



Farrer Primary School Newsletter  
Term 4 Week 9 - 8 December 2022

## *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.

## *Messages from The Principal - Ms Wallace*



### *Camp*

Our 5/6 children finally got to camp this week. There was much excitement and some nerves on Tuesday morning. Once at camp the groups rotated through giant swing, vertical playpen, water race, team initiatives and scavenger campfire activities. Night time activities included trivia, minute to win it and a movie.

Thank you to the staff team who spent time away from their families in order to provide this camp opportunity for the children. Jodie White, Michael Tinio, Rachel Mian, Aaron Flynn, Georgie Kelley and Noah Saddler are all exhausted and in much need of a rest.

Thank you to the team at Birrigai for facilitating the activities and cooking all the lovely meals.







## *PBL celebration*

Next Tuesday K-6 classes will take part in a Positive Behaviour for Learning celebration from 2-3pm. On the day children are not required to wear school uniform. Class teachers will plan outdoor PE games and activities for children to engage in. The P&C will provide a Zooper Dooper for all children.

Our Preschool Echidnas have their water fun day on Tuesday. Children can also come to school in non school uniform clothes. They too will receive a Zooper Dooper.

On Thursday week 10 Preschool Possums have their water fun day. Children can come to school in non school uniform clothes. They will receive a Zooper Dooper.

We thank the Farrer PS P&C for providing icy treats for all Farrer PS children. What a fun way to celebrate the end of the school year.

## *2023 classes*

Next Thursday families will receive a letter via email detailing each child's class and teacher for 2023. Children will also meet in their class groups for a short time and swap postcards with their new teacher. Where the teacher is new to the school an existing team member will meet the children

and pass on the postcards. Class placements are very considered and take into account teacher professional judgement, student friendship choices and information from parents.

### *Learning Journey*

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Learning Journey last week. Students reported their excitement in sharing learning with their families.

Thank you to Mr Tinio and Miss White for leading the band. Thank you also to the P&C, OSHClub and volunteer staff and parents for running the BBQ.







### *Staffing update*

In addition to staff mentioned in the last newsletter, Mrs Kat Carling will be taking leave in 2023 to work in a non-government school. We wish Mrs Carling all the very best in her new role.

### *Baby news*

Congratulations to Hannah Brydie-Watson and family who welcomed baby Max last week.

Congratulations to Kate Banwell and family who welcomed son Charlie this week.

### *Public Education Award nominees*

Congratulations to our two nominees in the 2022 Public Education Awards.

Lara Wilson was nominated in the Primary Teacher of the Year category and Mike Sweeney in the Volunteer of the Year category. We are proud to work with you both and thank you for your contributions.

### *RATs to be distributed to ACT public school students*

The ACT Government is currently providing more free rapid antigen tests (RATs) to all ACT public school students from kindergarten to year 9. Students will be given a bundle of 5 RATs each for use as needed. These will go home with students tomorrow.

The tests have a range of best before dates and families are reminded to check these dates before use.

You do not need to use a RAT unless you have COVID-19 symptoms. For more information including how to use a RAT please visit the [Children and COVID-19 webpage](#).

For the latest information on Staying COVID Smart visit: [www.covid19.act.gov.au](http://www.covid19.act.gov.au).

## *BASE reports for Kindergarten*

End of year BASE reports will be sent home with children this afternoon. Please reach out to class teachers with any questions.

## *Quality learning*

Congratulations to the following children who shared quality learning with school leaders over the past fortnight. We always enjoy celebrating quality learning with children.

Kindergarten - KR

Year 1 - TJ, Alex Joseph - maths

Year 4 - Ella & Blake - writing

## *Stolen bike*

Sadly, on Wednesday this week, a student had their bike stolen from the bike rack area. This was extremely sad for the student as the bike was a recent birthday present. Below is a picture of the bike. If you have any information about this please contact the front office on 6142 0860.



## *Thank you and happy holidays*

Thank you for your support throughout the year. It hasn't been the easiest year and the school community can be proud of its achievements.

Congratulations to our graduating year six students, it has been a privilege to work with you and I wish you all the best in your high schooling and beyond. To families moving from Farrer, all the very best with the next chapter in your lives.

All the best to everyone for a safe and happy holiday.

## Calendar of Events



### December

- 12th Assembly
- 13th Christian Education In School
- 13th Echidnas Water Play Day
- 13th PBL celebration / non-uniform day
- 15th Year 6 Graduation
- 15th Possums Water Play Day
- 16th Last day of Term 4

### January 2023

- 30th First day of 2023 Preschool Echidnas Group, 2023 Kindergarten students
- 30th Meet and Greet the teachers for new Year 1 - 6 students
- 31st First day for all returning Year 1 - 6 students

## News from Farrer Primary School Board



In our Semester 1 summary, we acknowledged the progress Farrer Primary School (FPS) staff have made towards two strategic priorities in 2022:

1. Improve the social and emotional engagement of students in their learning
2. Increase the percentage of students making at or above expected growth in numeracy

As we approach the end of Semester 2 and the close of 2022, we can report that FPS has continued to make inroads in advancing these priorities. We recognise and applaud all the teaching and support staff that have tried to improve each student's learning journey and school experience under the backdrop of workforce pressures, most notably due to COVID19. These two priorities will continue into 2023, pending a review by the FPS executive staff.

The FPS Playground Master Plan was reviewed and endorsed by the School Board mid-year which included opportunities for community feedback. It is pleasing to see the Plan start to become reality with some existing equipment modification already undertaken and works on the bike track well advanced. More upgrades are on the way early 2023! The Playground Master Plan needs your support to be fully implemented. The best way you can help is to support the Farrer P&C, through volunteering, to raise money for FPS and community initiatives.

Next year, FPS will consider options to replace and extend the perimeter fence. We acknowledge the existing fence is not fit-for-purpose and needs a whole-of-school ground approach to child safety and vandalism deterrence. When the fence design becomes available, opportunities for community consultation will be advertised through the FPS Newsletter.

As the end of the school year approaches, the School Board would like to acknowledge the graduating class of 2022 and wishes them every success in the future. Our collective advice to each

graduand is to continue to engage in Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) as a Safe, Respectful and Responsible Learner. These foundational behaviours will give you the attitude for inquisitive learning and shape your values as you develop into adolescents and beyond. Don't stop learning.

Finally, on behalf of the School Board, I would like to express our gratitude to all FPS teachers, support staff and executives for their investment in our children, commitment to their profession and dedication to FPS. Until next year, stay safe and enjoy the break. We look forward to 2023!

Phillip Bowden

Board Chair

### *News from FPS Library*



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***Final Date to return the books is 12 December 2022.***

*Thank you!*

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## News from FPS P&C



**Thank you to everyone who has supported and helped the P&C this last year.** Without the hardworking P&C Committee and all the wonderful volunteers we would not be able to keep the Canteen and Uniform Shop running, or to have events like the recent Paper Plane Day & Learning Journey BBQ. Not to mention donating \$14,000 to the FPS this year alone to be used towards learning and play materials, and the landscape plan. We appreciate each and every one of you.

**Meeting:** Our last meeting for 2022 is tonight (Thursday 8th Dec) 7pm - 8pm via Skype. Please email [FarrerPS.CommunityAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:FarrerPS.CommunityAssociation@gmail.com) for the link. Everyone is welcome!

Not sure what the P&C does? Check out our 5 year plan and strategy - [P&C 5 Year Plan](#)

### Uniform Shop

**A big thank you to the Uniform Shop Ninjas, Anthea Healey, Sarah Richardson and Deb Bowden for running the Uniform Shop for another year - Great work Ladies!**

**Last Orders for 2022:** Orders placed by 5pm Tuesday 13th Dec will be sent home with your student on Thursday 15th Dec. Any orders placed after this will be available for collection or delivery in January 2023.

**2023 Open Hours:** The Uniform Shop will be open at selected times the week prior to school return for sizing and collection of orders. Dates and times are TBC (we haven't figured out our lives that far ahead yet), so keep an eye on the P&C Facebook Page for opening times - [Farrer Primary P&C Noticeboard](#)

**2023 Home Delivery:** Did you say home delivery??? Yes - we are offering home delivery of your uniform items! Orders placed prior to 25th January will have the option to include home delivery. This will be available as an item to add to your cart (\$5), and orders will be delivered between 26th - 29th January.

**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).

**Second Hand Items** - The drawers are overflowing and we can not keep up to date online. If you want to have a rummage through, please [email](#) to arrange a time. Second hand items \$1 - \$5 each.

**Anything else?** Shoot us an email - [FPSUniforms@gmail.com](mailto:FPSUniforms@gmail.com)



## Canteen

A HUGE thank you to our P&C canteen manager Katie for her tireless work in 2022, from winning awards to navigating the perils of COVID, moving to reusables and a new website, it's been a big year.

An especially big thanks to our extraordinary volunteers Bec 'save our bacon' Buchanan and Mel 'queen of the cheesy pasta' Northey who have supported the canteen almost every week. A special mention also to Paul, Jude and Majeed who regularly fill gaps when we need.

**Feedback** Your feedback is always very welcome! Please feel free to share your thoughts in our [survey](#)

**Help!!** To keep operating, we need your help in 2023! Can you

- Help for a few hours?
- Donate pantry items? [The list is here](#)
- Help with working bees?

### **Events**

Do you have an idea for an event you'd like to see run in 2023? Please get in touch and tell us about it!

We can't run events without volunteers, so please look out in the newsletter or on our facebook page for opportunities to help.

### **P&C Handy Contacts & Links**

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

Website - [P&C Website](#)

### **Canteen**

- Contact - [TheKidsKitchenFarrer@gmail.com](mailto:TheKidsKitchenFarrer@gmail.com)
- Volunteer Roster [volunteersignup.org/R9H7B](https://volunteersignup.org/R9H7B)

### **Uniform Shop**

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# SUMMER TENNIS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Join in the 2022/23 Summer of Tennis!

**Pre Christmas: Mon 19th - 23rd Dec 2022**  
**Week 1: Mon 16th - Fri 20th Jan 2023**  
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**Weston Creek Tennis Club**, Dillon Ct, off Namatjira Dr (Behind McDonald's)

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## Sing with us on Christmas Eve!



Join us for a fun day of rehearsal, games, and craft  
on Wednesday 21 December

then sing in our choir at the family service on

**Christmas Eve at 5pm**

For more information, contact [juniorchoir@stpaulsmanuka.org.au](mailto:juniorchoir@stpaulsmanuka.org.au)

#### Youth Choirs at St Paul's Manuka

All children are warmly welcome to be part of our youth choirs,  
where they can develop their innate musical abilities  
in a friendly, supportive and inclusive environment.

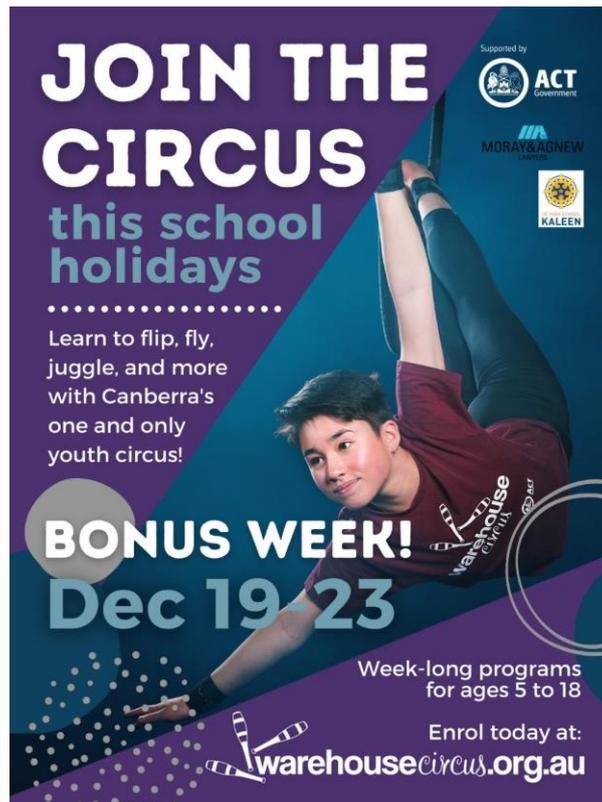
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