

# FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWSLETTER



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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2



Welcome to term 2. Hoping you had an enjoyable Easter and holiday break with family and friends. We have lots planned for term 2. For more info, please read today and upcoming newsletters.

### ART PROGRAM REMINDER

For our very first visits of Term 2 (starts tomorrow), in art the school children will be working on an exciting Art community project – a large mural that will be displayed at Colac Area Health. We will be using exterior house paint for this project and it will not be something we would want anyone to get on their uniforms! Could we please ask that **every student brings a spare change of clothing for this project** – something old that you would wear in the garden and don't mind getting paint on? This includes some old footwear or socks. This should ensure that uniforms remain paint free and protected.

## TUTOR PROGRAM

As already stated last year was an extraordinary and challenging one for every school community. Many Victorian students spent much of terms 2 & 3 last year learning from home. Victorian schools and their communities made exceptional efforts to provide continuity of teaching and learning for all students during this time.

This year, the Victorian Government has invested a considerable amount of money in a Tutor Learning Initiative in supporting students who were greatly effected by 2020 with their learning.

Here at Forrest we have identified a small group of students who will benefit with additional support in the classroom. Our teaching staff, including myself will be supporting these students in their classrooms on a daily basis. At this point the program is scheduled to run for 6 months, at which time the program and the identified students will be reassessed for future planning.

For more details, please contact me at the school on 5236 6393.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### APRIL

- 20 Art (MACC Visit)
- 23 Cross Country at DM – Senior Students only
- 23 ANZAC Day School Service@3pm
- 27 Library (MARC Visit)
- 27 School Council Meeting TBC

### MAY

- 3 Divisional Cross Country-Colac
- 4 Art (MACC Visit)
- 5 School/EYC Photo Day
- 7 Student Free Day School & EYC
- 11 Library (MARC Visit)
- 11-21 Naplan Testing
- 17 School Council Meeting
- 18 Art (MACC Visit)
- 25 Library (MARC Visit)

### JUNE

- 1 Art (MACC Visit)
- 8 Library (MARC Visit)
- 14 Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 15 Art (MACC Visit)
- 22 Library (MARC Visit)
- 22 School Council Meeting
- 23-25 Camp-Roses Gap Yrs 3 6
- 25 Last Day -term 2 2.30pm finish



Students of the Week (Last Week of Term 1)

### ANZAC DAY SPECIAL SERVICE

ANZAC Day this year falls on Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>. The school will be holding a short service at 3pm this Friday in front of the Forrest Memorial, located outside the Forrest Hall. Interested parents, grandparents and community members are most welcome to join us at the short service.

### PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

Over the holiday period, workers were busy upgrading the softfall in our playground. It looks great! The final stage of the "Minor Capital Works Playground Upgrade" will be the addition of a fabulous new Climbing Cube Plus which has a ladder, scramble nets, rope ladder, rock wall, bead rope and monkey bar. This addition has been ordered and will be installed this term. Students voted on a number of possibilities last term and this one was the most popular choice. An equipment illustration can be found on the wall near the school office.

### CROSS COUNTRY

We wish all our cross country participants all the very best at the Polwarth Cross Country Event held at Deans Marsh on Friday. Reports are that children have been practicing both at school and at home for this long distance running event. Permission forms were sent home late last term,

can parents please ensure forms are returned by 21<sup>st</sup> April please? Thanks.

Hope you are enjoying the pleasant Autumn weather we are currently experiencing.

Darryl Harty

### HELPING HANDS

- ✓ ALL OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & EYC CHILDREN WHO HELPED WITH THE END OF TERM CLEAN AND PACK UP.



Birthday Greetings for:

Daisy Melnyk – 13<sup>th</sup> April

Jack Harrington – 14<sup>th</sup> April

Lochlan Pearson – 22<sup>nd</sup> April

### INDO CORNER:

Bali starlings: This stunning creature has been the emblem bird of Bali, mostly found in their pristine habitat in the northwestern part of the island, far away from the much more touristy spots. The endemic bird has mostly clear white feathers, with a striking bright blue patch around each eye and varyingly spiky feathers on the top of their heads. The Bali starlings are often part of temple ceremonies, where several of them are released as a traditional ritual.



COMMUNITY NEWS

# COLAC OTWAY BULLA UNDER 12'S



## REGISTER NOW

Grade 4, 5 & 6 Boys & Girls  
Friday Nights from 23rd April to 25th June  
Games at 5pm, 6pm or 7pm  
\$65 per child



# CIRCUS Skills



Tuesdays @ The Forrest & District Neighbourhood House - 47 Grant St, Forrest.  
Starting 27<sup>th</sup> April- 8<sup>th</sup> June.  
Kids' circus, acro & weekly movement sessions!

Little Ninjas 4-7 yrs old\*

4.00 - 4.45pm starting

Learn balance, co-ordination, mobility and confidence! With a range of exercises including expressive movement, dance, tumbles & hula hooping!

All Stars 8-12 yrs old\*

4.45 - 5.30pm

Build strength, stability, control and focus!

Activities include cartwheels, partner skills, balance beams and handstands.



\* Minimum numbers required for this program to go ahead. Sign up to avoid disappointment!

Contact Renee @ P&DNH - forrest.nh@gmail.com or call 0493105502 for bookings or more info!

## COLAC SWIMMING CLUB AUTUMN/WINTER TRAINING SESSIONS Bluewater Indoor Swimming Pool

\* Junior Squad (Grades 2-6)

\* Senior Squad Training (Years 7-12)

Monday & Wednesday 6pm-7pm (Junior & Senior)

Tuesday 5.45am-7.15am (Senior Squad)

z Saturday 8am-9am (Junior & Senior)

The Colac Swimming Club is a family friendly club

There is no expectation to participate in competitions. You are welcome to simply come and train

For more information, please contact  
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