

# FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWSLETTER



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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

We hope all our mothers and grandmothers had an enjoyable day with families. We hope you were spoiled!



### NAPLAN BEGINS

This week our students in Years 3 & 5 begin their Naplan testing. We wish them all the best and feel confident they will put their best efforts forward.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual meeting of school council will be held next Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3.45pm. 2020 Reports will be tabled at this meeting. Interested members of the public are welcome to attend. Copies of reports can be obtained from the school office after the meeting.

A General Meeting of school council will follow the Annual Meeting for all school councilors.

### EDUCATION WEEK

May 24 – May 28

Forrest Primary School & EYC will be celebrating Education Week this year with a Grandparents Morning on Monday May 24<sup>th</sup> and an Outdoor Classroom activity on Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>. The Grandparents Morning will begin at 10am and conclude after morning tea at 11.30am. Invites to grandparents/VIPs will be sent out by students shortly. The Outdoor Classroom is an opportunity for all parents to join the children outside for some fun learning. All parents welcome. This activity begins at 9.30am and concludes at 11am. We hope you support these fun opportunities in celebrating Education Week.

The annual scholastic book fair will also be conducted during Education Week.

Now in its 77th year, Education Week aims to positively profile and celebrate the strengths and achievements of Victoria's government education sector.

Education Week 2021 will run from 23-29 May and the theme is 'Building Connections'.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MAY

- 11 Library (MARC Visit)
- 11-21 Naplan Testing
- 18 Art (MACC Visit)
- 19 School Council Meeting @3.45pm
- 24-28 Education Week
- 24-28 Scholastic Book Fair
- 24 Grandparents Morning 10-11.30
- 25 Library (MARC Visit)
- 28 Outdoor Classroom 9.30-11.00

### JUNE

- 1 Art (MACC Visit)
- 8 Library (MARC Visit)
- 14 Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 15 Art (MACC Visit)
- 22 Library (MARC Visit)
- 23 School Council Meeting at 3.45pm
- 23-25 Camp-Roses Gap Yrs 3 6
- 25 Last Day -term 2 2.30pm finish

### JULY

- 12 Term 3 Begins

HAPPY  
  
 BIRTHDAY

Birthday Greetings for:

Sion Roberts – 10<sup>th</sup> May

#### FAREWELL KERRYIN

Today was Kerryin's last day Forrest PS & EYC as our Wellbeing Support person. Kerryin has accepted a position with BCYF as a casework administrator. We thank Kerryin

#### PARENT THANK YOU

A very big thank you to parent volunteer Phil for shifting our donated mulch pile to an ideal location near our garden and chook yard. The children as part of the Tribes program will be using this mulch in the garden and on pathways to the garden beds.

#### FIRST AID

All school and kindergarten/day care staff completed successfully an intensive first aid training program last Friday. Well done to all staff members and thanks to Peter for conducting the training.

Hope you have an enjoyable week.

Darryl Harty



### Grade 6 Jumpers

Hi grade 6 families. The jumpers are due within the next two weeks, I suggest that you get your payment ready so that you can pick them up as soon as they arrive. Cost is \$60. I will keep you informed as soon as I hear of their actual availability.

Leanne



Our three Cross Country reps at the Divisional Cross Country held in Colac last Monday. Above – This is Hamish finishing strongly after his 3km run.

#### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Learning effort: **Ella Welch-Mayhew** for her work in identifying her personal learning needs and applying these strategies to assist in her self-directed learning. Well done Ella.

Learning behaviour: **John Seebeck** for doing such an excellent job in his cooking lesson, for listening well and preparing and presenting such lovely food. Well done John!

Learning effort: **Aurora Bradshaw** for her wonderful efforts to get along with everyone, initiating games and showing kindness in class.

Learning behaviour: **Aarli Hoey** for her absolute persistence in improving her confidence in drawing. Aarli has kept trying in all our art sessions and she should be very pleased with her efforts.

#### INDO CORNER:

Javan rhinoceros: Similar to common rhinoceros, this species from Java has the firm armour-like skin and strong anterior structure. One distinctive bodily feature of the Javan rhinos is their relatively small one horn, in contrast to two, as usually boasted by other rhino species. Once one of Asia's most widespread rhino, illegal hunting and deforestation have killed most of its population, leaving just a couple of dozen in the western tip of Java.



## SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Hello all!

We have had a very busy and interesting couple of weeks:

Science – we have been investigating the unit *Beneath Our Feet*, students have bought in soil and rock samples which we explored under the magnifying glasses and then suspended the soil samples in a jar of water. It is most fascinating to see the sediments settle out and observe the various components of a simple handful of soil. In literacy students have finished up their information poster on the platypus (tied in nicely with Pete Days art Project), and have moved onto creating persuasive pieces of work.

In numeracy we have worked on some personal reflections around our learning styles and strengths, and students are identifying how

they learn, and what strategies they can use to help their focus and understanding. Developing self-awareness and responsibility is a complex process, and I am quite proud of how every student in class approached the task and how they are implementing their personal learning strategies. Well done.

Pete Day has continued with the art project and students are currently designing an aerial map view of the surrounding areas and where house, dams, creeks and other features are located. We have now participated in two outdoor education afternoons, the first involved lighting a fire – everyone gathered together appropriate materials and tried using the flints, a magnifying glass and eventually an ember from the Bush Kinder fire. We

then enjoyed some marshmallows!

Last week it was shelter building and some photos are included. Everyone worked well and were able to create a simple structure using branches and tarps. We also had school photos, and once again everyone looked very dapper for their shots.

This week NAPLAN begins and our grade 3 & 5 students will have four online tests to complete. We have been familiarizing ourselves with the format through practice tests. I hope the mothers and grandmothers, aunts and other special women in our children's lives enjoyed Mother's Day and the cards the students made for you.

Leanne

## JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

Well done to all the Junior Room students for their fantastic participation in our Environmental Arts Project with Peter Day. Our last session involved creating a platypus puzzle and the students worked collaboratively to produce some awesome platypi as they learnt about the adaptations and needs of the platypus. The children have worked with me in class to come up with a list of what they already know and what they would like to know. We have some very curious and inquiring minds.

Our sounds-write sessions continue to go well with children making some excellent progress on their decoding skills. It has been wonderful to see the students be able to transfer these skills over into their writing and really getting the hang of segmenting and blending sounds. The decodable readers are an essential part of this learning to read and write so the more home reading, the better! Thanks for your help here.

In maths we are working on money and reviewing time so if you can help your child this week identify and count small collections of money that would be very helpful. We have been discussing why we have money, sorting coins and notes and the older students have been counting small collections of coins and notes. This is a great way to practice counting by 5s, 10s and 20s.

Have a great week everyone!





## EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWS

This week in the Kinder and Childcare, we prepared ourselves for Mother's Day by getting the children to create their own lanterns and Mother's Day cards. We have also been learning about why the leaves turn different

colours in the Autumn and about the different seasons. The children enjoyed planting a new tree in the Outdoor Play Area, the children showed great teamwork and shared caring, broadening their knowledge within nature. The children in Childcare have

been focusing on their colours, sequencing and counting. We have added a Construction Zone which will give the children the opportunities to expand on their communication skills and encourage co-operation and turn taking.



COMMUNITY NEWS



**Neighbourhood House  
and Volunteer week celebrations at the  
F&DNH-  
'Honoring our community heroes during Covid'.**

Please join us for a yummy morning tea to say thank you to  
all of the people who gave their time and support in 2020.

Friday 21st May: 10am-11.30am at the Forrest & District  
Neighbourhood House, 47 Grant St.  
Please email [forrest.nh@gmail.com](mailto:forrest.nh@gmail.com) or call/text 0493105502  
to RSVP



**IGNITE A PASSION  
FOR THE GAME!**

**COLAC AUSKICK CENTRE**

CENTRAL RESERVE COLAC PREP - GRADE 3

SUNDAY 9:00am 2nd MAY - 4th JULY

ASHLEY MELVILLE: 0499 777 856

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[play.afl/auskick](https://www.play.afl/auskick)



**CIRCUS  
Skills**

\$12 casual pass  
OR  
\$48 for 8 weeks!

**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 @ F&DNH - [forrest.nh@gmail.com](mailto:forrest.nh@gmail.com) or call 0493105502 for bookings or more info!