



Farrer Primary School Newsletter
Term 3 Week 3: 03 August 2023

Acknowledgement of Country written by KM



Nature is beautiful and peaceful. It makes us feel happy.

We thank the Ngunnawal people for taking care of the land, the sky and the water.

We will look after and care for Australia, the people, the land and the animals.

We hope the land will always be healthy.

Messages from our Principal - Ms Liz Wallace



What did you do at school today?

A lot happens in a school day so this question is often met with the response 'nothing' which can be quite disappointing to hear. A positive way to encourage your child to reflect on their school day is to ask them to share two stars and a wish. Two stars for two things they enjoyed or were highlights and a wish which is something they hope happens the next day. Some families choose to do two stars and a wish at the dinner table with each member of the family sharing their stars and a wish from the day. This models to children how the process of reflection works and also teaches them that everyone has positives and things they wish could be better or different in the future. We encourage all families to try two stars and a wish, keep in mind it might take a few weeks to get into the groove of reflecting and sharing.

Two Stars and a Wish



I like...
I enjoyed...
I learned...
I used...
I wrote/said/read...
I'm proud of myself because...
I would like...
....was difficult...
I tried to use...
I would like help with.....

Hats on again

As part of our Cancer Council endorsed [Sunsmart Policy](#), hats are required between August and May. The end of May is 'hats off day', whilst the beginning of August is 'hats on again' for all schools in the ACT.

From Tuesday, 1 August, students need to wear hats when playing outside. Students who do not have hats can play under the shade of the Casuarina trees.

Please check with your child to ensure they have a hat. If not, a hat can be purchased from the [P&C uniform shop](#).



100 days of kindergarten

Last week our kindergarten classes celebrated 100 days of Kindergarten.

The students loved having their families visit the classroom and the opportunity to show off all the learning they have been doing.

A big thank you to the parent helpers who supplied the lovely morning tea.









Masterplan update

The shade structure over the Cameron hardtop area continues to progress. We are expecting it to be completed by mid term.

The next steps will then be to have line markings redone and new hoops installed.

At the end of this term the extension to the senior play equipment will commence. This semester we will also have decking installed in front of the mural outside the transportable building. These two projects will be valuable additions to the children's play and learning spaces.

School fence consultation update

We were notified last week that the consultation regarding a school fence is on hold at present. We hope to see this consultation commence in coming weeks.

Public Education Awards

The ACT Public Education Awards celebrate excellence and recognise high performing school leaders, teachers, school support staff, allied health professionals and volunteers in our public schools and Education Support Office.

Anyone can nominate an exceptional group or individual who is making a difference to the lives of students, their school or the broader community.

When you nominate, please tell us how the person or group has gone above and beyond what might be expected of someone in a similar role.

Please nominate through this link.

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/about-us/act-public-education-awards>

Upcoming events

Week 4

7 August League Stars Inspire Y4

9 August Passport to Success Y6

11 August Wheels - Y5 & 6

Week 5

16 August Passport to Success Y6

18 August National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

18 August Wheels - Y3 & 4

Week 6

Book Week

21 August Assembly

21 August Tuggeranong Regional Athletics Carnival

21 August - 25 August Aquasafe - Y2

22 August Year 6 combined band

23 August Passport to Success Y6

25 August Wheels - Y5 & 6

ACT School Satisfaction & Climate Survey 2023

SURVEY



Each year, the Education Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education.

The 2023 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be available online from 18 August to 8 September.

The survey results will help us continue to make quality, informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in your family who attends an ACT public school, you will receive:

- a letter about the student survey outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data; and
- an email about the parent survey, including a unique link to access the survey.

Genuine survey invitation emails will have the title "The 2023 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is now open!" and will be sent from EDU Surveys & Evaluation with 'from' address EDU@qualtrics-survey.com.

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, please contact mariana.fuenzalida@ed.act.edu.au.

Similarly if you do not have an email listed with the school, please email mariana.fuenzalida@ed.act.edu.au.

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish, Telugu, French and Italian. You can select your preferred language when you start the survey.

A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys are available at the Front Office.

The Directorate has additional information about the survey, here:
<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

For the results to accurately reflect the opinions of our school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey.

This year, as an incentive, we invite families to email mariana.fuenzalida@ed.act.edu.au once they have completed the survey. This will put you in the running to win an autographed Raider's jersey featuring the 2023 team.



Thanks for your engagement in this important data collection.

Mariana Fuenzalida

A/g Deputy Principal

News from Sport



Basketball

We are thrilled to share the wonderful achievements of our talented students who recently participated in the Jamie Pearlman Southside Basketball Competition on 1 August. The year 3/4 boys

had the opportunity to compete against eight other teams, and they truly shone on the court, demonstrating outstanding teamwork, sportsmanship, resilience, and determination. Even more impressive, they fearlessly faced off against two division 1 teams.

Furthermore, we made it to the Southern Conference Final, meaning on 19 October they will be going head-to-head with the Northside representative schools in the upcoming Grand Final! This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of our students, and we couldn't be more excited to see them continue to excel in their basketball journey.

Let's all come together and support our remarkable team as they prepare for the Grand Final. Go Farrer Primary!

A huge thank you to our family volunteers for their cheering and support with the bench on the day!

Bright Lai and Noah Saddler







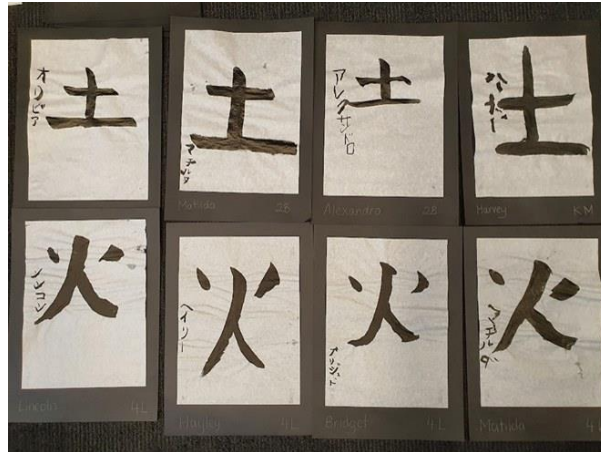
News from Japanese



Konnichiwa from Aby Sensei and McGregor Sensei

Calligraphy Contest

The Japanese Calligraphy Contest continues each Tuesday, with the year 5 and 6 students having their turn over these next few weeks. Following this, all the entries will be sent to our Farrer judge - Shingo Ishikawa. Shingo is a former parent from the school, and of course, knowledgeable in Japanese calligraphy. Thank you, Shingo, for supporting us in this contest! Students who are selected to go through to the ACT Contest will be notified later in the term. The quality of entries this year has been spectacular. Well done to all the students who have entered. Here's a few snapshots:



News from the English Action Team



Early literacy and Listening to stories

At preschool the children listen to stories every day. We also read factual texts. We work on building a thesaurus in their minds e.g. big, huge, enormous, massive, humungous. All these words may come into play one day as they are learning to read. We look at the illustrations and lot of conversation happens around the words in books.

Other fun ways with letters and words:

- playing with new words such as counting, tapping or segmenting a word into syllables is a game that helps the children to become familiar with it;
- acting out favourite rhymes and stories also helps children to become familiar with language of books; and
- being a letter or word detective. Use a magnifying glass or binoculars.

Ways to use this activity with:

P: find words that start with the same letter as the students name.

K: letter/sound focus

Yr 1-2: find blends and digraphs letter combinations e.g. cr, bl, dr, th, ch, sh

Yr 3-6: identify class spelling focus e.g. long a sound



Some of Mem Fox's read aloud commandments.

- Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud.
- Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.
- Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.
- Read the stories that the kids love, over and over and over again, and always read in the same 'tune' for each book: i.e. with the same intonations on each page, each time.

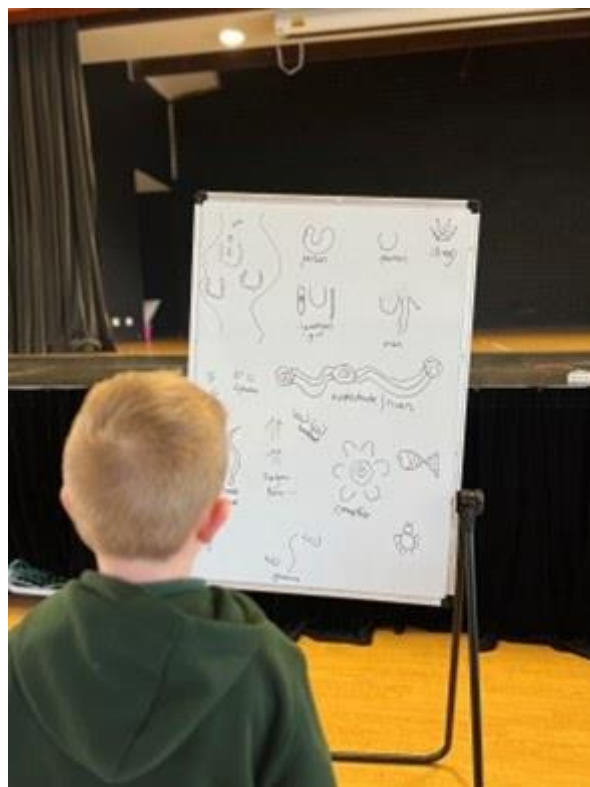
- Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games.
- Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.
- Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child's name and yours.

Various News from Farrer PS



NAIDOC Incursion

Last week years 1-6 had a visit from Ronnie Jordan, a Kalkadoon Pitta Pitta woman. Ronnie spoke with us about how First Nations People use resources from the land to do things like fishing, hunting, cooking and gathering. Children got the chance to pass around a *woomera*, a digging tool used by women and a *boudi*, a large piece of wood used to transport food. Children had the opportunity to create their own story using canvas and paints. Ronnie shared with the students different Indigenous symbols and their meanings. Children were encouraged to use these in their paintings to support their storytelling.





Soccer @ Breaktimes

Over the past week, a group of year 5 children have been working with Mr Maron to learn how to referee soccer games for junior school children at break times.

The group has looked at and learnt about the school soccer rules and have had a go at running a game with some year 1 children.

Everyone now knows the school expectations and rules to be followed when playing soccer.

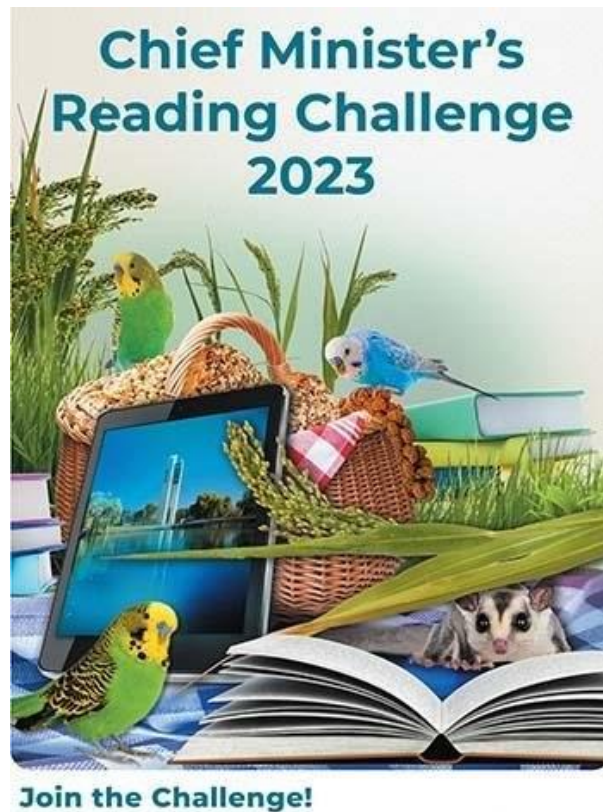
We thank Mr Maron and Yr 5 volunteers for their efforts and look forward to seeing children engage successfully in the game they love.



Chief Minister's Reading Challenge 2023

Just a reminder that the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge finishes on 11 August 2023.

If your child has participated and you have a paper form, can you please send it back to school by Wednesday 16 August. It will be wonderful to see how many books we have managed to read!



Jeans for Genes Day



Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 4th August

WEAR

Jeans / Denim or Casual Dress

DONATE

Bring a gold coin on the day

OR

Donate directly via the QR Code



Any questions? FPSPandCFundraising@gmail.com

Bookweek 2023



News from Farrer P&C



Staying Connected

Are you connected with other parents from your child's year group on social media? It's a great way to stay updated, share important stuff, and support each other throughout our kids' educational journey. If you haven't joined yet, we encourage you to do so! Click on the links below to connect and be part of our awesome school community:

[Preschool \(Watsapp\)](#)

[Kindy \(Watsapp\)](#)

[Year 1 \(Watsapp\)](#)

[Year 2 \(Facebook\)](#)

[Year 3 \(Watsapp\)](#)

[Year 4 \(Facebook\)](#)

[Year 5 \(Watsapp\)](#)

[Year 6 \(Watsapp\)](#)

Trivia Question

Ready for another trivia warm up question...Check out the P&C Facebook page tomorrow afternoon (Friday) for the answer!

Question: Which year did Liz Wallace take on the role as Farrer Primary School Principal?

1. 2020
2. 2019
3. 2018
4. 2017

Activity Report

- The P&C has allocated funds to pay for the new basketball / netball rings being installed on the Cameron hardtop! We're very excited to see our hard earned fundraising money on this great play element for our kids.
- In term 3 we'll be running lots of activities, check the calendar below for how you can help!
- Do you have an idea for an event?! Let us know!
- Next meeting is Monday 28th August.

How can you help the P&C?

- In Term 3, we'll be asking each year level to supply a volunteer each week for the canteen, you can sign up here volunteersignup.org/8Y99J
- We're looking for a new secretary! If you think this could be you, please email farrerps.communityassociation@gmail.com for a chat.

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

Upcoming P&C Dates

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS			
	What do I need to know!	Dates	How can I help?
Term 3			
Jeans for Genes	Wear Jeans and bring a gold coin	4th August	Donation!
Principals Day	<u>Let's</u> celebrate our wonderful executive staff.	4th August	Celebrate!
P&C Cinema	<u>Fathers Day</u> Movie night! More information is coming soon	5th September	Stand by!
Indigenous Literacy Day	The great book swap – Indigenous literacy day. Bring a book, take a book. Gold coin donation	6th September	Spring <u>clean</u> your bookshelf
Term 3 Raffle	Would you like to donate a prize? Our theme is family fun!	Raffle opens Monday 7th August	
Maths Day BBQ (W9, T3)	We'll be looking for helpers!	Mid Sept	Sign up for a shift
Meal Deal	End of Term meal deal	Week 10	Sign up for a shift
Term 4			
World Teacher Day	Celebrate our wonderful teachers	5th October	
Referendum BBQ and Cake Stall	We'll be looking for helpers!		Sign up for a shift
FPS P&C AGM			
Children's Week Grandparents Day	BBQ Breakfast and Paper Plane Event.	End October	
Trivia Night	**NEW** More information is coming soon!		
Christmas Raffle	More information is coming soon		
End of year concert	Food stall	End Nov	

P&C MEETINGS				
	When	Next one	What happens	Can I come!
All terms				
P&C Committee	Weeks 2&9	Monday 28th August 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		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](#) (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 or in-person. 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. We can arrange to meet you at the shop between 8am - 6pm school days.

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

Canteen

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/8Y99J **In term 3 we are asking each year level to volunteer for one week.**

Pantry Items Did you know the canteen accepts pantry items? You can find a list [here](#) of what we need!

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.

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](#)



Community News



**FOXFIT PT**
FEMALE COACHING & TRAINING

Pelvic Floor Function Workshop


Learn to better maintain your pelvic floor health with strategies and knowledge provided through a practical and engaging workshop.

 Woden Valley Uniting Church
40 Gillies Street, Curtin, 2605

 Thursday 10 August
6pm to 7pm





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KIDS WEEKLY AFTERSCHOOL WOODWORKING CLASSES

In woodwork classes at Two Sheds, kids don't just learn to build with wood and use tools, although that definitely happens. Most of all - they learn resilience, perseverance, and to harness their willpower. It is woodWORK after all...
With fun, cool Projects!

WE ACCEPT CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS!


HOMESCHOOLERS
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

TEENAGERS
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
FRIDAYS

KIDS AFTERSCHOOL
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Our classes run from week 2 to week 9 of the ACT school term.
Join us at any point and only pay for the remaining classes.

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