



FARRER PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Term 1 Week 1 8 February 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Farrer Primary School! We especially welcome all our new families and students including our beautiful Echindas and Possums and Kindergartens. We have had a very settled start to the year. Walking around the school, it has been delightful to see the smiles on faces, the excitement and engagement in learning programs. I thank all staff at Farrer for their hard work prior to the school year, planning some highly engaging programs. We look forward to an amazing year ahead!

I would like to welcome some new members of our staff this year. Amelia Cheney teaching year 6, Paul Campbell on year 5, Joel Darrington returns to us on year 4, Shannon Gurney teaching year 2 and Hannah Brydie Watson on Kindergarten. You may be aware that we have had some further staffing changes and hope to announce our second year 4 teacher shortly. We are thrilled to have such wonderful teachers join our staff.

COMMUNITY WELCOME BBQ

We will be hosting our annual Community Welcome BBQ from 5.00-6.00pm on Thursday 22nd February. This is a wonderful opportunity for our families to get to know each other and our staff and is particularly helpful for new members of our community. It is always a wonderful, relaxing event on our calendar. You may like to bring a picnic rug and other goodies to enjoy. The school will provide a sausage and drinks - all you have to do is turn up. Please let us know if you are coming by ringing the front office on 6205 7911 so that we can cater appropriately including any dietary requirements.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Last year we introduced information sessions for parents presented by teachers, providing you with relevant information about the year ahead. They were very well received and feedback indicated an appreciation of this method of communication. It provides an opportunity for teachers to explain their programs, routines, homework, excursions etc.

The information sessions will take place on Thursday 22nd prior to our Community Welcome BBQ.

Preschool and Kindergarten: 3.10-3.30pm

Year 1 and Year 2: 3.40-4.00pm

Year 3 and Year 4: 4.10-4.30pm

Year 5 and Year 6: 4.35-5.00pm

Welcome BBQ: 5.00-6.00pm

GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS

In week 4 we will be hosting interviews to give parents the opportunity to share information about their child with the class teacher. A booking sheet for times will be available to sign up for at the Information Sessions. If you are unable to make the information session please contact your class teacher to make a time. Their interviews are important as they provide you with the opportunity to communicate vital information to your child's class teacher.

NEW FARRER SCHOOL FEATURES

Over the school holiday period we have had a few projects underway to ensure that our students continue to enjoy wonderful learning environment. These projects included new sand in our sand pits (Ellyard, Preschool and MAC) with new toys on their way, a top up of tanbark under playground equipment and air conditioning in our year 6 and kindergarten rooms. We have also commenced some building work in Ellyard to decommission the old infant toilets that are not used and open these areas up as additional learning spaces. We have redesigned a new teachers working space off the staff room.

SUPERVISION AND ARRIVALS/DEPARTURES REMINDERS

Children must not arrive at school before 8.45am as playground supervision commences at this time. Students must be collected by 3pm. If parents are unable to meet these school hours then OSHCLUB before and after school care provide care on both a permanent and occasional care arrangement for student from preschool to year 6. Please find their contact details in the front office .

SUNSMART REMINDER

Please remind students to bring their broad-brimmed hat to school this term. We encourage students to leave their hat at school so that it is least likely to be forgotten. Students will be unable to plat at lunch, recess or during outdoor sport without their hat and will be required to sit on the silver seats in the shade to comply with Sunsmart standards. Each classroom has a pump pack of sunscreen and children are encouraged to reapply this throughout the day. If your child requires skin sensitive cream please provide it for your child.

Have a great week

Linda Heath

Principal

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Under 7s soccer

We are hoping that Farrer might be able to field an Under 7s soccer team this winter. Ideally we need 9 players, girls and boys, although the club (Woden) will be able to help us out with additional players if needed.

All of the relevant information is here:

<http://wvsc.org.au/junior-players/under-7-9/>

Games are on Saturday mornings at Mawson playing fields and the idea is for the kids to have fun while learning the basics of the game. Please contact Tom McLaren (Jacks Dad) on 0405698765 or ortom.mclaren@hotmail.com if your child would like to play.



GKR KARATE

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No contracts: pay as you go

Children who train in karate are less likely to be bullied and school work and class behaviour can improve

classes continue during school holidays



- Build confidence
- Improve fitness
- Gain self discipline
- Learn self defence

South side classes in:

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| Calwell | Warriston |
| Candler | Warringtons |
| Gawrie | Weston |
| Kambah | Woden |

Classes: all around Canberra, Goulburn, Queanbeyan, Yass

For your **Free Trial Class**

contact Wendy: 0406 375 091
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GKR Karate supports Beyond Blue

self defence for all ages

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE TENNIS CARNIVALE
SAT 24th FEB 2018 - 1.30-4.30pm
THE PINES TENNIS CLUB
 CNR OF GOLDSTEIN HILLS & NORRIS STREET, OAKHOLM

FREE ADULT & JUNIOR COACHING

TRY OUR TENNIS AUSTRALIA ENDORSED PROGRAMS INCLUDING ANZ HOTSHOTS FOR KIDS & FITBIT CARDIO TENNIS FOR ADULTS

SPEED SERVING COMPETITION - FACE PAINTING - BBQ - RAFFLE - DJ - SPECIAL APPEARANCES FROM ELSA - SPIDERMAN - RONALD McDONALD

ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO RMB CANBERRA

DISCOUNTS ON CLUB MEMBERSHIP & ALL COACHING PROGRAMS

Bookings are recommended so please contact Event organiser Robert Jamison Ph 0432 118 204 E robertj@ozol.com.au Texts 0411 ANZ Hotshots Coach of the year 2015

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School Banking will be on

Fridays at recess

1.30pm - 2.00pm

