

COMING EVENTS

**Preschool and Kindergarten
Welcome BBQ**

Wednesday 21 February

Swimming Carnival

Thursday 1 March 2018

Re Run Second Hand Uniform Stall

Friday 2 March 8.45am - 9.15am

Year 5/6 Assembly

Friday 2 March 9.15am

Canberra Day

Monday 12 March

Fraser Fete

Sunday 18 March 11.00am-2.00pm

**P&C Annual General Meeting
(AGM)**

Wednesday 28 March
6.00pm in the school library

RECENT NOTES

Preschool & Kindergarten Welcome
BBQ

ATTACHMENTS

Staff Photos

Term 1 Community Calendar

School Banking 2018 Flyer

CAPS 2018 Newsletter Term 1

P&C Brochure

**Fraser Primary School bucket hats
available for purchase from the
Front Office for \$10.00**



**FRASER PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEW TELEPHONE
NUMBER
6142 0520**

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Fraser Families

Welcome to the 2018 school year at Fraser Primary School. What a wonderful start we had on Monday with our Preschool and Kindergarten students, on Wednesday/Thursday with our Preschool students and on Tuesday with all our students in Years 1-6. It was great to see so many smiling and enthusiastic students ready for another year. Staff are now busily getting to know their new students and we all are having 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 the SCARF values. 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 and the fabulous relationships which have formed since then between students and teachers.

2018 Staff

We are delighted to welcome our four new teaching staff members, Allison Barker, Naomi Devlin, Sue Whitney and Sarah Rossiter. It is fantastic to have teachers of such experience join with the existing high calibre teaching team. We also welcome Alison Reid who joins our executive team for semester 1. A full photographic list of staff is attached to this newsletter.

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 or making contact via phone. Tomorrow you will receive a *Parent/Carer Communication Form* to complete and send back to school by Friday 16 February 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.

Buddies

It has been fabulous to have our Year 6 Buddies in their bright blue hats forming fantastic relationships with their Kindergarten friends and guiding and supporting them in their new environment.

Primary Car Park and Preschool Carpark

Thank you to all those parents and carers who park safely in either of our car parks. Safety is always the paramount concern in and around car parks. I would ask that drivers follow all car park signage in order to make drop off and pick up times as safe as possible for all families. I would request only cars with the required permit use our disabled car spaces, as these spaces are essential for the safety of our students and community members.

Learning Community Information Sessions (next week)

Next week, we will be hosting Information Sessions for parents/carers of students in Years 1-6 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 2018. These sessions will run from 8.30am-8.55am, with Year 3/4 on Tuesday 13 February, Year 1/2 on Wednesday 14 February and Year 5/6 on Thursday 15 February. Kindergarten and Preschool held their Information Sessions in term 4 2017. Further opportunities will be advertised as the year progresses. Finally, thank you to all our fabulous Fraser 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 the road safely by using the underpass.



Going Home

School finishes at 3.00pm each day. All students should go immediately home, to their bus stop or to After School Care. Please check that each day your children know how they are to get home and 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.

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 safe crossing of a very busy road. Using the underpass is the safest option for crossing Tillyard Drive.



Preschool Car Park Drop Off/Pick Up

Please only park in designated spaces. For children'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 please do 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. Students may only get into a car from where Mark, Linda or other Fraser Primary School staff are waiting. Students must not walk up through the car park driveway and get into a car.

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, in the classroom (Year 5/6) or to the Front Office for all other year levels.

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 also please support your child to apply 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 closed between 9.30 am 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 see the Front Office where staff will sign your child back in.



Tree Safety

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

Fraser Primary School thanks you for your support in keeping all our students and families safe.

P&C AGM WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 6.00PM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

We would like to encourage as many of our school community to attend our upcoming Parents & Citizens (P&C) Annual General Meeting (AGM). The P&C is a great way to meet other families, have input into the events that take place at the school and to participate in the fundraising that enables resources to be purchased to support the fabulous education students at Fraser Primary School benefit from.

We have many parents/carer whose last child has left our school, after many years of supporting the P&C. We are in need of new families to participate in 2018.

Joining the P&C is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Grandparents are also encouraged to become actively involved with the school's P&C. Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C is invaluable. Not only will you be supporting the school community but you will be supported by the school community. You can learn new skills and gain a clear understanding of how the school operates. This is a great opportunity to share in the school's decision-making process and shape the future.

The P&C is the overarching committee for Before and After School Care, the Canteen and the Creative Arts Program.

School P&C Associations appoint committee members and an executive committee at their AGM. Generally, an executive committee consists of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, public officer and P&C delegate to Council. These positions are responsible for organising various components of the P&C and are aided by committee members.

Positions within the P&C

Committee member

- a member of the school community (parent, carer, grand-parent etc) who participates in the activities of the P&C (excluding positions listed below).

President

- provides leadership
- chairs all general and executive committee meetings of the association
- acts as a spokesperson for the association
- reports to Parents and Citizens Association meetings about the activities of the P&C
- supervises the functions of other office bearers
- ensures adequate and efficient communication exists between the members of the association and the members of the school board
- encourages parents/carer to participate.

Vice President

- steps into the role of the President should the President be unavailable, and undertakes ad hoc tasks to reduce the workload of the President.

Secretary

- draws up, in consultation with the President, meeting agendas
- keeps full and correct minutes of the P&C's proceedings
- acts upon decisions as directed by the meeting
- attends to the inwards and outwards correspondence of the association
- looks after the association's documents

- maintains a register of financial and ex-officio members if applicable.

Treasurer

- responsible for the recording of all funds received and expended by the association
- banks funds received by the association
- prepares regular financial reports for P&C meetings
- prepares the association's annual financial statements to ensure the P&C and its business areas annual financial statements are audited in time for the AGM

Public officer

- a role with some infrequent but formal reporting obligations
- often this position is fulfilled by the President.

P&C delegate to Council

- a member of the school Council

If you are unable to attend the P&C AGM but would like to be involved please contact the Fraser Primary P&C at fraserprimarypc@gmail.com and we will contact you.

JAPANESE NEWS

Each year Fraser Primary School is fortunate to be able to host a Japanese university student who volunteers his/her time to help out in our Japanese program and provides our students and families with the chance to interact with a native speaker and learn first-hand about Japanese culture. The continuing success of our Japanese Teaching Assistant program relies on kind Fraser Primary School families being willing to host our assistants in their homes.

Previous host families have said of their experience:

'This is the second Japanese assistant that we have had stay with us, and it has been an absolute joy to have her. Not only have we had the opportunity to learn more about Japanese culture and practice our Japanese (which the kids are great at but I am terrible!), it has been great for us as a family to share our space with someone and allow them to become a part of us.'

'We loved having her stay with us it was a fantastic experience and she became a family member instantly. We would certainly be a host family again!'

This year we will be hosting Kenshiro Iwashita. He comes from the University of Kagoshima, and will be beginning in term 2 and continuing until the end of the school year.

Our assistant will need his own bedroom but can share a family bathroom. He pays his host families a contribution each week to cover meals and board but is expected to pay his own entertainment expenses. Kenshiro will need transport to school each day (unless you are within walking distance).

Generally our families offer to host for a period of 6-10 weeks during terms 2, 3 or 4 which may or may not include the holiday periods.

If you are able to be a host family and have a preference for a particular term or would like more information about hosting, please email me sue.garr@ed.act.edu.au, catch me before or after school or leave a message at the Front Office.

Garr Sensei

Welcome to 2018! If you are new to the Fraser Primary School community then firstly allow me to welcome you. I would also take this opportunity to introduce both the P&C and Fraser Friends. The P&C and Fraser Friends are a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or as small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C and Fraser Friends is invaluable. You can gain a clear understanding of how the school operates, and it is also a great opportunity to share in the school's decision-making processes and shape the future of the school. Attached to this edition of the Fraser Focus is a P&C flyer that will provide an overview of the P&C and its functions.

Fraser Friends meet on the same day that the P&C meeting is held. The Principal's report is given, just as it would at a regular P&C meeting, and then there is a chance for parents and carers to flag issues, raise problems and ask questions. Fraser Friends is basically a fun version of the P&C, without the reports and other formalities associated with P&C meetings.

Fraser Fete 2018: Planning and organisation for this event is underway, but as always we could do with more volunteers. So if you are interested in helping or would like to know how you can assist, please contact the Fraser Fete Committee at FraserFete@gmail.com. No previous experience is required and any help would be appreciated.

Our first P&C meeting for 2018 is set for Wednesday 14 February 2018 at 6.30pm in the library, looking forward to seeing you there. Fraser Friends get together are held at 9.15am on the day of the P&C meetings, in the library.

If you have any questions or require further information, please email me at fraserprimarypc@gmail.com

Alois K Tusch
P&C President
Phone 0438 944 11

SCHOOL BANKING

There will be plenty of School Banking fun again this year! Get ready for a Super Savers adventure, with 8 new reward items and a chance to win a family trip to Hawaii!

Thanks to our new sponsor for 2018 Jake Battenally - Ray White Belconnen, we are starting the year with a great competition to win a book! Just make 5 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 in each classroom. All your child needs 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're keen for your child to be involved in school banking and you'd like to know more, you can find information on the Commonwealth Bank's website, pick up an information pack from the Front Office, or ask for me at the Front Office on Wednesday mornings.

Christine Tusch
School Banking Coordinator



Fraser Primary School is excited to announce our musical production for 2018, *Disney's My Son Pinocchio JR.* to be performed at **Gungahlin College Theatre 20-24 August** (term 3, Week 5).

Disney's My Son Pinocchio JR. is based on the 2000 Disney movie *Geppetto*. This musical retells the classic Disney story from Geppetto's perspective and features the beloved classic songs, *When You Wish upon a Star* and *I've Got No Strings*, alongside a host of new songs by Oscar winner and Grammy Award winner, Stephen Schwartz.

This year the cast for our musical will be selected from students in Years 3-6 to provide a Performing Arts enrichment experience. **Due to our increased student numbers, not every student will have the opportunity to be involved in the musical.** The following attributes will be considered by teachers when forming our 2018 cast: teamwork and cooperation, ability to listen to and follow instructions, enthusiasm and positive approach in all areas of school especially Performing Arts, punctuality and attendance and consistent demonstration of SCARF values at all times.

Students will have the opportunity to apply for consideration to be included in this year's cast later this term. Rehearsals will start toward the end of this term (two before school rehearsals and lunchtimes) and continue through to 24 August 2018.

So save the dates, watch the movie, read the book and be prepared for another amazing Fraser Primary School Musical Production!

"You see, the most fantastic, magical things can happen, and it all starts with a wish!"
Jiminy Cricket, *Pinocchio*



Lynne Washington

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 for all students to use in their units. If your child is allergic to the brand of sunscreen in the photo below, 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.

If you have any questions please contact Natalie Harding.





We are participating in Redgum Book Club this term and the catalogue is available in the library, front foyer and hall area. Every order will earn resources and books for our school.

To view the current catalogue, open the link [Redgum Book Club Catalogue Term 1 2018](#)

You will find more great titles to order this term on their website, with books starting from \$2.00 www.redgumbookclub.com.au Orders over \$30.00 will receive a free gift for your child.

The catalogue is now open and closes on **Monday 26 February**. Ordered books will be delivered free to the school in the week commencing Tuesday 13 March.

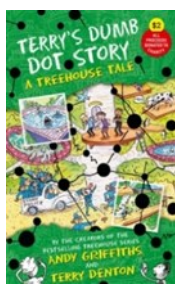
Books included in the current catalogue:

- **Terry's Dumb Dot Story: A Treehouse Tale \$2** – A special World Book Day Treehouse adventure from Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. All sales going to charity – The Indigenous Literacy Foundation
- **Indigo Blue** - A captivating novel about fate, friendship and finding yourself, from Young Australian of the Year 2011, Jessica Watson
- **The 1,000 Year Old Boy** - This is a unique and uplifting tale of a boy who lives a thousand years, yet still remains young at heart
- **Nicola Berry Series** – This humorous series follows Nicola Berry as she travels the galaxy. From bestselling Australian author, Liane Moriarty.

How to place an order:

- Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal www.redgumbookclub.com.au
- Email your order form with your credit card details orders@redgumbookclub.com.au
- Fax your order form (02) 9997 5850
- Post the order form along with payment.

If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley at schools@redgumbookclub.com.au



LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to 2018!

Library sessions for students this year are as follows:

Tuesday: Preschool (Koalas/Kangaroos), Year 3/4

Wednesday: Year 1/2

Thursday: Year 5/6

Friday: Preschool (Echidnas/Bilbies), Kinder

Students from P-2 should bring their library bag to their library session.

If you would like to volunteer some of your time working in the library please drop in and let me know. Help is always much appreciated.

Finally a reminder that we have a community library for parents and carers to borrow from in the front foyer. Just let myself or the Front Office know if you are taking a book. We still have quite a few books outstanding from last year, so if you have finished with them please just drop them off (eg *A handbook for happy families*, *Raising Boys*, *The secret of happy children*, *Raising Girls*, *I spy a great reader*).

Happy reading,
Stephen James

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



How to order on the **Book Club** platform
bookclubs.scholastic.com.au



LOG-IN

On initial log in each year, you will need to complete the Wizard.

- 1 Select your **ISSUE**
- 2 Click on the **ORDER** tab
- 3 Select your **CLASS**
- 4 Select **STUDENT** or add a student
Add their items. Repeat 3 + 4 until all the orders are entered.
- 5 Choose payment type.
When done, click **NEXT**
If applicable, click **USE VOUCHERS/REWARDS**
or click **PAYMENT SUMMARY**
- 6 **SUBMIT ORDER**

Remember: Submit your **LOOP** orders at the same time so all books arrive together.

