



FARRER PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Term 2 Week 3

11 May 2017

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Senior School Executive

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Aaron Scolnik

P & C

P&C President

Kirsty McGovern Hooley

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Farrer Primary School Board News

We would like to acknowledge and thank our out-going School Board member Kevin Robinson for his School Board membership and contributions over many years at Farrer Primary School. His invaluable skills and insights have supported the school executive to deliver outstanding results for our School. We valued the time he gave to be part of this committee. We would like to welcome our newly appointed School Board member, Ruth Hilton-Bell who will be joining us as a new School Board parent representative. I would also like to welcome Alison Reid, our newly appointed teacher representative.

Cross Country

We had a terrific Autumn day last Wednesday for our Cross Country Carnival. All of our students, preschool to year 6 participated in the run and wonderful house spirit was displayed throughout. A big congratulations to our students who placed in their respective races. These students will represent Farrer at the upcoming Tuggeranong Cross Country Carnival at Stromlo in the coming weeks. A big thanks you to all our parents and community members who came along to watch and support their children. Thank you to our fantastic group of teachers who coordinated the event.

Melrose High School Orientation Day

Last Friday our year 6 students participated in a High School orientation day at Melrose High School. The students were addressed by Principal Simon Vaughan and year 7 coordinator for 2018 Charles McIntosh followed by a day of exciting activities that gave them a taste of the

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT.

learning programs available at high school. The feedback from the students was that it was an 'awesome' day and they are looking forward to further transition events throughout the year. Thank you to Jodie Cochrane and Michael Tinio for their work in supporting our year 6 students with their high school transition program. A reminder that the Melrose High School Information session is on tonight from 5.50 - 7.30pm in the school hall.

Mothers Day Stall

I would like to acknowledge all of our Farrer Primary School mums and wish you a fantastic day for Mother's Day this Sunday. Hopefully your child or children will have a little gift to give you on Sunday that they purchase at our P&C Mothers Day Stall tomorrow. Please have a look at the information in this newsletter or on our school app regarding tomorrow's stall. A huge thank you to Karen Robinson for her all her work in sorting, preparing and wrapping gifts for the stall.

Kindergarten Assembly Next Thursday

One of the highlights on the school calendar is the very first Kindergarten assembly. Next Thursday Kindergarten host our assembly and I encourage as many parents as possible to attend. It is amazing how quickly our students grow and develop so these special events are not to be missed. Jess Pickering and Les Longford have been working very hard preparing our Kindergarten students for their big day. I look forward to seeing you there next Thursday, 2pm in the school hall.

Cluster Principals Meeting

On Monday afternoon I met with Amanda Andrews - Principal Mawson Primary, Sue Mueller - Principal Torrens Primary and Mary Hutchinson - Principal of Lyons Early Childhood School. This was a fantastic opportunity to share ideas and resources about the current school climate and look at ways for our students to engage in cluster initiatives. Over the coming terms we will look to coordinate cluster leadership days, coding days, enrichment activities and sporting days for a range of grade levels in our schools.

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I have again this fortnight been very impressed with the wonderful teaching and learning at Farrer. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following students on their achievements:

Riley Skillen	4R	Excellent reading
Mitchell Jamie	KL	Wonderful inventions
Connor	MAC	A fantastic Google drawing
Hunter Olsen	2M	Excellent spelling and reading
Eva, Alex, Hayleu	4W	Wonderful character description
Jenny, Elsie	3T	Wonderful Money paintings
Lily	3T	Great dot art
Andrew, Lynette	3T	Excellent story writing

Have a fabulous fortnight

Linda Heath, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

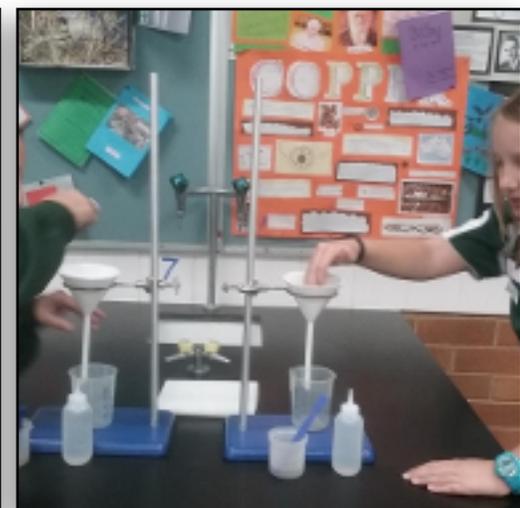
Date	Event	Communication
9 - 19 May	NAPLAN	Note/App
9 May	Echidnas Preschool Mother's Day Stall	Newsletter/App
12 May	Mother's Day Stall	Newsletter/App
15 May	Year 5 Excursion	Note
17 May	P&C Meeting 5pm	Newsletter/App
18 May	Kindergarten hosting assembly	App/Newsletter
19 May	Rostrum - School Final	Note
21 May	Japanese Autumn Festival	App/Note sent
23 May	ICAS - Digital Technologies	Note sent
23 May	Tuggeranong Cross Country	Note to come
24 May	Year 6 Parent Graduation meeting	Note
25 May	Parent Reading Workshop	Note/Newsletter
25 May	Next Newsletter out	Newsletter
26 May	Athletics Carnival	Note to come

LEARNING, TEACHING & STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Year 6

Year 6 have had an exciting start to Term 2. Our HASS learning in History and Civics & Citizenship was enriched by our excursion to the Museum of Australian Democracy, the National Archives and the Australian Electoral Commission. We were able to learn more about Australia's Federation, Constitution and voting process, among many other interesting bits and pieces.

Last Friday, we were also able to enjoy our Orientation Day at Melrose High School. We experienced a little of what high school life is like and participated in activities across a range of different learning areas.



Year 6 Band

Combined Band Session at Torrens Primary School

On Tuesday 2 May 2017 a very excited Year 6 band made their way to Torrens Primary School for a huge Combined Band Session. There were five schools attending with woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. Torrens Primary School, Telopea Park School, Hughes Primary School and Curtin Primary School

joined us as we created beautiful music together. Towards the end of the whole session all of the bands performed a concert for students, teachers and parents which included songs like "The Circle of Life", "Rainbow Connection" and "Supercalifragilistic" from the movie "Mary Poppins". The sound was absolutely fantastic!! It was an amazing opportunity for the band and they all thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Ms Mellor



PARENT WORKSHOP

The Magic of Reading Parent Workshop

"A child between ages one and six who shares a book with an adult for 15 minutes a day will have had 455 hours of individual reading instruction; a child who isn't read to will have none" (Weigel, Behal & Martin 2001)

Looking forward to seeing you at the workshop -

Sarah Reece

Executive Teacher, Early Years



The Magic of Reading Parent Workshop

A workshop for parents and community, particularly those who volunteer with reading at school or for those who want some more strategies to help their children at home.



When: Thursday 25 May

Time: 9.15—10.15am

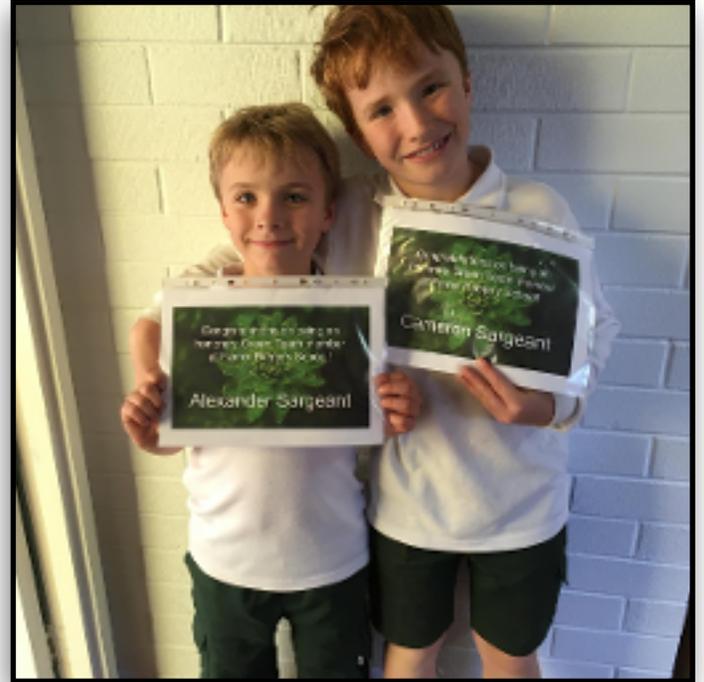
Where: Farrer Staffroom

Workshop presented by our Early Years Executive Teacher, Sarah.

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS AT FARRER



Congratulations Kurt, Liam and Oliver on your success at the Tuggeranong Region Swimming Carnival



A lifetime membership to Green Team for the Sargeant family - Cameron and Alex. Thank you for all that you do for the Enviro Centre!

NEWS FROM THE ENVIRO CENTRE

Help!! We need help to remove green waste from our recent preschool garden works. It is mostly thin branches and vines. We have been lucky enough to have the Conservation Volunteers remove all the noxious weeds, ready to replace with native and sustainable gardens, however we now have quite a load of green waste. Unfortunately the pieces are too large to be used as mulch in our school gardens. The last time we had the waste removed, it was very expensive!

If anyone in our community is able to help with removal of the green waste, with a trailer or truck to the tip, it would be very appreciated. There is a fair bit there, so we think it may take up to 6 trips. If we could share the load amongst volunteers it makes the job a lot easier.

If you are able to donate your time and vehicle, please contact Lana at the preschool, or Kate in the Environment Centre to let us know about times that might suit you.

Thank you,
Kate Elliot

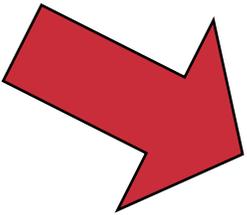


CROSS COUNTRY

The sun shone down on our Cross Country morning as all grades, preschool to year 6, ran the course. A big thank you to the Cross Country committee for a successful morning and congratulations to all students who participated.



STUDENT /CLUBS AT FARRER



Looking for something different to do at lunchtime? Need a change of scene? Look no further, we have a wonderful variety of lunchtime activities that you could be part of!

Tech Club

This year at Farrer we have seen the introduction of Digital Technology lessons to classes. We have extend this opportunity to Tech Club. The Tech Club is run by our year 6 tech leaders. They will be focusing on further developing students skills in computational thinking with a strong focus on Google Apps for Education (GAPE) during Monday lunch times. This is a time for students to discuss their new learning and share ideas about digital problems and find digital solutions with their peers. Year levels are on a rotating roster organised by the year 6 leaders. We are looking for to all the amazing opportunities Digital Technologies can bring to our students' learning.

CLUBS AT FARRER CONT.



Drama Club

This term Drama Club will be working hard to create our performance: Circus Extravaganza! Students will explore elements of Children's Theatre, Physical Theatre and Street Theatre to create their performance aimed at a junior school audience. Students will also gain experience in costume and prop designing as well as lighting and music choices.

Japanese Club

For the first weeks of this Term Japanese Club time is being used to rehearse the Japanese Autumn Festival Performance. Our performance is on Sunday 21st May, more information to come on the app!

After this date, Japanese Club will be a time to learn origami in a Japanese immersion style of teaching. Numbers will be limited to 20 students. Sugoi!



Green Team

Our Green Team runs for the first half of lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Year Six students volunteer for this role and work every second week at different jobs to care for our gardens and animals. Students from other year groups are also welcome at these times as there is always more work to be done!

Movement Club

On Thursday recess, Miss Cochrane will be doing 'Cosmic Kids yoga' in the hall. It uses stories to teach a range of yoga poses. All year groups are welcome.



CLUBS AT FARRER CONT.

Choir

Choir is open to students from Year 2 to 6 and is held on Wednesday lunchtime of even weeks. Earlier in the year senior students' also auditioned for the senior vocal ensemble which meets on Wednesday lunches of odd weeks. Both groups are run by Sarah Aby and Jodie Cochrane, and students learn a variety of songs to perform at assemblies and events such as Limelight and Floriade.



Senior School Structured Games

If you are up for some fun and challenge Mr G will be running structured games at Recess every Wednesday. These games will cater for age groups Year 3 to 6 and take place on the Cameron playground. I look forward to anyone interested coming along and having some fun.



Junior Art Club

This term we are offering Junior Art Club for kindergarten students on a Wednesday at lunch in Ms Mellor's classroom. Junior Art Club will be offered each term throughout the year to a specific year group. Keep an eye out each term to see if it is your year groups turn!

Library

Don't forget, our beautiful school library is open on a Wednesday lunchtime and provides a calm, quiet, warm and peaceful space to enjoy a book or a board game. Your friendly year 6 library monitors are there to help you if you need to find a particular book and you can use this time to borrow, browse or return books.

NUMERACY AT HOME

How you can help your child at home?

It is most important that you talk & listen to your child about their work in maths. It will help your child if they have to explain to you.

- Share the maths activity with your child and discuss it with them.
- Be positive about maths, even if you don't feel confident about it yourself.
- Remember, you are not expected to teach your child maths, but please share, talk and listen to your child.
- A lot of maths can be done using everyday situations and will not need pencil and paper methods.
- Play games and have fun with maths!

Great games and things to do at home may include:

Skipping – every skip count 2, 3, 4 etc.

Hop scotch

Snakes and ladders

Cards – number sequences

Yahtzee

Cards – Rummy, Patience, Pontoon, Snap

Ludo

Dominoes

Bingo

Heads & Tails and keep a tally

...to name a few

Sarah Reece, Early Year Exec Teacher

FROM THE P&C

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Tomorrow

Thank you for all of the lovely donations. Don't forget the stall will be on tomorrow, Friday, 12 May 2017. All gifts are \$5 each.

If you are interested in taking over next year, please let me know.

Thank you

Karen Robinson

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

YEAR FIVE HELPERS

Many thanks these fabulous Farrer year five students who worked in the canteen the last two Fridays: Liam, Lucy, Rachel, Georgie, Alicsha, Lachlan, Rong, Jackson, Lily and Alex. You all did an amazing job, you're all welcome back anytime.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - FRIDAY 26TH MAY

Notes went out last week for this year's Athletics carnival. We are offering a varied healthy menu containing: ham, chicken or vegetable wraps; beef burgers and juice boxes. There are spare order forms in the canteen or at the front office if needed. We'd prefer orders to be place online at www.school24.com.au. There will be other savoury and sweet snacks available on the day over the counter for families or students to purchase. Below is our current parent roster and as you can see there are still some blanks. To make this day a success we need your help!!!! We usually have around 200 preorders so many hands are needed. Please email or call Marnie (see below).

LUNCH ORDER PREPARATION (before school in the canteen)		
7.00-8.30 (preparing Ham, chicken & salad wraps)		
1. Marnie Boreham-Smith		2. Gemma Spain
POP UP CANTEEN ROSTER		
9.15-10.30	10.30-12.00	12.00-1.00
Gemma Spain	Gemma Spain	Gemma Spain
1. Jodie Pettiford	1.	1.
	2.	
BBQ (9.30-11.15) 1. Mark Rasmussen		
9.00-10.30 set up canteen/orders 1. Marnie Boreham-Smith		
LUNCH SERVICE from 10.45am to 12.00pm		
1. Marnie Boreham-Smith (burger maker)		
1. Ingrid Reimers		3. Michele Sidebottom
2. Kristy Abdulla		4.

BAKING FOR SALE AT OUR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This is the one event that we ask for sweet or savoury donations to sell over the counter. We are giving plenty of notice so over the next few weeks when baking for your family you can make a little extra and store in the freezer for convenience. If you are not a baker we happy to accept cakes/donuts/slices etc. from the supermarket (Woollies, Aldi, Costco etc.), this is our term 'RED' treat day so let's go crazy and of course the kids LOVE IT! Donations can be left in the canteen from Wednesday 24nd May. See you in the kitchen,

Marnie and Gemma

Marnie Boreham-Smith and Gemma Spain

Phone: 6205 7919

Email: thekidskitchenfarrer@gmail.com

Hours: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Mobile: 0418 196529

Online ordering: www.school24.com.au

Farrer School ID for account setup: 25128963

Program Update

Welcome back to another term, all the children have settled back in well. Hope all that had a break had a good one.

Just a bit of house keeping for the beginning of term, We have a lot of lost property, if your child has lost any clothes or drink bottles, could you please have a look, we may have them.

Our numbers in the afternoons are increasing, which is wonderful, but children that are unexpected can cause problems. If parents could make sure that their child is booked in online, that would be appreciated. If our numbers go up and we are not adequately staffed, we will have to send children that aren't booked in home.

We have been enjoying our breakfast in the mornings, we have cereal, toast and milo. We do finish breakfast at 8.30am so that we can pack up in time for school.

We have a feedback folder beside the sign in/out book. I have been putting a question each week for parents to answer. If you have any other feedback that you have, feel free to put this down as well. We are always looking for ideas for healthy breakfast and afternoon tea. Ideas for activities. We are going to be having a country for the week, each Wednesday, if you have anything to contribute for your culture that would be fantastic. I am also updating our Quality Improvement plan, so any feedback on areas that we do well or need to work on would be appreciated as well.

The children have been enjoying the fresh air and lovely weather, they have been playing on the playground, basketball, soccer and the favourite at the moment is the parachute. Inside we have enjoyed our ANZAC themed day, especially the ANZAC biscuits, cooking has been very popular, this week we will be making some wonderful mother's day presents on Friday.



This Week's Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	Uno tournament	Giant snakes and ladders	Disney celebrity heads	Colouring in competition	Cross words
After Care Activities	Making a sea monster	Candle wax painting	Sri Lanka flag	Talent show	Mother's day bath bombs

Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0428 130 826

Coordinator: Sandra

Assistants: Michael, Madison, Suman, Michele, Ebony 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.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Saver Plus

Saver Plus is a free financial education program delivered by The Smith Family that can help families on lower-incomes pay for school costs like books, uniforms, laptops, and excursions, by matching their savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

To find out more about Saver Plus visit <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/programs/financial/saver-plus> or contact myself, the ACT Saver Plus Coordinator, Kathleen Watson, on 0448 730 305 or kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au.

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, Berry Street and The Benevolent Society and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information



A poster for Melrose High School. At the top, it says "Melrose High School Marr Street, Pearce" with the school crest. Below is a photo of many hands stacked together. The text "Prospective Students" is prominently displayed. A white arrow pointing to the right contains the word "Tonight!". Below the arrow, there are two event listings: "Yr 6 Orientation" on Thursday 4 May 2017 and "Information Evening" on Thursday 11 May 2017. Logos for ACT Government and Big Picture are also visible.

The intersection of Sternberg Cres and Ashley Drive will be closed for construction works from 7am, **Saturday 13 May 2017 to Sunday 28 May 2017.**

During this 2 week period **school services** and regular ACTION bus services travelling this way will be diverted via Erindale Bus Station and surrounding roads. Could you please alert students and parents of this diversion. Maps of the diversion for the below dedicated school services are now available on the Transport Canberra website. 433,585,650,851,852,855,859

Afternoon Routes:

407,417,508,536,558,646,673,677,679,689,695,697

Regular route service 67 and 66 will also be diverted.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

For more information please call 13 17 10.

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