

COMING EVENTS

Scholastic Book Fair

Wed 1 May - Fri 10 May

ACT Swimming (Selected Students)

Monday 6 May

K-6 Cross Country

Wednesday 8 May

K-6 The Ridiculous Rhyme Show

Thursday 9 May

Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 10 May 8.00am-8.45am

Assembly Hosted by Year 1

Friday 17 May 9.15am

RECENT NOTES

K-6 The Ridiculous Rhyme Show

Cross Country Information

Mother's Day RSVP

ATTACHMENTS

Term 2 Community Calendar

Reminder to park safely and legally around schools

Every day across Canberra, parent/carers are parking illegally in school zones and putting all children in the area at risk. With school parking patrols increasing in 2019, if you keep doing it, you will be caught and fined.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6B6PPgOC8I>

ACT Education Directorate

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Fraser Families.....

I am delighted to see students happy and excited to be back at school. Students are already working harder to get smarter.

ANZAC Assembly

Thank you to Jodie Robbins and the Year 5/6 students who organised and hosted a moving ANZAC ceremony on Monday 29 April for the whole school. We appreciated the attendance of the ex-service women and men who joined us for the occasion. The ceremony was moving and respectful.

Track and Field Carnival

After a late change back to the Charnwood Playing Fields, on Tuesday 9 April we hosted our annual Track and Field Carnival. For the second year running Canberra certainly turned on an unseasonably spectacular day. The event was well organised by the team led by Rhiannon Harrison, Sue Garr and Natalie Taylor. All students were actively engaged in activities for the duration of the day. The junior students participated in a rotation of modified games and athletic events, as well as a track race. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along and volunteered their time to make the day a success, they included Sarah Dodge, Larissa Hancocks, Merill Markham, Cait Amosa, Kristen Krikowa, Gaye Davill, Justin Le Couteur, Erica Harris, Jessica Hardy, Tanya Gourgaud, Dana McRae, Simon Brettell, Lara Donovan, Amy Kraeh, Lauren Fry, Vaughan Barry, Shantelle Croft, Vanessa Behnke and Melina Pipe. The carnival was also well attended by families and friends who were there to support students, this was another fantastic community event!

Reports

This year, for the first time, we will be using a new Education Directorate reporting system. Fraser Primary School has been allocated semester 1 2019 to implement the reporting system and all schools across the ACT will be implementing the system during 2019. The reports will be very similar to our existing Fraser Primary School reports, with teachers reporting progress and achievement against the Australian Curriculum in each subject area. There are a few aspects of the reports which will be different, however, including:

- Reports will be emailed to families (hard copies will be available on request)
- A-E grades will no longer be a separate document and instead will be included on the reports
- Absences will be listed as either explained or unexplained

Rostrum

Students in Years 5/6 have been busily working on their Rostrum speeches, ready to deliver them early this term. The school final will be held in the hall on Wednesday 22 May at 11.20am. We look forward to seeing some amazing talent!

2020 Enrolments

Enrolment applications for 2020 opened on Monday 29 April 2019 and must be submitted online at <https://form.act.gov.au/smartforms/landing.htm?formCode=1087>. All ACT students are guaranteed a place in an ACT Public School, from preschool through to college. Information about the enrolment assessment criteria and priority enrolment areas can be found at https://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school. If you are enrolling at Fraser Preschool, we ask that you submit your application by 3 June 2019 to support timely processing and school planning.

I look forward to seeing many of our families at the Scholastic Book Fair over the next week, at the Fraser Primary School Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday 8 May, and/or the Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 10 May from 8.00am in the school hall.

Mark Deeker



...a focus on learning

Teaching Phonics - Letters and Sounds

Letters and Sounds is a program we use at Fraser Primary School to teach phonics. It is a systematic approach which teaches students to decode words by sounds, rather than recognising whole words. The emphasis is to decode words by breaking them into the smallest units of sound (phonemes).

Students are taught the letters (graphemes) that represent these phonemes, as well as blending them into words. At the basic level students are taught to read the letters in a word like c-a-t (segment), and then merge (blend) them to read the word 'cat'.

Students across the school progress through the phases of the *Letters and Sounds* program.

This method of teaching phonics places much emphasis on pronouncing the phonemes correctly. Below is a link to help with correct phoneme pronunciation.

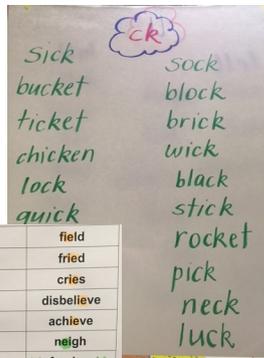
<http://www.getreadingright.com.au/phoneme-pronunciation/>

The students in **Year 1 and Year 2** participate in Word Work groups 4 times per week for approximately 20 minutes per session. Students are grouped within their partner classes, using school based assessments, and focus on reading and spelling words with letter sound patterns. Students work through a progression from learning and reviewing single letter phonemes to digraphs and trigraphs - groups of letters that make one sound eg th, sh, ch, ai, ay, ere, air, igh. Students who have mastered all single letter phonemes and digraphs move onto learning alternate spellings for vowel patterns.

In **Kindergarten** students have learnt single letter patterns and their corresponding sound. They are now working on digraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound) and long vowel patterns.

Every day students practise each sound by hearing it, seeing it, saying it and writing it. Sometimes we learn a rhyme e.g. ants on an apple /a/ /a/ /a/ and brainstorm words containing the letter sound. Students use their 'sound talk' to break up the sounds in words (segmenting) and put sounds together to make words (blending). This helps them with reading and writing words. Please check out the Kindergarten blog for lots of photos and videos of how students use letters and sounds in the classroom.

height	reign	field
weight	belief	fried
eight	niece	cries
rein	shield	disbelieve
tie	brief	achieve
neighbours	sleigh	neigh
piece	achieve	foreign
retrieve	yield	vein
reindeer	being	freight
veil	quiet	die
smoothie	patient	lie
skies	spied	patience
carrier	science	cookie
chief	indie	zombie
receive	celling	deceive
receipt	perceive	conceited



Year 3/4 students continue to focus on *Letters and Sounds* in groups which are timetabled 4 times per week. They have been placed in seven groups to assist with teaching students at their level of need. The groups focus on a range of digraphs, long vowel sounds, spelling patterns, prefixes and suffixes and derivations of words. The 3/4 team, like all the other year groups, ensure students have the skills to hear it, see it, say it and write it. Students regularly practise on whiteboards during their sessions.

Students in **Year 5/6** are divided into six differentiated groups across the unit based on a number of spelling assessments. Word work happens three times per week for 30 minute lessons. The focus varies depending on the group, however groups are looking at a range of spelling patterns including digraphs, long vowel sounds through to prefixes, suffixes and Latin and Greek roots. Students participate in a range of word sorts, verbally break words into syllables and graphemes and practise writing them in a range of ways.

At home parents/carers could - name a long vowel sound and discuss the different letter combinations that can make it, e.g. a long o: oa, oe, ow, o-e. Discussing the different meanings and spellings of homophones, e.g. made, maid or they're, their, there, is another great idea.

See Mr Throne and Geraldine for support at home <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vMEvxTGvi4c>

CONGRATULATIONS

MERIT CERTIFICATES

To be presented at assembly on Friday 17 May at 9.15am,
hosted by Year 1 students

CLASS	RECIPIENTS
K P	Georgia A, Catherine L, Adalynn R
K M	Lyla D, Heidi H, Harrison L
K D	Stephanie A, Orlaith B, Sidney D
K R	Beau H, Leah D, Morrissey F
1 BH	Jamie F, Eleanor L C, Ryder C
1 VH	Travis G T, Callan T, Nala W
1 SW	Zaiden H, Hannah Y, Layla C
1 BS	Monique O, Lucas M, Mila W
2 LG	Scarlett W, Georgie N, Darshan B, Isabella S
2 KP	Ellie H, Jenna P, Aleeza H, Logan M
2 NT	Alice R, Archie H-M, Catilin Wi
3/4 NM	Natalia T, Gabriel N, Noah D, Gargi A
3/4 MM	Livvy H, Riley C, Charlotte M, Bailey H
3/4 KE	Daisy P, Emma L, Matthew C, Quaid M
3/4 EV	Chase W, Kohan O, Isla B, Kofi A
3/4 RB	Sukhreet I, Charlia A, Georgia G, Liam S
5/6 CV	Chloe W, Jamei G, Dominic C, Kaya I
5/6 GN	Tristan C-S, Emman S, Luca F-C, Bella M-C
5/6 SD	Paige K, Joshua S, Sam N, Amelia T
5/6 SR	Kirra W, Lennox M-C, Jackson T, Chloe C
5/6 TM	Harrison B, Nathan R, Jessica H, Cooper F
Performing Arts	Scarlett E, Olivia S, Megan C, Nate L, Aaliyah A
Japanese	Lucy W, Javi S, Aleeza H, Bailey V, Kira N

Congratulations to Orla R M, Kingswim Macgregor graduate .
Orla has been swimming at Kingswim for 6 years. As a graduate,
Orla can swim 100m of continues freestyle, is competent in all
four strokes, has completed the Kingswim Swim and Survive
components and has graduated from Kingswim's Swim like a
Fish program.



REDGUM BOOK CLUB

Redgum Issue 2 catalogues are now available from the library
and front foyer. You can also view the catalogue at
www.redgumbookclub.com.au.

New release titles in the current catalogue include:

- **Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson's Journal** - offers readers a new way to look at the Wimpy world—one fans won't want to miss! Click to view [Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid](#)
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- **Flamingo Boy** – a new novel from master storyteller, Michael Morpurgo, set in the unique landscape of the Camargue in the South of France during WW2. Click to view [Flamingo Boy](#)

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Email orders@redgumbookclub.com.au

If you have any questions, contact Lesley Kelly on
schools@redgumbookclub.com.au



KERRI'S KITCHEN

I would like to thank all the new parents/carers who offered to help in the canteen last term, it was greatly appreciated. Unfortunately we have a number of volunteers who, due to work commitments, are unable to continue and we are again needing more help. If you have a spare few hours we would love to hear from you.

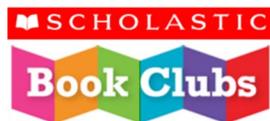
Keep your eyes out for this term's edition of Canteen Conversations, due to go home later this week with the winter menu.

Kerri Farley
Canteen Manager

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Due to the Scholastic Book Fair being held this fortnight, brochures for Issue 3 will be distributed to classes on Monday 13 May 2019.

Kerri Farley
Scholastic Book Club Coordinator



SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is going to be very exciting this term! All students who make 10 deposits this term - one deposit every week - will win a fantastic reward! All new accounts opened this term will receive a special welcome pack, and we will be celebrating School Banking Week in week 6. We'll have book prizes for our term 1 super savers, a school banking information session, awards for class groups, and fantastic student prize packs to win!

Our school banking notice board is located outside Kerri's Kitchen. You'll find lots of information there, including rewards and class winners. This term there will be a tally board updated every week, so you can see how many deposits your class has made. Will your class win in term 2?

Two fantastic new reward items have been released from the Polar Savers range this term - Yeti Fluffy Notebook and Icicle Slapband Ruler, Scented Stackable Highlighters, Snowy Origami Set, Glow Light, Pencil Tech Case, Heat Reactor Pencils, Volt Handball, Zoom Flying Disc, Mighty Boom Handball, Sparkle Glitter Pens and Twister Power Handball are still available to order while stocks last. To claim a reward, just include a completed reward coupon or a note with your 10 silver tokens or 1 gold token on our next school banking day.

Asha W (3/4 MM) and Harrison B (5/6 GN) 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 on Friday 17 May 2019.

Christine Tusch
School Banking Coordinator



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club starts again tomorrow, Friday 3 May, in the canteen foyer and will run every Friday except on 10 May due to the Mother's Day breakfast.

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



Woolworths Earn and Learn

Fraser Primary School will again be participating in Woolworths Earn and Learn. The program gives schools and early learning centres around Australia the chance to earn amazing school equipment.

Between 1 May and 25 June 2019, collect as many stickers as you can, stick them on the sticker sheets and drop off at Fraser Primary School Front Office, Preschool or at your local Woolworths store.

Sticker sheets are available from the Front Office.



Lost Property

Lost property is located outside the school hall and also in each unit's lost property tub. Please make sure to label all items so they can be easily returned to students.

All lost property will be given to Re Run or donated to a local charity at the end of each term, if not claimed.



REMINDER

ACT schools will participate in NAPLAN Online testing from 14-24 May 2019. Year 3 and Year 5 students will undertake the four NAPLAN tests across weeks 3 and 4.



TRANSPORT CANBERRA'S NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK STARTS

WE'RE CONNECTING CANBERRA

From Monday 29 April 2019 our transport network will be transformed.

Routes and timetables will change to deliver a better, more connected transport network by having light rail and more buses, more often, 7 days a week.

To find out how Canberra's network is changing or to plan your future trip, visit transport.act.gov.au



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