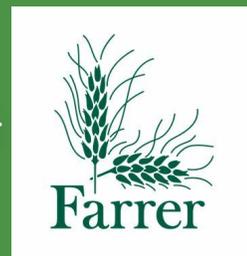




# FARRER PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS



Term 4

Week 5

04 November 2021

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Kate Banwell

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Primary Executive  
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## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Acknowledgement of Country - written by Caden Sweeney, 5CG

I would like to acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, past present and future still to come. Together we can contribute to keep on taking care of this land. We respect and honour the different languages, tribes and sacred sites that belong to your ancestors. We appreciate the land, sky and sea that we can see, feel and touch. We recognise that there have been mistakes in the past, and together we look to progressing forward in the future in peace and harmony.

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.

### ***Return to on campus learning***

It is fabulous to have the children back at school. The past ten days have been successful as children have reconnected with friends, teachers and support staff. New routines have been established quickly and everyone is working together to maximise safety for everyone.

The drop off and pick up system is working well. We are grateful for your support in adhering to [ACT Health Guidelines](#) of not coming on site unless in essential or emergency circumstances. We know this is different, it is for us too. Thank you for following the Health Guidelines.

## SCHOOL BOARD

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Philippa Northam

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## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Children have all participated in three Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) lessons to discuss and understand updated health directions. Tokens are also being awarded for consistent safe and responsible behaviours as we embed COVID safe practices.

Classes have also revisited the sunsafe PBL lesson and discussed the importance of wearing a hat whilst outdoors. Please remind your child to pack their hat each day as it is essential for outdoor play and learning. Children without a hat are directed to play in undercover areas.

This week the canteen re-opened for online ordering, piano and guitar lessons recommenced and band lessons were once again permitted indoors. We are now finalising arrangements for out of hours hirers to return to the school from next week as well as working on plans

### ***School's Canteen Day***

Tomorrow is School's Canteen Day. We are extremely fortunate to have Katie and the team of regular volunteers - Jenn, Mel, Niciole, Bec and Paul - to run our Kids Kitchen. Thank you also to our P&C canteen committee - Mel, Katie, Gabrielle, Michael, Jenn, Sian, Nicole and Bec - who oversee and manage the Kids Kitchen. Receiving a lunch order is a treat for most children and the menu provided here at Farrer is both nutritious and delicious.

### ***World Teacher Day - thank you***

Last Friday our teachers were delighted and surprised to receive lovely treat boxes from our P&C for World Teacher Day. A big thank you from all the teachers. Our team is relieved to be back onsite and working with the children again. The appreciation shown during remote learning and again on World Teacher Day is greatly appreciated.

### ***2022 considerations***

Next month we will be developing 2022 class lists. We will be having two classes in each year level at this stage. To assist us with this process we need some information from families. Please email [kate.banwell@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:kate.banwell@ed.act.edu.au) if you have information on either of these points:

1. Your child / children will not be returning to Farrer in 2022.
2. You have information you would like us to consider when forming classes, e.g. peer combinations that may not work. (We aim to do as best we can with this information).

Please email through a response if you need to by Monday 9 November 2021. We will notify

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

families of 2022 class placements in the week of 13 December 2021. Children will also have the opportunity to meet their teacher in the same week.

### ***Returning library books***

We invite children to return all library books by Friday 19 November so that a stocktake can occur. Please ask your child to pass library books on to their teacher for returning.

Please email or call the school to arrange a time to talk with a teacher or school leader with any questions, concerns or celebrations you want to share.

Regards

Liz Wallace

## **Supporting student safety: mobile speed camera vans and parking enforcement teams return to 40 km/h school zones**

With the recommencement of term 4 and students returning to schools, it is critical that parents drive and park safely and legally at and around our schools.

In addition to sticking to the speed limit, please remember it is critical to park safely – including not parking across pedestrian crossings, in no stopping zones, on corners, verges and double parking. Unsafe and illegal parking can reduce visibility of our students and motorists to see each other, creating a significant hazard when students cross the road.

Mobile speed vans will be operation, as well as Access Canberra parking enforcement teams, to support our students' safety. These enforcement teams play a critical role in supporting our students to get to and from school safely and we thank them for their ongoing support.

Let's work together to keep our kids safe.



## Children's Week Celebration

In week 7, the school will hold a whole school friendship rock painting event to mark Children's Week. The 2021 theme is 'Children have the right to choose their own friends and safely connect with others'.

On the day, children will listen to a story about friendship and paint their own friendship rocks. The rocks will be displayed on school grounds for students to sit and play with when they need a friend. Students will be asked to look out for others playing there and ask if they would like a friend to play with.

We may even send some rocks home...who knows where they will pop up around Canberra, so keep your eyes peeled!



**Congratulations to the Farrer students who have won awards at the ACT Science Fair this year.**



We had a lot of Farrer students complete and submit science fair entries during home learning which is a great achievement!

We don't know yet what award our winners have been awarded. Their certificates and prizes will be sent to our school so we can virtually present them.

*Congratulations to:*

Obaidullah	Energetic Propeller Car - Does the number of twists in rubber bands affect the distance travelled by a propeller car?
Ella Buchanan Maryn Freill	Do different materials affect how quickly water temperature drops?
Teghan Freill	Which Biodegradable item will break down the fastest in different conditions?
Class	In Australia, are rocks and objects and buildings made from rock in danger of dissolving in acid rain? A comparison experiment.

The Farrer Science Fair is still on hold until health advice allows us to use a shared space.

Thank you to all the families who have created entries and thank you for those who've been able to keep up their science learning.

Mrs Elliot

**EXECUTIVE NEWS** - contact us at: [FarrerPS.CommunityAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:FarrerPS.CommunityAssociation@gmail.com)

*P&C AGM - 23rd November 2021 6pm, followed by a committee meeting at 7pm*

The FPS P&C AGM will be held 23rd November at 6pm followed by a committee meeting at 7pm. We'll be talking through the year that was and holding an election for the new committee and office bearers.

If you would like to serve as an office bearer or committee member, please provide your nomination to the returning officer [info@farrerps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@farrerps.act.edu.au) prior to 3pm on the 23rd November, or in person at the meeting. The nomination form can be found on the FPS website

[https://www.farrerps.act.edu.au/our\\_community/p\\_and\\_c](https://www.farrerps.act.edu.au/our_community/p_and_c)

If you have any questions, please email [farrerps.communityassociation@gmail.com](mailto:farrerps.communityassociation@gmail.com)



At our last meeting the P&C recognised the hard work of all our fundraising activities over the last three years and passed three motions to spend some of our hard earned cash!!!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our activities and events.

*In 2022, the FPS P&C will:*

- *Provide \$10,000 to towards delivery of play based elements of the FPS Landscape Plan in 2022*
- *Up to \$4,500 to support whole school based excursions such as the athletics and swimming carnivals.*
- *\$1,000 toward the purchase of new books in the library.*

### *FPS P&C Strategy*

Using your feedback from the FPS P&C survey in 2021, our updated Constitution objectives and our collective wisdom, the 2021 FPS P&C Committee have developed a 5 year strategy which we are excited to share with you. You can find a (normal sized) copy at [https://www.farreps.act.edu.au/our\\_community/p\\_and\\_c](https://www.farreps.act.edu.au/our_community/p_and_c) or squint and try and read it below. (The choice is yours :0)

### *FPS P&C Strategy 2021 - 2026*

**Vision:** To support Farrer Primary School by providing services, advocacy and fundraising.

**Values:** P&C activities, events and services will be:

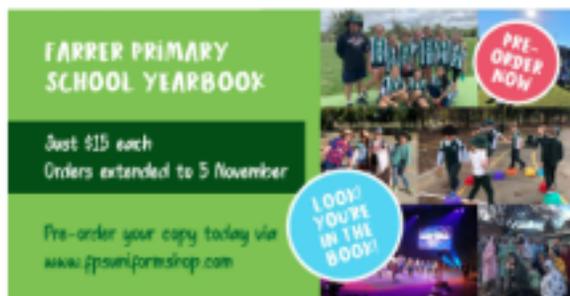
- Inclusive and accessible.
- Respectful.
- Sustainable in their delivery.
- Aligned with FPS activities.

P&C Objective	Actions
To support the well-being of the school community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ To deliver 1 event per term that supports community wellbeing and engagement.</li> <li>→ To bring matters to the attention of FPS through regular P&amp;C meetings.</li> </ul>
To fundraise for agreed objectives with a goal of \$20,000 per year. To be used to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Subsidise school excursions</li> <li>★ Support literacy</li> <li>★ Increase outdoor play and amenity in support of the FPS Landscape Plan.</li> <li>★ Other activities as agreed by the committee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Seek available grants.</li> <li>→ Deliver fundraising events through volunteer effort.</li> <li>→ Seek donations from families</li> <li>→ Seek sponsorship from local businesses</li> <li>→ Develop an annual calendar of events</li> </ul>
To provide sustainable, cost effective canteen services for families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Develop a business model for a sustainable shop.</li> <li>→ Support the P&amp;C subcommittee</li> </ul>
To provide sustainable, ethical and cost effective uniform shop services to support FPS families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Develop a business model for a sustainable shop.</li> <li>→ Support the P&amp;C subcommittee</li> </ul>
To provide other services as needed by the school community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Investigate the opportunity to host in-school piano or other lessons on demand.</li> <li>→ Investigate the opportunity to support resident artists, sporting activities or music after school.</li> </ul>
To support FPS in the delivery of its Strategic Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ To provide a board representative and create connectivity.</li> </ul>

**P&C ACTIVITIES** - contact us at: [FPSPandCFundraising@gmail.com](mailto:FPSPandCFundraising@gmail.com)

## Yearbook

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of the Farrer family business owners for their support of this activity.



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**Thank you** Farrer families!

We have currently sold over **200** copies of our first ever FPS Yearbook! Fantastic!

Sales have been extended through Friday, 5 November as Years 3-5 are just returning to school this week. Don't miss out!

**Thank you** Yearbook team for your amazing effort!

**Buy your copy today! Orders close this week.**

## **P&C Waste Grant Competition** Entries due by 10 December 2021.

### It's National Recycling Week from 8 to 14 November 2021!

National Recycling Week will take place this year from 8 to 14 November. There are loads of recycling challenges, events and information sessions happening online – feel free to take a look at some of the links below.

### Take a waste or recycling challenge!

Farrer Primary P&C has some books to give away to families interested in tackling their waste – take one of the recycling challenges below then send in a short summary of what you did along with some photos to [farrerps.communityassociation@gmail.com](mailto:farrerps.communityassociation@gmail.com) for your chance to win!

- [Food Waste Challenge](#) (ACT Government) - This three-week challenge focuses on simple actions that ensure the food you buy and prepare gets eaten.
- [30-day Recycling Challenge](#) (Cleanaway) – check out the materials on their website for more information if you'd like to take part.
- [Recycling Quiz](#) – Take Planet Ark's quiz to test your knowledge on waste and recycling then use it to inspire your own challenge based on what you've learnt.

### Online Masterclasses

- [Are you Recycling Right? – Masterclass](#) - Find out what happens to our recycled waste here in Canberra and what you can do to help recycle efficiently. Presented by Robbie Ladbroke, ACT NoWaste Recycling Discovery Hub.
- [Towards Zero Food Waste - Masterclass](#) - Simple tips to help you reduce waste associated with food preparation in your home. Presented by Ryan Lungu, Director Canberra Environment Centre.

### Online Resources

- The ACT Government has loads of resources online about waste and recycling. [Recyclonaedia](#) is the A to Z guide to recycling, reuse and disposal.
- Planet Ark founded [National Recycling Week](#) in 1996 and [have](#) lots of online resources to help educate and inspire you about the environmental benefits of recycling.
- Check out the innovative solutions by [TerraCycle](#) to tackle hard to recycle waste streams. You might even find some solutions to help redirect some of your waste.

P&C ACTIVITIES - contact us at: [FPSPandCFundraising@gmail.com](mailto:FPSPandCFundraising@gmail.com)

*Container Deposit Fundraiser*



*Hint*

When dropping your eligible recycling off at Phillip Depot always remember to ask the employees to print your **0000231231 barcode** first, **BEFORE** scanning your recycling.

Please drop your recycling at *Phillip Depot, 17 Dundas Court* as Farrer IGA Return-it Kiosk remains closed at this time.

CANTEEN - contact us at [thekidskitchenfarrer@gmail.com](mailto:thekidskitchenfarrer@gmail.com)



The canteen will open on Wednesday 3rd November (week 5).

In line with the canteen COVID SAFE PLAN, for the remainder of Term 4, we will be open for **online orders only for lunch and recess - no over counter service.**

To order lunch from the canteen go to the School24 <https://www.school24.net.au> (School ID 25128963).

The cut-off for orders is strictly 8.30am on the day the order is to be delivered.

If you are able to volunteer in Term 4, please email [thekidskitchenfarrer@gmail.com](mailto:thekidskitchenfarrer@gmail.com) and you will be sent the volunteer sign up link.

UNIFORM SHOP - contact us at [FPSUniforms@gmail.com](mailto:FPSUniforms@gmail.com)

### *2021 COVID SAFE RULES*

For the remainder of Term 4, 2021, we will have a COVID safe plan in place. You will not be able to try on uniforms or collect via the front office.

**For existing 2021 Students** - Orders will be provided via classroom teachers, please make sure your student's name is in the order notes. Orders must be placed by 13th December to receive items in 2021.

**For incoming 2022 Students**, your orders can be collected in 2022 (see below).

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### *2021 / 2022 SUMMER HOLIDAYS*

The Uniform shop **is closed for delivery** from 17th December, until 31st January.

The online shop will remain **open to receive orders** and emails will be checked weekly.

Orders will be available for drive through collection (only) in the carpark on:

- Friday 28th January 1200-1500
- Monday 31st January 0830-1000

If you can volunteer to support this 2022 collection, please sign up at [volunteersignup.org/QKLDX](https://volunteersignup.org/QKLDX)

The P+C uniform shop has a new website,  
you can find us at  
[www.fpsuniformshop.com](http://www.fpsuniformshop.com)

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### *2022 Leadership Items*

Options have been developed and will be consulted with 2022 leadership students over the next month. We expect to open orders in week 6. A note will be sent home advising families of pricing and ordering.

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The IMF Virtual Run was established in 2014 to support and celebrate the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) squad who will be completing their first marathon!

Show your support to this year's IMP squad who have remained motivated and committed to their training overcoming uncertainty, lockdowns and travel restrictions.

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All funds raised support the Indigenous Marathon Foundation to continue to showcase Indigenous achievement and resilience, and deliver life changing experiences to First Nations young men and women each year through the IMP.

Read more about the IMP impact below.

