



Farrer Primary School Newsletter  
Term 3 Week 5 : 17 August 2023



## *Acknowledgement of Country written by 3O and 3B*



We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people who lived on this land before us as well as those present and emerging.

We are grateful for the animals and trees that keep the land in balance.

We will show our Yindumara (respect) by looking after the environment and following in the footsteps of Indigenous Australians.

Dhjan Yimaba (thankyou) for letting us walk on this land where we Naraganawali (come together).



## *Messages from our Principal - Ms Liz Wallace*



### *Student wellbeing procedures*

Last week we emailed families the recently documented [Farrer Primary School Student Wellbeing Procedures](#). These procedures outline the various strategies in place to support student wellbeing. The strategies are organised under:

- **universal** supports are whole school systems applicable to all students in all settings, classroom and non-classroom;
- **selected** supports enhance and build upon the universal supports. They provide social, academic and behavioural support for up to 15% of students who require additional support; and
- **targeted** interventions support approximately 5% of students who have not responded to universal and selected interventions. Students may require targeted levels of support, involving highly individualised interventions to support a tailored learning program. The focus of targeted supports is to reduce the intensity and complexity of existing individual student's situations.

If you have any questions about the procedural document or any of the strategies included please reach out to your child's teacher or a school leader.

### *National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence*

Tomorrow students will be involved in discussions and learning opportunities using resources provided by [Bullying No Way](#). Students will discuss the definition of bullying as well as what to do if bullied or if they witness bullying.

The [national definition of bullying for Australian schools](#) says bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening. Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records). Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

At Farrer PS we work through this definition with students when bullying is reported. We talk about the impact it has, how harm can be repaired and how to move forward in a more appropriate way. We then monitor the situation closely and provide support to the victim as necessary. Parents are always informed of reported bullying.



### **Book Week**

Next week we celebrate reading as part of [Children's Book Week](#). Throughout the week classes will read, discuss and engage in learning opportunities using the shortlisted books.

On Friday 25 August students are invited to dress as a favourite book character. A Book Week Parade will be held at 9:15am followed by an invitation for parents to join children for reading and fruit break in their classrooms from 10:00am to 10:30am. Echidnas preschool group will have their dress up day and story time on Wednesday 23 August at 9:00am.



## *Late pick up*

A reminder that if you are running late for school pick up your child/ren will be asked to wait in the school foyer. The front office is staffed until 3:30pm each day. If you know you are going to be regularly late beyond this time OSHClub is available and can be booked at <https://www.oshclub.com.au/>.

## *Upcoming events*

### **Week 6**

Book Week

Aquasafe - Y2 all week

21 August League Stars Inspire Y4

21 August Assembly

21 August Tuggeranong Regional Athletics Carnival

22 August Year 6 combined band

23 August Passport to Success Y6

23 August ICAS Spelling Bee

23 August ICAS Science

23 August Echidnas Book Week parade and family reading time

24 August Wheels K & Y2

25 August Book Week parade and family reading time

25 August Wheels Y5 & 6

### **Week 7**

28 August League Stars Inspire Y4

30 August ICAS maths

30 August Passport to Success Y6

30 August SHFPACT Y5

31 August Wheels K & Y1

31 August Girls Basketball Y5/6

1 September SHFPACT Y6

1 September Wheels Y3/4

### **Week 8**

5 September The Great Book Swap - P&C event

6 September School Board Meeting

6 September Boys Basketball Y5/6

7 September Wheels K & Y2

8 September Wheels Y5/6

8 September Father's Day Movie night - P&C event

## *News from Year 2*



Our Year 2 students have been kicking up a storm on the playground with their love for soccer! Not only are they honing their skills, but they're also proudly rallying behind the amazing Matildas soccer team. In anticipation of the semi-finals, our young sports enthusiasts recently united for a special 'Green and Gold Day' to show their unwavering support for the Matildas. The vibrant sea of green and gold was a testament to the team spirit and camaraderie that our students are fostering. We can't wait to see where their passion for soccer takes them next!











### ***Rostrum Quarter Final***

On the illustrious evening of 27 July, an aura of determination and passion enveloped Torrens Primary School as Bridget Konrad took center stage. Her mission? Not just to make an impact, but to do so with resounding excellence. The essence of her presence was reminiscent of the famed words, "I came, I saw, I conquered."

Facing off against seasoned Rostrum competitors, many of whom towered with at least two additional years of experience, Bridget's indomitable spirit shone like a guiding star. The very qualities that Farrer Primary School prides itself on—resilience, passion, and unwavering determination—were personified by this young prodigy.

The applause that followed her speech wasn't just a mere acknowledgment; it was to celebrate the journey of an incredible young individual. Bridget's remarkable odyssey, marked by her extraordinary prowess in public speaking, has been nothing short of awe-inspiring. Her ability to capture hearts and minds with her words transcends her age and experience.

As we reflect on Bridget's triumph, we find ourselves brimming with pride. The growth she has exhibited on this remarkable journey is a testament to her dedication and hard work. As she navigates the path ahead, we eagerly anticipate witnessing the continuous evolution of Bridget's skills and persona. The narrative she has woven through her public speaking prowess is only the beginning, and we are poised on the edge of our seats to see her flourish in the years to come.

This story has not just been a conquest; it has been an embodiment of the potential that lies within passionate determination. Her journey is a beacon for all (especially our younger years in Cameron Team) illuminating the path to excellence through perseverance.

Mr Lai



*Can you help year six?*

## CAN YOU HELP YEAR 6?



**THE YEAR 6 STUDENTS ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR  
THEIR GRADUATION AND GIFT TO THE SCHOOL.**

**THEY WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR HELP.**



### COLLECT YOUR DRINK CONTAINERS AT HOME

At home, collect your aluminium cans, fruit juice or milk drink boxes (without straws), small plastic drink bottles, small glass drink bottles and larger soft drink bottles (without the lids).

### RETURN TO SCHOOL

Out the front of the school (near the hoppers), you will find 4 purple bins. You can drop off your empty containers and the year 6 team will take them to the Return It facility and collect the refund.



THANK  
you

YEAR 6 CLASS OF 2023

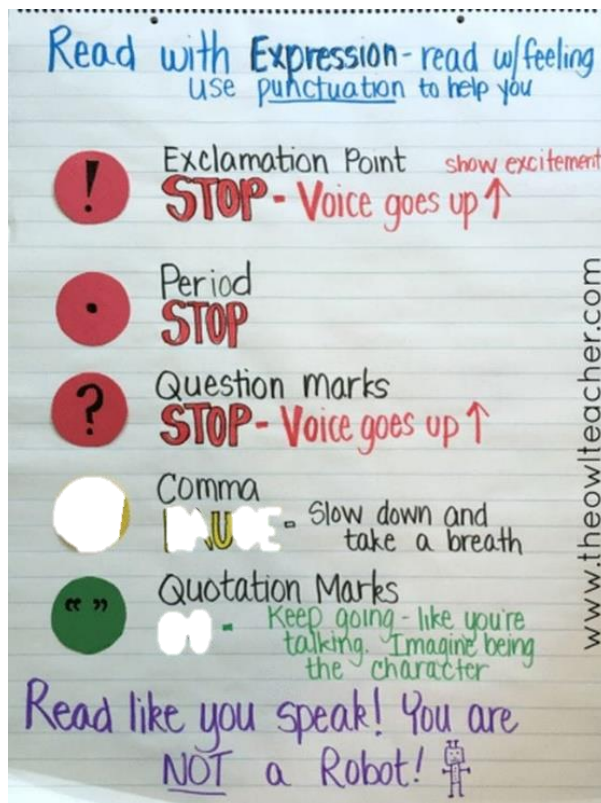


## *News from the English Action Team*



### **Using punctuation to enhance Prosody (expression)**

When engaging in reading as adults, we use grammar and punctuation to enhance the phrasing of words. For example: "I'm so tired." and "I am so tired!" can portray an entirely different emotion within a text. This is a skill that must be taught to help our young readers to develop a deeper understanding of the thoughts, feelings and messages conveyed in books.



Once your child is successfully understanding letter/sound relationships and is reading books with increased text, it's great to experiment with tone, pace and volume to assist them in interpreting the meaning.

The strategies below can help if you find your child reads in a monotone, lacks intonation, or has incompatible tempo. It can help readers who struggle or misinterpret the meaning within a text when they have not focused on the punctuation.

- Model, model, model! Read aloud to your child using appropriate expression. After reading a passage, highlight the punctuation in the text and how it altered the way you read the text aloud. Re-read it in a monotone voice so they can see the importance of this skill.
- Have your child circle the punctuation of a text passage. Discuss how changing the punctuation would change the way in which we read it.







### More news from the English Action Team

Teachers at Farrer PS are passionate about teaching and learning. This means that we actively engage in professional learning and development opportunities.

Last week, the English Action Team presented four mini workshops to the Farrer teaching team. These workshops highlighted the practices of Interactive Writing, the explicit teaching of spelling, scaffolding literacy through a print rich environment and oral language in literacy.

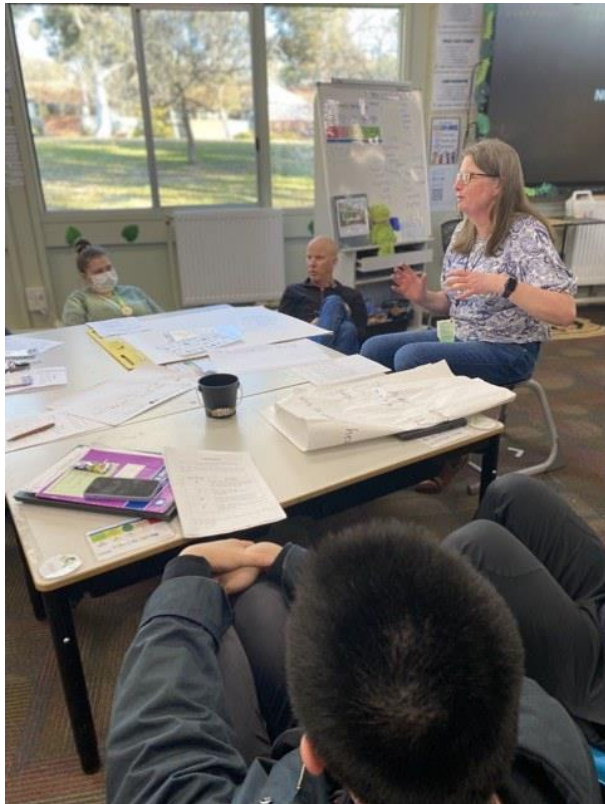
These workshops were designed to support and strengthen four of our practices and beliefs around the teaching and learning of English:

- oral language is a key part of literacy development;
- children learn in a print rich environment where staff and students have access to quality literature;
- children need meaningful and authentic daily reading and writing opportunities that build on their current knowledge and skills; and
- explicit teaching is a key feature of the teaching and learning cycle.





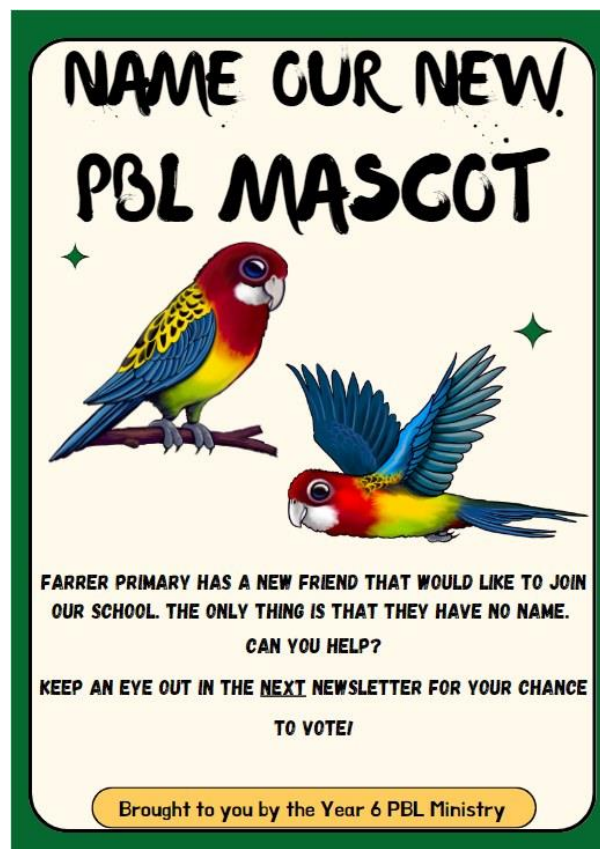




## *Various News from Farrer PS*



### *PBL Mascot*





## Book Week



**BOOK WEEK 2023**  
19-25 AUGUST 2023

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for the Farrer Primary School Book Week Parade!

**Events:**  
Book Week Parade - Friday 25th August at 9:15am.  
Family Story Time and fruit break - Friday 25th August at 10:00am.

Echidnas Book Week Parade - Wednesday 23rd August at 9:00am, followed by Family Story Time.

**BOOK WEEK PARADE**  
9:15 to 10:00

**FAMILY STORYTIME**  
10:00 to 10:30

**CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK**  
HCBKA2023  
19 to 25 AUGUST

**READ & GROW Inspire**

## Father's Day Movie Night



**Dad or special person**  
**Movie Night!**  
Fri 8th September

**FARRER P&C**  
*Proudly Presents*

**Get your tickets and pizza via SPRIGGY 'Events'**

**Bring**

- Your dad or special person
- A bean bag, mat or low festival chair
- Favourite teddy

**Wear**

- Your PJs!

**Think you'll be hungry?**

- Pizza! (Preorder only)
- Snacks for purchase on the night

**When does it start?**

- Doors open at 5:30
- Movie at 6pm

**Please Note**

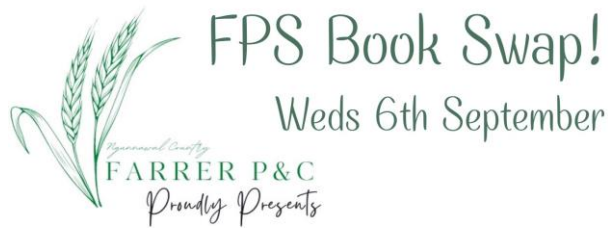
- All children must be with an adult, no supervision provided
- Movie is rated PG

Any questions - [fpspandcfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:fpspandcfundraising@gmail.com)

**NOW SHOWING**

**THE SUPER MARIO BROS MOVIE**

## Book Swap



### Part 1 - Now!

**DONATE** (There is a box in the front office)

1 or 2 Books (Max 2 per student)

Must be good quality and primary school appropriate

### Part 2 - Weds 6th September

**SWAP** (Weds 6th September)

Bring a gold coin and take home a new book!

All funds raised go



Any questions - [fpspandcfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:fpspandcfundraising@gmail.com)

## 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 \(Watsapp\)](#)

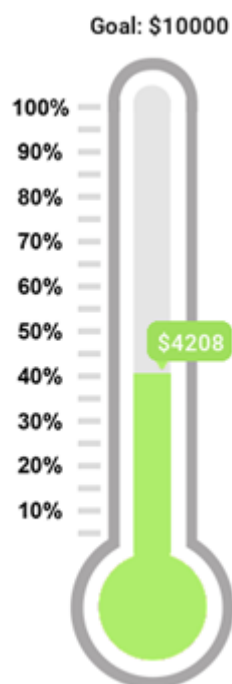
[Year 2 \(Facebook\)](#)

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

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

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

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



### ***Trivia Question***

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

The three Farrer Primary School houses are Glenwarri, Bencubbin and Winglen. What are they named after?

- A) Local Aboriginal cultural sites
- B) Species of wheat
- C) Early farmers from the Canberra region



D) The students' favourite Pokémon characters

### Activity Report

- We raised nearly \$600 for our Jeans for Genes day! Well done Farrer!
- Our term 3 family fun raffle is open! Get your tickets here <https://rafflelink.com.au/farrer-pc-2023>
- Fathers / Special persons movie night is coming up on the 8th September, you can get your tickets on SPRIGGY 'EVENTS'
- 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.
- Do you have an idea for an event?! Let us know!
- Next meeting is in week 8!.

### How can you help the P&C?

- In Term 3, we are asking each year level to supply a volunteer each week for the canteen, you can sign up here [volunteersignup.org/8Y99J](https://volunteersignup.org/8Y99J)
- We're looking for a new secretary! If you think this could be you, please email [farrerps.communityassociation@gmail.com](mailto: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			
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
P&C Cinema	<u>Fathers Day</u> Movie night! More information is coming soon	8th September	Stand by!
Term 3 Raffle	Get your ticket here <a href="https://rafflelink.com.au/farrer-pc-2023">https://rafflelink.com.au/farrer-pc-2023</a>	CLOSES 10th SEPTEMBER	
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	<b>**NEW**</b> 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](mailto: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](https://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](#)



### ***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 - TheKidsK[itchenFarrer@gmail.com](mailto:kitchenFarrer@gmail.com)
- [Pantry list](#)

### **Uniform Shop**

- Sales - [P&C Uniform Shop](#)
- Email - [FPSUniforms@gmail.com](mailto:FPSUniforms@gmail.com)

### ***Community News***







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Dear Parents,

Sydney Academy of Chess is considering running a chess coaching program at Farrer Primary School. Chess classes will run weekly one lunchtime per week.

Chess is a valuable activity for children, developing their logical thinking skills, concentration and discipline, as well as being a source of much enjoyment! What a great way to combine learning and fun!

These classes begin with an interactive lecture by one of our experienced coaches. During the second half of the lesson children play games against each other, putting newly learned strategies into practice.

As the term progresses and the children become proficient in all the basics, the lectures will move on to more complex ideas such as strategy, middle game ideas and chess technique.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/>, which is an online teaching/playing platform.

The cost for the coaching is \$15+GST per lesson per child. There are approx. 8-10 lessons during each term.

If you are interested in your child taking part in this activity, please fill in the online expression of interest form which can be found at <https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/eoi>

Thanks and regards,

*Canberra Academy of Chess & Sydney Academy of Chess*

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