to Sandra for her craftsmanship)



Important Information
Have you let us know!

Your child IS NOT returning to Farrer in 2018

To assist us to make the best possible plans and arrangements for students education in 2018 please complete the following slip and **return to the front office or email to info@farrerps.act.edu.au.**
It is not necessary to include those students who are currently in Yr 6

Child/children's
name: _____

Class: _____

Is not returning to Farrer Primary in 2018

School Attending: _____

CLASS PLANNING FOR 2018

We have started planning for classes in 2018. We are happy to meet with parents regarding your child/ children with any information for consideration for next year. If you would like to discuss information with me, in regards to the social or academic needs of your child, please call and make an appointment in the coming weeks. We ask that you make an appointment rather than email to discuss your child's needs. You can make this appointment with Adrienne in the front office on 62057911.

LEARNING, TEACHING AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT



On Wednesday 25 October, the Year 6 students ran Market Day as part of their learning in Business and Economics. The students prepared their stalls in small groups and worked towards ideas that would make a financial profit to put towards their Year 6 Graduation. We thank the school community including families, staff and students for supporting our Year 6s on our exciting day. It was a highly successful day and we received lots of positive feedback from everyone who was involved.



MICHAEL MATTHEWS VISIT

Australian track and road cyclist champion and former Farrer student.



On Monday 16th October we were fortunate to host a very special assembly and bike demonstration with Michael Matthews, former Farrer student and world champion cyclist. Michael spent the morning with our students imparting wisdom, sharing his passion and answering student questions. Our other guests included our Director General of Education Ms Natalie Howson, Director of Teaching and Learning, Mr Jason Borton, Michael's wife Kat, his mother, Donna, some of Michael's former Farrer teachers and members of the media.

At the assembly we were able to share photos of Michael in his time at Farrer, starting in preschool through to year 6. Michael indulged us and joined in with our bike club, cycling with the students.

We thank Michael and his wife, Kat, enormously for this opportunity and his family who allowed us to have this precious time with our world champ.

Sarah Reece



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BACKROW: L TO R MICHAEL BERTHELS (STAIRS), OLIVIA BARRI, ALEXANDER HENRIKSEN, BETHANY SCHULZ,
STEPHAN FENIG, AYDENA GIBBY, DANIELLE HOOPER,
MIDDLE ROW: L TO R KATHARINA HUBER (TEACHER), FANNY HOLLER, JESSIE SHAWKYE, CHELSEA ROUSE,
NADIA CHEN, JESSIE PUGH, TESSIE BATES, LYNN JOHNSON, JESSIE HAZEL, SARINA ARZUMAN (GOLF),
FRONT ROW: L TO R HANNAH WELLS, ARDEN BLATTY, JUTTI (Z), JOSEPH PARSONS, THOMAS MORTON, ROYAL F. SHREVE,
OLIVIA GLENN, CHARLIE TURNBULL, HENRIE HODGSON, MILO VULCAN.

MICHAEL MATTHEWS CONT.



POSITION VACANT - CANTEEN MANAGER for 2018



Yes, you heard it right, I've given notice and this will be my last year running The Kids' Kitchen. I will continue in the role until the end of week 9 providing healthy options to all our students and teachers. Please read in more detail regarding the position in the P&C report on the following pages.

WEEK 4 - HALLOWEEN IN THE KITCHEN

The canteen dresses up next week and it's a little spooky! As a treat, we will be offering on Thursday 2nd November **SUSHI online only**. We will be ordering in 50 teriyaki chicken and avocado, and it's on a first in first serve basis. You can order from Saturday 28th



Marnie Boreham-Smith and Gemma Spain

Phone: 6205 7919 Mobile: 0418 196 529

Email: thekidskitchenfarrer@gmail.com Online ordering: www.school24.com.au

Hours: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Farrer School ID for account setup: **25128963bs**

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who attended, brought their siblings and parents along to share in the spooky happiness.

DJ Snap for another awesome performance and great music.

Jo Laver and family for keeping everyone hydrated, glowing and jelly snake wrangling.

Ms. Carr and the Jamieson's for keeping our spooky dancers from turning into starving zombies.

The parents who helped out on the doors and with supervision.

All the teachers who helped out checking tickets and getting our spooky dancers inside in record time.

The staff in the front office who helped the P&C with collecting and organizing tickets.

George for organizing the evac area, air-con and logistics.

Mrs Heath and the school executive for their ongoing support and participation.

FARRER P&C

Spooky Disco

Thank you to our parents, students and teachers for a great disco – the feedback has been really positive and we had an enormous amount of fun getting our spooky on.

In particular we wanted to recognise the effort everyone went to in their costumes and dress up. It was great fun to see so much creativity and enthusiasm from our students, and we appreciate the effort our parents made to help kids with organizing their costumes.

Total ticket sales were 270, which is a strong result. The proceeds are still being calculated, but will go towards our overall donation to the school this year.

End of Year Fundraising

We have some space in the last month of school for a fundraising event. If anyone has any interest in running an end of year activity on behalf of the P&C, please let me know, we are happy to assist and provide support. Some of the ideas may include silver coin drive, holiday BBQ, Class Room Clean Up Competition.



Canteen 2018

Please see our Canteen Manager's letter. We would like to approach our school community for expressions of interest before advertising the position. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you are interested.

*Cheers, Kirsty McGovern-Hooley
Farrer Community School Association (P&C) President*

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – FARRER CANTEEN MANAGER

Farrer Primary School's The Kids Kitchen is recruiting a new Canteen Manager for 2018.

The Farrer P&C invite interested Farrer School Community members to submit an **expression of interest** for the role of Canteen Manager, before we advertise the position Canberra wide.

The role of Farrer's Canteen Manager is a challenging and rewarding one. The school canteen plays a vital role at our school, ensuring our kids (and teachers) are well fed and ready to learn. Apart from teaching kids about managing money and making purchases, The Kids Kitchen also introduces kids to different foods and flavours, providing fresh, hot and cold food that can't be transported easily in a lunch box. The Kids' Kitchen also provides opportunities for students to learn how their effort in the environment centre garden can produce their lunch, and for senior students to learn hospitality skills.

This role may suite an individual or a team that may wish to job share. The committee are open to new ideas and flexible approaches. The role requires individuals with the skills and capabilities:

To get to know our kids, parents and teachers individual needs. Understand and respect the different dietary needs of our community, from vegetarian to halal. Be sensitive to the sensory and anxiety issues some students have with food.

Ability to devise a creative and engaging menu, with a practical and sensible approach to implementing the "healthy food guidelines" and the ACT Education Food and Drink policy.

Possesses sound multi-tasking and logistical skills, or the ability to organise and deliver over 70 lunch orders on a Friday in two and a half hours, and the following week organise 300 hotdogs for an end of year meal deal.

Is responsible and aware, maintaining a clean and safe work environment for self, volunteers and staff.

Understands the business side of the Canteen, pricing, margin and profitability.

Maintains secure financial practices, safeguarding money, ordering and making payments promptly to suppliers. Manage transactions with our online ordering supplier, School24.

Engages the community with positive people skills. The Canteen Manager engages regularly with school staff, community members, students, OSH club as well as suppliers, Canteen staff and volunteers.

Represents the Farrer School Community Association and embodies the values of Farrer Primary - honesty, excellence, fairness, respect and persistence.

Currently, the Canteen Manager role is a casual role, working 18 hours per week Wednesdays to Fridays during school terms only, under the Fast Food Award Wage level 3. The person will be required to have the appropriate certificate in food preparation and a working with vulnerable people card. Farrer P&C can assist with organising appropriate basic training and certificates. Additional training can be organised via Healthy Kids Australia. If possible, we are hoping to hold a handover period at the end of this year to transition staff.

If you are interested in this role, please submit an expression of interest (no more than one page) outlining some information about your background, experience and why you are interested in applying for the role of Canteen Manager. Email kirstymcgovernhooley@gmail.com or leave a written submission in the P&C President's pigeon hole by Friday 3 November, 2017.

Please direct any queries to the P&C President, Kirsty McGovern-Hooley on 0406 378 540.

Thank you

Farrer School Community Association

Program Update

Hello OSHClub families, Welcome back, it's hard to believe it is term 4!

This term I have introduced a couple of new activities that will be a regular inclusion to the program. On Monday afternoons we have been participating in a Yarning circle, this comes from the indigenous people, and was used to resolve conflict. We will be using this to help with listening and taking turns. On Fridays in the morning we have been having pancakes for breakfast, which is very popular. In the afternoons we will be having fun doing cosmic yoga.

Activities this term have included making a new poster that shows the different cultures in OSHClub, we have painted some Australian native animals and two posters that show what the children expect from each other and the program. Come and have a look at our new displays they are fantastic. In the mornings the children have been loving participating in obstacle courses. They have been designing them and then timing themselves.

As it is term 4 we now have to wear hats. We have the same sunsmart policy as school, no hat no play, We have had a lot of children having to sit in the shade. They have been asking me if they can go and get their hats from their classrooms, unfortunately once they have been signed into after school care, we can't let them go back into the school to get them.

We have some new resources coming, so more things for the children to engage in. We will also be setting up a compost bin in the next week or so to promote our sustainability.

I am also hoping to connect the children with residents from a local nursing home by writing letters to them. We are also participating in a food drive for the salvation army to provide food hampers for christmas, we need food with long expiry dates and non perishable. These will be gifts so maybe some special items to help celebrate christmas.

We are concentrating on community and culture this term, any suggestions are welcome.

Myself and the team are looking forward to a great term

Sandra

AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS CONT.

This Week's Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	Bingo	Card tricks	Design your own toy	Hula hoops	Obstacle course
	Make a pinata	Create a safari	Chocolate balls	Edible slime	Talent show

After Care Activities					
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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0428 130 826 Coordinator: Sandra

Assistants: Grace, Suman, 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.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations to our School Banking savers!



Congratulations to our School Banking students who have earned 10 silver Dollarmites tokens in Term 3. They are now eligible to redeem these tokens for an exclusive School Banking reward item!

Eligible students can redeem for a reward by bringing their completed rewards card to school, along with their 10 tokens, on School Banking day next term. A Printable Rewards Card can be downloaded

at www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Or just write a note of what you would like and we will order it.

Keep up the great work and remember, School Banking day is every **Friday 1.30pm - 2.00pm**

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