



Farrer Primary School Newsletter
Term 2 Week 9: 22 June 2023

Acknowledgement of Country written by Luke, 6UM



We acknowledge the Aboriginal people who have taken care of the land on which we live, learn and play. We honor the first nations people and their traditions, cultures and connections to the land. We would like to acknowledge any Aboriginal people that may be present today. We acknowledge the elders past, present and emerging. This is, was and always will be Aboriginal land.

Messages from our Principal - Ms Liz Wallace



Semester one parent - teacher interviews

Semester 1 reports for children in Kindergarten - Year 6 will be emailed to families on Wednesday 28 June.

Preschool reports for Echidna group children will be sent home on Tuesday 27 June and for Possum group children, on Thursday 29 June.

Families will have the opportunity to attend parent teacher interviews at the start of term 3.

These will be held across weeks 1 and 2 of term 3 as follows Monday, Thursday and Friday 3:15-4pm and Tuesday 3:15-5:30pm. Specialist teachers will also be available for interview times.

Families are invited to make a time by logging on to School Interviews

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/xpy8v>

Interviews are 15 minutes and will be held in classrooms. Specialist teachers will be available at the staffroom.

Please note the booking portal will be closed at midday on Friday 13 July.



ACT Public Education Awards

The ACT Public Education Awards celebrate excellence and recognise high performing school leaders, teachers, school support staff, allied health professionals and volunteers in our public schools and Education Support Office.

Anyone can nominate an exceptional group or individual who is making a difference to the lives of students, their school or the broader community.

This year's categories are:

- Excellence in Cultural Integrity
- Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion
- Early Childhood Teacher of the Year
- Primary Teacher of the Year
- Secondary/College Teacher of the Year
- School Leader of the Year
- New Educator of the Year
- Learning Support Assistant of the Year
- School Support Person of the Year
- Education Support Office Employee of the Year
- Allied Health Professional of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Excellence in Innovation
- Outstanding Partnership of the Year

Nominations can be completed [here](#). Nominations close on 28 August 2023.



Upcoming events

Week 10

27 June: Christian Education in Schools

27 June: NAIDOC Week activity Larry Brandy Story Telling - Echidnas and KM

29 June: Home reading workshops

29 June: Dance Nation concert - National Convention Centre

30 June: Pyjama fun day - student parliament event

30 June: Wheels years 3-4

30 June: Last day of term two

week 1

17 July: First day of term three

20 & 21 July: Kindergarten Health Checks

This week - Parent teacher interviews

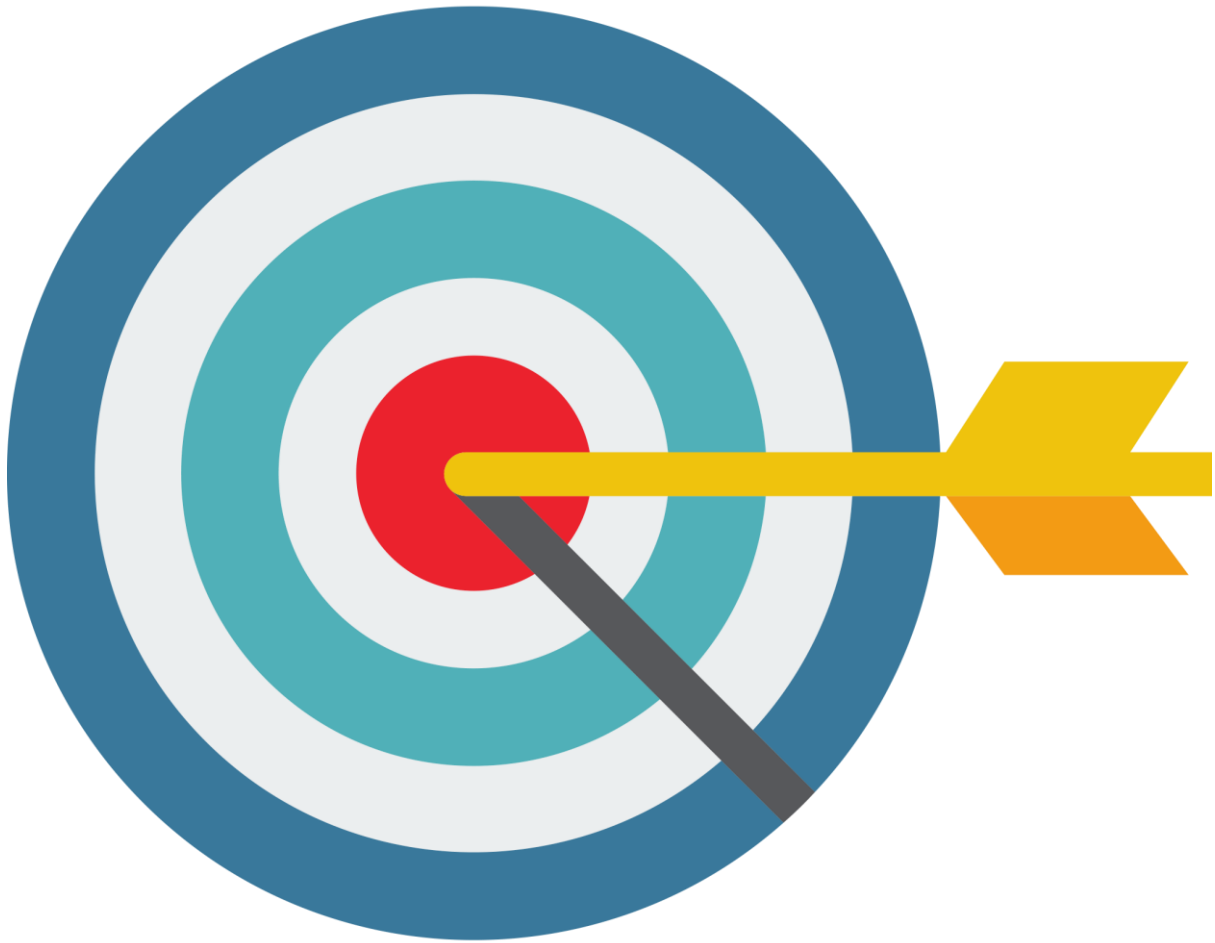
week 2

25 July: NAIDOC Week activity Ronnie Jordan, Yrs 1-3

26 July: NAIDOC Week activity Ronnie Jordan, Yrs 4-6

This week - Parent teacher interviews

From the School Board



The end of Term 2 is fast approaching and indeed feels like 2023 is moving very quickly.

The Farrer Primary School strategic priorities continue in 2023, which are:

1. Improve the social and emotional engagement of students in their learning, and
2. Increase the percentage of students making at or above expected growth in numeracy

We recognise the persistent effort of all teachers and support staff to make progress towards these priorities, in addition to the delivery of and engagement with the curricula and other learning initiatives. We acknowledge the ongoing post-pandemic effects on FPS staff and the impacts this has had on a number of classes. We expect more disruptions through winter and into spring. We have confidence the FSP executive are managing these disruptions appropriately and in the best interests of staff wellbeing and each class' learning journey.

We welcome the incremental progress of the FPS Playground Master Plan which can be seen taking shape around the Cameron hardtop area and hope to see the new shelter ready for term 3.

The community consultation process for a proposed new and comprehensive FPS fence will begin next term. Ms Wallace will keep the school community updated and advise on when and how to share your views on the fence design.

The FPS School Board will provide another routine update towards the end of Term 4. If you would like more information on the purpose of School Boards and how they contribute to ACT schools through community connection, please view the available resources from the ACT Education Directorate at https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/get-involved-in-your-childs-school/school/school_boards

News from Science



This week Year 1 and 2 have been making slime to discover to debate whether it's a solid, a liquid or somewhere in between!

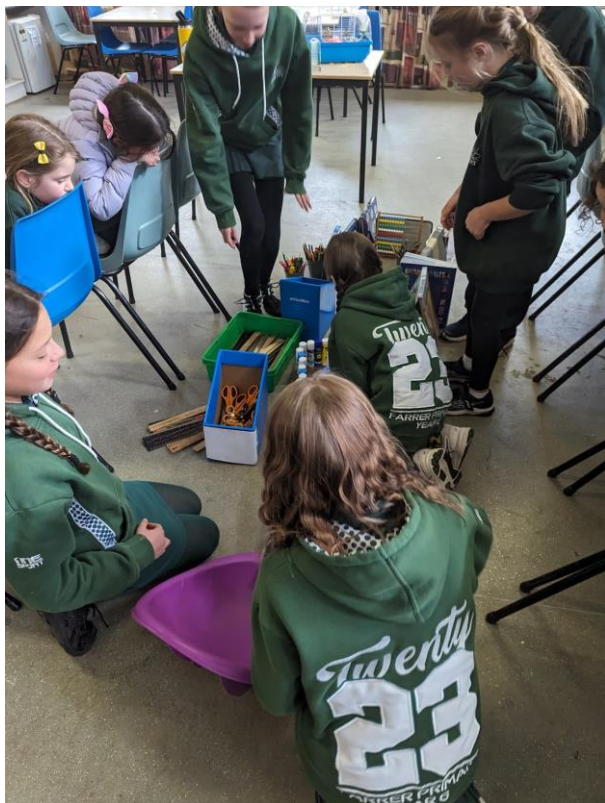
Kindergarten explored gases by expanding and blowing up balloons to demonstrate how gases take up space.

At lunchtime a group of students across different year levels had fun designing and setting up an obstacle course for our mice to traverse.

If anybody has any garden ornaments or old tools they're no longer using such as trowels, we would love to use them for our regular gardening and weeding.

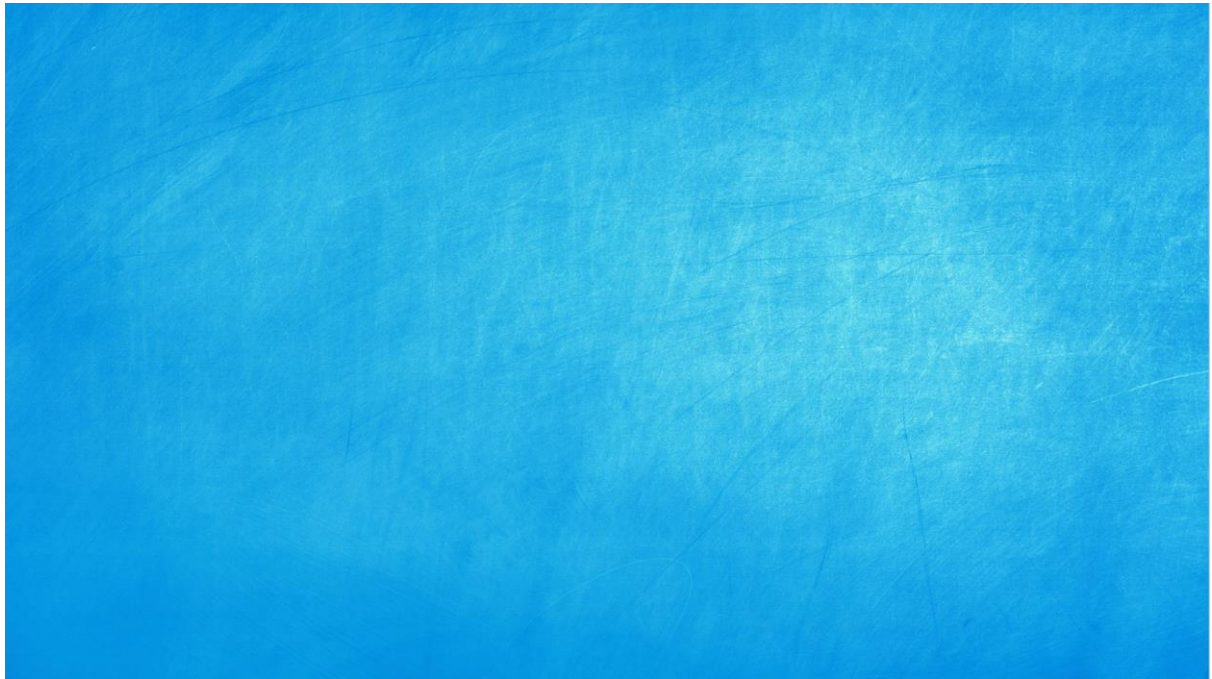
We're also looking for 600ml bottles for a mystery challenge for our Years 5 and 6 students.

Thanks for your support of the Environment Centre,
Mr Flynn.





News from the English Action Team



Wordless Books

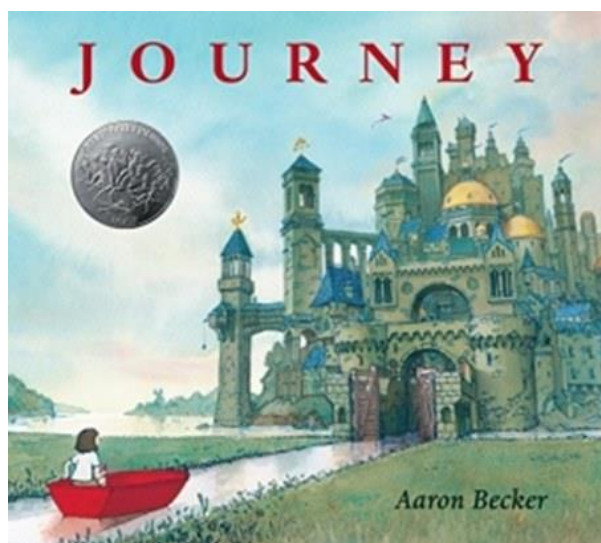
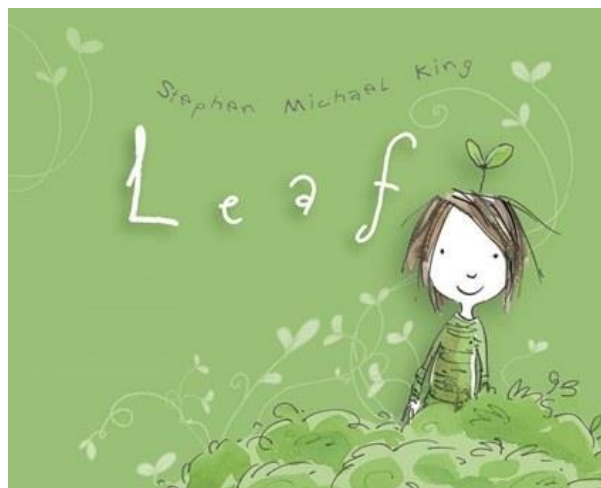
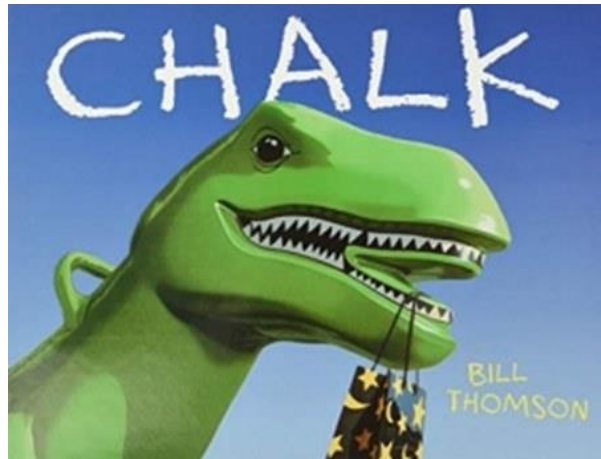
Reading with children encourages bonding and builds your relationship with your child. It helps to build children's understanding of concepts of print e.g. how to hold a book, which direction to read etc and develop literacy skills. It may also spark your child's imagination and stimulate curiosity and develop their communication skills.

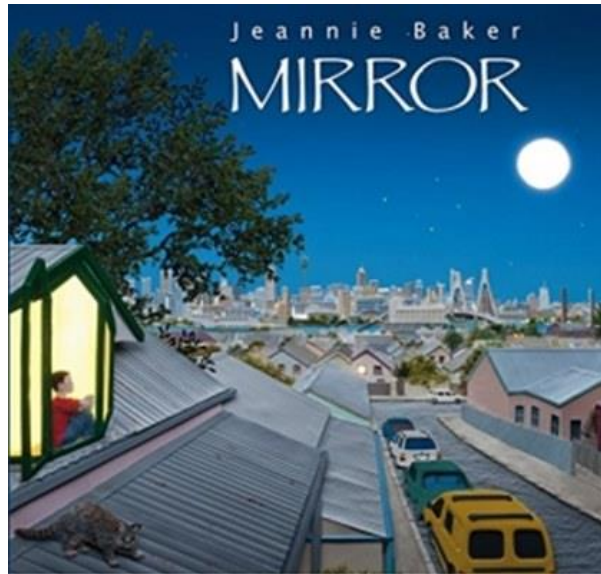
Sharing wordless books with your children is a great way to support important literacy skills, including speaking and listening, vocabulary and comprehension. Many children really enjoy these stories. They can look deeply at the pictures and then create the story in their own words.

Activities you can try with these books are; stopping on each page and asking children to describe the images. Children build their vocabulary, develop skills in describing the images and predicting

what might happen next in the story. You could even write the words for each page to create your own version of the story.

Here are some examples of Wordless books that may appeal to your child. They can be used with children from before they can read through to the independent reader stage. We have Leaf and Mirror available in the Farrer school Library.



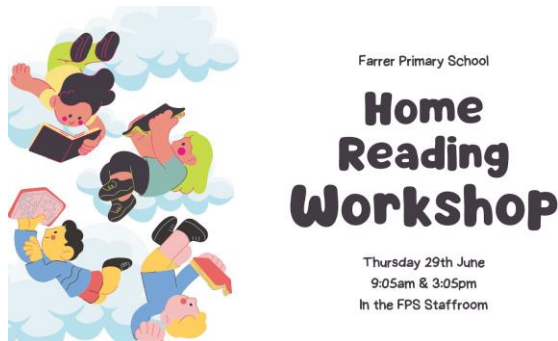


Home Reading Workshop

On Thursday 29th June (Week 10) we will be running information sessions for our home reading program.

Families are encouraged to come along to learn how best to support their children with reading at home.

Sessions are 9:05am and 3:05pm and will be held in the FPS family friendly staffroom.

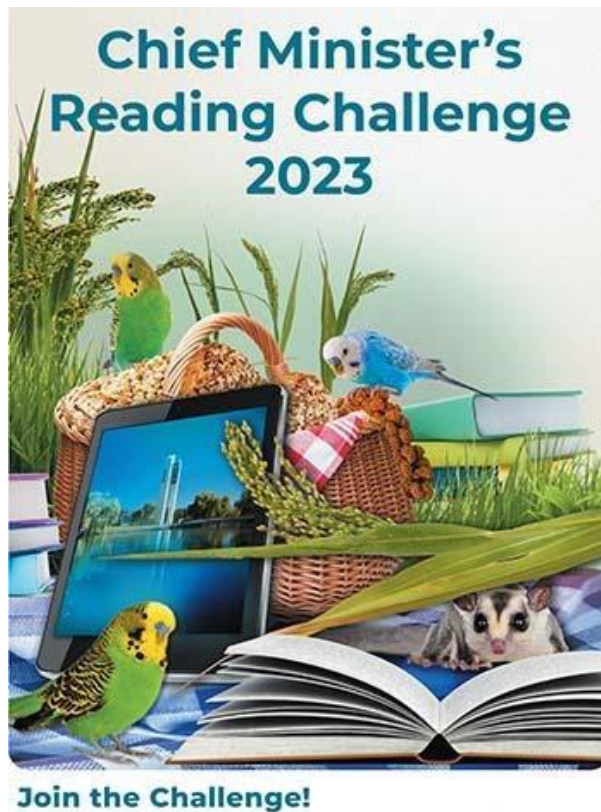


Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge runs until 11 August 2023. All classes are aiming to read at least 30 books and you can join in at home too! See how many books you can read and record these on the individual record sheet. You could win book vouchers for our school library by participating.

The individual record sheet is a Google Form for Year 3-6 and a paper form for Kindergarten to 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 have been sent home via class teachers. If you need another one, just ask your teacher or at the front office.

Join the Challenge and marvel at all the journeys reading can take you on!



Sports news

ACT Cross Country

The ACT cross country championships were held last week at Stromlo Forest Park and we had 6 students from Farrer competing.

Stand out performances on the day were Nazim Boukhmis who came 5th in the ACT for under 9 boys and Leila Evans who came 10th in the under 12 girls.

That was a tremendous result from those two runners, well done!! Congratulations to all our runners for their efforts on the big day!!

Photo credit: School Sport ACT



News from the P&C

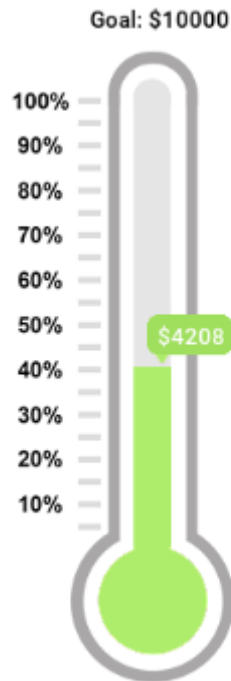


****Trivia Night****

We hope everyone is getting excited for our trivia night in term 4!! Below is our second warm up question. Check out the P&C Facebook page tomorrow afternoon (Friday) for the answer!

Often seen in the gardens and bushland around Farrer the faunal emblem of the ACT is the:

- a) Magpie
- b) Gang Gang Cockatoo
- c) Superb Blue Fairy Wren
- d) Sulfur Crested Cockatoo



Term 2 Raffle

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for our Term 2 raffle. Your incredible support helped raise \$662, which will directly benefit our school's programs and initiatives. Congratulations to the lucky winners! We are now almost half way to our 2023 fundraising target of \$10,000!!

Activity Report

- Our 19th June committee meeting discussed activity plans for Term 3, do you have an event you'd like to lead? Let us know!
- Next meeting is 31st July.

How can you help the P&C?

- We're looking for a new secretary! If you think this could be you, please email farrerps.communityassociation@gmail.com for a chat.
- We'd love to know how you'd like to get involved via <https://forms.gle/CeuFmKuBH8zrLpq79>
- 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: www.volunteersignup.org/PQAH7

Upcoming P&C Dates

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS			
	What do I need to know!	Dates	How can I help?
Term 2			
End of term meal deal	orders close 26th June. All orders are via Spriggy	Week 10	sign up for a shift in the canteen!
Term 3			
Jeans for Genes	Wear Jeans and bring a gold coin	4th August	
Principals Day	Lets celebrate our wonderful executive staff.	4th August	
P&C Cinema	Fathers Day Movie night! More information is coming soon	5th September	
Indigenous Literacy Day	The great book swap – Indigenous literacy day. Bring a book, take a book. Gold coin donation	6th September	
Term 3 Raffle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Would you like to donate a prize? Our theme is family fun!		
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
Children's Week Grandparents Day	BBQ Breakfast and Paper Plane Event.	End October	
Trivia Night	**NEW** More information is coming soon!		
Christmas Raffle	More information is coming soon		
P&C Cinema	End of term movie night		

P&C MEETINGS				
	When	Next one	What happens	Can I come!
All terms				
P&C Committee	Weeks 2&9	Monday 31st July 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	Monday 26th June 7-8pm (virtual)	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

Canteen

Pantry Items Did you know the canteen accepts pantry items? You can find a list [here](#) of what we need!

Daily Specials - Look out for details of this term's specials! 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: www.volunteersignup.org/PQAH7

Fundraising



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

News from OSHClub



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WINTER 2023

THE ULTIMATE PLAYDATE

Where friendships are made!



What's been happening...

Term 2 has come and gone, what a term it's been. With term 3 just around the corner, we are looking forward to continuing our adventures. In the meantime, Winter Holiday Program is here! We have some great excursion, incursion, and themed days.

Our closest holiday program is at St Peter and Paul.

During term two we had a major focus on play based learning. This learning encourages children to explore their own interests and abilities. The children have the most fun in the nature area exploring with sticks and other natural materials.

Next term we will be looking at having some afternoon adventures at the Farrer nature playground. The children are beginning to plan the picnic menu.

We will be also looking at the community and how we can be more involved in the local community. If you have any suggestions or ideas, we would love to hear them.



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OSHClub


OSHClub		St Peter and Paul Primary School	
		Monday, 03rd July to Friday, 14th July 2023	
NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free			
Monday 03 July		Monday 10 July	
WINTER WONDERLAND		MUSIC AND MOVEMENT	
IN SERVICE Each week we like to bring the smiling beauty that's spun after. Come along as we create our own indoor Wonderland!		INCURSION - XMAS PUPPETRY WORKSHOP IN CURSION: IN JULY we start the fun with a Christmas puppet making workshop. Create and bring your puppet to life by learning how to project a unique voice just for your puppet.	
			
Tuesday 04 July		Tuesday 11 July	
A DAY FULL OF AMAZING SCIENCE		ANIMATION DOMINATION	
IN SERVICE Have a day full of fun today! It's magic or is it? Science! Only you can decide.		IN SERVICE What is animation? Come dressed as your favourite cartoon character and get set to bring your action to life with your own animation!	
			
Wednesday 05 July		Wednesday 12 July	
A BURST OF COLOUR		MINUTE TO WIN IT	
IN SERVICE Who doesn't love a bit of colour? Join us as we splash about in our own world of colourful fun. Let's get creative and messy and explore lots of colourful activities.		INCURSION - INFLATABLE WORLD KAMBAH Wear your comfortable clothes today as we head to Inflatables World to bounce, climb and navigate your way through the inflatable obstacles today!	
			
Thursday 06 July		Thursday 13 July	
NATURE WARRIORS		COOKING UP A STORM	
INCURSION - TERNBELL NATURE RESERVE Come along and bring your friends to TERNBELL Nature Reserve, where you can enjoy the pure beauty and magical magic in nature. First we will try some Bush Food Sprinkles and then we will try to find ingredients within the park. Arrive by 8:30am.		IN SERVICE A storm is coming... a cooking storm that is! Get creative in the kitchen and cook up some delicious goodies to share with your friends!	
			
Friday 07 July		Friday 14 July	
PETS AND THE DAY		MULTI-SPORTS DAY	
IN SERVICE Want to play in your PETS' world, there is no need to get dressed today! Keep your PETS on and we will treat you to a delicious pet.		INCURSION - VARIOUS SPORTS As our Monday embark on their world cup journey, we celebrate the wonderful world of sports!	
			

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Just a reminder...



Bookings
Please let us know if current bookings need updating! Bookings help us plan and accommodate changes and experiences, the more accurate they are the better we can respond.

Entry to Hall
Please come and say hello to the educational team, check out the activities we are participating in and even taste our afternoon tea.

When entering can we please use the left door.

Children and Jumpers
Winter is getting closer, and our afternoons are getting cooler quickly. The educational team value the opportunities outside play present to children, we will encourage jumpers for this play.

Important Dates
Week 10
On the 27th of June we are having a nerf gun battle.
On the 29th of June we will celebrate the end of term with a Colour run and a party.

Smith family fundraising
Junior Adventures Group is proud to partner with The Smith Family, to make a difference to the lives of Australian children living in poverty.

1- We have raffle basket that is full of educational and sensory items and Bluetooth headphone valued at \$300.

2- We have a Jar that has 1.5kgs of gummy bears and children are encouraged to guess the number of RED bears.


3- We will be having two fun themed afternoons during week 10

Recipe

Hawaiian Pinwheels

Ingredients
8 wholegrain tortillas
450g cream cheese
500g crushed pineapple
2 onions
16 slices ham

Method Steps
Ensure the cream cheese is at room temperature. Open and drain the can of crushed pineapple. Dice the onions. Combine the cream cheese, pineapple and onions into a mixing bowl and stir until everything is well combined. Spread 1/8 of the cream cheese mixture on each tortilla and cover it evenly. On top of the cream cheese place a layer of ham on each tortilla, thinly sliced ham works best. Leave the edges clear of filling. Roll the tortilla up gently but firmly. Use a serrated knife to cut the roll into 6 slices.



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Community News



**SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE
PRESENTATION**
Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching
and Learning
Fremantle Dr. Stirling



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S STRONG EMOTIONS

- TAKE POSITIVE ACTION
TO ADDRESS YOUR
CHILD'S CHALLENGING
BEHAVIOURS
- LEARN SKILLS TO DE-
ESCALATE CONFLICT
- MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES
IN YOUR FAMILY'S
INTERACTIONS



Wednesday, August 23, 2023
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
1pm - 2pm
For parents of students in Years 4 to 12



Music Lessons

In conjunction with Farrer Primary, CMT is proud to offer piano from Term 3! Lessons are 30 minute one-on-one, with an experienced piano educator. Lessons happen during school time.

Lessons are \$44 per half hour.

ENROL TODAY!

Phone: Canberra Music Tuition on 6299 9154 or
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Old Bus Depot Markets selling products to
customers!

JULY PROGRAM:

2-day workshop: Thurs, July 13 • Fri, July 14 @
Canberra University, Faculty of Arts and
Design, Bruce. 9.30am - 4pm (both days).

Market Day: Old Bus Depot Markets, Kingston
on Sunday, July 23 from 9.00am - 2.30pm.

BOOK: www.edii.com.au



ACT WINTER HOLIDAY CRICKET CAMPS

11-13 JULY 2023

9:00am - 3:00pm
after hours care may be available
for additional charge on request

Reid Oval
For Entry 11 &
Limestone Ave

Suitable for ages 6-16+
(groups within the program to be age
appropriate)

What's included?

- A structured & enjoyable program with a wide variety of cricket drills, activities and games
- Coaching that covers all aspects of the game including batting, fast and slow bowling, fielding, running between wickets, and wicketkeeping
- A fun, team-based learning environment
- Technical, tactical & game sense tuition
- Qualified & experienced coaches
- Daily & weekly prizes up for grabs!

Contact Holly on 0400125342 or
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+ Don't miss out on our individual skills clinics on Monday 10 July 2023

ACT Winter Holiday Skills Clinic



AAS Winter Batting Clinic

What: Advanced batting skills clinic covering technical bases, batting against spin, batting against pace, power hitting and more.

Monday 10 July 2023
9:00am - 11:00am at Reid Oval



AAS Winter Fast Bowling Clinic

What: Advanced fast bowling skills clinic. Build your technical & tactical knowledge base + test your max speed using our ball tracking software

Monday 10 July 2023
11:30am - 1:30pm at Reid Oval

Additional option: Fast Bowling Technical Report \$99 for clinic attendees (usually \$150)



AAS Winter Spin Bowling Clinic

What: Advanced spin bowling skills clinic. Build your spin bowling toolkit. Learn the key methods & tactics to develop as a wicket-taking spin bowler

Monday 10 July 2023
2:00pm - 4:00pm at Reid Oval

Join AAS Cricket Coaching's upcoming Winter Holiday Skills Clinics.
Contact Holly today on 0400 125 342 or activeallsports@outlook.com

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