FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWSLETTER

LEARNING FOR LIFE

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE IS A CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE OF BULLYING.

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

BOOT SCOOTING PREPARATIONS

We have been busy getting ready for our end-of-year concert, with students working with Maddi on their boot scooting dances. It has been great to see everyone getting involved and we are looking forward to seeing it all come together!



For the concert, we would love students to dress in boot scooting themed outfits. Think **denim, overalls, flannelette shirts, straw hats and bandanas**. There is no need to go out and buy anything new! If you have any spare items at home that you would be happy to lend to the school, we would really appreciate it.



OTWAY OCEAN LEADERS DAY

A big thank you and well done to our Year 5 and 6 students who participated in the Otway Ocean Leaders Day with students from Deans Marsh and Birregurra. It was a great opportunity for our students to spend time with other schools, and I would like to congratulate them on the way they participated and represented Forrest Primary School.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

We have welcomed Chris Speldwinde to Forrest as part of his bush kinder research. Chris has been spending time working with our staff on professional learning. This is a great opportunity for us to reflect on our outdoor learning practices, share what we are doing at Forrest and continue

DATES FOR YOUR

NOVEMBER
11th Art (MACC)
11th Remembrance Day
13th Grade 3-6 Outreach Excursion
18th Library (MARC)
24th Transition Session 9-11
25th Art (MACC)
25th Apollo Bay Band 2-3.30pm

DECEMBER
1st Transition Session 9-11.30
2nd Library (MARC)
8th Statewide Transition Day
8th School Council @ 3.45pm
9th Art (MACC)
10th End of Year Graduation
15th End of Year Activity – Whole School Ten Pin Bowling
18th End of Term 4 -1pm Finish

Student of the Week



to develop our approach to learning in the bush.

HATS AND WARMER WEATHER

With the weather starting to warm up, a reminder that all students need to have a hat at school each day. Please also make sure students are dressed appropriately for the weather, particularly on our warmer days. A drink bottle each day is also important as we head into summer.

Kind regards,

Megan Murfitt
Principal

Broad-brimmed hat

Brims should be wide and flat and create shade for the face, neck and ears.



Lost your hat?

New hats are available from the School Office for $13

Upcoming Birthdays



- Jem
- Fox
- Aarli

STUDENT OF THE WEEK & PRINCIPAL AWARD

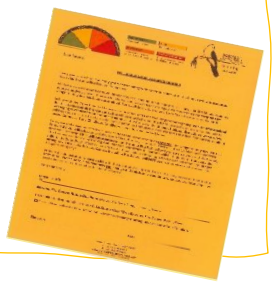
Principal Award – Abigail

Senior Room – Dori

Junior Room – Hannah

Please remember to return the Pre-emptive School Closure/Relocation survey sent home in paper form to all parents last week. The survey results provide an indication as to your family fire plan and aid the planning for the response to Extreme Fire Danger Rating Days.

Please contact the School Office if you have misplaced this survey and require an additional copy.



SENIOR ROOM NEWS

SENIOR ROOM NEWS IN PHOTOS

We are keeping busy this term! Lots of learning, garden time & preparing for our end of year concert! Here are some highlights…



READING IN THE KINDY!

We have been sharing our reading skills with each other and the kindy kids on Thursdays. I just love seeing the seniors take on such gentle leadership skills with the little ones. They read so beautifully to them, and to each other!



MATHS IN THE GARDEN!

Alongside our probability and chance unit, the seniors got out in the garden to practice their measuring skills. They measured some different plants in the garden to compare height and growth over time and also, considered mapping where our new garden beds will go!







KITCHEN GARDEN:

We have been preparing for garden season, clearing sticks. Planting new seeds, weeding, building tee pees. Practicing our water colour art. The seniors do such a wonderful job tending to our garden. They show great teamwork, persistence and mindfulness in this space.

The students are also hard at work writing their persuasive writing pieces and exploring people who have helped to shape Australia! I look forward to them sharing this!

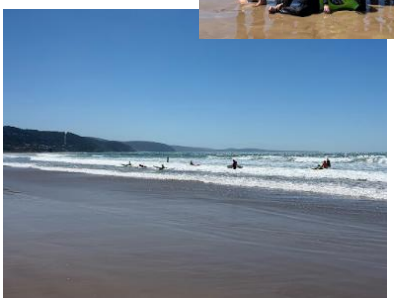
OCEAN OTWAY LEADERS EXCURSION!

The 5/6s headed down to Lorne in week 4 to explore the surf coast life savers club and participate in a surf lesson. They had the opportunity to understand the role of surf life savers and to build confidence in the water. We also went on a rock pool ramble. The kids were in their element on the coast! It was such a fun day out.





















JUNIOR ROOM NEWS



Learning through their eyes…

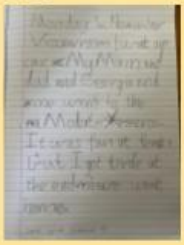
What's something new you've learnt in maths?

In Maths we have learnt how to double numbers up to 20 and we can half these numbers too. We practice the bonds to 10. We use the ten frame to help us. We do it at the start of every maths lesson to help our brains. This is called Maths fluency. This means we can do it so quickly that we can just get it out of our brains. Our brains help us do the tricky maths

I love doing fluency and sometimes i do it by myself and my friends can help me if i get stuck and can't remember. Olive

What have you written that you're proud of?

I am proud of my Journal writing. I wrote about my weekend. I used capital letters at the beginning of a sentence, finger spaces between each word and full stops at the end of a sentence. I used an exclamation mark. An exclamation sentence shows a big feeling.









What did you discover outdoors?

While we were at bush kinder, Isaac and I discovered that we could make a bike jump. We had to get a piece of wood and then put a layer of dirt on it and then a layer of sticks. THat made the jump stable. Then we put another layer of dirt on it. It was ready to use. Jem , Alexander, Tom and Isaac tested it out. It worked! Ned

Something from Darcy

This week, i have been lucky enough to hang out with the juniors for the first week of my placement. I have already learnt so much from the students. My favourite part of the week was getting to hear about their weekends and getting to share what i did on mine. They taught me how to use adjectives and build on my story, using a pebble, rock and boulder. I am so excited to get to learn more from these amazing and creative juniors.

What book would you recommend?

I am reading the 78th Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths. I like reading because it takes me into an imaginary world and I enjoy learning as i read because it makes me happy. Jack

I am reading The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton. Mum reads it to me at night in bed. I like it because there are always ne adventures. I like when Moonface gets red and they call him 'sunface'. Oliver

Can you teach us a spelling rule?

Plural rule - Plural means more than one.

When the base word ends with ch, sh, ss, z or x , add the suffix -es

brush + es = brushes dress + es = dresses

Audrey

What makes someone a good friend?

Fox is a good friend because he plays Doble with me. Sunny H

EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWS

The past couple of weeks have been busy, but certainly full of fun, creativity and new learning experiences for the children!

As part of Food Culture Week, the children enjoyed getting involved in the kitchen, baking sausage rolls and making fairy bread. We also got into the Halloween spirit by working alongside the school seniors to create some spooky creatures. The children explored the celebration of Diwali, learning about some of its traditions and creating their own Diya lamps and colourful fireworks using salt and watercolours. These experiences provided wonderful opportunities for the children to explore different cultures, express their creativity, develop fine motor skills and learn alongside others.

Outdoors, the children have continued to build their gross motor skills through climbing and exploring in the school yard, as well as practising their ball skills by kicking balls around the oval. These activities encourage physical confidence, coordination, balance and spatial awareness.

Bike riding is also continuing, weather permitting. Please continue to send your child's bike or scooter along on our riding days, and don't forget their helmet! Helmets are essential for children's safety while participating in these activities.

Our outdoor kinder yard is also slowly taking shape! Most of the new dirt has now been laid, the retaining wall has been constructed, and our new sandpit cover has arrived. We are looking forward to seeing the space continue to develop and can't wait for the children to enjoy their refreshed outdoor environment.

These experiences support learning across all five VEYLDF Outcomes:

- Outcome 1 – Identity: Children develop confidence, independence and a sense of belonging through participating in shared experiences and working alongside their peers and older school students.
- Outcome 2 – Community: Exploring Food Culture Week and Diwali encourages children to develop an appreciation of different cultures, traditions and ways of celebrating.
- Outcome 3 – Wellbeing: Climbing, ball games and bike riding strengthen physical skills, coordination, balance and confidence in active play.
- Outcome 4 – Learning: Baking, creative art experiences and outdoor exploration encourage curiosity, problem-solving, experimentation and the development of new skills.
- Outcome 5 – Communication: Children develop language and communication skills as they share ideas, follow instructions, discuss their creations and engage in conversations with educators and peers.

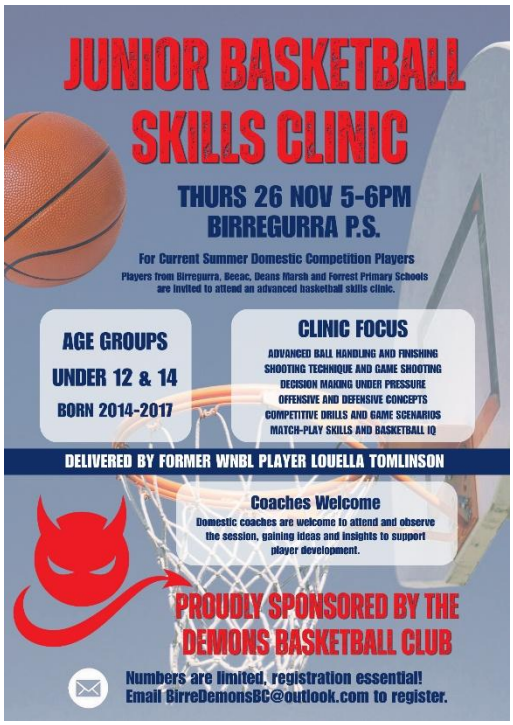
Through these varied experiences, we continue to provide opportunities for children to learn through play, build relationships, develop new skills and explore the world around them.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to speak to Di or Vicki or you can contact us on the service mobile – 0419 357 886

Cheers Di & Vicki.

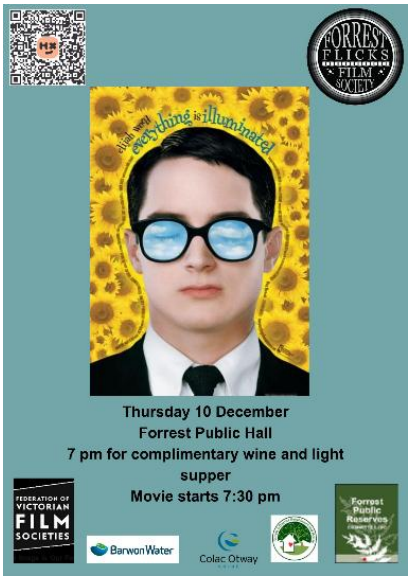
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COMMUNITY NEWS













Kindness Persistence Teamwork Respect