



Farrer Primary School Newsletter
Term 3 Week 1: 20 July 2023

Acknowledgement of Country written by Meg, 5Y

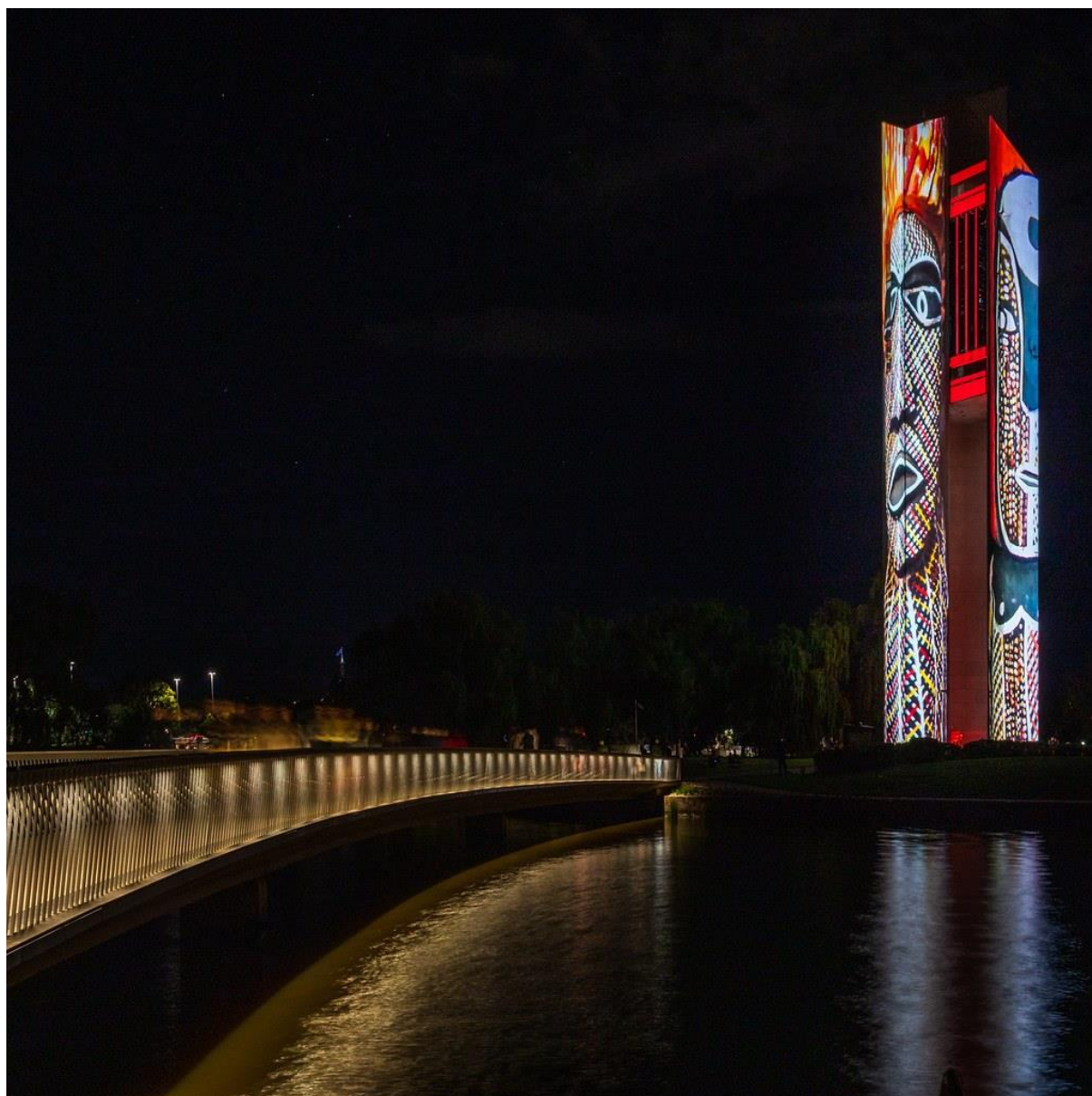


Yumalundi. Today I would like to thank the Ngunnawal people for sharing this land where we live, learn and play. Today I thank them for looking after the animals, trees, water and the sky. I think of the Ngunnawal people as the owners of our land today. We learn on the land they found and fought for. This land is my home, my life and my treasure. Thank you.

Messages from our Principal - Ms Liz Wallace



NAIDOC Week



NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year, to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

As part of our NAIDOC week celebrations, local Wiradjuri man Larry Brandy engaged our Preschool and Kindergarten classes in a storytelling performance about traditional Aboriginal culture in the last week of term two. This connects with the 2023 theme of 'For Our Elders' - supporting the passing of knowledge and culture to the next generation. The children enjoyed playing the role of kangaroos, emus and hunters and learnt how Indigenous Australians hunted and found food in traditional times.

Next week students in years 1-6 will engage in NAIDOC Week activities with Ronnie Jordan. This will include weaving with raffia and other natural materials. We look forward to seeing the various creations made and will share photos in the next newsletter.







Dance Nation

SEMESTER PROGRAM COMMENCES
TERM 1 2023



WED 28TH & THURS 29TH JUNE
ROYAL THEATRE
NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

Join the spectacular today

DANCENATION@KULTUREBREAK.COM

Congratulations to the children who participated in Dance Nation last term. After a term of dance lessons the crew performed in front of 1500 people at the Convention Centre. They did an amazing job and can be very proud of their performance. Thank you to Miss White and Mr Lai for supporting and managing the dance crew in weekly lessons and at the concert. We hope to share a video of the performance at an upcoming assembly.



End of Year Concert



Later this term we will be engaging Kulture Break to teach weekly dance lessons to all P-6 classes in preparation for an end of year concert on 29 November. We look forward to having a concert again

after the last couple of years of restrictions. Notes will come home in coming weeks for the dance lessons. Dance will be reported on in semester two reports.

Staffing update



- Welcome back to Kiah Noble, learning support assistant. Kiah will work across P-6.
- Welcome to Amanda Friend who will teach in preschool one day per week.
- Welcome to Katie Nguyen who will teach KS with Emily Craggs.
- At the end of last term we farewelled Amanda Stoddard, teacher of KS.

Our staff team for term three is as follows:

Preschool - Lana Dibb, Amanda Friend, Kelly Bennet & Sylvia Kaltner

Kindergarten - Libby Mackie, Emily Craggs & Katie Nguyen

Year one - Erin Bromley & Jasmin Cerni

Year two - Ali Bos & Georgia Lucas

Year three - Sarah Otuhouma, Tori Barbaro & Sarah Aby

Year four - Bright Lai & Lara Wilson

Year five - Rachel Mian & Xingliang Yu

Year six - Lauren Uhr & Kylie Munn

Small Group Program - Kat Newton

Japanese - Sarah Aby & Paul McGregor

Science - Aaron Flynn

PE - Brett Maron

Learning Support Assistants - Kim-Maree Janszen, Eloise Bacon, Noah Saddler, Kiah Noble, Natalie Soffe, Georgia Willey, Juwan Compain & Jonah Sullivan

Building Service Officers - George Geou

Receptionist - Trudy Thornton

School Psychologist - Charlotte Harrison-Smith

A/g Business Manager - Jenny Cavalier

A/g Junior School Team Leader - Emily Craggs

Senior School Team Leader - Jodie White

A/g Deputy Principal - Mariana Fuenzalida

Principal - Liz Wallace

Shade structure



The shade structure over the Cameron hardtop area continues to progress. We are expecting it to be completed by mid term.

Labelling school items



Staff are able to return items when they are clearly labelled. We encourage families to check jumpers, lunchboxes, food containers and water bottles and ensure children's names are marked.

Lost property is located in the Robertson building, just outside the staffroom.

Term three dates

Week 2

25 July NAIDOC Week - Ronnie Jordan incursion - years 1-3

26 July NAIDOC Week - Ronnie Jordan incursion - years 4-6

26 July Passport to Success - year 6 - each Wednesday for the remainder of term

28 July Wheels - year 5 & 6

Week 3

31 July Assembly

31 July P&C Meeting

1 August Year 3/4 boys basketball

2 August School Board Meeting

4 August Wheels - years 3 & 4

4 August Jeans for Genes fundraiser - P&C event

Week 4

11 August Wheels - years 5 & 6

Week 5

18 August National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

18 August Wheels - years 3 & 4

Week 6

Book Week

21 August Assembly

21 August Tuggeranong Regional Athletics Carnival

21 August - 25 August Aquasafe - year 2

22 August Year 6 combined band

25 August Wheels - years 5 & 6

Week 7

31 August Year 5/6 girls basketball

31 August Sexual Health Education - year 5

1 September Wheels - years 3&4

1 September Sexual Health Education - year 6

1 September Father's Day movie night - P&C event

Week 8

6 September School Board Meeting

6 September The Great Book Swap - P&C event

6 September Year 5/6 boys basketball

8 September Wheels - years 5 & 6

Week 9

11 September Assembly

11 September Declan the Music Man - preschool incursion

12 September ACT 12&U Track and Field Championships

13 September Maths Family morning

13 September NFL Flag Day

14 September Year 5 combined band

14 September Declan the Music Man - preschool incursion

14 September Wheels - Years 3&4

Week 10

19 September Christian Education in Schools

20 September Year 6 graduation photo

22 September Indigenous colours non uniform day - student parliament fundraiser

22 September Wheels - years 5&6

22 September Last day of term three

Save the dates - term four

30 October Grandparents Day celebration

15 November Learning Journey

22-24 November Year 5&6 camp

29 November End of year concert - matinee and evening concerts

4-5 December Year 3&4 camp

14 December Year 6 graduation

News from Year 6



In term two, the year six students took on the How Cool is your School mapping competition. Integrating mathematics, geography and digital technology the students investigated the impact of shade in the school yard by researching and collecting data, before mapping the school to identify the percentage of shade at Farrer PS. Our entries have been sent off and now we are waiting to hear who the winners where prizes include drones for the school. You can read more about this challenge and check out some of the entries from around Australia at <https://shemaps.com/mapping-competition/>

How Cool is your school

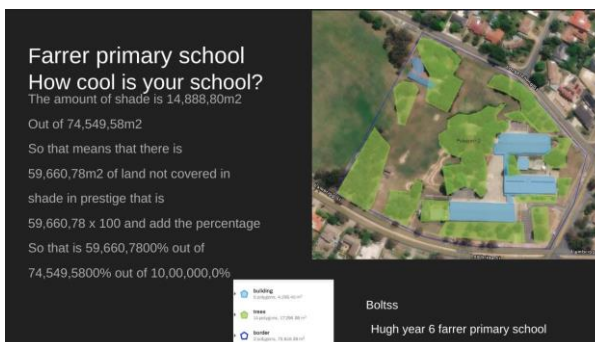
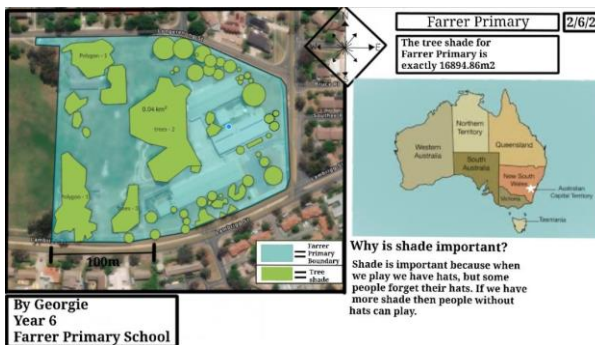
- = trees
- = Boundary of the whole school
- = Places that would be illogical to shade

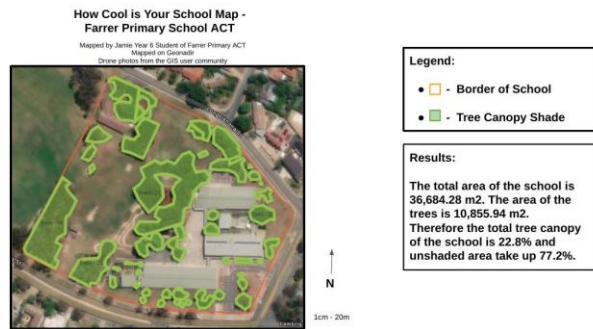
In our school, 31.98% is shaded, meaning that there is a whole 68.02% that isn't shaded by trees. But then if you think about all the area that would be illogical to shade, which is 20.9% that means we could have another 47.12% shaded.



Map created by Luke in year six at Farrer Primary School on the 30th of May 2023 Using Geonadir

How cool is your school - sam from farrer primary school year 6





Sport news



Basketball

On the 22nd of June, the Farrer Firetrucks year 3/4 Basketball team competed at the Sue Geh Southside Basketball Competition against four other teams. Our amazing students displayed teamwork, sportsmanship, and a drive to use skills that they had limited time in practising. They showed growth through each game and win or lose always maintained a positive attitude! We even were able to play a parents vs students game! Congratulations does not begin to express how proud we are of this team.

A big shoutout to our amazing parent volunteers for helping with scoring and cheering on the day!

Mr Lai



Term 3 Sports

In term 3 there will again be several sports available:

Basketball – year 3/4 boys, and year 5/6 girls and boys teams will play in the ACT Basketball Schools competitions on the following dates.

- Year 3/4 boys – 1 August
- Year 5/6 girls – 31 August
- Year 5/6 boys – 6 September

The venue for all competitions is Tuggeranong Basketball Stadium.

Mr Lai will continue coaching the year 3/4 teams and Ms Munn will coach the year 5/6 teams.

There may have to be selection try-outs and there will be training involved. The cost to enter (set by Basketball ACT) will be approximately \$25 per child. Please see Mr Lai and Ms Munn if you are interested. Further information will be given in class about try outs.

Athletics – the Tuggeranong Athletics Carnival and the ACT 12 & Under Championships will be held in term 3. The school team has already been selected from our school carnival and notes will come out today for the Tuggeranong carnival to be held 21 August at Woden Park Athletics Field. Students will need to qualify at the Tuggeranong carnival in order to go to the ACT Championships to be held 12 September at the AIS track. An exception is for the 1500m and high jump events. Nominations for those events are done by the school, direct to the ACT carnival. If you are interested contact Mr Maron.

NFL Flag – a modified non-contact version of American football or gridiron; year 5/6 Students have been learning the game in PE class during term 2. There will be a gala day for year 5/6 students for NFL flag on 13 September. Unfortunately, schools are only allowed to enter one team consisting of 10 players. A squad of players will be selected this week from students who are interested in playing.

Mr Maron

News from the P&C

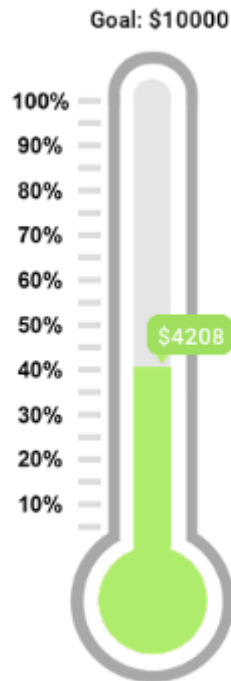


Welcome back to Term 3!

We hope you had a restful break and are ready for another exciting term. As the Parent and Community (P&C) association, we are here to support our students and school community.

Throughout this term, we have planned various activities, events, and initiatives to enhance our school community. From fundraisers to workshops, we aim to foster unity and collaboration among all members. Your involvement can make a significant impact on our children's experiences and opportunities.

We invite you to actively participate in the P&C, share your skills, and attend our meetings. Your feedback, concerns, and suggestions are valuable to us. Together, let's make this term a memorable and successful one for our students, building a community where every child can flourish.



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

- The P&C has allocated funds to pay for the new basketball / netball rings being installed on the Cameron hardtop! We're very excited to see our hard earned fundraising money on this great play element for our kids.
- In term 3 we'll be running lots of activities, check the calendar below for how you can help!
- Do you have an idea for an event?! Let us know!
- Next meeting is 31st July.

How can you help the P&C?

- In Term 3, we'll be asking each year level to supply a volunteer each week for the canteen, you can sign up here volunteersignup.org/8Y99J
- 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>

Upcoming P&C Dates

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS			
	What do I need to know!	Dates	How can I help?
Term 3			
Jeans for Genes	Wear Jeans and bring a gold coin	4th August	
Principals Day	<u>Lets</u> celebrate our wonderful executive staff.	4th August	
P&C Cinema	<u>Fathers Day</u> 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	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
FPS P&C AGM			
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 <u>31st</u> 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		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

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/8Y99J

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

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.

Fundraising

All terms	
SHOES Don't forget to mention Farrer Primary School if you are purchasing new runners at The Athletes 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](#)

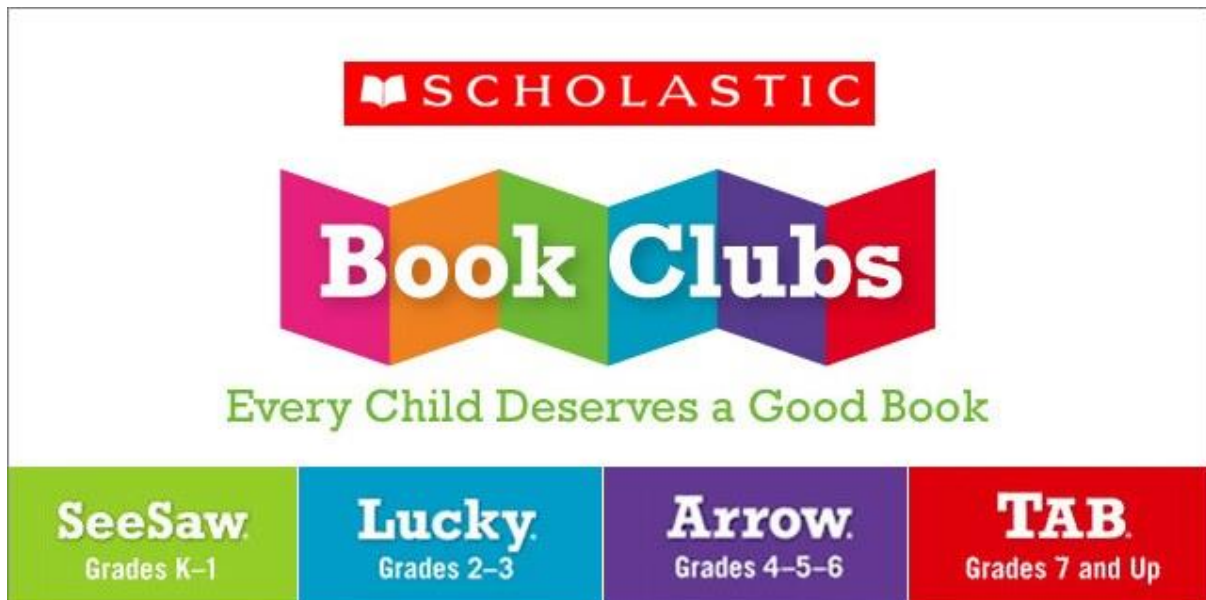
Canteen

- Contact - TheKidsKitchenFarrer@gmail.com
- [Pantry list](#)

Uniform Shop

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

Bookclub



SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs

Every Child Deserves a Good Book

SeeSaw
Grades K-1

Lucky
Grades 2-3

Arrow
Grades 4-5-6

TAB
Grades 7 and Up

Book Club has arrived! Look out for your copy of Book Club coming home in your child's schoolbag!

Please have orders in by Monday 7th August.



Community News



Parent & Carer Online Safety Webinars - 2023

Help your family be more confident and safe online

All parents and carers of an ACT public school student are invited to attend an online safety (eSafety) information session designed to develop your knowledge and skills in supporting your child with digital technologies. This webinar will look at understanding the current eSafety issues children and young people are experiencing, how to support your child to be safe online, resources for preventing and responding to online issues, and where to go for further support.

Families are invited to attend one or more of the following sessions held online from 6.00-7.00pm:

	Primary	Secondary
Term 3	1/8 or 31/8	3/8 or 29/8
Term 4	17/10, 14/11 or 16/11	19/10, 14/11 or 16/11

New recorded content available now!



bit.ly/3TyRaZx

Scan the QR Code or type in the web address for more information, to register for one or more parent and carer online safety webinars, and to get access to recorded content.



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 email: fyshwick@canberramusictuition.com.au

Book online:

www.canberramusictuition.com.au

and click **Enroll or Enquire**



KIDS WEEKLY AFTERSCHOOL WOODWORKING CLASSES

In woodwork classes at Two Sheds, kids don't just learn to build with wood and use tools, although that definitely happens. Most of all - they learn resilience, perseverance, and to harness their willpower. It is woodWORK after all...
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4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

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