



William James Farrer (1845-1906)
Pioneer of scientific wheat breeding

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Stage Three – Term 2 Overview 2008

Welcome to Term 2 at Farrer Primary School. Firstly we would like to thank all the parents and students for providing such a wonderful and delicious array of exotic foods for our Multicultural Lunch. Term 2 is already shaping up to be a very busy one. The Stage 3 students will be involved in a range of activities including Capital Kids, Cross-country, Jump Rope for Heart World Record attempt, Bluearth, Combined Band, Chief Ministers Reading Challenge and the MS Readathon just to name a few. In Week 3, Year 5 students will take part in the first National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Later in the term we will begin preparations for our Wakakirri performance in Term 3. There will be more information on this coming home very soon.

Literacy

Students will continue with co-operative reading as well as daily silent reading. The writing focus will be narratives, reports and persuasive texts. We will also be teaching visual literacy skills and doing weekly spelling.

Maths

Children will be actively participating in a variety of learning experiences that will expose, consolidate and extend their mathematical knowledge. Concepts to be covered this term will include fractions, decimals and percentages, multiplication, division, length, time and graphs. Students will continue to practise mental computations through the use of Maths Munchers and the Times Tables Challenge.

Integrated Curriculum

Our big understanding for this term is 'Energy Consumption Affects Us'. Students will learn about energy, carbon footprints, the greenhouse effect and global warning. Teachers will be working in conjunction with Anna See in the Environment Centre to explore this topic. Jigsaw Theatre Company will be performing their show 'Too Hot to Handle', which relates to energy consumption.

Homework

This term we are continuing with our whole school approach to homework, which operates on a 2 week cycle. It will be sent home on a Thursday and should be returned on the Tuesday of the second week. Homework activities are used to support and reinforce learning and some activities are required for ongoing class work. It is an expectation that homework is completed and handed in by the due date. Please encourage your child to read every day at home.

Reminders

Please ensure that your child has all the necessary stationery items as some may need replacing.

If your child is absent from school please ensure you send in an absentee note or ring the school. All students who come to school after the 9am bell will need to be signed at the Front Office. Students are expected to participate in daily fitness activities, which are



part of our Physical Education program. They will only be exempt if they have a note from you.



We are a Sunsmart school and part of our school uniform is a wide-brimmed hat. Please ensure your child brings his/her hat to school. **Remember: No hat no play.** We have a school uniform, of which we are proud and the expectation is that all students wear it.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's school activities or achievements we are here to help. If you make the classroom teacher the first port of call we are usually able to clarify situations immediately.

Stage 3 Teachers

Terry McGregor, Jan Wagstaff, Trish Lentfer and Sharon Brown