

COMING EVENTS

- Second Hand Uniform Stall**
Friday 7 February 9.05am-9.30am
- Breakfast Club from 8.30am**
Friday 7 February
- Second Hand Uniform Stall**
Friday 14 February 9.05am-9.30am
- Preschool and Kindergarten
Welcome BBQ**
Wednesday 19 February

RECENT NOTES

Preschool and Kindergarten
Welcome BBQ RSVP

ATTACHMENTS

School Banking at Fraser Primary
School

School bucket hats are
available to purchase
from the Front Office
for \$10.00 each

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Fraser Families

Welcome to the 2020 school year at Fraser Primary School. It was certainly a challenging summer break, considering the environmental conditions we experienced and continue to experience. As a school, we understand that the events over the last 6-8 weeks may have been extremely challenging for some families. If the school is able to assist, please let us know. We continue to experience fluctuating air quality. The Education Directorate provides information each day that the school uses in conjunction with an Air Quality Impact and Response Guide to determine whether students should remain indoors. We will continue to manage the situation and prioritise student safety into the foreseeable future. Further information can be found at: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/>

What a wonderful start we had on Monday with our Kindergarten, Preschool Gecko and Penguin students, on Wednesday and today with our Preschool Turtle and Treefrog students and on Tuesday with all students in Years 1-6. It was wonderful to see so many smiling and enthusiastic students ready for another year of learning. Staff are busily getting to know their new students, and it seems everyone has had an enjoyable and productive week. The beginning of the year is a very important time for our students, as staff establish routines, expectations and revisit our SCARF values. Our School Blues incentive program has concluded, and we begin the year with our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) incentive program. Hopefully students will come home talking about 'Jimmys'. We will be rewarding positive behaviours at Fraser Primary School with a Jimmy. Jimmys are currently in paper format, but will be replaced with reusable tokens in the near future. We decided to name the tokens 'Jimmy' in honour of James (Jim) Fraser, for whom the school is named.



I have been very impressed with the quality of work already being produced by our students and by the level of enthusiasm and excitement in every unit. The smooth transition for all students has certainly been supported through the Moving Up Day at the end of last year and the fabulous relationships which have formed since then between students and staff.

2020 Staff and 2020 School Plan

We are delighted to welcome two new teaching staff members, Laurence Mandapat and Jane Baillie to Fraser Primary School. It is fantastic to have teachers of such experience join with the existing high calibre teaching teams.

As you walk through our canteen space, you will see a large image of our School Plan which includes strategies and actions that we have been focusing on. Although the plan indicates 2019 in the title, it remains our School Plan until week 9 of term 1, when the school engages with the Education Directorate in the school review process. From this process we will formulate a five year strategic plan which will guide our 2020 School Plan.

Working in Partnership

Our teachers value the home/school connection and building positive partnerships with parents and carers is critical to student success at school. Teachers have spent time this week talking to families to commence this partnership and will continue this over the coming weeks either in person, via a phone call, letter or email. You will receive a Parent/Carer Communication Form to complete and send back to school to help your child's teacher get to know your child. Please take the time to complete this form, or alternatively you could write an open letter to your child's teacher.

Learning Community Information Sessions (week 3)

During week 3, we will be hosting Information Sessions for parents/carers of students in Years K-6 to visit their child's learning environment. Teaching teams will introduce themselves and provide a brief introduction to the program and procedures for their learning communities in 2020. These sessions will run from 8.30am-8.55am beginning with Year 1 on Monday 17 February, Year 3/4 Tuesday 18 February, Year 2 Wednesday 19 February, Years 5/6 Thursday 20 February and Kindergarten on Friday 21 February. Preschool held their Information Sessions in term 4 2019.

Finally, thank you to all our fabulous Fraser Primary School community members for your support, appreciation and kind words during the week. The staff and I really value your support and ongoing feedback. We look forward to a fabulous year ahead.

Staying Safe at Fraser Primary School

Before School

Supervision on the playground and in the library before school begins at 8.30am. Please do not send your child to school before this time unless they are involved in our Before School Care program. The senior and junior playground equipment are not before school play areas. Please note, any students who are at school before 8.30am will be asked to sit in the sheltered area outside the canteen foyer.

Bike Safety

At least 30-60 students ride their bikes to school each day. Cyclist safety is paramount for all children and adults. ACT Police recommend that children below the age range of Year 3 and 4 should not ride a bike without an adult riding/walking alongside. This is because children don't develop the ability to gauge distances accurately until about 8 or 9 years old. All students riding to school should wear a correctly fitted helmet. Bikes/scooters should be stored in the bike enclosure and students are encouraged to use a bike lock to secure their bike/scooter to the fence. Students should walk their bike or scooter once on the school grounds. Please talk with your child/ren about crossing Tillyard Drive safely by using the underpass.



Going Home

School finishes at 3.00pm each day. All students should go home immediately, to their bus stop or to After School Care. Please check that each day your children know how they are to get home and/or where your meeting place is. If your child has any changes to their after school routine, please let your child's teacher know, or contact the Front Office well before the end of the day. Phone calls just before 3.00pm are difficult to deliver on time.

Tillyard Drive Underpass and Pedestrian Crossing

We thank you for parking at the Fraser shops, it certainly helps to reduce the congestion in the front car park. We would ask you to then use the underpass with your children to model the safe crossing of a very busy road. Using the underpass is the safest option for crossing Tillyard Drive. A school pedestrian crossing is also located on Shakespeare Crescent.



Preschool Car Park Drop Off/Pick Up

Please only park in designated spaces. For student's safety do not mount the gutters and park on grass areas. If you are using the Preschool car park, we ask you to queue in the entrance of the car park if no car spaces are available and to not overtake cars waiting in the line for a space.



Main Car Park

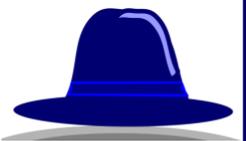
Thank you for ensuring the flow of traffic continues through the car park, by moving forward as pick up spaces become available. Students may only get into a car from where Mark, Mel or other Fraser Primary School staff are waiting. Students must not walk up through the car park driveway and get into a car. Please stay in your car in the pick up zone.

Bringing Valuables to School

Students should not bring valuable items and toys to school. They can be lost or broken which causes distress. Mobile phones need to be handed in to the Front Office at the beginning of the day, and collected at the end of the day.

Sun Safety

Fraser Primary School is a *SunSmart* school. All students are required to wear a brimmed hat year round, except for the months of June and July. Students without a hat will be asked to stay in a designated shaded area. If your child's hat has a chin strap attached, please cut this off as it may become tangled in playground equipment or caught up in play. Could you support your child by applying sunscreen before coming to school each day. Sunscreen is also provided at school, please see information on page 4 of the newsletter.



Safety Fence

Gates are locked between 9.30am and 2.30pm. All visitors are to come via the Front Office during this time.

Picking Up Your Child During School Hours

If you need to pick up your child during school hours, please enter through the Front Office and speak to the office staff about why you are at school. After you have collected your child, please go back via the Front Office where staff will sign your child out. If your child is returning to school later in the day, please go via the Front Office where staff will sign your child back in. If you know your child will be absent from school as they are unwell or for other reasons, please contact the school on 6142 0520.



Tree Safety

Students are not to climb trees on the school grounds before, during or after school.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

In 2020 the school will be hosting a volunteer Japanese Language Teacher's Assistant (JTA), Mr Kaito Murakami, from Kagoshima University in southern Japan. During his stay he will be assisting in Japanese language classes at Fraser Primary School, while also hoping to improve his English skills.

JTAs are home stayed within the school community and pay a contribution towards food and board of \$180.00 per week to their host families. Assistants need their own rooms but can share the family bathroom.

This program is widely used in ACT schools and is of great benefit to both the Japanese program and to the families who become involved. We find that families really enjoy this experience as it allows them to expand their knowledge and understanding of Japan and its people as well as contribute to the corporate life of the school. This is an ideal way to encourage your children to engage with Japanese language and culture and make lifelong friends.

We are therefore seeking expressions of interest from families who would be willing to host our JTA for a period of 6-10 weeks in terms 2, 3 and 4.

If you are able to assist us or would like more information, please contact the Front Office or email me at sue.garr@ed.act.edu.au and I'll be in touch. If you are unable to host for a longer period, but are interested in offering weekend stays, emergency back up or the occasional social activity, please also contact me. This program relies heavily on the support and hospitality of the school community and your generosity is much appreciated.

Sue Garr
Japanese Language Teacher

Communication with Families at Fraser Primary School

Most of our families receive communication electronically, however, we are very happy to send hard copy notes to families. If you wish to receive a hard copy of all notes, please email info@fraserps.act.edu.au or drop into the Front Office.

We display all information about upcoming events on our community notice boards, which can be found near the junior playground and also just outside the canteen. Hard copies of all notes can be found in the Front Office foyer.

Push notifications from the Fraser App are another way to keep connected with events at school - download the App today if you have not already.

We also have a Fraser Facebook page which is a great way to keep up to date.



SCHOOL BANKING

There will be plenty of School Banking fun again this year! Get ready for a Treetop Savers adventure to the Enchanted Treehouse of Savings, with 8 new fantastic reward items and lots of extra Fraser Fun as well!

Thanks to our 2020 School Banking sponsor, Jake Battenally - Ray White Belconnen, we are once again starting the year with a great competition to win a book! Just make six school banking deposits in term 1 to be in the draw to win a prize. School banking Day is Wednesday every week, and deposit wallets are collected from each classroom.

There's also an awesome competition for students in Years 5 and 6 this year! Just make at least five school banking deposits in every term this year to be in the running to win a \$60.00 Zing Gift Card. The student with the most deposits across the full year will win the prize!

Also this year, look out for our Fantastic Focus Super Savers! Each fortnight there will be special prizes for some lucky bankers announced only in the Fraser Focus - prizes can be collected from Kerri's Kitchen.

All your child needs to join in is a Youthsaver account, which can be opened online at www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking or at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank. If you'd like to know more, you can find information on the Commonwealth Bank's website, pick up an information pack from the canteen or ask for me at the Front Office on Wednesday mornings.

Christine Tusch
School Banking Coordinator



Breakfast Club will be back in full swing from tomorrow Friday 7 February at 8.30am in the canteen foyer

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



@ Kippax

KERRI'S KITCHEN

I would like to welcome all our new and returning students to our 2020 school year.

Fraser Primary School canteen operates five days a week every day of the school year. Our canteen is run by myself with the assistance of volunteers. We require at least seven helpers per week to run smoothly. If you are considering helping out, please come in to see me in the school canteen and leave your details. Some of our volunteers no longer have children at Fraser primary School and would like to move on. If you have a spare hour or day, each week, month or term, I would love to have you join me.

Our canteen menu has a variety of healthy options and fully meets the guidelines for ACT school canteens. We have had some small price increases this year to cover the increased costs incurred by rising food prices and administration. Menus will be available by the end of this week from the canteen.

The canteen will hold a school disco in week 7 and a special lunch in week 5 for students remaining at school on the Swimming Carnival day. We look forward to these special days.

If your child has any food related allergies or intolerances you are more than welcome to come in and see me to check food labels. Please ensure the school is aware of this information for your child's safety. If you are using *Flexischools* to order lunches, you can check the box marked allergy alert.

Kerri Farley
Canteen Manager

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Fraser Primary School undertakes Scholastic Book Club orders throughout the school year. We have two orders each term which can be made in loop (online through www.scholastic.com.au) or in paper format and cash to the Scholastic Book Club Coordinator at school.

Please ensure your order is placed online or returned to school no later than the due date which is stamped at the top of each brochure. This is always the final date for orders. All orders are given to students unless otherwise marked. If you require your order to be held at school and not given to your child, they must be marked clearly with gift or hold for collection, otherwise they will be sent to the classroom.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me in the school canteen for assistance.

Our brochures for Issue 1 are being sent home this week. Extra copies are available from the foyer, hall foyer and library.

Kerri Farley
Scholastic Book Club Coordinator

Before School Arrangements

School commences at 9.00am each day. Once the bell music finishes students need to come past the Front Office for a late pass. A text message will be sent to families if your child is an unknown absence.

After School Arrangements

School finishes at 3.00pm each day. All students should go home immediately, to their bus stop, or to After School Care.

Please check that each day your child/ren know how they are to get home and/or where your meeting place is. If your child has any changes to their after school routine, please let your child's teacher know, or contact the Front Office well before the end of the day. Phone calls just before 3.00pm are difficult to deliver on time.

After School at Preschool

Fraser Primary School and Preschool students are welcome to play in the Preschool grounds after school, with parent/carer supervision. If your child does play in the Preschool grounds, please make sure it is left in a neat and tidy condition and any equipment used is returned. We also ask that while supervising your child/ren, you ensure they are playing safely.



SunSmart

Fraser Primary School has recently completed its *SunSmart* three year review and received our *SunSmart* certificate. To view the *SunSmart* policy please visit the Fraser Primary School website.

Some important information to note:

- Sunscreen will be available in each unit for all students. If your child is allergic to any sunscreens, please inform the Front Office, and supply sunscreen that is appropriate
- From August through to May students are asked to wear a broad brimmed hat. If students do not bring a hat to school they are asked to play under the shelter outside their unit
- The *SunSmart* Widget is now on the Fraser Primary School website. It shows the level of UV for the day and the level of protection required
- At the start of this year, all units will be discussing how to be sun safe following the 5 *SunSmart* Steps.



We are smaller than adults and find it difficult to navigate illegally parked cars.

Please avoid parking on verges, in No Stopping zones, across footpaths and on crossings to ensure we stay safe.

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#SafeParking

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Visit transport.act.gov.au



Routes and timetables:

Check the details of services required for your child to and from school, also making sure your child is familiar with the times and stops. If your child is new to school or changing schools, please check available [school services](#) or [regular bus timetables](#) information.

Journey Planner:

The Transport Canberra Journey Planner includes school services, allowing you to plan out the most convenient mode of transport for your trip to school. Use Transport Canberra's [journey planner](#) to plan your travel, and use [NXTBUS](#) to track your awaited service.

MyWay cards:

MyWay is the cheapest and easiest way to travel with Transport Canberra services. A student [MyWay card](#) can be purchased online, over the phone, or at a MyWay Recharge Agent. Adding travel credit is even easier with the options of B-Pay or Autoload direct debit, attracting an additional 5% discount on all fares. Students can also top up their MyWay card or purchase a single or daily ticket at Transport Canberra's new [ticket vending machines](#), available at selected bus stations and light rail stops.

When travelling on Transport Canberra services, it is important for students to carry their concession entitlement in addition to their MyWay card as Customer Service Officers regularly check concessions.

Fares:

A single trip school student MyWay fare is now \$1.22 on school days and a single trip school student cash fare costs \$2.50. All information about MyWay and cash fares are available [online](#).

Public Transport Safety:

If your child is new to public transport or a regular user, don't forget safety is a top priority. Make sure your child is familiar with the safety rules for inside and outside their chosen bus or light rail service. For further information on Transport Canberra travel safety, please visit the [Etiquette and Safety](#) and [Staying Safe](#) sections on our website.

Active Travel:

Walking, riding or scooting to school is also a great way to reduce congestion and increase safety around schools. There are several initiatives in place to support families wishing to walk or ride in 2020, including the Ride or Walk to School, Active Streets for Schools and School Crossing Supervisor programs. Part way drop off points near a school, like a local oval or the shops, can be a great option if walking or riding the entire trip is too far.

Staying up to date:

To keep up to date with Transport Canberra news and important service information, sign up for our email alerts or follow us on our social media channels:

[Email Alerts](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)

Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The Education and Training 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**.

