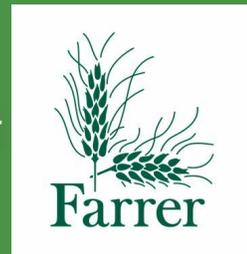




FARRER PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS



Term 2 Week 1 28 April 2022

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Acknowledgement of Country - written by 2W

In 2W we respect the Indigenous people that came before us. We will try our best to take care of the land just as they did. We are sad for what happened in the past but will try our best to look after this beautiful country in the future. We respect the past, present and future of Australia and we will work hard to keep the land, plants and animals safe and healthy for future generations.

Each newsletter we will feature an Acknowledgement of Country written by a class or individual as part of their learning programs at the start of the school year.

Welcome to term two. I hope everyone had a safe and happy Easter break. This term will be another productive one as we continue learning programs from term one. We will see some changes to health restrictions in coming weeks and will communicate these to you once finalised. Thank you again for working with us to keep everyone safe.

Staffing update

Welcome to our new team members Libby, Tyas, Helene and Natalie. Libby Mackie will be teaching 2M for the remainder of 2022 and Natalie Soffe, Tyas Prameswari & Helene Gurney join us in learning support assistant roles. We look forward to working alongside these ladies as the year progresses.

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

We farewell Jenny Jackson, learning support assistant, who retires after a career in teaching and assistant roles. We thank Jenny and wish her all the very best.

The availability of casual relief staff is very limited across schools at present. We will employ a casual teacher or assistant when one is available. Alternatively we will need to collapse specialist programs and have specialist teachers or school leaders teaching classes. We are able to do this if still complying with the employment agreement and not exceeding maximum face to face teaching hours for teachers. When this is not possible classes will be split and children will work in another classroom with tasks set by their teacher or tasks being done in that class. When we know a class teacher will be absent for three or more days we will notify families.

Our staff team for term two is as follows:

Preschool Lana Dibb, Gabi Scott, Kiah Noble, Tyas Prameswari & Helene Gurney

Kindergarten Jasmin Cerni & Brooke Rogers

Year one Prue Anderson & Emily Craggs

Year two Libby Mackie & Lara Wilson

Year three Kat Carling & Georgie Kelley

Year four Hannah Brydie-Watson & Aaron Flynn

Year five Rachel Mian & Michael Tinio

Year six Amy Carr & Andrew Gibson

Small group program Kat Newton

Japanese & EALD Paul McGregor

Science & Arts Kate Elliot & Jan Elliot

PE & Japanese Brett Maron

Assistants Trudy Thornton, Kim-Maree Janszen, Kiah Noble, Natalie Soffe & Gabi Scott

School Psychologist Charlotte Harrison-Smith

Receptionist Teresa Ang

Business Manager Sharlot Holmes

Building Services Officer George Geou

Executive Teacher Jnr Mariana Fuenzalida

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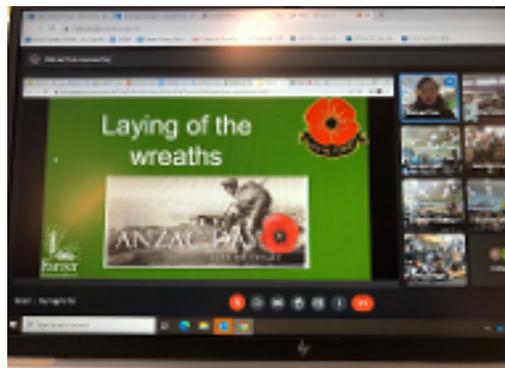
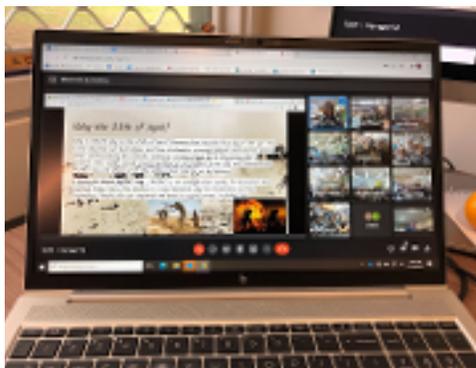
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Principal Liz Wallace

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ANZAC ceremony

Thank you to our year five students for hosting an ANZAC ceremony yesterday. The students shared the significance of ANZAC Day and some of the traditions associated with ANZAC commemorations. Classes each laid a wreath at the flags in the foyer.



Enrolling for 2023

Enrolments are now open for 2023. This applies to children starting preschool in 2023, year sixes moving on to high school and anyone moving into Farrer in 2023. Enrolments can be completed through this [link](#). Please chat with Teresa at reception if you have any questions.

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

COVID safety plan

As mentioned in the letter sent to families by Director General, Katy Haire last Friday, COVID management plans are being reviewed in schools at present with new plans being implemented from week three. I will send details of the new plan once finalised.

Changes to distribution of Rapid Antigen Tests

From next week Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) will be available on an as needed basis. This means if your child has symptoms or if there is a spike in cases in a particular cohort. To request RATs please complete this [form](#) by 2pm and tests will be sent home. Alternatively please pop in to the front office between 8:30am and 9:00am to collect tests.

Uniforms

As the cooler weather sets in we remind families that the school colour code is green and white. Our [dress standards procedure](#) sets out the need for children to wear colour code. We also encourage families to label all items of clothing as often children remove jumpers whilst playing and then forget to take them back to class. Items which are labelled are easy to return. A reminder that school uniforms are available through our P&C run [uniform shop](#).

Regards

Liz Wallace

Principal

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Term two

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	25/4 ANZAC Day Public Holiday	26/4	27/4 ANZAC ceremony	28/4	29/4
2	2/5	3/5	4/5 ACT 12&U Swimming Championships	5/5	6/5
3	9/5 Online Assembly	10/5 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Writing	11/5 School Board Meeting NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Reading	12/5 Melrose HS information night	13/5 Farrer PS Cross Country Carnival
4	16/5 Echidnas school photos NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Language Conventions	17/5 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Numeracy	18/5	19/5 K-6 school photos	20/5 Possums school photos
5	23/5	24/5 Tuggeranong Region Cross Country Carnival	25/5	26/5	27/5
6	30/5 Reconciliation Day Public Holiday	31/5 Online Assembly	1/6	2/6	3/6
7	6/6	7/6	8/6 School Board Meeting	9/6	10/6
8	13/6 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	14/6	15/6 ACT 12&U Cross Country Championships	16/6	17/6
9	20/6 Online Assembly	21/6	22/6	23/6	24/6
10	27/6	28/6 Christian Education in Schools	29/6	30/6	1/7

Enrolment and Transition information sessions for parents/carers of children with developmental delay and disability.

The information sessions will support parents and carers of children with developmental delay and disability to understand the enrolment process and to start planning for 2023. All sessions will be held online.

Enrolling for Preschool 2023

- Monday 9th May 1.00-2.30pm or
- Thursday 12th May 10.00-11.30am

Register and forward questions to: preschoolpathways@act.gov.au

Enrolling for Kindergarten to year 6

- Tuesday 10 May 1.00-2.30pm or
- Wednesday 11 May 10-11.30am

Register and forward questions to: exemptioncertificates@act.gov.au

Enrolling for year 7 to year 11

- Wednesday 11 May 1.00-2.30pm or
 - Friday 13 May 10.00-11.30am
- Register and forward questions to:

NEWS FROM FPS ENVIROMENT CENTRE

Once again I need to thank our fabulous families who cared for our gardens and animals over the school holidays. Thanks to Jo, Kerry, Sian, Jess, Macarena, Jan-Maree and their families for keeping things running smoothly.

We had a working bee over the holidays and almost completely overhauled the Summer garden into the Winter plantings. A heap of green tomatoes went home and hopefully will be turned into something useful like green tomato chutney. The gardens look neat and tidy and have been planted with green manure, broccoli, brussels sprouts, onions, beetroot, beans and garlic. We look forward to a bumper Winter crop!



The science classes have moved on to Chemistry this term. A teacher from the Academy of Future skills is mentoring me to create a new set of units for the year 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes. The year 3 classes started with melting marshmallows to observe how heating can cause a change in state (solid to liquid) - YUM!.

The year 4 classes started by experimenting with the properties of various ribbon-like materials when moved through air.



They will be working on designing and making parachutes using various materials. If any families have large sheets of bubble wrap or foam wrapping material, we would gladly accept donations.

Finally, one of our Cameron classes is going to be getting a mouse. I am wondering if there is anyone in the community that has a mouse cage that they are no longer using. It would be to house one or two mice and needs to be plastic, not glass. Please contact me if you have anything suitable.

Mrs Elliot and I are looking forward to another term full of questions and experiments!

Mrs Elliot (junior)

Enviro Center.

PLAY HOCKEY THIS WINTER



HOOKIN2HOCKEY (UIOs)

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AT LYNEHAM HOCKE CENTRE
SATURDAY MORNINGS ON TELOPIA PARK SCHOOL

UNDER 11s (2) MIXED

SATURDAY MORNINGS AT WILLOWS PLAYING FIELDS, ANU

UNDER 13s GIRLS

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT LYNEHAM HOCKEY FIELDS

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