

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

SCHOOL / EYC PHOTO DAY

School and EYC photos will be taken on **Wednesday May 5th**. Envelopes will be sent home with students this week and are to be returned on/before Photo Day. The school office is happy to retain envelopes for the children beforehand. School children are to wear the school uniform and to bring a smile with them

AFL FOOTY CLINIC

We have been fortunate in organizing a visit by Darcy Moloney from AFL Geelong/Barwon region **next Friday**. Darcy will conduct a fun filled skills clinic for all our primary school students beginning at 10am for Senior Students and 10.30am from the Juniors (after Forrest Kids Go Bush). Students are asked to bring appropriate footwear on this day. AFL Footy attire is optional.



PUPIL FREE DAY

On **Friday May 7th** all Forrest PS & EYC staff will be involved in First Aid training on this day. The

training is a workplace requirement and trains staff in being able to assist in cases of emergency.

Both the school and EYC programs will NOT operate on this day.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

We had all (100% participation) our Senior Students run the 2/3km Polwarth Cross Country course at Frogwood on Friday. All students completed the course and should be very pleased with their efforts. It demonstrated their

excellent attitude to preparing and participating in a challenging event. Well done!

The Colac Division Cross Country will be

held on Monday May 3rd at the Colac Golf Course for those students selected. Information for those selected will be provided this week.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

The Annual ANZAC DAY Service at the Forrest Memorial was a reflective and respectful occasion last Friday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

27 Library (MARC Visit)
30 AFL Footy Clinic

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

JULY

12 Term 3 Begins



Birthday Greetings for:

Zeb Casey – 30th April

Wreaths were laid, a ceremony including a minute's silence was undertaken by all in attendance. It was great to have community members join us including the builders at the Forrest Hall.

Hope you enjoy the rest of your week.

Darryl Harty

SENIOR ROOM

Please bring a pair of rubber boots, a coat and a change of pants (or water proofs) each Friday of term 2 for some outdoor activities. Many thanks. Leanne

ART

Today we completed the mural that will be displayed at Colac Area Health to thank the frontline workers for their efforts during Covid. The juniors each added a school paint handprint to the words 'thank you!' After a class vote, senior students decided to make it look like the 'thank you!' was submerged and that balloons were helping it to stay afloat.... just like our frontline workers helped us throughout Covid!!



HELPING HANDS

- ✓ JAXON FOR STAMPING DOWN THE RECYCABLES IN THE RUBBISH BIN.
- ✓ SION & OSCAR FOR HELPING BRING BINS IN AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Learning effort: **Ellen Standish** for her continued hard work in math and working through ever more challenging equations. Well Done Ellen!

Learning behaviour: **Hamish Finne** for his persistence and resilience during Cross Country despite having an injury. We hope your ankle feels better very soon!

Learning effort: **Willa Corkran** for her excellent improvements in sounding out and writing words. Fantastic efforts Willa!

Learning behaviour: **Shira Sloane** for her wonderful work in developing her resilience in her classroom learning.



SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Welcome back to term 2 everyone! The term is filling up fast with some exciting projects! We have a few more sessions with Pete Day's art project regarding the platypus, and we will complement this project by focusing on local plants, differing environments and the roles plants play for our Humanities unit. Science this term will focus on The Earth Beneath Our Feet, and we will continue to touch on the Village project as we move through term.

In literacy we have moved onto information and persuasive texts, and the students are currently working on an information poster about the platypus.

We have NAPLAN coming up soon and we are working through the practice tests in class. All seems well with our technology platform, and I anticipate we will sail through.

This term I am planning some outdoor education activities, so can I ask that students bring gum boots, a coat and perhaps a change of long pants each Friday for the rest of term.

With the cooler weather setting in, we are even more happy with the new dividing wall in the classroom as the heating system is much more effective and we are toasty warm!

Of course CAMP is in the last week of term, so that is very exciting!

Well done everyone for attending the Cross Country last Friday, so very pleased that you all ran/walked the course and got to see a beautiful part of Deans Marsh and interact with the other schools! Well done.

JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

Welcome back to all the students and families to Term 2. We have made a wonderful start back to our learning and it is always so lovely to hear the students' holiday stories. Thanks to all the families for having reading bags ready to go and providing spare clothes for FKGB which is necessary for Term 2 as the weather gets wetter.

This term we are implementing an approach to writing called Talk4writing. It provides lots of opportunities for students to internalize the story structure through drama and using story actions. We have started today on our story focus- The Kings Cake. You will be hearing a lot about this story so enjoy!

Have a wonderful week!



EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWS

This week in the Kinder and Day-care, we recognized Earth Day and ANZAC Day; for Earth Day, the children watched a video on the importance of throwing

away our rubbish, so that it doesn't pollute the ocean, followed by discussing what we can do to help protect the planet. For ANZAC Day the

children made their own bravery medals, whilst we discussed how brave the ANZAC's were during the war, as well as making our own



paper poppies; we attended the memorial service where we laid our wreath and recited 'The Ode of Remembrance'. In OSHC we worked a lot with paper: creating paper planes, chatterboxes and seeing what else we can make from a simple piece of paper. We also celebrated the birthdays of Jack and Shari (14th), Lochlan (22nd) Happy Birthday!



INDO CORNER:

Babirusa: In the Indonesian language, the name of this species is composite of pig (BABI), and deer (RUSA). And that's one valid way to describe this striking creature. At a glance, Babirusa looks like an odd jumble of a pig's head and deer's legs, and savage tusks. Babirusa's do belong to the pig family, but the deer-like features extend to the physical and even digestive systems, making this species so fascinating to observe. Babirusa can be spotted in North Sulawesi and some of the provinces nearby islands.



COMMUNITY NEWS

CIRCUS Skills



**Tuesdays @ The Forrest & District Neighbourhood House - 47 Grant St, Forrest.
Starting 27th April- 8th 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&DHN - forrest.nh@gmail.com or call 0493105502 for bookings or more info!


Otways MARC Library

Welcome to term two library lessons where students will delve into the past.

Ms Mac (and Carl) visit Forrest P.S. every second Tuesday.

Student loans are for two weeks but they can be extended.



Having trouble finding your library books ... Look for the spot  on the spine!

Term 2 Borrowing Dates

Tuesday

April 27

May 11 & May 25

June 8 & June 22

"Books train your imagination to think big."

Taylor Swift

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)

≥ 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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