

COMING EVENTS

Kindergarten-Year 6 Disco

Friday 5 April

Kindergarten-Year 6 Track and Field

Carnival @ Charnwood Ovals

Tuesday 9 April

K-6 Religious Education

Thursday 11 April

Year 6 ANZAC Assembly at Melba/

Copland Secondary

Friday 12 April

Scholastic Book Fair

Wed 1 May - Fri 10 May

K-6 Sean Choolburra Performance

Wednesday 1 May

K-6 The Ridiculous Rhyme Show

Thursday 9 May

Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 10 May

RECENT NOTES

K-6 Track & Field Permission Notes

K-6 Sean Choolburra
Permission Note

K-6 The Ridiculous Rhyme Show
Permission Note

2020 Preschool Enrolments

2020 Preschool Enrolments open on Monday 29 April 2019. Please click on the link to complete an online enrolment form.

[www.education.act.gov.au/
public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-
public-school](http://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school)

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Fraser Families.....

Thank you to the Fraser Primary School community for the wonderful support and excellent partnerships that continue to thrive in our school. Thank you to the families who joined us for our progress meetings. Please continue to review our school plan (displayed in the canteen area) and discuss it with your child's teacher.

Year 5/6 Camp Cooba

The Year 5/6 students travelled to Camp Cooba this week for a three day camp. The students were very excited and looking forward to the many challenges. I would like to thank Chelsey Vanderfield, Sarah Rossiter, Susanna Di Donna, Tegan Martin, Andrew Larson, Angus Middleton, Natalie Harding, Hayley Roberts-Swinbourn, Georgia Evans, and Jamie Kotz for spending time away from their families to provide a rich experience for the students. Thank you to all the parents and carers who expressed their gratitude to this group as I know this means a lot to them. I travelled down and spent Tuesday with the campers and enjoyed building relationships and watching students and teachers alike enjoying the camp experience.



School Board

I would like to congratulate Mrs Melina Pipe and Mr Chris Flinders on their two-year appointment to the Fraser Primary School Board as Parents and Citizens Members. We are extremely fortunate to have such high-quality people seeking to support the school in these positions. I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to outgoing Board Chair Mr Paul Ballenger. Paul served on the School Board for two years, the final year as Board Chair. Paul was a pleasure to work with and was constantly focused on student outcomes at Fraser Primary School.

Magellan Program

Magellan is a gifted and talented program run at Melba Copland Secondary School designed to engage and extend targeted students from partner primary schools. Experts from the ANU and CSIRO, along with high school and college teachers, engage students in a challenging and enjoyable inquiry based learning journey with a focus on STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). This is the fifth year Fraser Primary School students have taken part in this program. We have eight students in the program this semester. The Magellan program was a finalist in the Public Education Awards in 2017 in the category of Outstanding Partnership of the Year.

P&C

I would like to congratulate Matt Sullivan on his successful election into the position of P&C President, also congratulations to Paul Ballenger and Tania Howarth on their elections into the role of P&C Vice President and Secretary respectively. I would like to thank and congratulate Dianne Gleeson for the dedicated service she has provided to the community in 2018 as P&C Secretary. We had a great turn out at our last P&C meeting and I would encourage anyone in our community to come along and be part of our discussions.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you for all your support throughout this term. Together we have continued to make Fraser Primary an outstanding school. Thank you also to Linda Francis and the Fraser Leadership Team, you are all simply amazing. As this is the last newsletter for the term, we wish you a restful time with your families during the break.

Readers' Workshops at Fraser Primary School

This week's focus is around Readers' Workshops at Fraser Primary School. Readers' Workshop is the structure we use at Fraser Primary School to ensure all students are reading to themselves and others, are explicitly taught reading strategies and have opportunities to listen to others read. Students work in small groups and independently to develop and increase skills in oral language, vocabulary, comprehension and fluency. They practice one or more of these skills daily. Readers' Workshops are implemented in Year 1-6, along with the explicit teaching of reading including strategy work in Kindergarten and all year levels.

Readers' Workshops consist of a number of key parts

Mini Lessons - These are 15-20 minute whole class sessions with a narrow focus that provide instruction in a skill or concept. A mini lesson generally precedes independent practice.

Workshops - These are where the teacher brings a small group of students together and addresses their needs. These are sometimes planned for (based on student work samples and conversations). At other times needs arise that teachers haven't planned for and flexibility and independent work sessions allow teachers to add in a workshop if needed. For example, the workshop might be around interpreting a comic strip, specifically run for a small group who are experiencing difficulty deciphering speech in a text.



Conferencing - This is a great opportunity to talk to students independently about their successes, reading goals and book selection. Students are able to show their evidence of understanding and independence and what they need to practice to improve their reading.



Reflection/Sharing—This is a 5-10 minute session that gives students the opportunity to share what they have learned about themselves as a reader that day, as well as what they have learnt about the topic they were reading about. It is a chance for students to learn from each other, exchange ideas, make connections and construct meaning. It is also a perfect opportunity for teachers to listen in to students and to explicitly address learning goals.

In next few days why not ask your child what reading strategies they love to use. Let the teachers know or comment on the blog should you see a post around reading.

How do students practice reading during Readers' Workshops?

Students use a variety of strategies to practice their reading each day. Strategies are varied from session to session and could consist of the following:

- Read to self
- Listening centre (audio book using headphones)
- Read with someone
- Ipads (used to record their voice when reading and then receiving feedback from peers as they play it back)
- Retells using puppets
- Word hunter— looking for interesting words from their reading.
- Reading fluency using a timer
- Whisper phones – used when reading to themselves to gain immediate feedback by listening to their reading. They really do whisper!
- Reading Toolbox- focuses on reading strategies – eg making connections, creating images, inferring etc.

Each student is responsible for their own book box. A considerable amount of time is spent on helping students to select 'good fit' books using the 'I PICK' strategy.

P– Purpose “Why do I want to read this book?”

I – Interest “Does it interest me?”

C – Comprehension “Do I understand it?”

K – Know “Do I know most of the words?”

Students' book boxes may contain a range of fiction and non-fiction books, magazines, poems and songs. They select books from the school and class libraries as well as books recommended to them by their teacher. Students are also given an opportunity to select from a wide range of levelled (easy) readers that they might be interested in.



Belconnen Regional Swimming Carnival

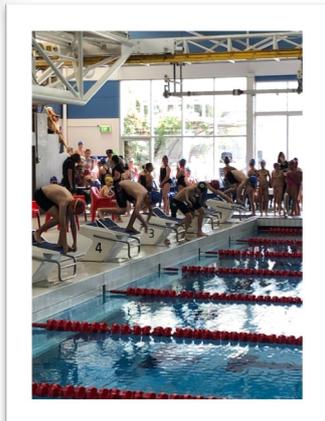
On Thursday 28 March, eighteen Fraser students represented our school at the Belconnen District Swimming Carnival. The students represented Fraser Primary School showing great sporting attitude, courage and determination, with the majority of our athletes recording personal bests in their events.

Congratulations to Zara Nicholson, Adele Gaul, Isabella Gaul, Lily Pipe, Daisy Pipe, Livy Hancocks, Amelia Thurkettle, Jade Waters, Zali Sweeting, Charlie Piliu, Tristan Taylor, Lincoln Nicholson, Thomas Paten, Thomas Geoghegan-Gibson, Cooper Rice, Liam Barry, Kyle Donovan and Mattias Schubert for their achievements both at our Fraser Swimming carnival and the Belconnen District event. Thank you also to the parents who supported the children and staff at both events.

Fraser 8th out of 25!

Great result!

Congratulations to the following students who now have the opportunity to represent Fraser Primary School at the ACT School Sport Swimming Championships in Term 2, Liam Barry, Lincoln Nicholson, Isabelle Gaul and Thomas Paten.



Year 5/6 Camp Cooba



Mum, you are the sweetest! Mother's Day Breakfast



Where: Fraser Primary School Hall

When: Friday 10 May

Time: 8:00am – 8:45am

Please RSVP by Tuesday 7 May

Donations to Roundabout Canberra
(rehome essential baby items in Canberra
and district for mothers and families in need)

KERRI'S KITCHEN

Don't forget Friday night is our Animal Capers Disco. We still need more helpers on the night particularly at the Senior Disco. Come along and join us for a night of fun and dance.

The canteen AGM is being held on Friday 5 April at 2pm in the canteen. We would love for anyone who is interested to join us at this time.

Hot Cross Bun orders are due on Tuesday 9 April by 3.15pm. Please ensure your orders are received on time as we have to provide final numbers to Baker's Delight the same day. Delivery will be on Thursday 11 April in the afternoon and can be collected from the canteen from 3pm until 6pm.

I would like to wish everyone a happy Easter and holidays, travel safely and I look forward to your return for term 2.

Kerri Farley
Canteen Manager



SCHOOL BANKING

There's just one more week left in our book competition! You could win a book prize with thanks to our supporter Jake Battenally - Ray White Belconnen... and now we are very pleased to announce that there will be a book prize for EVERY student who makes 5 or more School Banking deposits in Term 1! We already have over 100 students who will each be receiving a book - are you one of our super savers?

School Banking is going to be very exciting in Term 2 - just make a School Banking deposit every week to win a fantastic prize! We'll have special welcome packs for all new accounts in Term 2, and a whole week of fun in School Banking Week!

If you haven't opened your account yet, just head to www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to get started, or visit one of our local Commbank branches during the school holidays to open your account.

Nate B (1 SW) and Arya C (5/6 SR) are our Fantastic Focus Super Savers this week. Please collect your prize voucher from Kerri's Kitchen and present it at recess or lunchtime for a free Slush Puppie! Please note that your voucher must be collected before the issue of the next Fraser Focus and will expire May 3 2019.

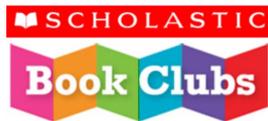
Christine Tusch
School Banking Coordinator



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book club orders have been processed for issue 2 and we are just awaiting the arrival of orders. Thank you to everyone who has placed an order this term.

Kerri Farley
Book Club Coordinator



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Term 1 - Easter Extravaganza

Our term 1 Christian Education in Schools session is on Thursday 11 April. Sessions are as follows:

- Kindergarten 9.00-10.00
- Year 1 and Year 2 10.00-11.00
- Year 3/4 11.25-12.25
- Year 5/6 1.45-2.45

This term students will move through interactive stations to explore the events of Easter as told in the Bible.

If you would like your child to attend and have not already completed a consent form, spare forms are available at the front office.

Student attendance is with parent/carer request only.



LOST PROPERTY

All unnamed lost property is laid out on tables in the canteen foyer.

Any unclaimed lost property will be donated to Re-Run or given to a local charity if not claimed by Friday 12 April 2019.

All named items have been returned to classrooms.

Please ensure that all clothing, food containers and drink bottles are labelled with your student's name.



The Canteen Telephone Number is **6142 0529**

Canteen Hours **8.45 am - 1.45 pm**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
08/04/19	09/04/19	10/04/19	11/04/19	12/04/19
Johanna Clements Amy Webster	Alex Ryan-Jones Catherine Condon	Lyndel Lemon Tess Farrugia	Jenny Newport	Chris Tusch Julia Larby Glen Eves Stevie Wright Janelle Rayner

ACT Education Directorate Insurance Cover

The ACT Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.



ACT Parents and Citizens and the Education Directorate working together for safer schools.

Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C). It focuses on all of us - parents, students, principals and teachers-working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. An initial workshop discussed the key issues, what is working well or not working well, and who contributes to these. A second workshop with representatives of the P&C Council and the Education Directorate considered the outcomes of the first workshop to help prepare for further conversations with our school community.

We want to make it easy for anyone who wants to have a say to be given the opportunity to be involved. There are two remaining workshops you may wish to attend:

- On 9 May 2019, 8:30am – 4:30pm the workshop will explore the key question “*How might we reduce and respond to violence in schools and co-create strong and safe communities for learning?*”.
- In June 2019 a 2 – 3 hour showcase will highlight what we have learned. It will enable participants to attend at different times during the day.

If you require any further information, or if you wish to attend the 9 May or June workshops, please contact Ms Leanne Ballard on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 6205 2912 by 12 April, last day of Term 1.

Breakfast Club Friday mornings from 8.30am in the canteen foyer

We would like to again thank
Uniting Care Kippax and Kippax
Woolworths for their ongoing
support.



@ Kippax

TAKE YOUR TENNIS TO THE EDGE



Tennis is great for full body coordination and motor skills, with health and fitness an added benefit.

Holiday Coaching Camp at Melba provides a week of intensive tennis coaching from our award-winning coaches.

RED BALL CAMP AGES 3-6

With special low compression red balls that bounce lower and slower, and genuine 'Hot Shots' mini courts with lower nets, the youngest champions will have fun while learning to play.

Time 9 am to 10 am

Cost Day rate: \$17 Full week: \$45

JUNIOR TENNIS CAMP AGES 6-14

Older kids will develop strokes and game skills in a fun and challenging environment.

Time 9 am to 12 pm

Cost Day rate: \$45 Full Week: \$145

DATES

Monday 15 April – Thursday 18 Apr

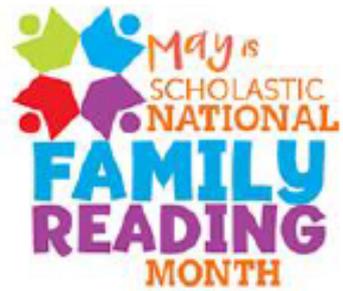
RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW!

Call Owen Peernoeller on 0407 456 293

Email owen@onthelinetennis.com.au

Register online at www.onthelinetennis.com.au





YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR TERM 2 BOOK FAIR Read More in May 2019!

Fraser Primary School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from **Wednesday 1 May to Friday 10 May 2019** in the school library.

The Book Fair will have the following opening times, located in the library.

Wednesday 1/5 8:30am to 9:00am and 3.00pm to 3:30pm

Thursday 2/5 8:30am to 9:00am and 3.00pm to 3:30pm

Friday 3/5 8:30am to 9:00am and 3.00pm to 3:30pm

Monday 6/5 8:30am to 9:00am and 3.00pm to 3:30pm

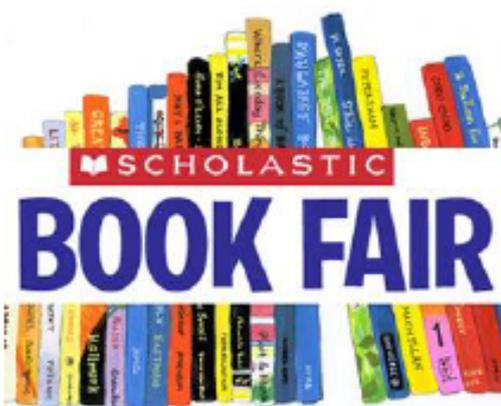
Tuesday 7/5 8:30am to 9:00am and 3.00pm to 3:30pm

Wednesday 8/5 8:30am to 9:00am and 3.00pm to 3:30pm

Thursday 9/5 8:30am to 9:00am and 3.00pm to 5:00pm

Friday 10/5 8:30am to 9:00am and 3.00pm to 3:30pm

Come and join us and have a look at our great library as well as our Book Fair.



Our 2019 theme is *Read More in May!* This is a great opportunity to purchase quality books and be part of National Family Reading Month. By supporting the Book Fair families support the library as the school is given a percentage of sales back as books for our library. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get. Reading is vital to every child's success and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they're young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair.

Hope to see you there!

Stephen James
Fraser Primary School Library



SCHOLASTIC

Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.