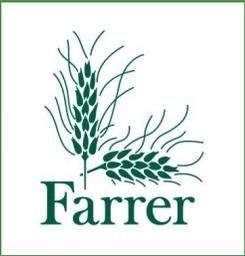


# FARRER PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS



Term 4      Week 1 07 October 2021

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal  
Liz Wallace  
Deputy Principal  
Kate Banwell  
Early Years Learning  
Executive  
Mariana Fuenzalida  
Primary Executive  
Jodie White  
Business Manager  
Sharlot Holmes

## SCHOOL BOARD

Board Chair  
Philippa Northam

## P & C

P&C President  
Judi Barton

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Acknowledgement of Country - written by Amy Peng, Yr3

We learn on Ngunnawal land, we pay respect to the people who took care of our land we live, learn and play on today. We keep our promise to look after this land and to do to it how the Ngunnawal people did.

Each newsletter we will feature an Acknowledgement of Country written by a class or individual as part of their learning programs at the start of the school year.

### **Remote learning**

As we commence our final term for the year we do so remotely. Here are a few reminders of the key elements of remote learning at Farrer Primary.

- Children will continue to have a daily morning Meet with their teachers to engage in learning and receive instruction.
- Afternoon check in Meets will continue as an optional time to ask questions and seek teacher help. From next week Friday afternoon check-ins will be for a social catch up with classmates.
- Learning packs will continue to be handed out each Friday as well as uploaded onto our remote learning website.
- Learning can be uploaded via Seesaw or Google Classrooms, or stored safely for return to school in a few weeks.
- Teachers and assistants will continue to make check in calls to say hi and see how learning and wellbeing are going.

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**sustainability**

**inclusion**

**support**

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

### *Spoonsville*

Our Farrer Primary Spoonsville community is slowly growing. As we handed out learning packs last Friday we were delighted to see so many community members stop and look at the spoons when walking past. A reminder that each child has been allocated a spoon and is invited to decorate it and place it in Spoonsville when out on a walk or when they return to school in a few weeks.



### *Return to school*

On Tuesday I sent an email detailing return to school dates as follows:

- **Monday 25 October (week 4, term 4)** - preschool, kindergarten, and years 1, 2 and 6 can return to on campus learning.
- **Monday 1 November (week 5, term 4)** - years 3, 4, and 5 can return to on campus learning.

During the next few weeks we will finalise preparations for the return to on campus learning. Next Friday (15 October) I will email families detailed information about our return to school plan. The plan will include checking in, staying at home if unwell, hygiene, physical distancing, masks, environmental cleaning, ventilation, managing suspected cases and drop off and pick up procedures.

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Our teachers will be involved in a planning day prior to the return to school. On these days our school leaders will host a quick Google Meet for the children in their normal meeting time.

Wednesday 20 October - P, K, 1, 2 & 6

Wednesday 27 October - Yrs 3, 4 & 5

### **2022 considerations**

Next month we will be developing 2022 class lists. We will be having two classes in each year level at this stage. To assist us with this process we need some information from families. Please email [kate.banwell@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:kate.banwell@ed.act.edu.au) if you have information on either of these points:

1. your child / children will not be returning to Farrer in 2022; or
2. you have information you would like us to consider when forming classes, e.g. peer combinations that may not work. (We aim to do as best we can with this information).

Please email through a response if you need to by Monday 9 November 2021. We will notify families of 2022 class placements in the week of 13 December 2021. Children will also have the opportunity to meet their teacher in the same week.

Regards

Liz Wallace

### **Payment Reminder**

Please be reminded Term 3 Band Payment is due now.

We are still accepting Voluntary Contributions throughout this term.

Should you require assistance due to current COVID-19 situation, please email us at [info@farrerps.act.edu](mailto:info@farrerps.act.edu)

### Sport Report

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, unfortunately the following events for term 4 have been CANCELLED.

- Tuggeranong Region Athletics Carnival
- ACT Athletics Carnival
- Basketball Year 5/6 Boys & Year 3/4 Girls Gala Days
- Cricket Gala Days

Whilst it is disappointing to finish the school year with the last few school sport events being cancelled, Farrer has had a very busy and successful year in sport in 2021 and everyone involved with the many sporting teams and events should be very proud of their efforts.

### Athletics Carnival

Although we couldn't have an assembly, ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters at the Farrer Athletics Carnival were posted out at the end of last term. Congratulations again to all competitors and winners. Please let Mr Maron know if you did not receive your ribbon/s.



## Olympic Spirit Awards

Following our Athletics unit in PE last term, the following students have been awarded an Olympic Spirit Award for demonstrating the Olympic spirit of friendship, respect and striving to be your best self.

Kindy – George Roberts, Oscar Howard, Louis Hart, Harvey Dempsey, Alessa Pompeani

Year 1 – Huon Cooper, Ruby Northey, Quinn Peppinck, Rowyn Freill, Theissa Taylor

Year 2 – Hayley Wragg, Hudson Munstermann, Lawson Wrigley, Jack Brennan, Bridget Konrad

Year 3 – Audrey Heading, Archer Peppinck, Meg Nagle, Fred Evans, Sophie Castle

Year 4 – Luke Schmierer, Maryn Freill, Jamie Konrad, Georgie Hart, August Taylor

Year 5 – Sarah Bowden, Austin Venning, Alistair McKinley, Georgia Cramond, Romina Jakaj

Year 6 – Xiane De Guzman, Cleo Hilton-Bell, Sebastian Hanslip, Ava Holley, Vivian Tao



## Environment Centre News



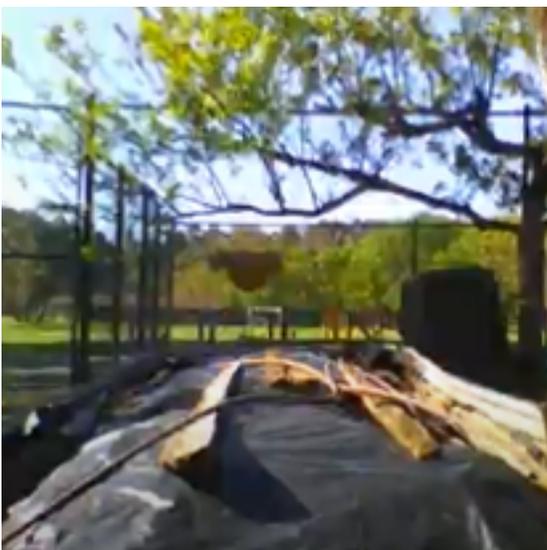
Welcome back to Term 4!

Over the holidays our scientist, Carol, and one of our families did a huge amount of work in our Environment Centre gardens.

The Sargeant family, who have been part of our school for many years, and have been helping in our Environment Centre for most of that time, looked after our animals and did a huge amount of Spring planting, weeding and mulching. Jo and her wonderful kids moved dirt, garden beds and mulch, planted out the gardens, created a plan for killing off cooch grass and organised the garden shed.

This has made a massive difference to our gardens and the organisation of our planting program moving forward!

They have established a new garden near the entry. This revives an old garden area and provides a neater entry.



They have pulled out the majority of cooch grass from the bed near the double gates and placed black plastic over it. This should cause the soil to overheat during Summer and hopefully cook the remaining cooch roots. This particular job involved a lot of physical labour and hopefully will fix an on-going problem in that part of our gardens.

Our beds have been slowly composting down in the

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few years since we added the new metal beds. Carol, Jo and family dug up a lot of dirt to add to the gardens and then added new tanbark to the areas between the beds. Adding new dirt will keep our gardens vigorous and Carol's crop rotations ensure that each crop benefits the one to follow. Thanks also to George for adding leaf mulch from our Autumn leaves to our beds. A great snack for the worms and fantastic nutrients for our young plants.



Carol is continuing some plant growth experiments in our gardens by trying different forms of mini greenhouses. She has added a plastic bottle and a glass jar over some of the tomato seedlings to see if there is a difference in growth rate with the two different materials and designs. I'll let you know how they go!

Thank you to Jo, Alexander, Maddie, Cameron and Carol for donating their time and effort to keeping our Environment Centre growing!

Mrs Elliot



CONTACT

Woden Waves Water Polo Club

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Check out our website:

[www.wodenwaves.com](http://www.wodenwaves.com)

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[@wodenwaves](https://www.facebook.com/wodenwaves)

## Are you ready for summer sports?

The **Woden Waves** is for people who are interested in trying the sport of **WATER POLO**.

**WATER POLO** is a sport for both girls and boys of all ages. The program is aimed at improving players swimming ability and water confidence in a fun team sport environment.

**Woden Waves** runs sessions to suit everyone, these details can be found below:

Time: 7:00-8:00pm

Day: Thursday

Location: Stromlo Leisure Centre

Start: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

***"Give a Water Polo a Go"***