



Farrer Primary School Newsletter
Term 1 Week 5: 2 March 2023

Acknowledgement of Country written by Saanti, 6UM



I want to pay my respects and thank the Aboriginal people and children who stood thousands of years before us on this land we call home, the Ngunnawal land. For thousands of years the Aboriginal people and children have performed their ceremonies while creating special connections with cultures, stories, dance and nature. We promise to take care as best we can of this beautiful land because it was, is and always will be Aboriginal land. No one can ever reverse that.

Messages from our Principal - Ms Liz Wallace



School Priorities

ACT Public Schools undergo School Review every five years. From this thorough review schools develop annual action plans which drive improvement work throughout each year. This improvement work is reported on each term to the School Board and annually in a School Impact Report.

In 2023 we continue to work on the following priorities:

- 1. Improve the social and emotional engagement of students in their learning.* We will do this through providing authentic opportunities for student voice in learning programs and explicitly teaching social and emotional skills.
- 2. Increase the percentage of students making at or above expected growth in numeracy.* We will do this through implementing learning programs that meet student need through differentiation of product, process and content.

You can access the School Review Report and Impact Reports on the [School Board Page](#) on the school website. The 2022 Impact Report is due to be uploaded in coming weeks.

Student Parliament Leaders

This week year six students were appointed to portfolios and class contact roles. Students will work throughout the year on projects that capture student voice and have a lasting impact on the school.

Ministries are as follows:

Education: English

Ministers: Sabhan & Ellie

Members: Jamie, Adam, Ace & Logan

Education: Maths

Ministers: Ethan & Luke

Members: Sam, James L, Collin & Laura

Social Services

Ministers: Hayley & Saanti

Members: Kaylee, Maddy, Mikey & Sky

Environment

Ministers: Cass & Ella

Members: Ted, Hugh, Lilli & Amy

Sports

Ministers: Mia & Zach

Members: Leila, Georgie, Bash & August

PBL

Ministers: Abi & James C

Members: Ruby, Tori, Owen & Sebastian M

Multicultural

Ministers: Zali & Jack

Members: Estela, Jayden, Jessica & Safiya

Indigenous Affairs

Ministers: Kyla & Serena

Members: Kyna, Pearl, Penny & Sofala

Class contacts are as follows

KS: Adam & Jess

KM: Safiya & August

1B: Kyna

1C: Owen

2B: Sky & Amy

2L: Ted & Estela

3B: Leila & Ace

3O: Bash

4L: Lilli & Pearl

4W: Hugh & Jayden

5O: Mikey & Kaylee

5M: Collin & Ruby

NAPLAN

Students in year 3 and year 5 in ACT schools will participate in NAPLAN Online testing from 15-27 March 2023. NAPLAN testing has moved to the earlier part of the year across Australia. This change will mean results will be available to education authorities earlier in the year to inform school and system teaching and learning programs and will allow teachers to better assess what support students need for the coming year. This change will mean that students who observe Ramadan may be impacted. Please contact the school for more information.

Students will have the opportunity to become acquainted with the school Chromebooks and the NAPLAN website through their classes prior to the assessment dates.

As a parent, you can become familiar with NAPLAN Online tests by visiting the public demonstration site, <http://bit.ly/naplanonline>. The purpose of the site is to familiarise students with the type of items they will see on NAPLAN Online and related functionalities. This level of familiarisation is worthwhile to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the test.

Students in years 3 and 5 will be bringing home a timetable for NAPLAN this afternoon.

GWS Giants visit

Thanks to the GWS Giants AFL players and staff who visited our year six classes last week. It was great to speak to the players and then have a kick around on the oval.





Apply now for the Future of Education Equity Fund 2023

Apply now for the Future of Education Equity Fund for the 2023 school year. Eligible low-income ACT families can receive one-off payments for financial aid to help cover the costs of their children's educational needs, such as sport equipment and activities, music lessons, school uniforms and excursions. The Fund is open to eligible students enrolled in preschools that are attached to an ACT government school, through to Year 12 in the ACT.

Further information and the online application form is available at

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/financial-and-resource-assistance-forfamilies>

Quality Learning

Congratulations to the following children who have shared quality learning with me in the past fortnight.

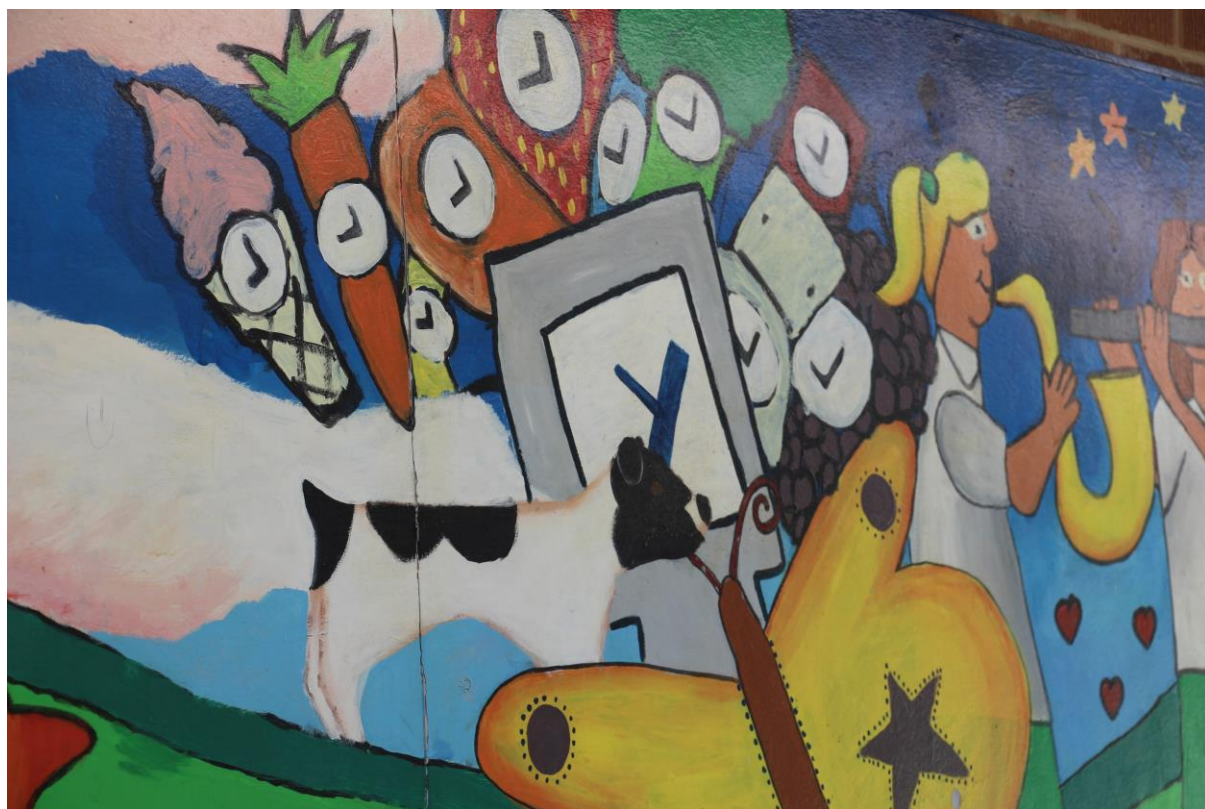
Yr 2 - Alessa & Henry - writing

Yr 3 - Larine & Hana - English

Yr 3 - Anaya & Belle - Japanese

Yr 4 - Skye - writing

Upcoming Events



Week six

Hatching chicks program in preschool

6 March: Assembly

8 March: Netball Gala Day for participating Yr 3/4

10 March: Dance Nation begins for participating Yr 4-6

10 March: Netball Gala Day for participating Yr 5/6

Week seven

13 March: Canberra Day Public Holiday

15 March - 27 March: NAPLAN years 3 & 5

17 March: Bullying No Way Day

17 March: Dance Nation for participating Yr 4-6

Week eight

21 March: Harmony Day

22 March: Athletics Carnival

24 March: Dance Nation for participating Yr 4-6

Year six news



Year 6 have had an amazing and busy start to the year!

As part of their role as leaders of the school, Year 6 have been busy learning all about Australia's parliamentary system; its origins, how it works and their roles as citizens. To support their deep dive into all things democracy, the students visited Parliament House to see where democracy takes place. They were lucky enough to meet and chat with MP for Bean, Mr David Smith, while learning all about the House of Representatives. Students then role played passing a Bill for free wi-fi on public transport, through the House of Representatives. Year 6 will now apply their knowledge of the democratic process as they open Farrer's Parliament and begin campaigning and enacting changes within the school.









PE news



Swimming Carnival

After a couple of trying years, a carnival atmosphere was evident at Stromlo Leisure Centre as the Farrer Swimming Carnival was held last week. K-2 classes enjoyed their rotations on a range of new facilities including the popular slide area (beware the giant bucket!). Meanwhile a full program of 50m and 100m races was held in the 50m pool for 8 to 12-year-old swimmers (a total of 83 competitive swimmers took part). The final race of the day was a relay between parents, students and teachers (which was won by a very strong teacher's team for the first time).

A big shout out to the many parent helpers, without whom the carnival would not have been possible. It was great to see so many parents on deck again. Thank You!

The following students were place getters in races and will be presented with ribbons at the assembly on Monday. The house winner will also be announced at the assembly.

2B

Elliott A

Olivia G

2L

Lincoln H

3B

Tristan P

Quinn P

3O

Amelia B

Huon C

Abbie D

Charlotte D

Isla H

Chloe R

Thiessa T

Emma Y

4L

Thomas B

Lincoln B

Augie H

Immanuel K

Bridget K

Corbin R

Thomas R

Lucy U

4W

Matilda R

Archie R

Caitlin W

5M

Daniel C

Alex F

Jake H

Lily H

Audrey H

Amy M

Archer P

Linus R

Elliana W

5O

Meg N

Sadie R

Heidi Y

6UM

Sofala E

James L

Jack M

Zali N

Logan R

Tori A

Laura A

Georgie H

Hayley S

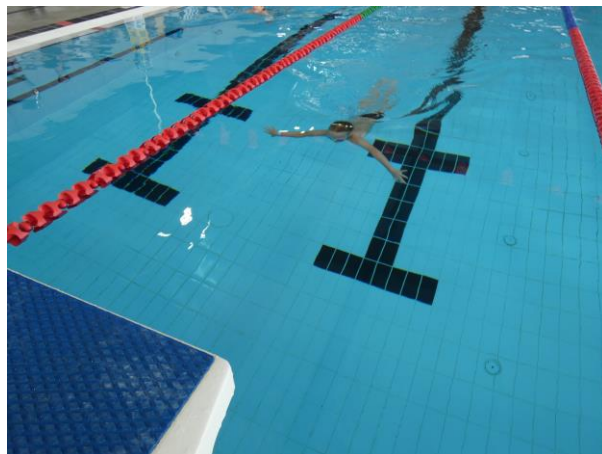
Ethan T

Ella B

Hugh H

Serena I

Luke S





Preschool

I've been taking the opportunity to get to know our lovely pre-schoolers over the past few weeks. As the term progresses, we will be exploring and playing with a variety of different sports equipment.





Kindergarten

Kindy are on the move! We're exploring different ways of moving such as running, jumping, hopping and galloping.





Year 1

Year 1 children are dodging! Dodging kids, dodging markers, dodging balls.





Year 2

In year 2 we are learning different ways to pass balls including punting, kicking and striking.





Year 3 & 4

Invasion games are the order of the day in years 3 & 4. The types of sports that fall under this category are the football codes, basketball, netball and hockey.





Year 5 & 6

Year 5 & 6 children are learning about golf. We have done putting and are moving onto chipping and driving. The kids are doing a great job having a go and trying their best to learn something new.





News from the P&C



It takes a village! Did you know that through volunteer efforts in 2022 the FPS P&C:

- Donated \$10,000 towards delivery of the FPS landscape plan

- Donated \$1,000 to update the Ellyard leveled readers
- Donated \$1,000 to update library items
- Donated \$1,000 for art supplies
- Donated \$1,000 for outdoor play items
- Provided canteen services to Farrer Families
- Provided Uniform Shop Services for Farrer families
- Burnt democracy sausages and ran a cake stall
- Ran a Children's Week Breakfast and Paper Plane competition
- Supported Learning Journey through a family BBQ
- Ran 'dress like your mum/dad/special person' charity fundraisers
- Celebrated our teachers on World Teacher's Day
- Ran wine, gingerbread and mango fundraisers
- Provided gifts to departing FPS staff
- And so much more!!!!

How can you help? We'd love to know how you'd like to get involved via <https://forms.gle/CeuFmKuBH8zrLpg79>

Upcoming P&C Dates

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

	What do I need to know!	Dates	How can I help?
Term 1			
Easter Raffle	Easter prizes and gift vouchers galore!	Opens 6th March, Closes 26th march, Drawn at Assembly 27th March	Want to donate a prize? Send us an email fpspandfundraising@gmail.com
Bulbs Fundraiser	Heaps of bulbs to choose from.	Open until end Term 1	https://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/farrerps Share with your friends!
Athletics Carnival Meal Deal	Order via Spriggy / Events	22nd March	Sign up to help in the canteen volunteersignup.org/DPAJ3
Athletics Carnival Funding	Did you know the P&C has covered the cost of buses for all!	22nd March	Enjoy!
Term 2			
XC Meal Deal	TBA	4th May	TBA
Mother 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

Term 1 P&C Meetings Calendar

P&C Committee Monday 20th March 7pm - 8:30pm via Skype - please email for link

Canteen Sub committee Wednesday 15th March

Uniform Shop subcommittee Tuesday 7th March 9:30am FPS Staff Room - all welcome

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 through 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

Athletics Carnival - the canteen is offering a meal on the day of the Athletics Carnival in week 8 (Wednesday 22nd March). Orders will be delivered to Woden Park Athletics Field in time for lunch. Online orders are now open on the Spriggy Schools app - select 'Events'

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

Bulbs

We've got a new fundraiser underway for bulbs! Place your order at <https://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/farrerps>

Shoes!

Don't forget to mention Farrer Primary School if you are purchasing new school runners at the Athlete's 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
- Term 4 Volunteer Roster volunteersignup.org/R9H7B [Pantry list](#)

Uniform Shop

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

Community News



GUGAN GULWAN

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM





Week 1:

11TH - 14TH APRIL

✉ kathryn@gugan-gulwan.com.au

☎ 0421 486 313

Week 2:

17TH - 21ST APRIL

✉ cyndy@gugan-gulwan.com.au

☎ 0401 414 479

**APPLY
NOW**

⚠ Applications open 27th February

⚠ Applications close 17th March

Attention Kindergarten Parents!

Kindergarten Health Checks are happening this year!

Vision check **Hearing check** **Height, weight and body mass index (BMI)**

Find — If you have not returned your child's Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire

Sign — Information packs will be sent home early in Term 1

Return — Complete the Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire

Return — To your school by 7 March 2023

Scan for more information or to register for MyDHR

Your school can provide you with the date of the health check.

You will be able to view the results on MyDHR or choose to have a letter sent to you with the results after the physical health check.

Acknowledgement of Country
Canberra Health Services acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngurrinawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution to the life of this city and region.

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Call 131 450
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