



Fraser Park Buzz

The holidays are drawing ever so closer but we still have a way to go before we can enter holiday mode. The learning has really intensified over the past couple of weeks and we have really seen some exciting work coming out of all three classrooms.

The school will have two visiting performers this week. Today, the NRL (National Rugby League) presented to the Wuldi and Wanyi classes about inclusion and diversity and on Wednesday, the whole school will be watching Camp Quality present a puppet show about living with cancer. We hope to have more performers visit Fraser Park throughout 2022.

Last week, the school undertook the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) practice test for all year 3s and 5s. The students positively had a go at answering all the questions and as it is the first time that both year 3s and 5s have had to do a NAPLAN test, they were able to understand how to answer the questions on the laptops.

The canteen has been very pleased with the special lunch orders that have been happening every Thursday. These lunches could not be possible without the help of Coles and their donations of food to Fraser Park. The canteen is open to suggestions for special lunches for the rest of year, if you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact the school and they will take note of any suggestions given.

A friendly reminder to all parents that applications for school card need to be returned to the front office as soon as possible so they can be processed quickly.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 29 th March	NRL Inclusion and Diversity Workshop - Years 2—6
Wednesday 30 th March	Canteen Cancer Performance—Years Rec—6
Thursday 14 th April	End of Term 1



Principal's Piece

Lots of great things have been occurring at Fraser Park Preschool – 6. It was great to see the students participating in the Bullying No Way activities and the Harmony week activities.

Last week our attendance averaged over 80%! This is fantastic. Your child must attend school every day. If they are unwell, please keep your child home until they are better and please let your teacher or the office know. Increasing your child's attendance increases their learning time in the classroom. Let's keep our attendance over 80% and try to reach 85%.

Each day every child is reading or being read to. I enjoy my morning visits to Wuldi and seeing the students reading. I have listened to different students read, and I have been impressed with the improvement over the last eight weeks. The student's confidence grows, and reading is becoming a more enjoyable activity. Parents can support our reading at school by reading at home. We have several FREE books to give away to families. Please check the box and see if there are any books you would like to take home.

Over the last eight weeks, we have been working hard to increase engagement in the classroom and students following the school values. I have seen a vast improvement with this, and as staff get to know your child, they become aware of the triggers. This means staff can read your child, be proactive, and put things in place before it's too late. We have been doing this over the last couple of weeks, and it is working well. We know that students can get tired towards the end of the term, which can change their behaviour. Thank you to all the parents who are working with us! We appreciate your support.

We are super close to the end of term, and there is still lots of learning to be completed. I cannot wait to share more learning in our following newsletter.

Kimberly

"Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do."

John Wooden



Wellbeing Corner

This year's National Day Against Bullying and Violence - Bullying. No Way! Day - was held on Friday of week 7. As part of Fraser Park's stand against bullying, the classes looked at: what bullying means; understanding cyberbullying; and a range of strategies for dealing with bullying.

This year's event had the theme: Kindness Culture. Together, staff and students explored ways of showing kindness, and how we can build a culture of kindness in our community, both online and off-line.



We commemorated the day with a morning full of kindness activities including parachute games, making friendship bands, face painting and making a Bullying. No Way! banner full of the students handprints.

Congratulations to Liam, Akur and Yuot who won our banner competition!! Their kindness culture designs feature on our banner.

Literacy Lookout



This week students in our junior primary classes will be bringing home some decodable sentences for them to read for homework. This supports our Site Improvement Goal to increase reading achievements for our students.

Decodable sentences will include the phonemes (sounds), graphemes (letters) and spelling patterns your child has been taught. Beginner readers need lots of practice decoding graphemes, words, and phrases. These sentences are something you can spend 10-15 minutes on each night with your child reading them to you using their decoding skills. Decodable sentences are less overwhelming for new readers as they are shorter and give them opportunities for a more focused practice to master their new skills.

These is some examples of some simple decodable sentences:

I am at the vet

He has a bag

As the year progresses these sentences will get longer and increase in complexity as your child learns different and more complex phoneme/grapheme combinations.

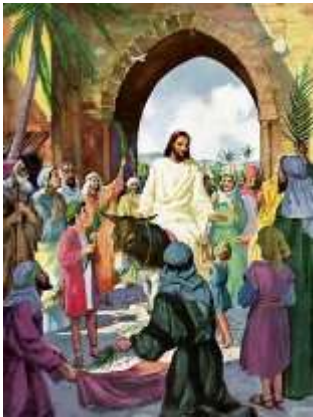
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with me or your child's classroom teacher.

Pastoral Passage



Term 1 has been challenging, unsettled and at the same time rewarding for everyone. In many ways we have all had to adjust to living with Covid in our school community, our new Principal Kimberly, new staff and routines. At the same time missing what we no longer have from 2021. No doubt most of you are looking forward to the school holidays which start on Thursday 14th April 2022 which is the start of the Easter festival season. I will talk more about Easter in my next article.

On Monday we had Kingdom Kids Club, with Christian content at lunchtime in Yanun Pulgi. Parents please let the school know in writing if you **DO NOT** want your children to attend. The children were excited about what they are going to do for the Easter holidays. We learnt about the triumphant entry of Jesus riding in to Jerusalem on a donkey and the Jewish people hailed him as the "King of the Jews." To show love, honour and respect to Jesus they laid palm branches and their cloaks on the road to stop Jesus from getting dusty and dirty. We learnt that Jesus came into the world at the right time to be a Saviour for the lost, the sick, the broken and suffering. To bring hope, peace, joy and love.



At the present time we are in the season of Lent as we prepare for the Easter season. What is Lent ?? Lent is a solemn religious observance and is 40 days because Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert before beginning his public ministry. Satan tempted Jesus to try and get him to turn away from his ministry and purpose to God the Father. Satan tempted Jesus by offering him Earthly power, food/drink and protection, asking him to throw himself down from the top of the temple. Challenging Jesus to put his father God to the test and prevent him from being dashed on the ground below. Jesus refused all of these temptations and was faithful to his heavenly Father.

The time of Lent for Christians is a time of reflection and self-examination where have I/we fallen short in our walk of faith. We think about what Jesus coming in to the world means to us. During the season of Lent many Christian people make a personal sacrifice to help them focus on the season of repentance and renewal through their faith in Christ. For example people deny themselves by giving up chocolate for the 40 days of Lent or not drink alcohol during this time, or sacrifice something else they really enjoy. For, most people this is a private matter between God, themselves and close family. This helps us to focus on God and what we have been promised through Jesus life, death and being raised to life again.

I encourage each one of you to ponder on what the season of Lent before Easter means to you. Where are you at in your spiritual journey at the present time.? How can I show care and love in my own family as well as apologising and forgiving one another. Lent is an opportunity to ponder on these things, to read and reflect and work through your own spirituality and faith journey.



On a personal note. For Easter I will be overseas in United Kingdom, in Birmingham visiting my daughter Melissa who is nursing over there. in UK. I will leave Australia on Wednesday 6th of April and return again on Thursday 5th of May so I will get to visit some beautiful churches in England to worship during the Easter season. How blest is Ian !!! Please pray for me while I am away.

Ian—Chaplain



Adele Greer
Manager

Learning Together at Fraser Park is a fun place for families with children aged 0-4. Programs include playgroups, parenting programs, cooking groups, craft groups, baby playgroups and home visits. A free crèche is provided for parent, craft and cooking groups.

Our playgroups are all about: playing, singing, learning and having fun together. Morning tea is provided for the kids and tea, coffee and milo for you.

New families are always welcome. Drop in for a play on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings after dropping your older children off at school.

For more information call Adele on
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Classroom Profile

Wuldi



Literacy:

This term during our literacy block, Wuldi's focus has been on learning what a grapheme and a phoneme is. A phoneme is the sound a letter makes, and a grapheme is the way we write that letter or sound. Through learning about graphemes and phonemes we are getting better at understanding and decoding words when we are reading. Each day we do several activities that help us improve these skills. One of our favourite activities is handwriting. This is a lesson that we sometimes get to use our brand-new write and wipe boards. We practice writing our letters or sentences and then we get to draw a picture of what we have written. We like when it is a silly sentence. One that we thought was very odd was, Sally sat on a sun. This let us draw some very silly pictures of Sally getting a really hot bum!



Social Skills:



Another big focus in the Wuldi classroom has been on social skills and getting along. Wuldi has been introduced to a number of games that we can play as a class. These games, such as heads down thumbs up, were chosen as they help us learn important skills such as turn taking, patience, listening and sharing. We play these games in class when we need a break from learning or as a reward for joining in during lesson times. We have also been playing games outside,

that help us learn how to follow game rules and increase our participation levels. Through these games we have been able to reduce the number of times that we give up or get upset, and we have been doing a better job of not getting angry at others while playing. It has been great fun working with the Wuldi students because at the end of the day a game is about having fun and giving it a go, even if you don't win.



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Pulyeri Newsletter

Preschool at Fraser Park



Preschool Learning Snapshot!

- Painting allows children to express their feelings, emotions and creativity.
- It is a great way for children to build fine motor skills, fine muscle strength, coordination, language skills and imagination.
- Painting encourages children to try new experiences, feel a sense of pride and achievement with what they can produce and gain confidence in their learning and abilities.



Family Day

Family day this term will be on
Thursday of Week 10 (7th
April)

From 2-3pm on this day you are invited to come into our preschool to have a look at what we have been doing this term and play alongside your child in some of their favourite spaces at preschool. You will also have an opportunity to speak with staff.

A flyer about family day will be coming out next week.



Cheers,
Miss Bee



Healthy eating in Pulyeri

Our fruit program is being supported by many families, thank you. We have been eating a wide range of fruits at snack time, our favourites have been banana, pear, watermelon and grapes.

We also ask that every child has a drink bottle at preschool with water.

Juice and cordials are high in sugar, and whilst a small amount at lunchtime is acceptable, they also must have a water bottle here at preschool. This is part of getting them ready for school.