



Farrer Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 9 - 15 September 2022

Acknowledgement of Country - written by Leka, 6CG



We acknowledge and thank the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders for taking care of the country we now live on. We respect the people who were here before us and we pay our respects to the elders and ancestors here before us as well.

We would like to thank the Ngunnawal people for letting us in this country and making it feel like home for all of us. We thank the custodians for caring for this country.

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.

Messages from The Principal - Ms Wallace



New format for the newsletter

We hope you enjoy the new format for our newsletter. The goal is a more streamlined and user friendly newsletter. Let us know what you think.

Schools Hope Tour

Last month the children enjoyed being part of the Schools Hope Tour where they were reminded of the importance of believing in themselves and their goals. The presentation was hosted by Ned & Josh from Hit104.7 and involved songs from 2020 Voice winner Chris Sebastian, US artist Blake Young and dances from Kulture Break. The children participated enthusiastically and enjoyed meeting these local and national celebrities. Congratulations to Thomas R and Mimie who won signed Schools Hope t-shirts on the day.



2022 School Satisfaction and Climate Survey

ACTEDU has decided to extend the survey collection period for another week for the staff and parents and carers surveys until midnight, Friday 16 September. Please see your emails for details on how to complete the survey.

National Day of Mourning

Thursday 22 September 2022 has been allocated as a public holiday for a National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty the Queen.

Cross Country

Last term our cross country was postponed due to wet weather. The cross country will be run next Friday, 23 September, in the middle session. Mr Maron will provide further details later in this newsletter.

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 public schools and Education Support Office.

Nominations are now opened for the [ACT Public Education Awards](#) in the following categories:

- Early Childhood Teacher of the Year (Pre-K)
- Primary Teacher of the Year (K-6)
- Secondary/College Teacher of the Year (7-12)
- School Leader of the Year
- New Educator of the Year
- Allied Health Professional of the Year
- Education Support Person of the Year (staff based in schools in non-teaching roles)
- Education Support Office Employee of the Year
- Excellence in Innovation
- Volunteer of the Year
- Outstanding Partnership of the Year
- Excellence in Cultural Integrity Practice
- Excellence in supporting Diversity and Inclusion in Schools

Save the date - Learning Journey & BBQ - 1 December 2:30-5:00pm

Our end of year celebration will be a learning journey and BBQ. Families will be invited to visit classrooms and see children's learning as well as watch the year five and six bands perform and have a snack at a BBQ. More details will come home next term.

Student academic reports - Semester 2 2022

ACT public schools have commenced preparing student reports for Semester 2 2022.

The Education Directorate has again made the decision that student academic reports will be provided with an overall A-E grade, and an assessment of achievement standard statements on a 5-point scale. Reports will not include detailed teacher comments.

This strategy supports schools to prioritise teaching and learning as we continue to manage workload pressures due to COVID-19 and other illness.

Our teachers will continue communicating directly with families about student learning and you are encouraged to speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions about their progress.

2023 considerations

Next term staff will be developing 2023 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 mariana.fuenzalida@ed.act.edu.au if you have information on either of these points:

1. your child / children will not be returning to Farrer in 2023; 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 Friday 4 November 2022. We will notify families of 2023 class placements in the week of 12 December 2022.

NAPLAN Reports

Year three and five students took NAPLAN reports home last Thursday. If you did not receive your child's report please contact Jodie White jodie.white@ed.act.edu

Quality learning

Congratulations to the following children who shared quality learning with school leaders over the past fortnight. We always enjoy celebrating quality learning with children.

Kindergarten

Alessio home reading log

Josh B. Riley M. Ezra M. writing

Year 1

Oliver W, Charlie DS, Frevia, Arya, Kallie shapes book

Year 2

?W clay mobile created through circle time

Diana spelling

Year 3

Hudson writing

Year 5

Hayley history

Calendar of Events



September

- 19th - 20th Enviro Mentors Visit
- 22nd *National Day of Mourning (Public Holiday)*
- 23rd Last Day of Term 3

October

- 10th First Day of Term 4

December

- 1st Learning Journey & BBQ
- 6th - 8th Year 5/6 Camp @ Birrigai

Supporting Literacy Learning @ Home



Onset and Rime Flip books

A fun way to help your child/ren use their visual memory to help them spell unknown words.

Words have one or more syllables and each syllable can be broken into 'onset' and 'rime'.

For example: bin = b (onset) -in (rime)

smile = sm (onset) -ile (rime)

Ways to use this activity with:

P/ K: -at, -ot, -it, -op, -am, -ut, -ed

Yr 1-2: -ack, -ash, -est, -eck, -ing, -ush, -ake

Yr 3-6: -dge, -atch, -aught, -ough, -ight,



What to do:

- Using some blank paper, cut the paper into long strips and staple together as a book. Cut a few cm's off the end of all pages except the last page.
- On the last page, write the word ending (rime)
- Search in books or think of words that end with that rime.
- Add the onset of the word to a page and draw a picture.
- As you flip through the book you will be able to read all the words.

Make it a family challenge! Who can make the most words?

Check out one of our Kindergarten classes flip books for the ‘-an’ & ‘-at’ rimes.





News from FPS Physical Education - Mr Maron



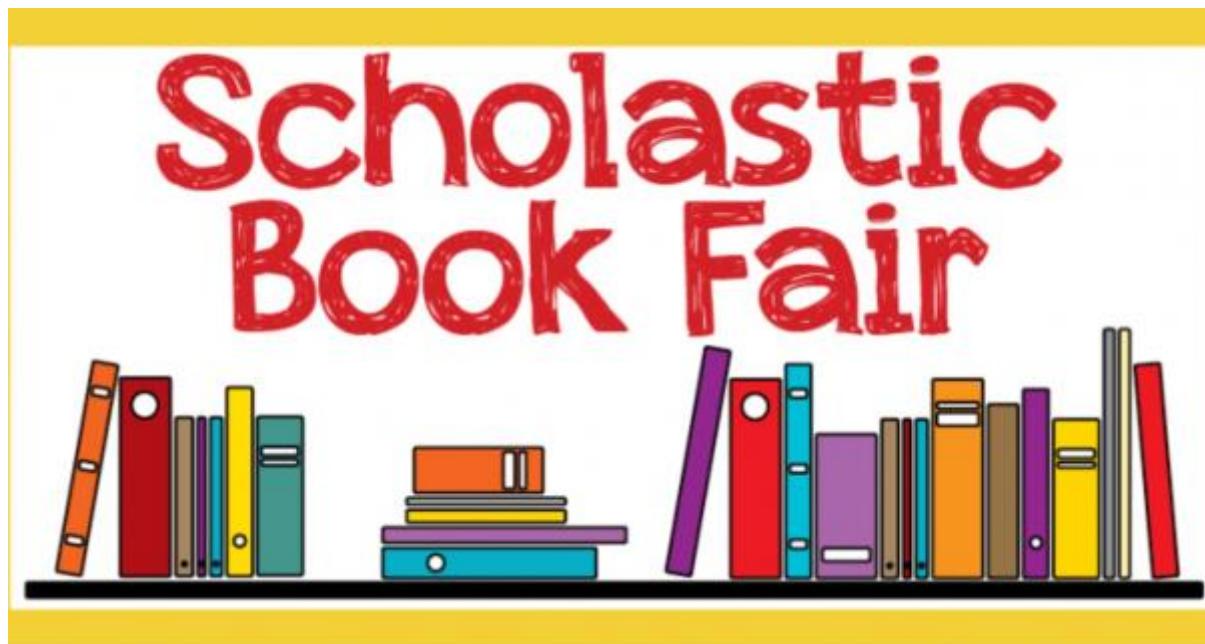
Cross Country

The postponed Cross Country Carnival will be held at school on Friday 23 September (next week) for all students from preschool to year 6. With all the disruptions to events this year it will be great to get out and enjoy a run. The event will be a bit different to past carnivals and the course will just be on the school grounds. Whilst there will be placegetter ribbons for first, second and third in the 8 years to 12 years races, the focus will be on fun and participation. All runners in Preschool, Kindy and year 1 will receive participation ribbons. (If you have a child in the preschool Echidna group who would like to run, they are also welcome to join in but parents need to stay and then take them home after the run.) Parents are welcome to come and watch, whilst maintaining current COVID precautions such as social distancing, maintaining hand hygiene and not attending if you are unwell.

Athletics

Congratulations to the five fabulous Farrer students who represented Tuggeranong at the ACT 12 & Under Track and Field Championships at Woden last week. Well done to Isla, Semi, Leila, Luke, and Noah. We are very proud of your achievements.

Bookfair 2022



A big thank you to all our families and friends for your support of this year's Scholastic Book Fair.

It was a very different format this year which was a little challenging but we still were able to raise much appreciated funds for our library.

For families waiting on reordered books it is hoped that they will be here by week 10, thank you for your patience.

We look forward to holding a more traditional Book Fair during Book Week in 2023.



Our AGM is coming up soon!

Could you be our next President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Officer or a committee member? We'd love some new faces on the committee. Please have a think about if you can help and sing out with any questions!

Check out our 5 year plan and strategy - [P&C 5 Year Plan](#)

Thanks to everyone who dressed up and donated on Friday 2nd Sept for Dress like a Dad day, we raised **\$240** for the Australian Wildlife Conservancy, which we banked on Threatened Species Day.

Events

End of Term Meal Deal - \$8 BATTLE OF THE BUNS - Order online now!

Notes have been sent home about our end of term, Battle of the Buns Meal Deal. Online orders are now open via Spriggy Schools (click the *Events* button). **Orders close at 3pm Monday 19th September.**

Have you got an idea for a meal deal? Let us know at thekidskitchenfarrer@gmail.com



Fundraisers

1. Mangoes - Order close 20th October [Mangoes Fundraiser](#)
2. Farrer Community Grapevine Wine [Wine Fundraiser](#)

Upcoming Meetings

- P&C Meeting - Week 2 Term 4
- P&C Canteen Subcommittee - Week 2, Term 4.
- P&C AGM - Term 4 - We'd love some new faces on the committee. Please have a think about if you can help and sing out with any questions!

Meeting locations and online login details are advertised closer to each meeting and will also be advertised on our FaceBook Page ([\(1\) Farrer Primary P&C Noticeboard | Facebook](#)). You can join in person or via zoom. If you have any topics or ideas you would like discussed at a meeting, please email us!

We welcome all parents with an interest in supporting FPS through P&C activities to get involved and attend the regular P&C meetings. If you have ideas or want to be on the committee, this is THE forum to be heard.

Canteen

Ordering (Closes at 8.30am each day)

- All orders are via Spriggy Schools. Simply download the app, add a balance and start ordering.

Volunteering

- **I've got some time!** We'd love to have your help. Here's the QR link to our **volunteer** sign up sheet. If those times don't work, no prob, shoot us an email and we'll find a time that works for you.
- **I'm sorry, I haven't got any time...** no problem - did you know you can **help** us by donating some non-perishable goods from your weekly shop or a Woolworths gift card? You can find our shopping list in the links section below.
- **I've got an idea! Fantastic,** we'd love to hear it.



Have your Say - Language education

The ACT P&C Council has been asked to provide feedback to the Education Directorate on a discussion paper and draft action plan about language education in ACT public schools. These documents cover issues such as workforce, delivery models, curriculum and partnerships.

To inform our feedback we would like to hear your views!

What would you like language education in your school to look like? How could this best be achieved?

Please send any input to contact@actparents.org.au

Uniform Shop

How to order - Go to www.fpsuniformshop.com (don't forget to put your student's name and class in the comments at checkout).

Second Hand Items - The drawers are overflowing and we can not keep up to date online. If you want to have a rummage through, please email to arrange a time. Second hand items \$1 - \$5 each.

Delivery - All orders are sent home with students on Thursdays.

Anything else? Shoot us an email - FPSUniforms@gmail.com



P&C Handy Contacts & Links

- Email - FarrerPS.CommunityAssociation@gmail.com
- Facebook - P&C Facebook Noticeboard - [P&C Noticeboard Facebook](#)

- Website - [P&C Website](#)

Canteen

- Contact - TheKidsKitchenFarrer@gmail.com
- Volunteer Roster
 - Term 3 - volunteersignup.org/J33XA
 - Term 4 - volunteersignup.org/R9H7B
- Shopping list for donations - [Canteen Shopping List](#)

Uniform Shop

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

Donations are always welcome - [P&C Donations - Always Welcome!](#)



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We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per Tray is: \$25 (14-22 mangoes/tray approx 75g/tray)

Place your orders at www.fpsuniformshop.com

Orders close 20th October 2022

Mangoes will be delivered in late Nov/early Dec

All proceeds go to the Farrer P&C.
We thank you for your generous support



END OF TERM MEAL DEAL
FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

BATTLE OF THE BUNS



ORDER ONLINE VIA THE SPRIGGY SCHOOLS APP OR
RETURN ORDER SLIP TO SCHOOL WITH THE CORRECT
PAYMENT. ORDERS CLOSE MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER AT
3PM.

Community News



**FREE TENNIS
OPEN DAY**

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2022
1:00 - 3:00 PM

WESTON CREEK TENNIS CLUB
DILLON Close, WESTON CREEK

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relax kids

Term 4 2022 Chill Skills Program

8 Week Course for 8-12 year olds

Wednesdays 4-5pm at the
Erindale Neighbourhood Centre
(Commencing week 2 of term 4 2022)

Would you like your child to have better sleep, concentration, attention span, confidence, listening skills and self esteem?

Do you wish to help your child to be more mindful and happy, reduce their stress and anxiety levels and manage their moods and emotions?



The classes include:

DYNAMIC warm-up and exercises, EXCITING games
RELAXING stretches, CALMING breathing exercises
SOOTHING peer massage, POSITIVE affirmations
CREATIVE visualisations, mindfulness and meditations

The cost of the 8 week course is \$160
and it is facilitated by Simone Roxburgh
Simone is passionate about supporting children and adult's wellbeing through the Relax Kids program (that she has facilitated since 2014) and the Mindfulness course for adults that she also provides.

Bookings are essential:
email simoneroxburgh80@gmail.com
or phone 0410 455 177
(Please book in early as spaces are limited)



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