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Events Calendar Update

Date	Event	Note	Date	Event	Note
11 Sept	Possums-Duncan Smith Visit	Yes	22 Sept	Yr 6 Excursion Old Parliament House	Yes
16 Sept	Footy Dress Up Day		24 Sept	Term Award Assembly	
18 Sept	Kindy Health Checks		25 Sept	Floriade/Last day of Term 3	
21 Sept	Yr 5 Zoo Excursion	Yes	12 Oct	First Day of Term 4	

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,



LEARNING JOURNEY

What a wonderful morning! Your child's Learning Journey is a very important event in their school year and the pride on students' faces was evident as

they showed family and friends the quality work they have been involved in so far this year. It was wonderful to have almost 100% attendance, so thank you on behalf of your children and teachers for attending. We hope that you found this time valuable.

BIKE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our bike education program has been a huge success! Students have participated in bike riding skills lessons, bike club and we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of students riding to school. Cycling and walking are simple ways for our students to incorporate physical activity into their daily lives. Co-benefits include easing traffic congestion, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and it promotes leading an active lifestyle. This week ten of our students attended a conference on sustainability at the Canberra Zoo and Aquarium. These keen students rode from school to the Zoo and back. Very impressive!





KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

The ACT Kindergarten Screening Programme is conducted throughout ACT primary schools each year. The program provides health screening to all children in ACT kindergartens who have returned their forms. Nurses will be conducting these screening assessments at Farrer Primary on Friday 18th September. Please see the front office if you require a new form.

FATHER'S DAY MOVIE NIGHT

Last Friday night many of our community attended the P&C Movie night. It was a huge success and it was wonderful to see so many of our dads enjoying this event with their children. A very big thank you to Craig and Carolyn Jamieson and our terrific P&C Committee for all their hard work to bring our community together. Well done!



UNNAMED AND UNCLAIMED CLOTHING SALE

GOLD COIN DONATION

It is that time of year again, where jumpers come off when students are outside playing. Please ensure that your child's name is written on all their clothes, as we will return all named clothing from lost property. Unnamed and unclaimed clothing is recycled to the uniform used clothing shop for resale. We have a large amount of clothing in very good condition and the uniform shop will be running a stall in the last week of school for parents to take school clothing for a gold coin donation.

DATE: Tuesday 22 and Thursday 24 September

TIME: 2.45PM-3.30PM

WHERE: Senior playground



LEARNING POTENTIAL WEBSITE and APP



Australian Government

The free Learning Potential APP is a support tool for parents who want some ideas on the things they can do to support their child's learning at home. It provides general information for parents should you wish to use it. Researchers around the world agree that when parents are involved in their child's learning, it really can have a positive impact. Learning Potential provides parents with helpful information and tips on things they can do at home, to build on the education their child receives in school. The app was developed by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training in consultation with the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). Education policy research, including findings from the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth, together with feedback from parents has been used to inform the content. The content can also be viewed at: <http://learningpotential.gov.au/>

QUALITY WORK

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following students on their quality work this week.

1N & 1B Wonderful Story Writing

Ruoponty, Boyi, Mark and Hailey

3M/B Excellent Australian Flag Design

Heidi, Natalie, Charlie, Levi, Quentin, Jasmine and Ari

All of 5P for their Terrific Animal Adaptation Research

5O & 4Q Great Story Cube Writing

Nolan, Luis and John

6T Excellent Mapping Work

Tassie

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Linda Heath

Principal A/g



STAFFING SNAPSHOTS

Adrienne Buckeridge

Role at FPS - School Secretary.

Favourite Canberra Restaurant - Starr Buffet (all you can eat Yum).

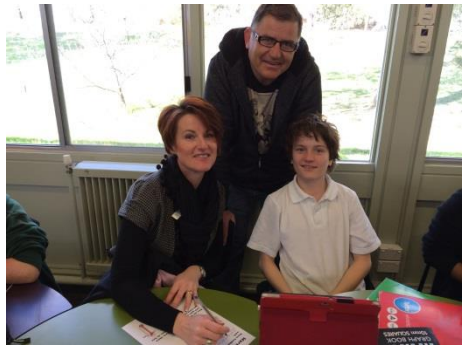
Three famous people I would like share a meal with –

Robbie Farrah, Elton John and Prince Harry

In another life I would be – Jarrod Hayne. (who wouldn't with a 12 million dollar NFL contract)

I love working at FPS because - I love working at Farrer and especially in the position that I'm in, as I get a chance to interact with everyone from the children to their parents and the staff.

Farrer's Fantastic Learning Journey



What a wonderful morning!

Kids Teaching Kids Conference

On Monday, 10 members of our Green Team participated in the Kids Teaching Kids conference at the National Zoo and Aquarium. Our students conducted a workshop to share ideas from our school. They talked about our bike program and the benefits of riding. They showed some graphs that ACT Public Schools use for energy and collection of solar energy and they showed how our school cares for the animals and gardens at Farrer.

They participated in a range of workshops from other schools, learning about wattle seeds, rubbish in schools and how pesticides affect bees.

As a way of showing our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint, we rode our bikes to and from the zoo. The students were very keen in their energy and enthusiasm for the ride to the zoo

We need to send out a big thank you to Mrs Rogan who came with us, ensuring that the ride was able to go ahead.

Good job Green Team! I know there were plenty of students and teachers who left the conference envious of our animals, gardens and especially our bike program.

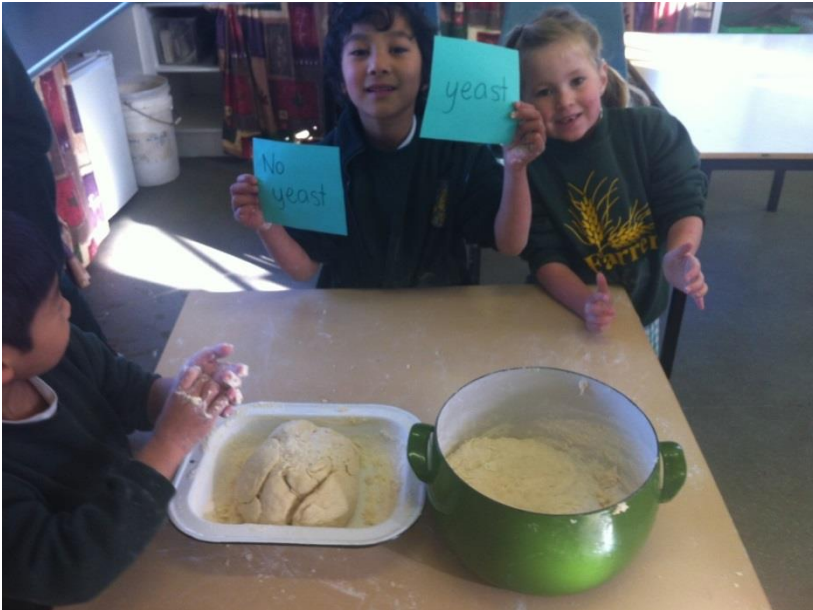


Success at the ACT Science Fair. . .

Congratulations to our students on their success at the ACT Science Fair! Out of 5 classes that put in entries, 4 of them have been awarded prizes.

Congratulations to Preschool for their fabulous investigation of why things fly.

Congratulations to Year 1 for their interesting work on finding out if bread needs yeast.



Some decided it did and some decided it didn't.

Congratulations to Year 2 for their investigation into how different brands of soap might affect plant growth in the catchment area.



We found that the school soap did not affect plant growth much. The no brand soap plants did not grow well.

Congratulations to Year 4 for their experiments to test the properties of plastics.

Their investigations were planned and conducted in small groups. They found out, amongst other things, that plastic can be very strong and very malleable.

Representatives from those classes will participate in a prize ceremony this Friday at the CSIRO Discovery Centre.



Afternoon Tea at the Environment Centre..

Have you wondered what goes on in our Environment Centre?

Do you have some time on **Thursday, 17th September?**

Why not come for scones and tea at the Environment Centre!

Who: School parents and community members

When: 2:30 – 3:00pm

Where: Environment Centre Gardens

Why: To have a cuppa and see what is in our Environment Centre

We look forward to seeing you then.

Mrs Elliot



Footy Fever Finals Year 6 Fundraiser



Footy Finals are almost here so let's get into the spirit of things. Put on your favourite footy colours to support the year six graduation fund.

Date: - Wednesday 16th September

Gold coin donation will be greatly appreciated on the day.



News from 'THE KIDS' KITCHEN' our School canteen



FRIDAY SPECIALS

Week 8	Beef & Veggie Lasagna	\$3.00 small \$4.50 medium
Week 9	Veggie and Egg Noodle Box (in a traditional mild Thai sauce)	\$3.00 small \$4.50 medium



Thursday 24th September

Yes we have come to the end of another busy term. This deal is back by popular demand and our naughty treat for the term – Hot dogs! The deal will include for \$6.50:- a hot dog (included a tomato sauce portion control); Oak flavoured milk and a frozen juice cup. We are running this on the Thursday as many students on the last day of term will be attending a wonderful day at Floriade representing our school.

Parent helpers, we do need at least 4 parents to assist packing the hot dogs on the day so if you can spare half an hour we'd really appreciate it. Help is needed from **10.30-11.00am**. Please complete the section on the bottom of the slip, email or call.

Order slips will go out today or you can order online at www.school24.com.au Spare forms are available at the front office if any are misplaced and PLEASE ensure that the form is completed. We normally have at least 10-15 slips that are not completed correctly and we have to visit classrooms to ask students their choices. Thank you.

Orders CLOSE on Monday 21st September at 3.30pm. No late orders will be accepted.

Childs Name: _____ Class: _____

Total Payment: **\$6.50**

MEAL DEAL: HOT DOG (+tomato sauce pc), FLAVOURED OAK MILK & FROZEN JUICE CUP.

Flavoured oak milk Chocolate Strawberry

Frozen juice cup Apple Orange

FRESH FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN – week 4 to 9

We are now in the final two weeks of our 'Eat Fresh & Win' campaign. We are now very low with the coloured pencil prizes but as back up we are offering students two vegetable logo tattoos. There are 6 to collect!



For those who are not aware the Sydney Markets Fresh for Kids program is a very successful fresh fruit & vegetable promotion across NSW and ACT. The campaign is designed to encourage students to eat more fresh fruit & vegetables and to purchase them from their school canteen. Children who make the healthy choice & purchase fresh fruit and/or vegetables will be rewarded. The campaign concludes Friday 18th September 2015.

PRESCHOOL VISIT

We have our wonderful Echidnas visiting our canteen this week as part of their transition program into Kindy. We hope they enjoy the experience - welcome students!!!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Amali W 50 for her large bag of baking ingredients, more cooking!

See you in the kitchen.....

Marnie Boreham-Smith and Gemma Spain

Phone: 6205 7919

Email: thekidskitchenfarrer@gmail.com

Hours: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Mobile: 0418 196 529

Online ordering: www.school24.com.au

Farrer School ID for account setup: **25128963**

OSHClub

We welcomed the arrival of Spring this week. Spring is such a magical season that gives us so many things to look forward to! To discover more amazing changes the season has brought to us, we invited the children to join the 'Spring Hunt.' We handed out a list of natural items and colours for the children to look for. During this experience, the children exchanged all their knowledge on Spring plants and we learnt more about Australian birds and flowers. We then used what the children collected in our art and craft experience such as the Spring Collage and Spring Box.



To embrace the beautiful colours of Spring, we also made Spring coloured egg dye.



More outdoor activities have been promoted as the weather warms up. Toby brought his golf set in and showed the children how to play golf on the oval.



Here are some photos of the children making paper mâché a week ago. It was great to see how the children gave each other a helping hand and worked together.



Sabrina and the OSHclub team

Community News



Little Athletics - Tuggeranong

Invites new and returning families down to the oval to register for the upcoming 2015 -16 Little Athletics Summer season!

Where: Kambah No 3 Oval, Kett Street (opposite the Burns Club)

When: Saturdays @ 8:45 am

From: 17th October 2015

Registration days at Kambah No 3 Oval 9am – 12pm, Saturday 12th & 19th September or register online

More info at www.tlaa.org.au or email tlaa_president@hotmail.com



SATURDAY AFTERNOON
Girls and Women's
FAST PITCH

SATURDAY MORNING
JUNIORS (Tball & Softball)

SOCIAL SLOW PITCH
Thursday night mixed
(seeking interest)



COMPETITIVE OR SOCIAL?

PLAYED BEFORE? NEVER PLAYED?

Sutherland Softball Club wants you!

REGISTRATION GALA DAYS

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2015

Mawson Playing Fields

10am – 12pm

More information available at www.sutherlandactsoftball.org.au or email sutherlandsoftball@gmail.com

Daana

The name Daana is Sanskrit for "generosity" or "giving", and it embodies the spirit of this venture. To kick off our partnership, Daana are donating the earnings from their opening day to Communities@Work. They will also have a donation box in their restaurant; they have offered to cook and donate food to people in need on a regular basis, and they have offered to share their skills by mentoring Communities@Work's clients through our cooking program.

All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them. ~ Walt Disney

ORIGINAL FOOD

daana

is the realisation of the dreams of Sunita and Sanjay, and a result of their love for cooking, and the joy of giving.

We cordially invite you with family and friends, to join us in celebrating the opening of

DAANA

Thursday 10 September 2015, 11am onwards
at Westside@ Acton Park
3 Barrine Drive, Acton, ACT 2601.

We will donate all earnings from opening day sales to Communities@Work.

Learn to play like your T20 heroes these school holidays at Camp Thunder, Sydney Thunder's school holiday camp designed by Sydney Thunder star batsman Aiden Blizard

Kingston Oval, Narrabundah ACT
8th & 9th October, 9am - 1pm
Ages 8 - 12

\$99.00 includes:
Shirt, drink bottle and wristband

For more information please contact matthew.paton@cricketact.com.au

To register your child go to www.sydneythunder.com.au