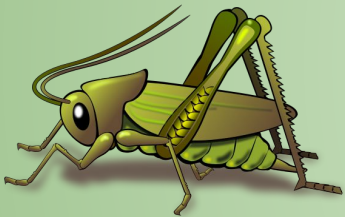


Kindergarten information 2023



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Crickets



Mel Pollack and
Fiona Dean
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Louise Johnson
Dragonflies



Jess Wilson
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2023 Kindergarten Team



**Dragonflies:
Louise Johnson**



**Ladybirds:
Mel Pollack
(Mon-Thurs)**



**Ladybirds:
Fiona Dean
(Friday)**



**Jess
Wilson**



**Ann Harrison
(Executive Teacher)**



**Crickets:
Brigitte King
(Tue-Fri)**



**Crickets:
Melissa Marshall
(Monday)**

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people, the traditional owners of the land on which we learn, play and grow. We acknowledge everyone who walked on this land before us and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



Learner Dispositions



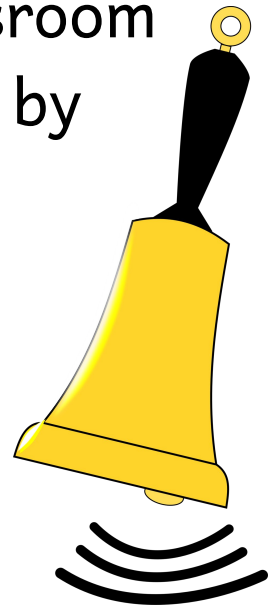
We build upon the learner dispositions at Franklin School, helping all students to become engaged and independent learners.



Morning Routine

Students can come onto school grounds from 8:40 in the morning. The GO2 playground is supervised at this time. We ask that all students put their bags by the classroom door each morning before heading to morning lines by 8.55am.

Please ensure that your child is at school ready for learning at 8:55am.



English

★ Reading and Writing

- Modelled
- Shared
- Guided
- Independent

Students participate in whole group and small group sessions in order to achieve their reading and writing goals.

★ Phonics

- Letter sound relationships

We follow a fun and interactive Phonics program in which the children are engaged and active.



A B C



★ Speaking and Listening

- Partner
- Small group
- Whole class
- Taking turns
- Sharing

Students are given daily opportunities to practise their speaking and listening skills through sharing ideas and experiences in class.

★ Handwriting

Students are focusing on learning the correct formation of all lower and uppercase letters.



Mathematics

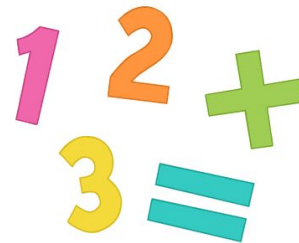
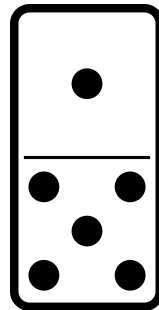
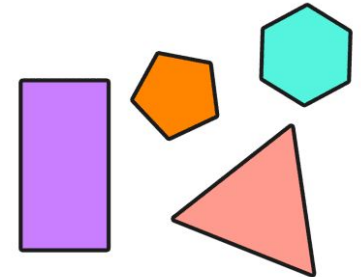
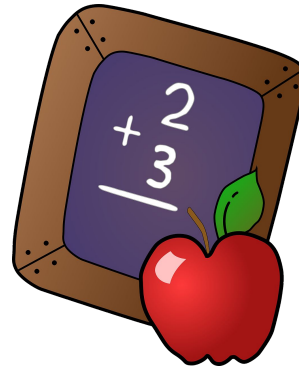
Students engage in Mathematics lessons using a range of hands on learning materials.

Structure of a Mathematics lesson:

- ★ Tuning in/warm up
- ★ Whole class explicit instruction
- ★ Small group/individual learning
- ★ Whole class reflection

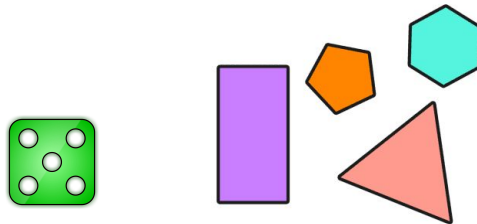
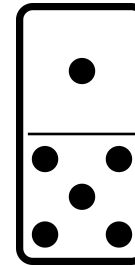
Throughout the year we cover:

- Number and Algebra
- Measurement and Geometry
- Statistics and Probability

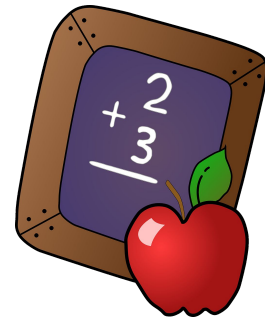


Ways to help your child at home with Mathematics

- ★ Recognising and finding numbers- clocks, letterboxes, signs, etc.
- ★ Match numbers to objects – collect objects from around the house or garden, count them and match them to a numeral
- ★ Practise writing and showing numbers in different ways
- ★ Practise numerals, words, pictures, tallies, fingers, dominoes, dice,
- ★ Counting forwards and backwards
- ★ In the kitchen “How many cups?” “How much flour?” etc.
- ★ Food preparation- “two for me and two for you- how many altogether?”
- ★ Shopping- count out items, ask “do we have more oranges or apples?”
- ★ Mathematical language- “under”, “over”, “between”, “around”, “behind”, “heavy”, “light”.
- ★ Play boardgames (recognise dot patterns on dice) and count (moving spaces)
- ★ Card games – snap and go fish
- ★ Number bingo
- ★ Play dominoes

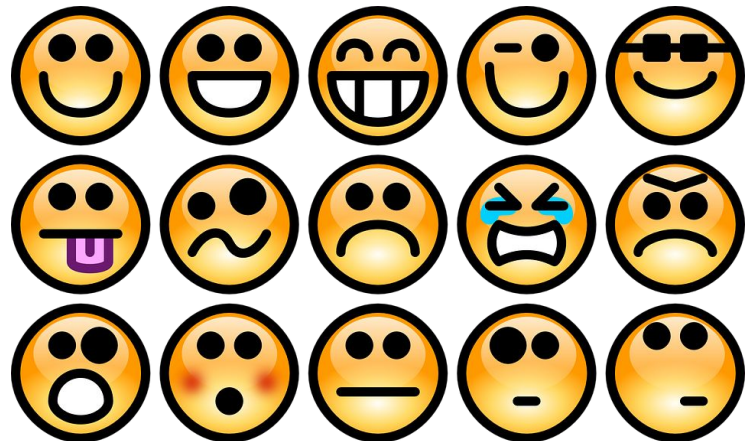


$$1 + 2 = 3$$



Technology and Health

- ★ This semester, we will be talking about different technologies and how technologies have changed over time. We are talking about how to solve problems using technologies.
- ★ In Health this semester, we are exploring emotions and how we can navigate and self regulate these emotions.



HASS (History and Geography)

This term, the children will be looking at themselves as an individual and their family.

Students will be learning about who is in their families, how families change over time and how families are different.



The Arts

This semester we are focusing on dance. Each Tuesday during Term 1, Passion & Purpose Academy will be coming to Franklin School to work with Kindergarten in dance styles such as Hip Hop foundations and African Fusion.

“The program runs alongside the Australian curriculum and caters for students and teachers from foundation to year 10. Passion & Purpose has been working with the ACT Department of Education in implementing a safe and culturally diverse program.” (From the Passion and Purpose website.)

We will also be looking at and creating our own visual art pieces, which will allow the children to understand different art mediums and appreciate why artists create artworks.



Physical Education (P.E.)

This semester we will be exploring our Fundamental Movement Skills. This will be done through an exploration of different games and activities taught by our specialist P.E. teacher Julian.



Break Times

- Between 9:30-10am fruit break during literacy learning
 - 10:50 - 11:30 supervised eating time
 - 11:00 - 11:25 Recess play
 - 12:50 - 1:05 supervised eating time
 - 1:05 - 1:50 Lunch play
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- Students have opportunities to participate in lunch time clubs throughout the term - Daily clubs are announced during morning lines



Lunch Boxes

We ask that families focus on packing lunches that are primarily everyday foods (fruits, vegetables, protein, dairy and grains) and limit sometimes foods.

Pack enough food for fruit break, recess and lunch.

There are some great suggestions at

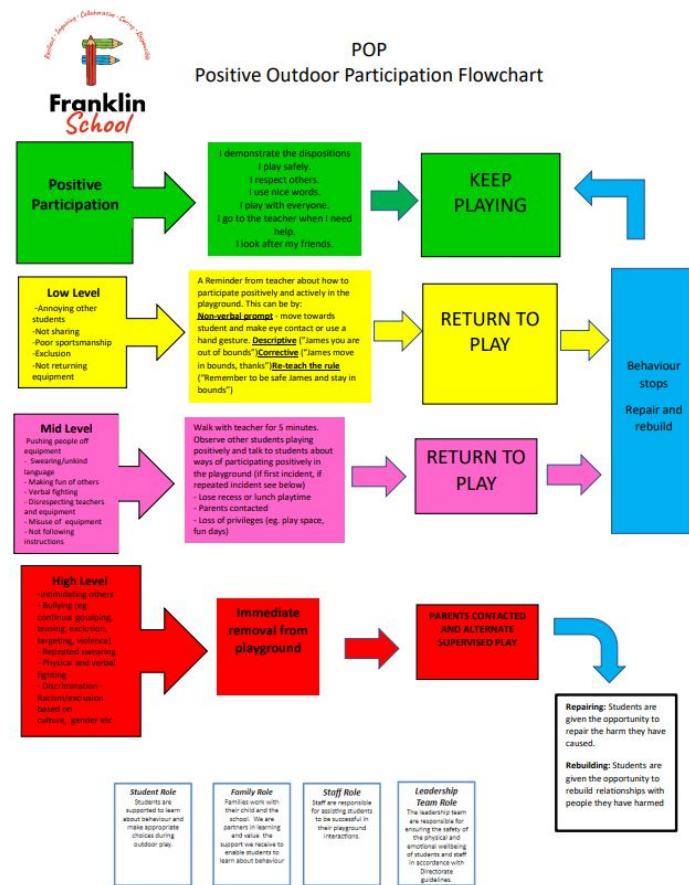
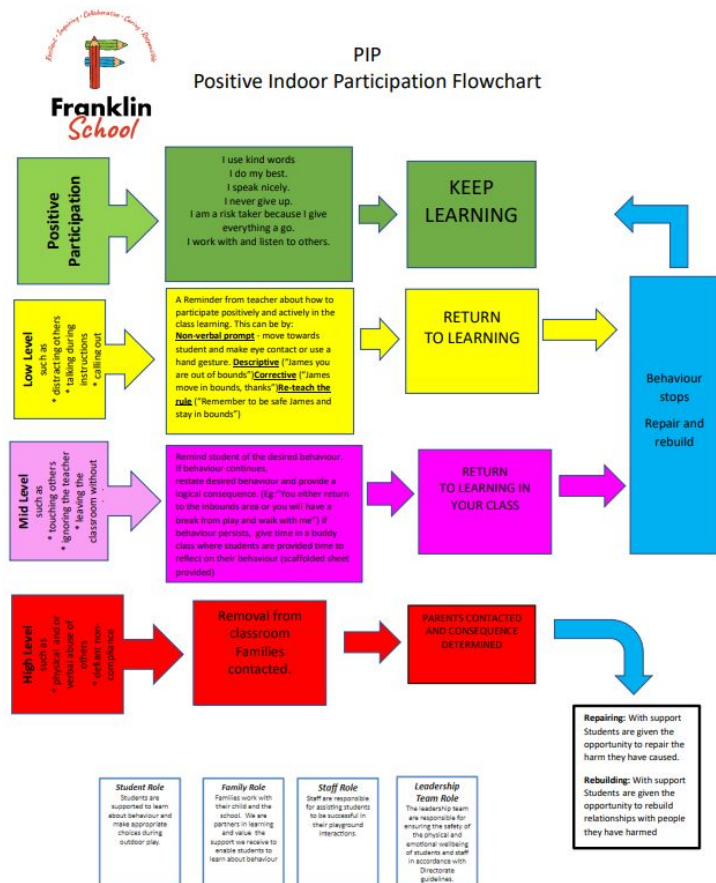
[Health ACT](#)

[Healthy Lunchboxes](#)



PIP and POP

Positive Indoor Participation and Positive Outdoor Participation



Technology at Franklin School



Franklin School is committed to enrich the learning of each student. One way we do this is through the use of technology in the classroom. Teachers at Franklin utilise a variety of Web Based Service Providers – some of which you will be familiar with. These systems provide a variety of resources for students and teachers to use that cannot be provided by other means.

The ACT Education Directorate is committed to ensuring the safety of children when using electronic platforms. To support this, we must have your permission for your child/ren to access digital platforms. This must be renewed each year. Permission forms were sent home in the last week, please sign and return as soon as possible.

Franklin School will use the information provided in this form to observe your wishes in respect of enabling your child's access to the following third-party websites. These sites have been identified as being a useful component in the teaching programs in many classes at our school.

If you do not consent to supply us with this information your child will not be able to use these sites.



Library & Home Reading









Library

- ★ Wednesday with Christine
- ★ Please bring a library bag to borrow books



Home reading

- ★ We will begin home readers on Monday of Week 4. This will also include a list of high frequency words to practise at home.

My Reading Tools	
First sound <i>cat</i> 	What makes sense? <i>apple</i> 
Read on, then come back 	Smaller words <i>peekaboo</i> 
Re-read the sentence 	Chunk it <i>cat-er-pill-ar</i> 
Picture <i>kangaroo</i> 	Sound it out <i>h-a-t</i> 
Parents: Remember... Pause - (3 seconds) Prompt - (with a strategy above) Praise - you did it!	

Afternoon Routine

Home Time:

Students can be picked up from their classroom door at 3pm

Please call the front office if you are running late. Please speak to your child about where they will be picked up.

For students attending after-school care:

Students will be walked to the after school care facility.

Please let your child's teacher know if there is a change in their pick-up arrangements.

Reminders

Please remember that Franklin School is a NUT FREE school.

We have children who are anaphylactic to nuts in Kindergarten, please be aware of what you are packing in children's lunchboxes.

Please also remind children to eat only what is packed in their lunch box and not to share food as there are a number of children with other allergies.







Please remember to pack a hat each day and apply sunscreen before school. Students may pack sunscreen to apply themselves before play breaks.

Absences: Please notify the school if your child is absent, either verbally, send an email or a note, or phone the front office.

Stop, Drop & Go

We are working hard to keep traffic flowing and our community safe.

Please ensure...

-  You don't leave your car
-  If it is safe to do so, move your car forward into any vacant space
-  If you need to leave your car, please find an alternative place to park
-  To help reduce traffic congestion, please consider walking or riding to school or parking in an adjacent street and walking a short distance to school.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation when using this space.



Stop, Drop & Go

How can you help your child?

- ★ Read aloud with your child every day.
- ★ Set aside time everyday for your child to read to you.
- ★ Practise the high frequency words with your child every day and play games such as memory or snap with the words.
- ★ Play number games such as snakes and ladders, bingo or go on a neighbourhood scavenger hunt looking for and recognising numbers.
- ★ Ensure students get a good night sleep.
- ★ Foster independence through small actions such as students packing and carrying their own bag and please practise opening and closing lunch boxes.

Community at Franklin School

At Franklin School, we value and encourage the connection, involvement and integral part that our school families play in their children's successful learning.

Hannah Freyne, Community Coordinator, in typical circumstances works in our designated community room to:

- Connect families through programs such as Playgroup, English Conversation Group and Nursery Rhyme Time. (Please check the community board for program schedule)
- Build and develop community partnerships
- Provide information on local services
- And other projects such as the Uniform swap shop

Please call or email Hannah on: 6142 1136,
Hannah.Freyne@ed.act.edu.au.



School Improvement at Franklin School

HOW DO WE ACHIEVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AT FRANKLIN SCHOOL?



Franklin School

WE ADOPT A COLLABORATIVE TEACHING CULTURE WHERE STUDENT DATA DRIVES POINT OF NEED TEACHING.

WE FOCUS ON OUR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES EACH DAY:

1

TO IMPROVE SPELLING AND WRITING FOR ALL STUDENTS (RESILIENT, INQUIRING, COLLABORATIVE, RESPONSIBLE)

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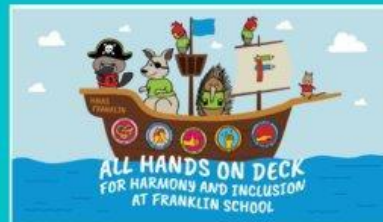
TO IMPROVE MATHEMATICAL OUTCOMES FOR ALL STUDENTS (RESILIENT, INQUIRING, COLLABORATIVE, RESPONSIBLE)

3

TO MAINTAIN STUDENT LEVELS OF WELLBEING DURING THE EXPANSION (COLLABORATIVE, CARING, RESPONSIBLE, RESILIENT)

OUR PURPOSE: TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE LEARNING IS DYNAMIC, FUN, CHALLENGING AND FOCUSED ON SUCCESS AND ACHIEVEMENT.

OUR VISION: OUR STUDENTS WILL BE CONFIDENT AND INVOLVED LEARNERS WHO HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF IDENTITY AND WELLBEING.



WE UTILISE OUR LEARNER DISPOSITIONS:



We are caring



We are collaborative



We are inquiring



We are resilient



We are Responsible

Important dates

- Getting to know you interviews - Week 3. Families will be asked to book a meeting with their child's teacher - keep an eye out for details via email
- Community Welcome Event
 - 5-6pm Welcome and community gathering
 - 6-7:15 Bush dance led by *Billy Tea Bush Band*See newsletter for further details.



Any questions?

Please email your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns:

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Hannah.Freyne@ed.act.edu.au , 61421136

Term 1 School Calendar

Week 3 Starting 13th February	- Getting to know you interviews - Assembly hosted by Year 6
Week 4 Starting 20st February	-Community Welcome Event and Bush Dance - Wednesday 22nd February from 5pm
Week 5 Starting 27th February	-Assembly hosted by year 5
Week 6 Starting 6th March	
Week 7 Starting 13th March	- Canberra Day Monday 13th March -Assembly hosted by Year 4
Week 8 Starting 20th March	-Harmony Week and Bullying No Way
Week 9 Starting 27th March	-Assembly hosted by Year 3
Week 10 Starting 3rd April	-Last day of school 7th April

Our School Calendar can be found through the Franklin School Website and via the following link: [Franklin School Calendar](#)

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