



Farrer Primary School Newsletter
Term 1 Week 9: 30 March 2023

Acknowledgement of Country written by Brooklyn, 50



Yumalundi. Today I would like to acknowledge the Ngunnawal people, the traditional owners of this land. I would like to thank the Ngunnawal people for looking after the land and nature. I thank them for helping the land, the nature, the animals and culture thrive, so that future generations can live, learn, play and meet on the land. The Ngunnawal have been here for thousands of years so I hope that the past, the present and the future learn to respect the land and humans like you do. I also hope they can enjoy the land like I do because of you.

Thank you

Messages from our Principal - Ms Liz Wallace



Masterplan update

We continue to make progress on installing elements of the masterplan developed last year with [Wellspring](#). This semester we hope to see three new projects underway or completed.

Shade structure for Cameron hardtop

Over the April holidays a shade structure will be installed over the Cameron hardtop. This will be funded by the Education Directorate and will enable learning outdoors in all weather conditions. Once installed the next step will be to redo line markings for basketball and netball courts and install new hoops. The line markings will be donated by a generous Farrer family. We sincerely hope the new hoops will be looked after and not broken again by people who use them outside of school hours.

Extension to senior playground equipment

Last week year six student parliament members consulted with all senior classes to make a final decision on the new equipment to be added to the existing senior playground equipment. The new components will provide lots of opportunities for climbing, balancing and swinging. The children are very excited about the extension. Now that the decision has been made it will take approximately 10-12 weeks for manufacturing and delivery. We will then see landscaping and installation occur.

Maze extension

The maze next to the junior play equipment proved very popular with children during the masterplan consultation process. For this reason the maze will be extended with the addition of new sections on three sides as well as landscaping and soft fall. We will keep you up to date on the timeline for this project.

The senior playground equipment and maze extensions will be funded using money allocated within the 2023 school budget.

Early next term families will be invited to make a voluntary contribution which will be used to fund another element of the masterplan. We will begin talking with the designer about what element will be possible.

Staffing update

We are sad to be farewelling two valued team members next week.

Mr Jake Ovington is moving interstate. We have enjoyed working with Jake and appreciated his work in roles as teacher of year 4 and 5. We wish Jake and his family all the very best in their next adventure.

Mr Anthony Donaldson has completed his contract with us. Anthony has done a great job in the Building Services Officer role whilst George recovered from an injury. We thank Anthony and wish him all the best in his next role.

Ms Teresa Ang will continue to be on leave in term two and Mrs Jenny Cavalier will continue with us in the Business Manager role. We thank Jenny for her ongoing work in managing the school finances and facilities.

Term 1 PBL celebration



School Board Member update

1 April each year sees the commencement of the new term for School Board membership. This also means we farewell members from the previous term. I would like to thank Sian Phillips for her involvement as a parent representative on the School Board for the past two years and Amy Carr, teacher representative for her membership of the School Board in 2022. We appreciated Amy and Sian's support, insight and dedication to the school's strategic journey.

Thank you to our new members who will commence as Board members from 1 April: Luke Brown - parent representative and Bright Lai - staff representative. The Board will come together for the next meeting in early May.

Our School Board members for 2023 -2024 are:

Parent representatives: Nick Tebbey, Phillip Bowden and Luke Brown;

Staff representatives: Emily Craggs and Bright Lai;

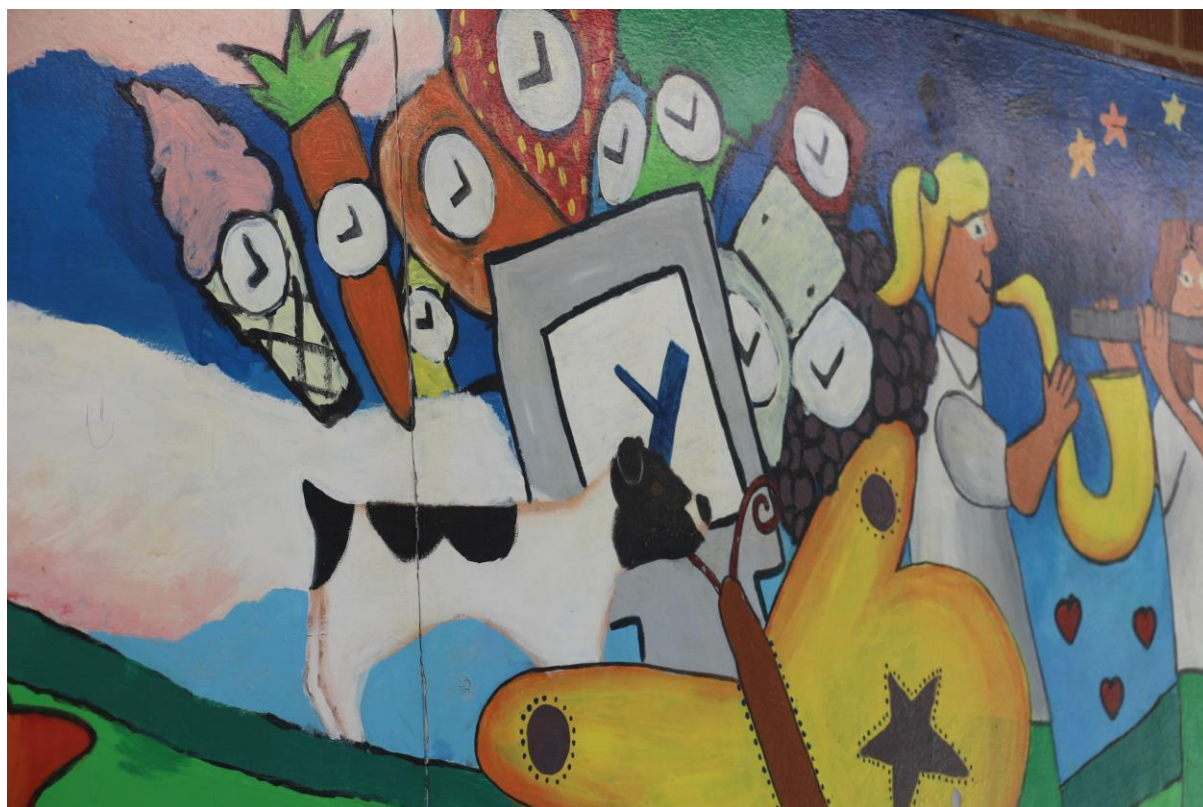
Appointed member: Judy Pettiford;

Principal: Liz Wallace; and

Secretary: Jenny Cavalier.

More information about the function of the School Board can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Events



Week ten

3 April: Term one PBL celebration - non uniform day

4 April: Christian Education in Schools

5 April: Menslink visiting years 5 & 6

6 April: Last day of term one

7 April: Good Friday public holiday

Week one

24 April: First day of term two

25 April: ANZAC Day public holiday

28 April: Dance Nation lesson for participating students

Week two

4 May: Cross Country Carnival

5 May: Dance Nation lesson for participating students

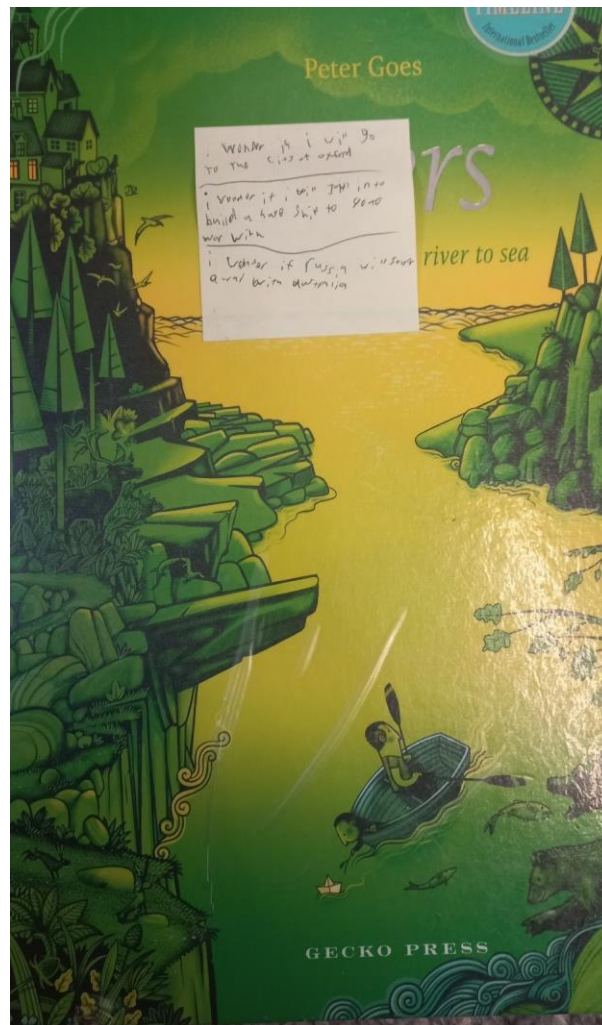
From the English Action Team: Asking Questions While Reading

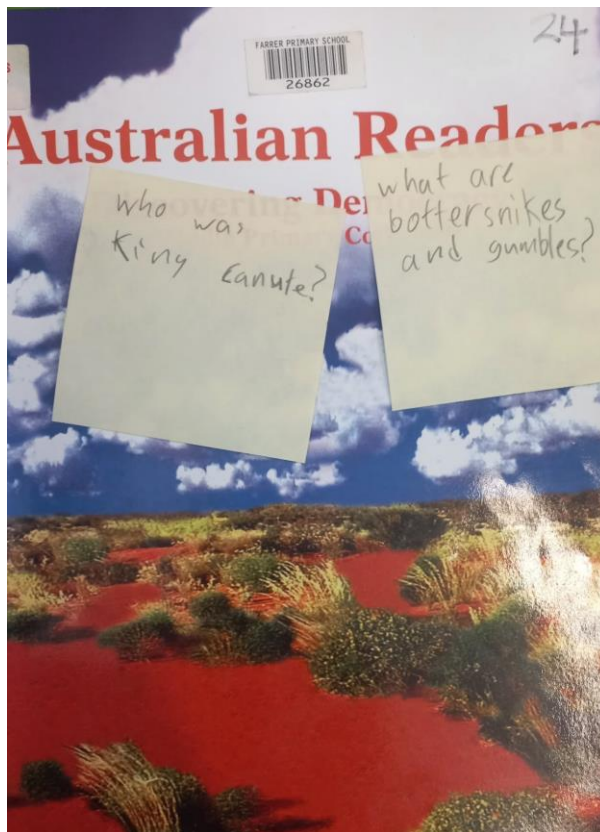
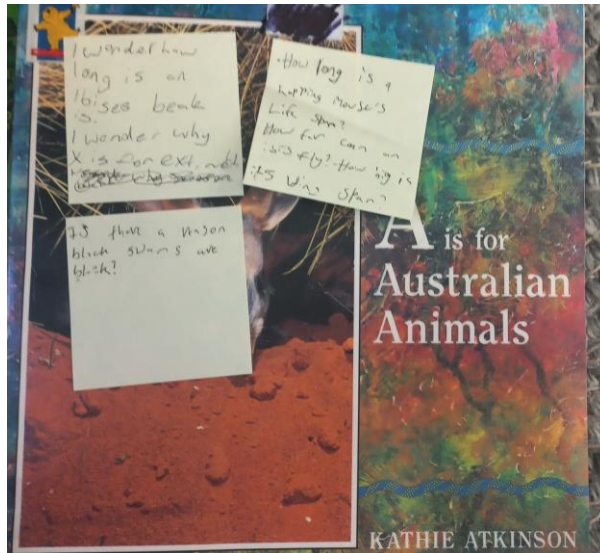


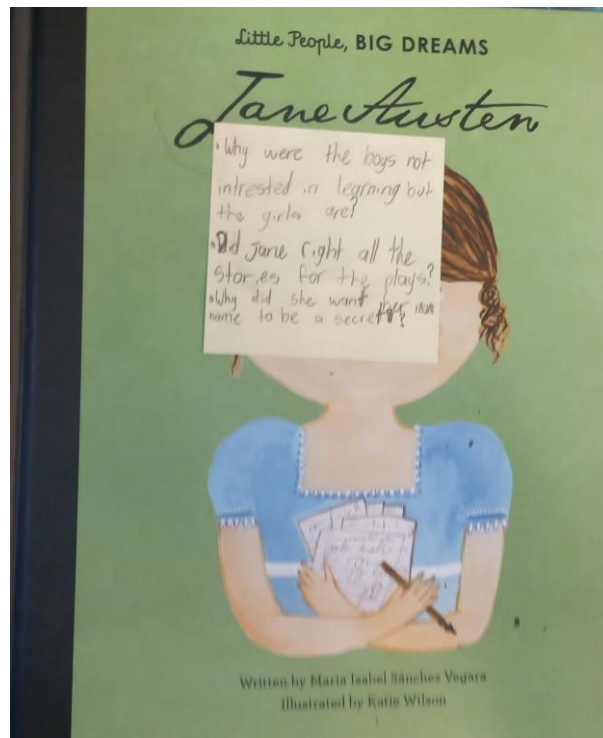
Good readers ask questions before, during and after reading to help them understand what they are reading. Readers should ask questions if they wonder something about the book, if something is confusing to them, if they want to check a word or some information or if they want to learn more about a topic they have read. Asking questions before reading and then coming back to those questions at the end, is a great way to build comprehension skills.

Ways you can support your child while reading:

- Before beginning reading, write or talk about a question you have about the book.
- Write questions they have, while reading on a post-it note. Stick the post-it note in the book to reflect on after reading.
- Model asking questions as you listen to your child read. Ask them what they think will happen next, wonder about a character's feelings, show confusion over the meaning of a word or enquire about another element of the topic.
- After reading, discuss the questions the child had and whether they found their answer or whether more information needs to be found.







News from Year 3



An exciting term in Year 3!

Students are working diligently to write a narrative this term. In their planning they have created interesting characters, used the 5 senses to describe a setting and included an exciting climax and

resolution. Many students have reached the publishing phase of their writing, using Google Docs to type their story and a drawing application to create an illustration.



We love maths!

Students have made many of their own learning tools and resources this term including number lines, patterns and 3D shapes. They have also explored large numbers, symmetry and odd and even numbers. Most of all, students show enjoyment during their daily morning 'Quick maths', and love experimenting with numbers in different ways.

Year 3 students and teachers have had even more opportunities to get to know each other this term by attending the athletics and swimming carnivals. These events have enabled teachers to see a variety of student strengths such as team work, leadership, self-discipline and athleticism.

Mrs Barbaro, Ms O and Ms White



Athletics Carnival

The Farrer Athletics Carnival was held last week at Woden Park Athletics Field and was a very busy and fun day for all involved. Finally, we got a good break with the weather. No rain, not too hot, not too cold, juuuust right.

Kindergarten and Year 1 enjoyed their rotations and Years 2 to 6 students competed in six athletics events. At assembly on Monday ribbons were presented to placegetters in those events.

Also announced at assembly was the winning house, with Glenwarri being presented with the trophy. Congratulations to Glenwarri on their big win in Athletics, with Bencubbin coming in second.

There were lots of great athletics results on the day. 47 students have qualified to represent Farrer at the Tuggeranong Region Athletics Carnival in term 3. Notes will come out later in the year, but congratulations to those students selected to represent the school.

The Farrer Athletics Team is as follows:

Olivia G	2B	70m, 100m
Charlie D-S	2L	70m

Arjun P	2L	100m
George R	2L	70m, 100m
Charlotte D	3B	100m
Layla G	3B	70m
Emily A	3O	70m
Bellette E-H	3O	100m
Hendrix H	3O	70m, 100m
Isla H	3O	70m, 100m
Lincoln B	4L	800m
Jack E	4L	Discus
Zita I	4L	Shot Put
Immanuel K	4L	Shot Put
Bridget K	4L	Discus, Shot Put
Carlye P	4L	Long Jump
Corbin R	4L	70m
Lucy U	4L	800m
Hayley W	4L	Long Jump
Archie R	4W	100m
Caitlin W	4W	Discus
Mercy C-M	5M	Discus, Shot Put, 100m
Alex F	5M	Long Jump, Shot Put, 200m, 100m
Jake H	5M	Long Jump, Discus, 800m, 200m, 100m
Audrey H	5M	800m, 200m, 100m
Angus H	5M	Discus
Archer P	5M	800m
Elliana W	5M	200m, 100m
Noah D-S	5O	Long Jump, Shot Put, 800m, 200m, 100m
Meg N	5O	800m, 200m, 100m
Jayden C	6UM	100m
Sofala E-H	6UM	Long Jump, Discus, 800m
Leila E	6UM	Long Jump, Discus, Shot Put, 800m, 200m, 100m

Penny H	6UM	800m
Hugh H	6UM	800m
Serena I	6UM	Shot Put
Ace K	6UM	200m, 100m
Sky K	6UM	Discus, Shot Put, 200m
Amy M	6UM	Discus, Shot Put
Abi P	6UM	200m
Logan R	6UM	Long Jump, Discus, Shot Put, 200m, 100m
Luke S	6UM	Long Jump, Discus, Shot Put
Ruby S	6UM	Long Jump, 100m
August T	6UM	Long Jump
Ethan T-L	6UM	800m
Pearl W	6UM	200m
Maddy W-B	6UM	Long Jump







Tuggeranong Region Swimming Carnival



The Farrer swimmers tore up the pool today at the Tuggeranong Region Swimming Carnival at Stromlo. All swimmers did such a great job both in their events and supporting their team. Some fantastic results in the pool included the following top 5 finishes:

Linus R

1st 100m Breaststroke

2nd 100m Backstroke (1st in 11s)

2nd 50m Breaststroke

2nd 50m backstroke

3rd 50m Freestyle

3rd 100m Freestyle

3rd 50m Butterfly

Logan R

2nd 100m Butterfly (1st in 11s)

2nd 50m Freestyle

2nd 50m Butterfly

3rd 50m backstroke

3rd 100m Breaststroke (2nd in 11s)

4th 100m Freestyle

4th 100m Backstroke (2nd in 11s)

Corbin R

1st 50m Butterfly

2nd 50m Freestyle

3rd 50m Backstroke

Augie H

1st 50m Freestyle

3rd 50m Backstroke

Immanuel K

2nd 50m Butterfly

Bridget K

2nd 50m Breaststroke

Lincoln H

3rd 8yrs 50m Breaststroke

Thomas B

3rd 50m Breaststroke

Olivia G

4th 50m backstroke

Laura A

5th 50m Breaststroke

Emma Y

5th 50m backstroke

Elliana W

5th 50m backstroke

Cross Country Carnival

The **Farrer Cross Country Carnival** will be held early next term on **Thursday 4 May** (week 2). The carnival will be held only on school grounds (as it was in 2022) and so there is no cost involved and no permission notes required. Further details will be in the week 1 newsletter next term.



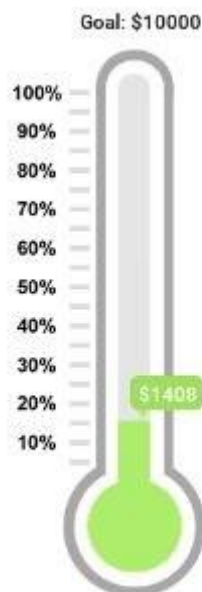
Sports Achievements

Congratulations to Lily H in year 5 has been selected in the U12 ACT representative basketball team. She played the first round in Canberra and will now travel to Illawarra, Albury, Wagga and Bathurst to play more games. This is a photo of Lily with her Canberra Capitals idol Jade Melbourne. Well done Lily!!



News from the P&C





P&C 2023 Fundraising Target

We are delighted to share with you an update on our P&C fundraising efforts. Firstly, a huge shout out to the amazing success of our bulbs and raffle campaigns. Your support has been outstanding, and we are so grateful to have such a dedicated community. A massive thanks also to Jude for organising these events!! Thanks to your generous contributions, we have raised an impressive \$1408 towards our \$10,000 goal!! We have several more exciting fundraising initiatives planned so please stay tuned.

Athletics Carnival Wrap-Up

We hope everyone enjoyed the Athletics Carnival. The P&C was proud to use our fundraising money to ease the pressure on parents and fund the buses. It was great to see the students giving everything a go! The meal deal was also a huge success, with 134 orders delivered on the day. Winglen were the ultimate victors in the jelly sales championship!

Upcoming P&C Dates

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS			
	What do I need to know!	Dates	How can I help?
Term 2			
XC Meal Deal	TBA	4th May	TBA
Mothers Day	Dress in your mum / special persons favourite colour and bring a gold coin for charity	12th May	Bring a gold coin
Bunnings Cake Stall	We'd love you to share your culinary skills	21st May	TBA
Trivia Night **NEW**	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	Week 2 Term 2	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!

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

Daily Specials - We're trialling daily specials this term! 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: volunteersignup.org/DPAJ3

Fundraisers

All terms	
SHOES Don't forget to mention Farrer Primary School if you are purchasing new runners at The Athletes 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

Lost property

There is a lot of lost property at present. Named items are being returned to children this week, remaining items will be out on tables each afternoon next week for collection. Anything left on 6 April will be donated to the second hand uniform collection or a local charity.

Community News



Parent & Carer Online Safety Webinars - 2023

Help your family be more confident and safe online

All parents and carers of an ACT public school student are invited to attend an online safety (eSafety) information session designed to develop their knowledge and skills in supporting their child with digital technologies. This webinar will look at understanding the current eSafety issues children and young people are experiencing, how to support your child to be safe online, resources for preventing and responding to online issues, and where to go for further support.

Families are invited to attend one or more of the following sessions held online from 6.00-7.00pm:

	Primary	Secondary
Term 1	21/2 or 23/3	23/2 or 21/3
Term 2	9/5 or 8/6	11/5 or 6/6
Term 3	1/8 or 31/8	3/8 or 29/8
Term 4	17/10, 14/11 or 16/11	19/10, 14/11 or 16/11



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Scan the QR Code or type in the address for more information and to register for one or more parent and carer eSafety webinars.



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Training Schedule

u7, u8 & u9 Mixed - Friday
 u10, u11, u12, u13, u14 Mixed - Tuesday & Thursday
 u10, u12, u14 & u16 Girls - Monday & Wednesday
 u15 & u17 Boys - Tuesday & Thursday

Game Schedule

Mixed & Boys- Saturdays
 Girls- Sundays



**ACT EASTER HOLIDAY
CRICKET CAMPS**

18 - 20 APRIL 2023

9:00am - 3:00pm
after-hours care may be available
 for additional charge on request

 Reid Oval
Chr Euse St &
 Limestone Ave

 Suitable for ages 6-16
(groups within the program to be
 age appropriate)

What's included?

- A structured & enjoyable program with a wide variety of cricket drills, activities and games
- A fun, team-based learning environment
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