



FRASER FOCUS

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FRASER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal

End of Term

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term at Fraser Primary School and I thank the entire school community for your welcome. The way the school community works together for the success of every student is certainly a strength of the school. The dedicated team at Fraser will be meeting next week to reflect on the productive teaching and learning that has taken place this term and will be planning for an exciting Term 3.

Website

Melinda Lee and Mandy Cappello are currently in the process of upgrading our website. Please take the time to have a look. In addition we are very pleased to inform you that an edited version of the newsletter is available on the school website at www.fraserps.act.edu.au and anyone wanting the full version of the newsletter can follow the link on the website and it will be emailed directly to you each fortnight.

Camp

Thank you to Olivia Wells, Natalie Taylor, Belle Hayes, Jane Simmons, Stephen James-Smoult and Sue-Ellen Turk who put in a tremendous effort to ensure the Year 3/4 camp to Birrigai was a great success. The program that the students participated in was outstanding and linked so well to their studies this term. Congratulations to all the students who had such an exciting time experiencing camp life whilst remembering the high expectations of participation and behaviour. I really enjoyed my day at camp with all the students.

Three-Way Conferences

Thank you to all the parents/carers that have taken the opportunity to share their child's learning over the last semester through our three-way conference. This opportunity is a very important aspect of our reporting process.

PE Grant

Congratulations to Stephen James-Smoult who has won for the school a \$1000 grant to purchase 'Playing for Life' PE kits to help teachers develop and implement Fundamental Motor Skills programs in Physical Education.

Reports

If your family circumstances require you to have a second report could you please let your child's teacher know and we will organise this for you.

Football

Thank you once again to Belle Hayes and her team of coaches for taking the boys to the next stage of the Sullivan Shield on Tuesday June 24. The boys enjoyed the experience and displayed a good sporting attitude on the day.

Rostrum Final

Congratulations to Matthew D who presented a most outstanding Rostrum speech, titled *Eating Out* at the quarter final last night at Latham Primary School. Matthew received third place and will be invited to attend the next final if needed. Thank you to Ms Hannan and Mr Eather who attended on the night to support Matthew.

Safe Holiday

As this is the last newsletter for this term I would like to wish you all a very safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday. I look forward to sharing an exciting Term 3 with you all.

Sue Norton

Principal

FOCUS INSERTS:

1. Creative Arts Program Newsletter – Term 3, 2008

IMPORTANT DATES

(Also see the Term Calendar sent out at the beginning of each school term)

MONDAY EACH WEEK	GKR KARATE Beginners 6.15 -7.15 pm. Advanced 7.30 to 9 pm. Ph: 0404 106 427
TUESDAY EACH WEEK	SCOUTS 7.00 to 9.00 pm - Mark Stockall – Phone 62585261
WEDNESDAY EACH WEEK	BANKING IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY FROM 9.00 AM
WEDNESDAY EACH WEEK	CUBS 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm Jamie Wilson 0401 020 375
THURSDAY EACH WEEK	GKR KARATE Beginners 6.15-7.15 pm. Advanced 7.30 pm to 9 pm Ph: 61020607
THURSDAYS - 1 ST EACH MONTH	P&C MEETING IN THE LIBRARY FROM 7.00 PM – ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND
THURSDAYS FORTNIGHTLY	FRASER FOCUS SENT HOME WITH THE <i>ELDEST</i> CHILD IN THE FAMILY. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD’S CLASS TEACHER OR THE FRONT OFFICE STAFF IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A COPY OF THE FOCUS EACH PUBLIC SERVICE PAY DAY.
FRIDAYS FORTNIGHTLY	ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL HALL ON FRIDAYS AT 9.15 AM Weeks 3, 5, 6, 7 and 10
Thursday 26 June	Whole School Indigenous Performance
Monday 30 June	Reflection and Planning Day
Tuesday 1 July	Reflection and Planning Day
Thursday 3 July	Year 5/6 Quest Celebration Kindergarten Quest Celebration P&C General Meeting – 7 pm in the Library
Friday 4 July	Year 1/2 CP/MA/NT Assembly – 9.15 am Last Day of Term 2



CANTEEN ROSTER

The Canteen Telephone Number is **620 57876**

Canteen Hours 8.45 am – 1.45 pm



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30 June Debbie Thomas	1 July Jo Kirk	2 July Michael Stevenson	3 July Brenda Young	4 July Jaky Troy Cait Woodbridge Courtney Wilson Alison Davidson

MERIT AWARDS 🎖️

The following children will be receiving awards for great work and behaviour at the Year 1/2 Assembly on **Friday 4 July at 9.15 am**

Sihane McL, Grace W, Jacque D, Griffin W, Jordan K, Andrew S, Bella H, Holly G, Toby K, Brendan P, Taylor C, Connor S, Dylan P, Connor D, Darcy McC, Ryan C, Bradley B, Megan E, Georgia E, Isaac P, Jessica O, Jack B, Tyler W, Mackenzie S, Natasha G, Maddison P, Kevin K, Matthew A, Megan F, Josh McC, Ryley S, Kalinda M, Jordan M-C, Daniel F

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

SAVING YOU TAX!

With the end of June fast approaching it is worth noting voluntary contributions to the Library Fund are **tax deductible**. This entitles you to claim your voluntary contribution to the P & C Library Fund on your tax return – this is a great way to contribute to your child/ren’s education and pay less tax!

The Library Fund provides additional resources for the Library such as books, videos, DVDs, information technology equipment and software. These are vital *additional* resources which help maintain and improve the quality and range of educational programs offered by the school. Your voluntary contribution will assist the School in keeping up with new educational resources benefiting our children. You may choose instead to make your voluntary contribution to the General Fund, which is not tax deductible, but there are no restrictions on what this Fund may purchase. **Either way voluntary contributions assist our school and our children’s education.**

The School Board approved an increase in Voluntary contribution rates in 2008, the first increase since 1996. The new rates are:

- Family with one child at Fraser Primary \$100
- Family with two children at Fraser Primary \$160
- Family with three or more children at Fraser Primary \$200

Your voluntary contribution can be paid via cheque (payable to Fraser Primary School), cash or credit card at the Front Office. EFT deposit is now also available into the Fraser Primary School Management Account BSB: 062987 Account number: 10003278 Reference: Name of payee plus identifying which fund you would like to donate to - “Library Fund or General Fund”.

You can pay the entire lump sum or pay half yearly. The School appreciates any contribution you can provide. If you genuinely cannot afford these amounts please contribute what you can – every dollar assists our children and is received with thanks!

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The Board met recently with a number of issues discussed, including the construction of a metal shade structure over the playground equipment, to be funded by the Department, and hopefully completed next term. Also discussed was the news that the girls toilet in the Kindergarten unit has been closed over potential child safety concerns, and that the Department will be arranging for internal access from the wet area. The Board was also informed that there had been strong interest in Preschool

enrolments for 2009 which was a huge reflection of how highly regarded the Fraser Primary School community was.

Any parents/carers who would like to discuss issues pertaining to the Board please contact me on 0414 473 370 or leave a note at the Front Office and I will get in contact with you.

Chris Stockbridge
Board Chair

FRASER PRIMARY SCHOOL CREATIVE ARTS PROGRAM (CAPS) UPDATE

Sue Gillard has recently stepped down as the Coordinator of CAP after 6 solid years commitment to the running of the Program. The new CAP committee would like to acknowledge her dedication and commitment to the program– thank you Sue!

The new Committee consists of:

Amanda Gillborn – Coordinator

Emma Stockbridge – Treasurer

Ann Pighin – Keyboard Coordinator

Jennie Nicholson – Chess and Craft Coordinator

Stephen Hood – Piano Coordinator

Sarah Pau – Guitar Coordinator

There is a new CAP flyer attached to this issue of the Focus. If you have a child already enrolled, or you are thinking about utilising one of the programs please take a look at the flyer and the new information provided. The Committee also has fantastic news for parents/carers who prefer electronic banking – we are now taking CAP fees via EFT. Please ensure you contact Emma Stockbridge via email (see flyer for details) so that we can easily identify your payment.

If your child is re-enrolling for Term 3 please ensure you contact the relevant coordinator so that you do not lose your lesson time. Also important to note is that we do have waiting lists in some programs so re-enrolment is essential. Payment is required by week 3 of the term.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to all the volunteers who help in the Canteen you do a fantastic job and your help is appreciated. A special mention to the Year 6 students who have volunteered their recess or lunch time to work in the canteen. They continue to do great work. Well done.

Soup

Week 10 – Corn Chowder

Term 3

Week 1 – Roasted Pumpkin

Week 2 – Chicken & Sweet Corn

Debt notices have been handed out this week. Please clear any outstanding debts before the end of term. Thank you.

Any parents/carers wishing to help next term in the canteen, but are not already included in the roster, please see me or ring me on 62057876.

Have a great holiday see you all next term.

Kerri Farley
Canteen Manager

Tips for home

LITERACY

- Subscribe to a magazine that would interest your child!
- Share a book each night before bed (children are never too old to have a shared story!)

NUMERACY

- Record your child's growth on a height chart
- Talk about events in terms of time. For example "It's going to take about three minutes to cook this, so you might have time to butter some bread".
- Make biscuits using cookie cutters or make pretend biscuits from modelling dough. Talk about the shape of each biscuit.

CHANGES TO EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact the front office on 620 57866 with any changes to telephone number(s) which may have taken place during the school year. Your assistance in keeping the school up to date with these changes will ensure that staff are able to contact you quickly if your child is sick or injured at school.

2008 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 2	Ends on	Friday 4 July
Term 3	Monday 21 July	Friday 26 September
Term 4	Monday 13 October	Friday 19 December
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2008		
Monday 6 October	Labour Day	
Tuesday 4 November	Family and Community Day (To be confirmed)	
Thursday 25 December	Christmas Day	

ATTENTION ALL NEW PARENTS/CARERS **A.C.T. IMMUNISATION REQUIREMENTS**

Public Health Regulations require that immunisation records are produced at enrolment into ACT schools for children in Kindergarten to Year 6. Thank you to all those who have already forwarded these records. If you have not already done so could you please forward your immunisation records to the front office as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

ECO ERNIE'S WASTE WISE WISDOM

Hi everyone. As you know Fraser P.S has been developing its very own vegetable garden. To help us continue with our environmental quest we are looking for donations. Please send plants, tool, gloves anything that could help us in the garden to my little helper Mr Eather in Unit 2 (5/6). Have an environmental friendly fortnight.

Eco Ernie

