



Farrer Primary School Newsletter
Term 2 Week 1: 27 April 2023

Acknowledgement of Country written by 2B



We are gathered, joined in spirit
our Acknowledgment of Country
comes from the heart
and we sing in one voice.

We acknowledge past custodians
who walked and cared for this land
pay respect to Elders past and present
millions of footprints in sand.

Their descendants are our future
we seek your wisdom today
please teach us how to care for country
respect this sacred place.

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Adapted from *Acknowledgment of Country Song* by Leah Licence and Mary Fletcher 2020

Messages from our Principal - Ms Liz Wallace



Staffing update

Welcome to our newest team member Xingliang Yu who joins us as a teacher in the year five team. Mr Yu has joined us from Darwin and is looking forward to his new role.

Our staff team for two term is as follows:

Preschool - Lana Dibb, Kelly Bennet & Sylvia Kaltner

Kindergarten - Libby Mackie & Amanda Stoddart

Year one - Erin Bromley & Jasmin Cerni

Year two - Ali Bos & Georgia Lucas

Year three - Sarah Otuhouma, Tori Barbaro & Sarah Aby

Year four - Bright Lai & Lara Wilson

Year five - Rachel Mian & Xingliang Yu

Year six - Lauren Uhr & Kylie Munn

Small Group Program - Kat Newton

Japanese - Sarah Aby & Paul McGregor

Science - Aaron Flynn

PE - Brett Maron

Learning Support Assistants - Kim-Maree Janszen, Eloise Bacon, Noah Saddler, Natalie Soffe, Georgia Willey, Juwan Compain & Jonah Sullivan

Building Service Officers - George Geou

Receptionist - Trudy Thornton

School Psychologist - Charlotte Harrison-Smith

A/g Business Manager - Jenny Cavalier

A/g Junior School Team Leader - Emily Craggs

Senior School Team Leader - Jodie White

A/g Deputy Principal - Mariana Fuenzalida

Principal - Liz Wallace

2024 enrolments

Enrolments are now open for ACT Public Schools for 2024.

Who needs to enrol?

- children entering preschool in 2024;
- children moving to year 7 in 2024; and
- children moving between ACT Public Schools in 2024.

[Enrol here](#)

Enrol by 2 June to receive an offer by 24 July 2023.

If you have any questions please contact the enrolment team in Education or Trudy at reception.

Masterplan update

Due to changes within the organisation contracted to do the shade structure over the Cameron hardtop area, the work was not completed as planned over the holidays. This work is now scheduled to occur in the July school holidays.

Quality learning

Congratulations to the following children who have shared quality learning with school leaders since the last newsletter.

Year 2: Arjun - technology

Year 4: Caitlin & Matilda - writing

Absent from school ? What to do

A reminder that absences from school need to be explained by notification from the child's family / carers. This allows teachers to complete the register of attendance (roll) according to Government policy. Absences can be notified by phone call, email or written note to the class teacher or front office. The front office will make contact via text message in the case of unexplained absences.

If students arrive after 9:15am, they are to go to the front office accompanied by a parent / carer and be signed in by office staff. Students will then receive a 'late slip' to hand to class teachers. This informs the teacher the student has been signed in.

Our school's Attendance Procedure is available [here](#).

Melrose High School - come and try day

Melrose High School Come and Try day gives prospective Year 6 students the opportunity to visit Melrose High School and develop an understanding of secondary school processes. Students will be introduced to the high school setting, while being connected to support systems the school has to offer. The day will be full of exciting relationship building activities and introductions to each learning area's context.

Please note: Students will need to bring recess, lunch and a drink bottle. Student Leaders will provide one halal sausage sandwich per student.

WHEN: Tuesday 23 May 2023

TIME: 9:00am – 3:00pm

WHERE: Malcom Barlow Hall, Melrose High School

A permission note for this experience will be sent home shortly.

Term two events

Week 2

4 May: Farrer PS Cross Country

5 May: Dance Nation lesson

Week 3

8 May: Assembly

8 May: P&C Meeting

9 May: ACT 12&U Swimming Championships

9 May: Dental health and nutrition presentation Yr 2

10 May: School Board Meeting

12 May: Mothers' Day non uniform day & movie night - P&C events

12 May: Dance Nation lesson

Week 4

15 May: Echidnas school photos

16 May: Kenny Koala Yrs K-4

18 May: School photos

19 May: Possums school photos

19 May: Dance Nation lesson

Week 5

23 May: Melrose High School - come and try day

23 May: Tuggeranong Region Cross Country Carnival

24 May: Melrose High School Information Night

26 May: Dance Nation lesson

Week 6

29 May: Reconciliation Day Public Holiday

30 May: Assembly

30 May: Year 5 combined band at Farrer PS

2 June: Dance Nation lesson

Week 7

7 June: Author visit - Dr Cameron Stelzer

9 June: Dance Nation lesson

Week 8

12 June: Sovereign's Birthday Public Holiday

14 June: School Board meeting

15 June: ACT 12&U Cross Country championships

16 June: Dance Nation lesson

Week 9

19 June: Assembly

23 June: Dance Nation lesson

Week 10

27 June: Christian Education in Schools

27 June: NAIDOC Week - Larry Brandy storytelling

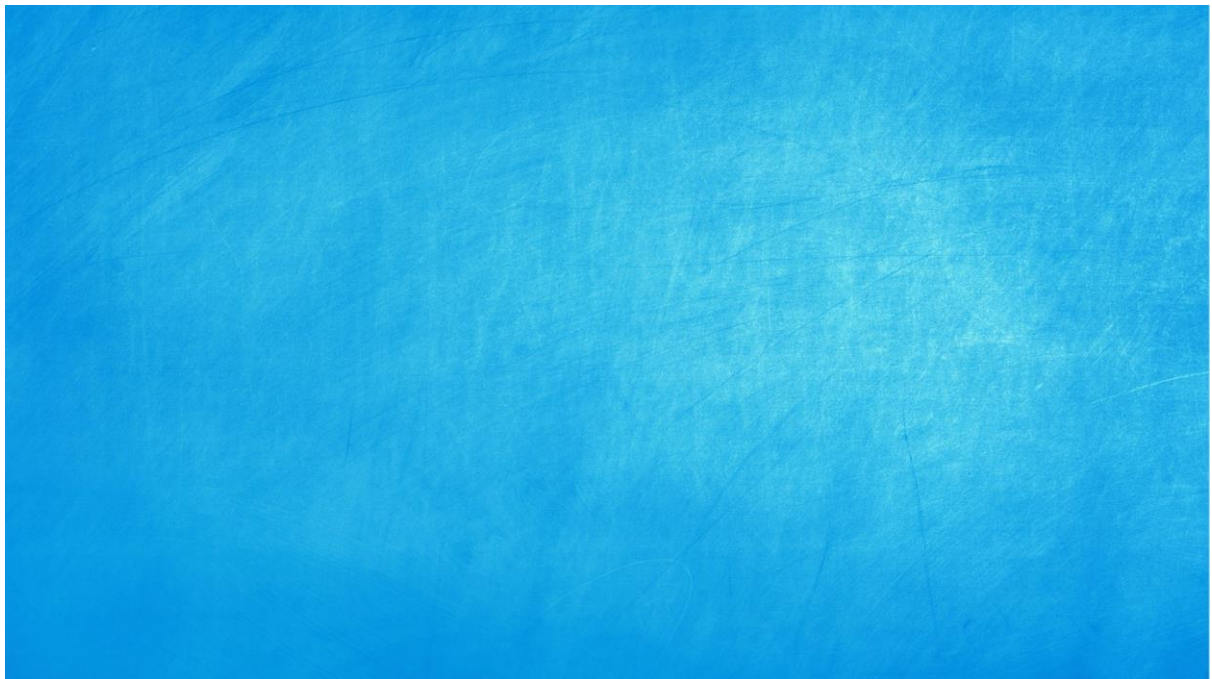
28 June: Semester one reports emailed

28 / 29 June: Dance Nation concert - date TBC

29 June: NAIDOC Week - Larry Brandy storytelling

30 June: Last day of term two

From the English Action Team: Early Literacy and Letter Recognition





Letter recognition is important because it helps build knowledge of letters to support beginning readers to figure out how printed text is associated with the spoken language. It is the foundation for learning to read and write. Many children at preschool are aware that printed text makes meaning. They are surrounded by environmental print and recognise familiar signs and labels. We take advantage of opportunities to introduce letters in everyday preschool life. For example, pointing out the letters when reading and writing notes.

At preschool we expose children in a fun, stress-free and positive way through games and hands on activities to support the process of laying down foundational pre-reading and writing skills. Just as children learn to walk and talk at different ages, the same is true for recognising letters of the alphabet. They each learn at their own pace. Children typically look for letters they are familiar with. One of the very first words with great importance will be their own name.

We harness that interest through a transition activity where children are shown capital letters. The aim is for children to recognise the letter and say either their own name or children's names in the class that start with that letter. Some children may also find other names that are important to them from their family, others enjoy the challenge of finding words that start with that letter. Next, they will begin expanding their letter knowledge to the rest of the alphabet. Eventually, these skills grow into the ability to start identifying and associating uppercase and lowercase letters.

Some other fun activities we present are:

Magnetic letters and a magnetic fishing line. Children fish for letters. There are many conversations going on such as "I have that letter in my name", "my name starts with"

What letter is missing? game. Showing children a small group of letters, taking one away and the children have to guess which letter is missing.

Making playdough letters.

Reading lots and lots of books.

Singing songs and rhymes. Singing the ABC song.

Hiding letters in sensory materials.

PE news



Cross Country Carnival

The Farrer Cross Country Carnival will be held on Thursday next week (4th May).

The canteen is offering a special menu for the day. You can place an order via Spriggy Schools - under EVENTS. Please note, the usual canteen menu will not be available on the day.

On the day, lunch will be earlier than usual (eating time 10:40am, Playtime 10:50am - 11:30am).

Students will assemble at lines at 11.30am. Races should start at 11.45am and progress from youngest to oldest until 1.30pm for recess as usual.

Our Echidna preschool group will do their cross-country race at 12.45pm on Tuesday next week. If they would also like to participate with the rest of the school on Thursday, they are welcome to attend under parental supervision.

We ask families to ensure children have their hats, sunscreen and drink bottles.

Children need to wear appropriate footwear and clothes for running. As always, children are welcome to come dressed in sporting house colours:

- Bencubbin (Yellow)
- Wingen (Blue)
- Glenwarri (Green)

We're looking forward to a fun day!

Tuggeranong Region Swimming Carnival

The Tuggeranong Region Swimming Carnival was held in week 9 last term. Our swimmers represented Farrer with distinction, in and out of the pool and some of the highlights in the pool were presented in the last newsletter.

Five Farrer students were also successful in qualifying for the ACT 12 & Under Swimming Championships to be held at the AIS pool in week 3 this term, where they will represent Tuggeranong region and compete against the best swimmers from schools across the ACT. Congratulations to:

Augie Hayman	4L
Bridget Konrad	4L
Corbin Rasmussen	4L
Linus Richardson	5M
Logan Rasmussen	6UM

We wish you all the best at the carnival.

News from the P&C

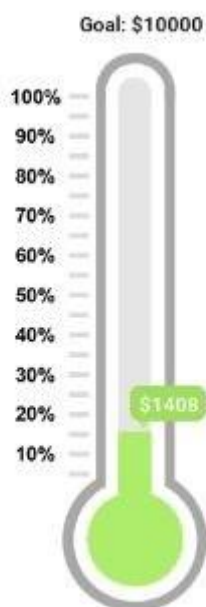


Welcome back to Term 2 of the school year! We hope you enjoyed the break and are ready to tackle the exciting term ahead. As always, the P&C is committed to supporting the school community in any way we can, and we look forward to working together with you all throughout the term.

In Term 2, the P&C has planned a series of fundraising events that we hope will bring the school community together and raise funds for the school. Our first event is a movie night, where families can relax and enjoy a family-friendly movie. We will also be running a raffle with some fantastic

prizes up for grabs. Additionally, we are hoping to organise a parents-only trivia night, which is sure to be a fun evening of friendly competition and socializing.

How can you help? We'd love to know how you'd like to get involved via <https://forms.gle/CeuFmKuBH8zrLpq79>




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ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS			
	What do I need to know!	Dates	How can I help?
Term 2			
Cross Country Special Menu	Lunch on the Run Burger Bundle (\$8) Perfect for refuelling after the race. Online orders only - via Spriggy Schools under 'Events'. Order close 8.30am Thursday 4th May.	4th May	Help build burgers! Check out how to volunteer below.
Mothers Day	Dress in your mum / special person's favourite colour and bring a gold coin for charity	12th May	Bring a gold coin
Movie Night	Join us for a cozy night in! Wear your PJs, bring your mum or a special person, and pre-order pizza for our upcoming P&C movie night	12th May	Get your tickets and pizza via SPRIGGY 'Events'
Bunnings Cake Stall	We'd love you to share your culinary skills	21st May	TBA
Trivia Night	TBA		


P&C MEETINGS

	When	Next one	What happens	Can I come!
All terms				
P&C Committee	Weeks 2&8	Monday 8th May 7pm - 8:30pm via Skype - pls email us for link	Governance of the P&C School issue discussion Events and activities Fundraising	We'd love to see you!
Canteen Sub committee	Weeks 2&7	Monday 8th May	Governance Menu Risks / Ideas	We'd love to see you!
Uniform Shop subcommittee	ad hoc	TBA	Governance Operations Risks / Ideas	We'd love to see you!



Mum or special person day!

Friday 12th May







Dress up for school!

By Day

- Dress like your mum or special person
- Bring a gold coin






By night Relax at the FPS P&C Cinema!

Farrer School Hall. Doors open 530 For Movie at 6pm

Get your tickets and pizza via SPRIGGY 'Events'



Bring


- Your mum or special person
- A bean bag, mat or low festival / camping chair
- Favourite teddy

Wear

- Your PJs!

Think you'll be hungry?

- Pizza! (Preorder only)
- Snacks for purchase on the night (cash only)



Note

- All children must be with an adult, no supervision provided
- Movie is rated PG

Any questions - fpspandcfundraising@gmail.com

Uniform Shop

How to order - Go to the [P&C Uniform Shop](#) or scan the QR Code (don't forget to put your student's name and class in the comments at checkout).

Secondhand Items: The secondhand items are available for purchase though the online shop. We try to update this regularly, but if you are looking for a specific item, or want to have a rummage through the draws, please email us.

Anything else? Shoot us an email - FPSUniforms@gmail.com

Canteen



Lunch on the Run - Cross Country Special Menu - We're offering a special menu on the day of the Cross Country, Thursday 4th May. Online orders only. Order via Spriggy Schools - under Events. Please note that our usual menu will not be available on the day of the cross country. We will be open at lunch and recess for over the counter sales of drinks, snacks and frozen items.

Daily Specials - Look out for details of this term's daily specials - coming very soon! We'd love your feedback or ideas for future options thekidskitchenfarrer@gmail.com

Reusables - We have lost over 500 teaspoons... PLEASE remind students to return them in the lunch tubs and check your lunchboxes and kitchen drawers as we know (from experience...) that some are making it home.

Volunteers - We always need volunteers in the canteen, if you can spare an hour here and there, we'd be really grateful! Just find a time that suits and sign up here: www.volunteersignup.org/PQAH7

Fundraising

All terms	
SHOES	
Don't forget to mention Farrer Primary School if you are purchasing new runners at The Athlete's Foot! We get \$5 from each purchase.	
WINE	
We are still running our Farrer Community Grapevine fundraiser! Jump online and grab some grapes! Wine Fundraiser	

P&C Handy Contacts & Links

- Email - FarrerPS.CommunityAssociation@gmail.com
- Facebook - [P&C Noticeboard Facebook](#)
- Website - [P&C Website](#)

Canteen

- Contact - TheKidsKitchenFarrer@gmail.com
- [Pantry list](#)

Uniform Shop

- Sales - [P&C Uniform Shop](#)
- Email - FPSUniforms@gmail.com

Community News



50 years of IMP Instrumental Music Program

To celebrate 50 years of IMP 1973-2023
the program will be holding a reunion band event and concert on Sunday June 18
at Llewellyn Hall, ANU School of Music
Reunion band rehearsal 10.00-11.30am and concert 2.00-4.30pm

Former SCB – Senior Concert Band – students and staff are invited to join the band for the day
Families, friends and colleagues of the program are invited to attend the free concert
Follow our facebook page – “50 years of IMP”

Link to register for reunion band as a player



<https://forms.gle/YHSBSrDEJw91DUtd7>

Link to access free concert tickets



<https://www.trybooking.com/CGAJE>



TERM 2, CANBERRA KIDS WOODWORK CLASSES CLASSES BACK 1ST OF MAY

MONDAY KIDS - ALMOST FULL!

TUESDAY KIDS

WEDNESDAY HOMESCHOOL - FULL!

WEDNESDAY KIDS

THURSDAY KIDS - ALMOST FULL!

FRIDAY TEENS

SEE ALL WORKSHOPS ON OUR WEBSITE
WWW.TWOSHEDSWORKSHOPS.COM.AU

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