



Farrer Primary School Newsletter
Term 1 Week 7: 16 March 2023

Acknowledgement of Country written by 1B



We pay our respects to the Ngunnawal people, who are the original owners of the land we live and play on today. We appreciate all of the beautiful nature around us including the land, plants and animals. We thank those who keep it safe. We promise to look after all you have cared for.

Messages from our Principal - Ms Liz Wallace



Who is Floyd?

Each assembly a class is awarded Floyd the frog, a principal award for consistently showing the school expectations of being safe, respectful, responsible learners. The class have Floyd for the three weeks between assemblies and keep a journal capturing photos and memories. Children of all ages take delight in being awarded Floyd. This year 5O and 2B have been awarded Floyd.

Our original principal award was Muffin the frog, introduced in 2020. Muffin was showing signs of age and hence retired. Muffin's journals are available for children and families to view in the foyer.



Bullying No Way

Tomorrow was marked on the calendar as the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. A decision was made this week to move this national day due to NAPLAN testing occurring in schools across the country. The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence will now be acknowledged in August. Classes at Farrer will still revisit and discuss bullying over the next week as it is an important reminder for the start of each school year.

Unfortunately bullying can occur in schools. At Farrer we take this seriously and work with children and their families to understand what bullying is, the impact it has, how to repair harm, how to avoid using bullying and how to report it.

If bullying is identified we discuss it with children using the [Bullying No Way](#) definition:

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.

We work with the child displaying the bullying behaviour and the victim of the bullying and always inform and discuss with families. We have found this approach powerful in the past as it names the behaviour and generally sees it cease. If bullying behaviours continue we escalate consequences

using our school procedures. Next term we will be sharing with families all of our wellbeing procedures in one document so please keep an eye out for this.



Quality Learning

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

Yr 1: Noah - writing

Yr 1: Scarlett - English

Yr 4: Alice - writing

Pokémon Cards

Pokémon cards are growing in popularity at school. As mentioned in a previous newsletter we encourage children to leave toys and precious items at home.

In response to the growing popularity of Pokémon we are planning to run a Pokémon play day in which children can bring cards and play the game at lunch and recess. We will communicate details once finalised.

If you are a keen Pokémon fan and would like to support one of these sessions please get in touch with Jodie White at jodie.white@ed.act.edu.au

Thank yous

Our thanks to Farrer PS parent Brett Whalan for a wonderful donation of books. These range in topic and have been added to the junior and senior school home reading collections.

Thank you also to the residents at Goodwin Village who donated \$2000 to the school from their 2022 Market Day. The team at Goodwin have asked that these funds be used for student support, so the money will go towards supporting students with excursions, book packs, uniforms and lunches. Thank you to Helen and Kathy who attended assembly last week and presented a cheque and appreciation certificate for the P&C to our School Captains Penny and Jamie.



Upcoming Events



Week eight

NAPLAN continues

20 March: P&C meeting

21 March: Harmony Day

22 March: Athletics Carnival

24 March: Dance Nation for participating Yr 4-6

Week nine

27 March: Assembly

29 March: School Board Meeting

30 March: Tuggeranong Region Swimming Carnival for qualifying students

31 March: Dance Nation for participating Yr 4-6

Week ten

4 April: Christian Education in Schools

5 April: Menslink visiting years 5 & 6

6 April: last day of term one

7 April: Good Friday Holiday

From the English Action Team: Identifying sounds in words



One of the first steps in being able to read and write is being able to tell the difference between sounds. Parents and teachers help children to tell different sounds apart orally (known as sound discrimination) when they identify that 'ant' starts with 'a' and 'ball' starts with 'b'. Learning to identify beginning letter sounds links children's oral language skills to their understanding of written language.

When reading with children, stopping and asking 'what sound can you hear at the start of 'ant'?' helps build this skill. From here you could ask 'what other words do you know that start with that sound?' At school we build on this knowledge by talking about all the different words that start with that sound or letter. We then draw and write other words that start with our focus letter or sound.





Linking children's knowledge of oral language and what the letter or sound looks like is a great way to build literacy. Once children know the initial sound, children hear, identify and record the final and then medial (middle) sound. Once these skills are developed, children further extend this knowledge by noticing the differences in spelling the same sound such as the long 'a' sound in *rain*, *play* and *eight*.

When next reading with your child, ask them what they know about sounds they hear. Some children might like to create their own word book at home.

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

Every year, tens of thousands of students across the ACT participate in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. This year the challenge runs until 11 August 2023.

Farrer Primary School is joining in the fun. We are aiming for each class to read at least 30 books.

Children can also join in at home and see how many books they can read and record these on the individual record sheet.

The individual record sheet is a Google Form for Year 3-6 and a paper form for Kindergarten-Year 2. Students in Years 3-6 will have access to the Google Form in their google classroom. For K-2 students, individual record forms will be sent home via class teachers. If you need another one, please ask your child's class teacher.

To get the most out of the Challenge, we encourage children to try choosing books from different genres and sharing their favourite books and stories with classmates. Children can choose their own books or ask friends, family and people at school for their suggestions. This year, we encourage children to read something different!

We are looking forward to the Challenge and marvelling at all the journeys reading can take us on!



Preschool news



Hatching Chickens at Preschool

Over the past few weeks the preschool children have enjoyed observing the development of some chickens and a duckling. The eggs hatched in an incubator and then the chickens were placed in a brooder box. They have grown out of the brooder box and are now in a larger home.

Some comments from the children:

"They look bigger" "They have some feathers now" "Even on their tail" "One chicken is trying to fly out"

Some wonderings they have are : Will they lay eggs?

There has been a lot of drawing, discussion and making of chicken houses.



1 - "Chickens are the loveliest" The chickens will love it they think they can sleep in it all day" Mia

Year two news



In year 2 we are learning to skip rope. At the beginning we found it a bit difficult, but we are improving quickly with practice! We can't wait to continue to build a positive attitude towards exercise whilst having fun!









Athletics Carnival

The Farrer PS athletics carnival is on next week! Kindergarten to Year 6 students will be on the bus heading to Woden Park Athletics Field to participate in a range of athletic events and rotations. Children are reminded to wear appropriate footwear and clothes for running, jumping and throwing. Children are encouraged to wear house colours:

- Bencubbin (Yellow)
- Winglen (Blue)
- Glenwarri (Green)

Don't forget hats, sunscreen, drink bottles. Also, fruit, snacks, and a packed lunch (the P&C canteen is running a sushi meal deal which will be delivered to the venue, place an order on Spriggy under events).

Looking forward to a fun day!



Swimming Carnival

And the winner is....Bencubbin!! Congratulations to Bencubbin for winning the swimming carnival in a close contest, with Winglen coming in second.

There were some fantastic swimming performances on the day, with 24 students qualifying to compete at the Tuggeranong Region Swimming Carnival on 30 March at Stromlo Leisure Centre. Notes will be sent home today. Congratulations to the students who will represent Farrer.

The Farrer Swim Team is as follows:

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| Olivia G | 2B |
| Lincoln H | 2L |
| Emma Y | 3O |
| Corbin R | 4L |
| Thomas B | 4L |
| Thomas R | 4L |
| Augie H | 4L |
| Lincoln B | 4L |
| Immanuel K | 4L |
| Bridget K | 4L |
| Matilda R | 4W |
| Audrey H | 5M |
| Alex F | 5M |
| Jake H | 5M |
| Elliana W | 5M |
| Linus R | 5M |
| Lily H | 5M |
| Meg N | 5O |

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| Logan R | 6M |
| Sofala E-H | 6M |
| Zali N | 6M |
| Laura A | 6U |
| Georgie H | 6U |

Reserves – the following students swam qualifying times and are reserves in the case of selected students being unable to attend:

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| Caitlin W | 4W |
| Archie R | 4W |
| Archer P | 5M |
| Amy M | 5M |
| Heather H | 5O |
| Heidi Y | 5O |
| Sadie R | 5O |
| Alexander G | 5O |



Rugby League

On 2nd March students from Farrer PS competed at the Canberra Raiders Rugby League Gala Day held at Phillip Oval. Farrer PS competed in both the year 3/4 and year 5/6 competitions and for many of the students this was their first time playing rugby league. On a warm and sunny day, both teams demonstrated Farrer PS values of inclusion, support and excellence, resulting in a very successful and fun day for all involved. Special mentions go to Nazim and Lucy (3/4 team) and Amy & Jake (5/6 team) for their outstanding performances both on and off the field. A big thank you to Noah, who helped with training sessions and gameday coaching, and to all those who assisted on the day.

Mr Ovington



Netball

Last week students from years 3/4 and 5/6 participated in Netball Gala days at the South Canberra Netball Courts in Deakin. We had an amazing turnout with students playing enthusiastically as a team and representing our school with pride. Students with little to no netball experience were encouraged to participate in the gala days and were proudly supported by their peers. We are so proud of all the Farrer students who participated and the fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship they displayed.

A special mention to Corbin and Charlotte for their can-do attitudes and willingness to learn.

In the 5/6 teams, Georgie, Mercy, Kyna and Laura showed exceptional leadership skills, helping the day to run smoothly for the mixed team. Logan and James are to be commended on their encouragement and support of others. Meg and Audrey worked super hard and demonstrated great skills in the girls 5/6 team. In the year 5 girls team, most players were brand new, but improved throughout the day to have their best result in the final game, showing great team play moving the ball up the court and scoring multiple times. Felicity was the standout player, Matilda played tough defence all day and Elli got on a roll scoring several goals in the final game.

A massive thank you to Judi Barton, Amy Konrad and Molly Nagle for their excellent umpiring and coaching skills.

Miss Wilson & Mrs Munn



Sports Achievements

There have been some exciting sporting performances outside of school lately. Isla H recently represented the ACT Cougars in OzTag. Not only were Linus R and Logan R amazing in the recent swimming carnival, but they have been competing and doing well in the Swimming NSW Speedo Sprints series as well.

News from the P&C



P&C 2023 Fundraising Target

As you may know, our school's P&C committee plays a vital role in supporting and enhancing the educational experience of our children. As we look ahead to 2023, we have set a fundraising target of \$10,000, which will enable us to continue to provide valuable resources and programs for our school community.

We are reaching out to you today to ask for your support in achieving this goal. We would love to hear any fundraising ideas or initiatives that you may have, whether it be a bake sale, a sponsored event or a raffle. Every idea is welcome, and we appreciate any help you can provide in making them a reality.



In addition, we would like to emphasise the importance of volunteers in making these fundraising events a success. We understand that your time is valuable, but even a small contribution can make a big difference. Whether you can spare an hour or a day, your involvement is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community. Together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of our children.

How can you help? We'd love to know how you'd like to get involved via

<https://forms.gle/CeuFmKuBH8zrLpq79>

Upcoming P&C Dates

| ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS | | | |
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| | What do I need to know! | Dates | How can I help? |
| Term 1 | | | |
|  Easter Raffle | Easter prizes and gift vouchers galore! If you want more than 3 tickets, please send an email to fpandcfundraising@gmail.com as I accidentally took off the multiple buy function (WHOOOPS!) | Opens 6th March, Closes 26th march, Drawn 27th March | Donate your easter eggs to the front office until 20th March or send us an email |
|  Bulbs Fundraiser | Heaps of bulbs to choose from. | Term 1 | https://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/farriers Share with your friends! |
| Athletics Carnival Meal Deal | Order via Spriggy / Events. Orders close Monday 20th March. | 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 |
| 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 20th March 7pm - 8:30pm via Skype - pls email 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 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' ORDERS CLOSE MONDAY 20th MARCH. NO cash orders OR orders on the day.

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

| Fundraisers | |
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| All terms | |
| 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 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
- [Pantry list](#)

Uniform Shop

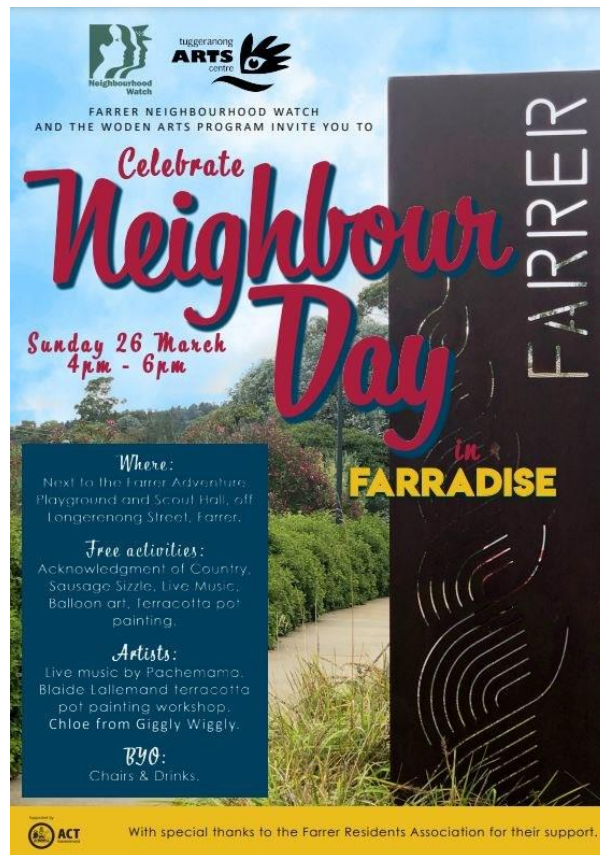
- Sales - [P&C Uniform Shop](#)
- Email - FPSUniforms@gmail.com

Community News



2 - Book Club Edition 2 is out now!

Please note that the cut-off date to order is the 22nd of March. You can either order online or return the form to the front office.



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