

COMING EVENTS

Uniform Free Day

Thursday 14 February

Preschool and Kindergarten

Welcome BBQ

Wednesday 20 February
5.00pm-6.30pm

Assembly Hosted by Year 3/4

Friday 1 March 9.15am

Preschool and Kindergarten

Catch up Meetings

Mon 4 March - Thurs 7 March

Swimming Carnival Years 3-6 and selected Year 2 students

Friday 8 March

Canberra Day

Monday 11 March

Fraser Fete

Sunday 17 March 11.00am-2.00pm

RECENT NOTES

Preschool and Kindergarten
Welcome BBQ

Fraser Fete Uniform Free Day

Canteen Information and Menu

ATTACHMENTS

2019 Staff Photos

Term 1 Community Calendar

School Banking 2019

School bucket hats
available to purchase
from the Front Office
for \$10 each

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Fraser Families

Welcome to the 2019 school year at Fraser Primary School. What a wonderful start we had on Monday with our Preschool and Kindergarten students, on 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 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. 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.

2019 Staff

We are delighted to welcome our four new teaching staff members, Susanna Di Donna, Jodie Robbins, Samantha Burgess and Lisa Gorell. It is fantastic to have teachers of such experience join with the existing high calibre teaching teams. A warm welcome back to Kelly Hobson who returns to us from maternity leave and will be teaching the Preschool Kangaroos. I would also like to congratulate Ms Natalie Harding who has won the promotional position of permanent Executive Teacher, a role previously filled by Ms Alison Reid. This is a fantastic achievement for Natalie, as the position was highly sought after. We will also be welcoming Mr Johnathan Price from Evatt Primary School, at the start of week 4, as part of our Leadership Team for the duration of 2019.

New Displays in the Canteen Foyer

You may notice as you walk through the canteen foyer new displays on each of the two walls. To the left is our new SCARF values interactive display. Staff will be using this to help our students understand and further enact our SCARF values. A large screen TV will also be mounted on the display and staff will use this screen to exhibit images of students displaying SCARF values. The display has already created a great deal of interest amongst the students. On the right you will see a large image of our school plan that includes strategies and actions that we will focus on in 2019. I would encourage you all to view the new displays as you walk through the school and discuss them with your children and classroom teachers in the coming weeks.

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 (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 2019. These sessions will run from 8.30am-8.55am, with Year 2 on Tuesday 12 Feb, Years 3/4 on Tuesday 19 Feb, Year 1 on Wednesday 20 Feb, and Years 5/6 Thursday 21 Feb. Preschool and Kindergarten held their Information Sessions in term 4 2018. Further opportunities will be advertised as the year progresses. 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 the road 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 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, by moving forward as pick up spaces become available. 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. 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, 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 locked 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 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.



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

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

To view the current catalogue, open the link [Redgum Book Club Catalogue Term 1 2019](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au)

For hundreds of great titles to order this term, go to the Redgum Book Club website, prices start from \$2.00. www.redgumbookclub.com.au

The catalogue is now open and closes on **Monday 25 February**. Ordered books will be delivered free to the school, during the week commencing **Monday 18 March**.

New releases in the current catalogue include:

The Sloth Who Came to Stay – A Children’s Book Council Notable book. This is a timely tale about enjoying the little things in life, from award-winning Australian author Margaret Wild

Mr Chicken Arriva a Roma - From the hilarious mind of the 2016-2017 Australian Children’s Laureate, Leigh Hobbs

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown - Book 13 in the phenomenal, best-selling *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

Clementine Rose and the Bake-Off Dilemma - A gorgeous series about the extraordinary life of Clementine Rose, from bestselling Australian author Jacqueline Harvey

Funny Kid Get Licked - For fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Funny Kid* is the mega-bestseller from Australian author Matt Stanton

The Dog Who Saved the World - The astounding new novel from the bestselling author of *Time Travelling with a Hamster*, this is a story for everyone who loves adventure, laughs and tears.

How to place an order:

Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal

www.redgumbookclub.com.au

Email orders@redgumbookclub.com.au

If you have any questions, please contact Lesley at

schools@redgumbookclub.com.au

Starting school is a big step for you and your child. You can both experience a wide range of emotions from excitement and happiness to anxiety and sadness, however, for most children and parents/carers, starting school is a smooth process.

Parents/carers play a powerful role in a child’s success at school by sharing a positive and enthusiastic attitude to school. This can be done by talking about your positive times at school, by reading books to your child that present school in a positive way and by encouraging your child to talk to other children who are enjoying their time at school.

Talking to your child about his or her feelings and teaching them *emotion management skills*, such as calm breathing and focusing, can also ease your child’s transition to school and help them cope with life in general.

Developing a positive home-school relationship by regular communications with teachers and the school community can help reduce your anxieties and those of your child.

For some parents/carers the question “What did you do at school today?” can elicit varying responses from “Nothing” to elaborate details. Some parents/carers find it useful to ask more open-ended questions about what was the best part of the day or about what went well for them.

Some of the new tasks your child may be facing are new classroom routines, a new teacher, being with new children as well as some familiar friends, and a new classroom environment.

Be encouraged that most children settle quickly into new routines, and classroom teachers are experienced at handling any upsets. Keep an eye out for information about items your child needs to bring to school so that a written list or a pictorial list can be displayed at home and your child can learn to check this daily as part of their morning routine.

Also remember that a good night’s sleep is important for your child to function well at school. Please let your child’s teacher know if you have any continuing concerns.

Sheri Bottomley
School Psychologist



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Welcome back everyone, I hope you are looking forward to a fantastic year.

Some of you may not be aware that our school library benefits from all purchases made from the Scholastic Book Club. All schools now use LOOP for ordering books. This means any orders made using a credit card will need to be done online through www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or via their app. Cash and cheque orders are still processed by the school and should be returned to the canteen by their due date.

Brochures for Issue 1 were distributed to classes this week and are due to be returned no later than Thursday 21 February. As always, please ensure you mark your orders Hold for Collection if you do not want them handed to your child.

Happy reading!!

Kerri Farley
Scholastic Book Club Coordinator

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Welcome back to 2019! What a great Vacation Care Program we had over the school holidays.

We are eagerly awaiting the new kitchen to be finished in the Before and After School Care room. While work is still being undertaken, we will be running Before and After School Care from the canteen. Please drop children to the school hall in the morning and collect them from the school hall in the afternoon.

Our AGM will be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 20 February 2019. All families are invited to join our committee, if you have any questions please ask Susan.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to a great 2019.

Susan Shepherd
Director
6258 8964 or fasc@bigpond.com



Voluntary Contributions

Public education is free. The school board of a government school may ask parents/carers of a child enrolled at the school to make a financial contribution to the school. Each contribution is voluntary and a child at the school is not to be refused benefits or services because the child's parents or carers do not make a contribution.

SCHOOL BANKING

There will be plenty of school banking fun again this year! Get ready for a Polar Savers adventure to the Ice Cave of Savings, with 8 new fantastic reward items and lots of extra Fraser fun as well!

Thanks to our 2019 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 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.

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 - if you see your name here, collect your prize from the Front Office.

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 Front Office, or ask for me at the canteen on Wednesday mornings.

Christine Tusch
School Banking Coordinator



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 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.

If you have any questions please contact Natalie Harding.

