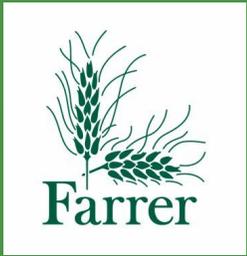


FARRER PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS



Term 3 Week 1 20 July 2022

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
Phillip Bowden

P & C

P&C President
Cassandra Mann

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Acknowledgement of Country - written by Wania, 4BW

Yumalundi, I acknowledge the Ngunnawal people past, present and future. I respect that they took care of the land we gather on today with our family and friends. I respect their traditions we carry on today and for future generations. I thank them for letting us learn and play on their land.

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.

Welcome to term three. I hope everyone had a positive break. Welcome to new families who have joined us at Farrer Primary School.

It has been lovely to have parents onsite for parent teacher interviews this week. Both teachers and parents have commented about how nice it is. Interviews will continue today and next Tuesday and Wednesday. If you have not booked in yet please refer to the emails on how to book in or get in touch with your child's teacher.

School improvement priorities

This semester our two school priorities remain:

- improve the social and emotional engagement of students in their learning; and
- increase the percentage of students making at or above expected growth in numeracy.

excellence

innovation

sustainability

inclusion

support

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As part of this improvement agenda teachers are working on observing, analysing data and discussing with children aspects of student engagement and student voice. From this analysis each teacher will develop a project to improve an element of student engagement in their class. We look forward to hearing from the children what they feel are strengths and next steps in this area so that we can improve and enhance their educational experiences.

COVID safety arrangements

As detailed in the letter emailed to you last Friday we continue to operate under the ACT Public Schools COVID-19 Management Plan. Details can be found on the ACT Education COVID smart public schools [page](#). Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are available on an as needed basis. This means if your child has symptoms or if there is a spike in cases in a particular cohort. To request RATs please complete this [form](#) by 2:00pm and tests will be sent home. Alternatively please pop in to the front office between 8:30am and 9:00am to collect tests.

Assemblies

Assemblies will be held on Monday afternoon in weeks 3, 6 and 9. Parents of children receiving awards will be invited to attend assemblies. Teachers will be in touch via email or phone. We look forward to resuming assemblies in the hall.

Drop off

A reminder that supervision is provided from 8:45am each morning on the hard tops areas where children line up. Children onsite prior to 8:45am can access the front office for any help needed. Before School Care is available through [OSHClub](#) from 7:00am.

Evacuation before school

Occasionally a fire alarm is triggered before school starts. If this occurs we evacuate children, staff and visitors to the evacuation point on the oval. As children arrive at school they are asked to move to the oval and meet their teacher. Parents are also asked to move to the oval until the

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situation is cleared by ACT Fire Brigade. We thank you for your support with this safety measure.

Quality learning

Congratulations to the following children who shared quality learning with a school leader at the end of last term or earlier this week.

Kinder	Donn, Noah, Ella, Alessio	reading
Year 1	Clancy, Arjun, George, Louis H	spelling phoneme f
	Mia, Chikamso, Henry, Oscar, Louis M	writing group
	Viha	reading
Year 2	Amali & Isobel	HASS
	Tristan & Mimie	writing
Year 3	Minna, Mariam, Archie, Fraser, Maia, Zoe, Matilda, Augie & Hayley	science
	Harry	writing

Sporting achievement

Congratulations to Leah in 6CG and her first grade under 11's rep netball team who won the ACT Championships! They were unbeaten all year and won their grand final 23-3. Leah was such a reliable and dynamic centre court player. She is very proud to be State Champion!

Staffing update

Welcome to Emma Schremmer, Ali Bos and Sarah Otuhouma who join us in part time relief teacher roles this semester. Welcome also to Anthony Donaldson who joins us as Building Services Officer (BSO) this term. George Geou will return in a part time capacity in coming weeks and work alongside Anthony.

Our staff team for term three is as follows:

Preschool	Lana Dibb, Gabi Scott, Kiah Noble & Sylia Kaltner
Kindergarten	Jasmin Cerni & Brooke Rogers
Year one	Prue Anderson & Emily Craggs

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Year two	Libby Mackie & Lara Wilson
Year three	Kat Carling & Georgie Kelley
Year four	Hannah Brydie-Watson & Aaron Flynn
Year five	Rachel Mian & Michael Tinio
Year six	Emma Schremmer, Sarah Otuhouma, Amy Carr & Andrew Gibson (weeks 1-5) Amy Carr & Andrew Gibson (weeks 6-10)
K6N	Amy Carr (wks 1-5) / Kat Newton (wks 6-10)
Japanese & EALD	Paul McGregor
Science & Arts	Kate Elliot
PE & Japanese	Brett Maron
Assistants	Trudy Thornton, Kim-Maree Janszen, Kiah Noble, Maddison Holland, Natalie Soffe, Jake Ovington & Gabi Scott
School Psychologist	Charlotte Harrison-Smith
Receptionist	Teresa Ang
Business Manager	Sharlot Holmes
Building Services Officer	Anthony Donaldson & George Geou
Executive Teacher Jnr	Mariana Fuenzalida
Executive Teacher Snr	Jodie White
Deputy Principal	Kate Banwell
Principal	Liz Wallace

Staff planning (pupil free) days in term 3

Thank you for your support in term 2. We are pleased to have transitioned back to more usual school activities and have welcomed the easing of some COVID-19 restrictions.

ACT public schools have continued to face workload pressures with higher than usual staff and student absences due to the ongoing presence of COVID-19 and seasonal flu in the community.

This has often meant school leaders and teachers are taking extra class time to cover staff absences. We value and appreciate everyone's commitment to our students during these

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challenging times.

We expect these workforce pressures will continue through the colder months of the year.

The Education Directorate is supporting ACT public schools to manage their extra workloads with two staff planning days in term 3. These days will give teachers the time for lesson planning and administrative tasks that they can't do while on class.

Our school will hold staff planning (pupil free) days on:

- **Friday 5 August 2022**, and
- **Friday 9 September 2022.**

Where possible, we ask that students do not attend school on these days. Students who can't stay at home will be able to attend school and be supervised while undertaking general learning activities.

Please confirm via email at info@farrerps.act.edu.au if your child will be attending school on these days.

If you have any further questions about public school staff planning days, please reach out to our front office.

As always please chat with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards

Liz Wallace

FPS TERM 3 2022 CALENDAR

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	18/7 Parent trachers Interviews	19/7 Kindergarten Health Checks Parent teachers interviews	20/7 Parent teachers interviews	21/7 Parent teachers interviews	22/7 23/7 Preschool Working Bee
2	25/7	26/7 Kindergarten 100 days at school Parent teachers interviews	27/7 Parent teachers interviews	28/7	29/7
3	1/8 Assembly	2/8	3/8 School Board Meeting	4/8	5/8 Pupil Free Day
4	8/8	9/8 Athletics Carnival P&C Meeting	10/8	11/8	12/8
5	15/8	16/8	17/8	18/8 Year 6 Careers Expo	19/8
6	22/8 Assembly	23/8 Tuggerenong Region Athletics Carnival Year 1 NPG excursion	24/8 Year 6 Combined Band @ Farrer	25/8	26/8 Book Week Dress Up Parade
7	29/8	30/8	31/8 School Board Meeting	1/9 SHFPACT Year 6	2/9 SHCPACT Year 5
8	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9 ACT 12&U Track & Field Championships	9/9 Pupil Free Day
9	12/9 Year 6 Graduation Photo Assembly	13/9	14/9	15/9	16/9
10	19/9	20/9	21/9	22/9	23/9

PBL @ Farrer

When staff see students displaying expected behaviours as part of our PBL matrix, they are acknowledged with a PBL token.

Below is the number of tokens, certificates and badges that were handed out last term.

Well done, Farrer!

Tokens	11 572
Bronze certificates	111
Silver certificates	123
Gold certificates	32
Bronze badges	30
Silver badges	29
Gold badges	1

Let's see how high we can go this term!

Year 5 and 6 Art Excursion.



In the last week of Term 2 the Year 5 and 6 students went to the Portrait Gallery and the National Art Gallery as the culmination of their Art unit on Portraiture.

It's been a loooooong time since we've done excursions . . . I think the teachers were as excited as the students!



When we arrived, we split up into year groups and then took turns at each location. The class teachers took the students to the Portrait Gallery for a specially planned lesson on portraiture and art.

I stayed with the classes and teachers going to the National Art Gallery. We got to visit the amazing James Turrell skyspace, labelled 'Within without'. It is a structural piece of art that you walk into. The colours and feeling inside are calming and take advantage of the natural light at different times of the day. I am happy to report that none of our students 'accidentally' fell into the water!



The sculpture garden is a large space near Lake Burley Griffin filled with a large array of sculptural forms. Our students took time meandering through the space, finding the various sculptures and discussing their opinions. One of the sculptures, 'Cones', was a particular hit because of its mirror-like qualities.



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We only had a small amount of time in the actual art gallery and I encourage you to go back with your children when you have time. It is a very large space with a huge variety of art styles. Every corner reveals something new.

Lunch was on the grass by the lake. It was beautiful weather. The year 6's spent time at the gardens near the Portrait Gallery. The year 5's spent time running, rolling, kicking and chasing. It is great to see so much creative play with a simply shaped expanse of grass!

We had almost no hiccups on our excursion (a first for me - my Green Team bike rides are notorious for strange incidents and flat tyres) and I am very thankful for the support of the class teachers in the organisation and running of this excursion. I also need to thank Sharlot - our tireless warrior in the front office who does all the bookings and makes sure we haven't missed anything important.

Finally I'd like to thank the students for showing their Farrer pride in their behaviour and attitude.

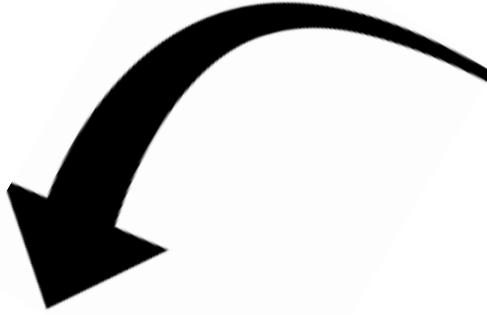
Mrs Elliot



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OUR STUDENTS CALL THIS, 'SITTING IN PAIRS'.



MANY STUDENTS DISCUSSED THE PHYSICS OF THIS SCULPTURE WITH ME.



Athletics

The Farrer Primary School Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 9 August at Woden Park Athletics Field. It will be an action-packed day for K-6 students. Notes will be sent home as soon as possible.

Netball

Congratulations to Leah Harding and her under 11 representative netball team who became ACT Champions over the school holiday break, winning their grand final with a dominant 23-3 victory. Well done Leah on a great result.



Cross Country

Well done to the 10 Farrer runners who competed in the ACT Cross Country Championships in week 8 last term. Everyone did a great job to get there, but special mention must go to Nazim Boukhmis who finished in 3rd place in the 8 years boys, Isla Hale who came 6th in the 8 years girls, and Leila Evans who came 10th in the 11 years girls. They are tremendous results achieved at the top level of cross country running in the ACT. Congratulations!

Farrer sports teams for term 3

There may be opportunities this term to participate in gala days for basketball, rugby league and tennis. Expressions of interest are being taken from students this week and more information will come out as it becomes available. Please see Mr Maron for further information.

Mr Maron

P&C Canteen - Term 3

Dear Farrer families,

After a successful trial with the preschool, the Farrer P&C Canteen will be switching to a new online ordering platform (Spriggy) to manage online lunch and recess orders from the canteen in Term 3.

We've made this change for a few reasons including a more user-friendly experience and a more transparent fees structure - each online order will incur a 29c charge, no extra charges for paper bags, top ups or withdrawals.



Ordering lunch with Spriggy is simple;

- 1) Download the Spriggy Schools app.
- 2) Create a profile for your child (School: Farrer Primary School, Farrer, ACT)
- 3) Place your order!

But what about School24?

Over recent weeks families have been encouraged to run down their balances with our existing provider, School24. If you'd like your remaining balance refunded, please email thekidskitchenfarrer@gmail.com by the end of August 2022.

I'd love to help in the canteen.

And we'd love your help! Just find a shift that suits you and sign up. We'll provide you with a brief induction and an apron. Just remember to wear closed toe shoes and tie back long hair. You can volunteer once or on a regular basis. <https://volunteersignup.org/J33XA>

Hey - there is something on the back of this note!

Yes there is! We didn't want it to go straight in the recycling, so on the back is a handy guide for over the counter items for you to stick on the fridge.

Thank you for your continued support

Farrer P&C Canteen Sub-Committee

thekidskitchenfarrer@gmail.com

Ngunnawal Country

FPS P&C Canteen

Over the counter items - Handy Guide

- Lunch and Recess, Weds - Fri only.
- Items may vary each day
- Please don't send your child with a large note
- Students can buy a maximum of 2 of any one item

50c	Popcorn Cheerios Frozen juice stick Pikelet (recess only)
\$1	Hashbrown Frozen Juice Cup Packet snack (exc potato sticks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potato sticks \$1.50 Garlic bread Custard pot Frozen Milo
\$2	Hot or cold milo
\$2.50	Twisted frozen yoghurt Juice box Paddle pop
\$3	Small cheesy pasta Toasted sandwich - cheese <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50c for extras (ham, tomato, beans, pineapple)



BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT CANBERRA MINIATURE RAILWAY

The Canberra Society of Model & Experimental Engineers, Inc. are a not-for-profit community organisation who operate the Canberra Miniature Railway, Jerrabomberra Avenue, Symonston (www.canberramodelengineers.org.au) (Facebook: Canberra Miniature Railway). They offer miniature train rides on the SECOND and LAST Sunday of each month (excluding last Sunday in December) and have special night running under lights and a Christmas Special. Birthday parties are welcome. Booking a table with gas BBQ and seating is only \$30.00 (refundable if cancelled) and a FREE unlimited ride ticket (value \$18.00) is included for the birthday child. For more information please write to csmee.cmr@gmail.com with your choice of date, if known.

TERM THREE

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POP IN POP ART

TUESDAYS, 3:30 - 5:00PM

Tuggeranong Arts Centre
visual arts | ages 9-13

SKETCHY

WEDNESDAYS, 12:30 - 2:30PM

Tuggeranong Arts Centre
visual arts | ages 14-18

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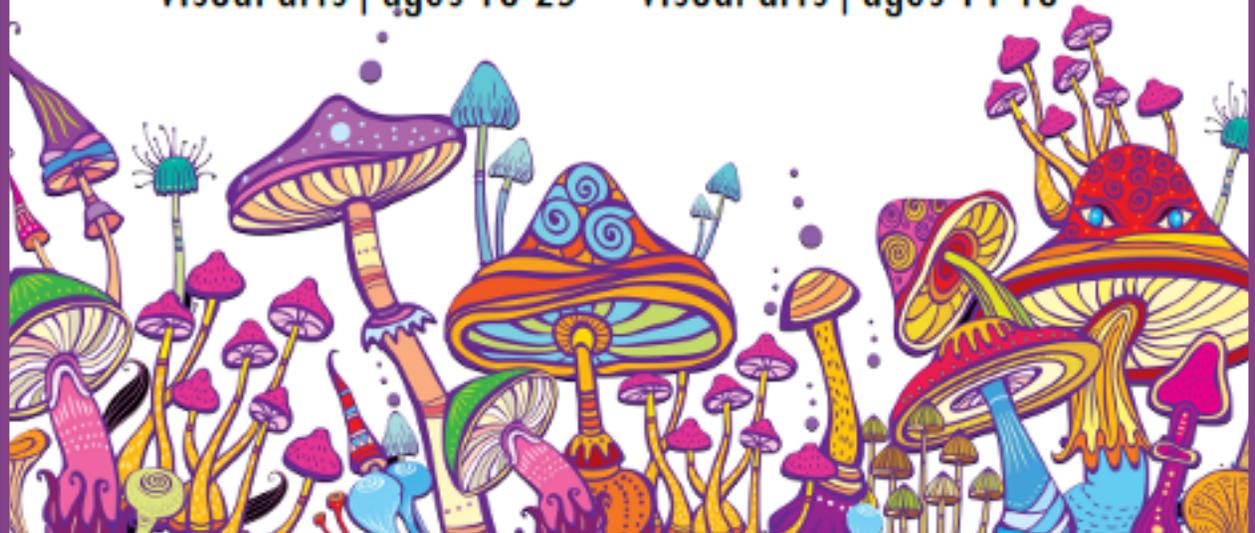
WEDNESDAYS, 5:30 - 7:30PM

Tuggeranong Arts Centre
visual arts | ages 18-25

ART LAB

THURSDAYS, 9:00 - 11:00AM

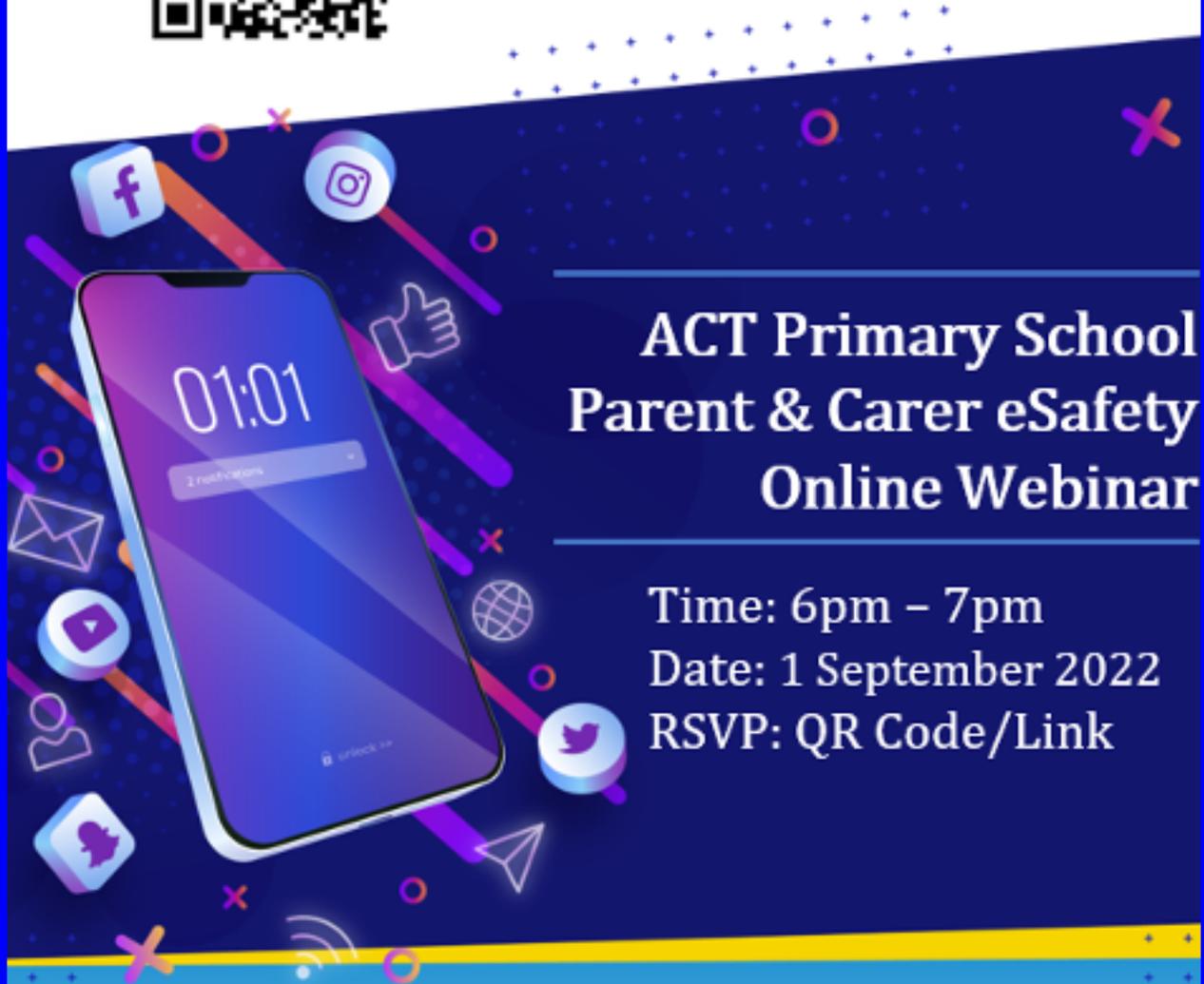
Tuggeranong Arts Centre
visual arts | ages 14-18





RSVP using the QR Code or Link:

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ACT Primary School Parent & Carer eSafety Online Webinar

Time: 6pm – 7pm

Date: 1 September 2022

RSVP: QR Code/Link

Topics:

- Understanding eSafety issues impacting young people
- Hard to have conversations with your child
- Where to go and how to report when things go wrong
- Current Trends and Updates