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## NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 10 Wednesday 19 December 2018

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**Business Manager:** Michelle Lorkovic

**Board Chair:** Angela Corin  
**P&C President:** Peter Jones

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 21 Dec – Last day of school

**Community Singing and End of Year Farewells 2.30pm in Redgum - All welcome**

### 2019 Term dates

Mon 4 Feb 2019 First day Preschool and Kinder  
Tues 5 Feb 2019 Year 1 and year 2 students return  
Fri 8 Feb 2019 P&C AGM and General Meeting 3.15pm  
Fri 12 April 2019 Last day term 1

### Season's Greetings from Jenny

As another year draws to a close I would like to say thank you to all families for your contributions to the O'Connor Cooperative School community during 2018. It was fabulous to see so many families enjoying our End of Year Bush Dance last Tuesday evening, just scraping some family fun in before the rain. Special thanks to our P&C and School Board members for your representation and being the voice of the wider school community. We wish all our families a very happy holiday season and hope that you all have the chance to enjoy special time together to enjoy each others company and relax.

Best wishes and good luck to all our Year 2 students who are moving on to their new schools. Your gift of the Community Little Library is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to **Ben** for his craftsmanship and working with the children to bring the idea to reality. To our Year 2 families, for most of you it is farewell. Thank you again for your support over the years. We have all greatly benefitted from your expertise and the time you all so generously shared. We look forward to pop in visits whenever you are nearby.

Farewell also to **Jacob, Harry, Aria, Isla, Adam, Jonathan, Evan, Phoebe, Zizu and Rosie** who are all moving on to other schools, states and countries! We wish you and your families well and hope you all enjoy your next adventures in life.

Personally, I would like to thank each and every one of our caring and dedicated staff. I am sure you too will take some time to say a special thank you to our amazing teachers and support staff across the school. We work as a team to make sure every day is significant for each and every child.

**Congratulations to Mariana** who has been promoted to School Leader C (SLC) and will take up a leadership position at Farrer Primary School leading Early Childhood P-2 classes there. Mariana has played a significant role during her time here since 2012 both as a classroom teacher and more recently acting in a leadership position. Mariana your exceptional classroom teacher skills, your work with the MEP and being part of the leadership team through the school review process, to name a few, has been invaluable. You will be greatly missed and I'm sure you will be a true asset to the staff and community at Farrer PS. We wish you well.

**Farewell to Caroline** who is joining the teaching team at Torrens Primary School. Caroline has been here since term 4 in 2012 and has also been an outstanding and dedicated teacher. During her time here Caroline has led the review of our Gifted and Talented Education processes, been an active staff representative on the School Board and this year working with staff and families in the Cultural Integrity team to develop our Reconciliation Action Plan. Caroline thank you for all that you have taught us. We wish you well and know that you will be an asset to the staff and community at Torrens.

To **Michelle** and **Milad** – though your time here has been short, we have all enjoyed your company and thank you sincerely for your work and the valuable contributions you have made to our school community. Best wishes in your 2019 ventures. We look forward to welcoming Natalie and Phil back in their respective roles in the new year.

## Staffing 2019

### Our staffing plan for 2019

Principal	<b>Jenny</b> Loudon	
Business Manager	<b>Natalie</b> Lalor	
School Leader C	<b>Sarah</b> Hornby Mon – Wed <b>Sharryn</b> Wynn Thurs – Fri	
Preschool	<b>Yasmine</b> O'Brien	Gumnut Gully
Kindergarten	<b>Michelle</b> Daly and <b>Sarah</b>	Magpie Nest
Year 1	<b>Rose</b> Patrick and <b>Sharron</b>	Lizard Lounge
Year 2	<b>Christie</b> Rankine and <b>Yasmine</b>	Gecko Grove
Learning Support	<b>Nathan</b> Young and <b>Leena</b> Cavanaugh	
Preschool Educator	<b>Bree</b> Pardoe	
Building Services Officer	<b>Phil</b> Pattinson	

All K-2 classes have 2 teachers. Sarah, Sharron and Yasmine will teach the classes whilst teachers are on Duties Other Than Teaching (DOTT) time.

## Community Watch

Over the holiday period it would be appreciated if you could keep an eye out for any strangers or inappropriate actions around our school. Please report any problems to:

Police for urgent response	131 444
Police crime stoppers	1800 333 000
Security One	13 6000
Water Leaks	6248 3111

## MEP Llewelyn Hall Term 3

Thank to Tim for creating a recording of our concert in term 3 at Llewelyn Hall. There is a private you tube link available which has been sent in the body of the email. As this is a private link, I ask that it not be shared via the internet.

## Thank you for our Christmas Giving Tree –

Thank you to all for your generous donations to our Communities@Work Giving tree. The goods were delivered last week. It certainly is a good feeling providing a little happiness for others.

## School Board

For 2019 there will be one vacancy for parent representatives on our School Board as Peter Jones is moving on with Eleanor next year. Angela Corin will continue in the role as one of our parent representatives. The work of the School Board is related to the strategic directions of the school.

Nominations for position on the School Board will be open from  
11.00am Monday 4 February 2019 and close 11.00am Mon 18 February 2019  
(weeks 1 & 2 in term 1)  
and forms will be available from the Front Office.

Voting (if required) opens 11.00am Monday 25 February and closes 11.00am Monday 4 March. Appointments will be made approximately 14 days after they are received, and announced approximately 7 days after the appointment is made.

## School P&C Association AGM Friday 8th February

Please be advised that the AGM for the P&C will be held on the first Friday back at school at 3.:10pm in Redgum. All positions will be declared vacant and elections will be held.

If you would like to nominate or second a nomination for a position please collect a form from the Front Office

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all

*Jenny*

## From the Directorate

### Safety Christmas Gift Guide for Parents/ Carers

Technology provides our children with an avenue for play, but it is surprising how many toys or devices are Internet-enabled including drones, smart teddies, tablets and wearables. Even those used by young children can have unexpected safety risks.

The eSafety gift guide, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner, suggests some simple tips to manage this, including deactivating voice or recording features, using parental controls and activating privacy settings.

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner has an eSafety gift guide available for parents and carers. Visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/giftguide>

## Climate ready Quiz

Make sure you and your family are prepared for a changing climate. Take the four Climate Ready quizzes for your chance to WIN \$1,000. Terms and Conditions apply. Competition closes 31 January 2019. Visit <https://www.environment.act.gov.au> to get Climate Ready today.



## Before and After School Care Service

### Monday – Thursday

Bookings / re enrolment are required for all students wishing to utilise this service in 2019. **Roll over IS NOT automatic** .



YWCA CANBERRA

Please call Childcare Accounts on 6180 5777  
or see Vikki in Redgum Forest today or tomorrow.

Vikki  
YWCA O'Connor School Age Care Program Manager

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### **Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Awards - Have you lived in Canberra for 50 years or more?**

If you or someone you know has lived in Canberra for 50 years or more, then nominate now for a Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Award. The Awards recognise long-term residents, businesses and groups that have made an important contribution to shaping our city and community through their long-term commitment to the ACT.

Nominations close in 8 February 2019 and can be made online at [act.gov.au/cbrgold](http://act.gov.au/cbrgold)

### **Canberra Citizen of the Year Award**

Do you know someone who acts for the good of our community? Someone doing great things in their field, who is making a difference to the lives of Canberrans? Then nominate them for the 2019 Canberra Citizen of the Year Award. The Canberra Citizen of the Year is someone who makes an outstanding contribution to our community without expectation of remuneration or reward. They could be a researcher, a business leader, a journalist, artist, educator, an advocate for others in our community, or a leader in their field.

Nominations close on Friday 11 January 2019 and can be made online at [act.gov.au/cbrcitizen](http://act.gov.au/cbrcitizen)