

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

EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATION

This week we are celebrating Education Week. The theme for this week is building connections.

Today we welcomed many grandparents to our school. The children enjoyed showing off some of their talents to some of the special people in their lives.

Today we also launched our annual Scholastic book fair. Books are for sale in the back part of the Multi-Purpose Centre (Senior/Specialist Classrooms) for the week. Viewing and sales can be made this week from 8.30 till 9.00am and from 3.30 till 4pm.

On Friday, we have scheduled an Outdoor Classroom activity. Parents have been invited to join their child or children outside for some fun from 9.30am until 11am. Hope you can join us if possible!

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2020 Annual Report was presented and endorsed at the May Meeting of school council.

A copy of the report is attached to this newsletter. Parents are invited to discuss the contents of the report with me if required.

Please call the school office to make an appointment.

Interested community members are most welcome in obtaining a copy of the Annual Report from the school office. The report can also be found on the school's website.

MR. BENNETTS VISIT

The handover to our newly appointed principal, Rob Bennetts has commenced. Mr Bennetts will be visiting our school shortly to meet the staff, children and parents. I hope you will join with me in welcoming Rob to Forrest.

ARTS TO ECOLOGY REPORT

"Our innate sense of play arises as the creative process within is set free, here is where the journey of discovery begins".

Our Art meets Ecology project will use sculpture making with students as a bridge to connect with the flora and fauna of the region. Focusing on the Platypus which is now listed as a vulnerable species in Victoria.

As the CWS (Creative Worker in Schools) project unfolds into term 3 our work at Forrest School will also link with other schools in this region to open learning pathways between students and community

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

- 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
- 12-16 Barwon Dental Van Visit



Birthday Greetings for:

Dorian Bartlett - 24th May

“We will work a lot outdoors with students and they will help collect natural materials from the bush for sculpture making. The work emphasizes direct experience and is very tactile and ideally involves fieldwork with students learning local ecology through the process of art making.”

Through the use of surprising art materials students engage with the imaginative process from the initial sourcing of materials and design stage. Nature’s classroom becomes nature’s art studio.

Pete Day (Forrest PS CWS Leader)

KINDER SAND THANK YOU

A load of “new” sand arrived for the EYC sandpit on Friday. Our children watched its delivery with special interest. A big thanks to parent Nicky who volunteered to transfer the sand into the pit. Greatly appreciated!

Hoping you are able to join with us in celebrating EDUCATION WEEK in some way. If you are unable to visit the school/EYC this week then maybe a fun activity at home will suffice e.g. game of scrabble, nature walk & chat, or a group family read of a favorite picture book.

Darryl Harty,

HELPING HANDS

- ✓ ELISE, POPPY & ELLEN FOR HELPING TO PUMP UP SPORTS BALLS.
- ✓ OSCAR & SION FOR VOLUNTEERING TO DO AN EMU BOB IN THE PLAYGROUND.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Learning effort: **Tina Sgro** for her excellent improvement in her reading fluency. This is making such a difference to her reading comprehension. Well done Tina.

Learning behaviour: **Sion Roberts** for his excellent efforts at problem solving inside and outside the classroom. Sion is giving thought to matters and having a go at solving his own problems. Keep up the great work Sion!

Learning effort: **Chelsea Davidson** for her effort in the Stepping Stones MATH lessons and staying focused and completing her work to a high standard.

Learning behaviour: **Lachlan Crabbe** for showing an ever helpful and kind attitude towards other students, both on the playground and in class. Thank you Lachie.



Students of the week from last week



WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing, and quality instruction, and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist our school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school.

Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, bullying and life in general.

Students from Year 4 to 6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any time.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 31st May – Friday 11th June 2021. The survey takes around 20-45 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/data-collection-surveys/guidance/attitudes-school-survey>

INDO CORNER:

Bajaj is a three wheeled type of public transport vehicle. A Bajaj can load two adult passengers plus one small child. The hallmark of this vehicle is its unique shape and noisy sound even though there is now a Bajaj that uses gas and electricity that sounds more subtle. A Bajaj is mainly used to transport people with goods who have just been shopping and need to commute back home. This type of vehicle is widely used in Jakarta. In addition to Jakarta, the bajaj is also found in the cities of Kalimantan and Sumatra.



SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Hello all.

Another busy fortnight in the Senior Room, NAPLAN has finished with all students completing the required four tests with minimum fuss.

In Math we have focused on short and long division (grade 6), division strategies for 3 digit numbers (grade 5), equivalent fractions (grade 4) and revising fractions (grade

3). We have also progressed in our Karate Math Multiplication with the class having obtained their Yellow Belt. The belts will increase with difficulty, so students will progress forward in their own time. I will email the Orange belt times tables questions to each family so you can help the students practice at home!!

In English students are busy completing their writing tasks to date and have started on a personal choice Persuasive writing piece. The grade 5 & 6 students have been working on conjunctions (subordinate) and the 3 & 4 students have been developing their use of adjectives and expanding sentences.



We have had another great session with Peter Day creating woven Gods Eyes, in Outdoor Education last week we worked around the garden and then enjoyed the benefits of the fire. Well done to all students for bringing their Outdoor Ed gear on Friday.

TRIBES begins on Wednesday and runs for four weeks, the Senior Students will then be on camp for the last week of term!!

This week we have Education Week – beginning with Grandparents Morning on Monday, the Book Fair which runs all week and an Outdoor Classroom on Friday.

Reconciliation Week also begins on Thursday and we have some lovely whole school activities planned.

Leanne



JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

I hope you are all enjoying this streak of very fine Autumnal weather. Last Friday we enjoyed an excellent FKGB complete with a cooking fire, chickens and a woodchip pile. It was wonderful to see the children making their own observations about how the heat is held in the heap and what they could do with it.

We have a busy week lined up! It is National Reconciliation

Week and Education Week. Hope you can come to our outdoor classroom day where the students will work in small groups to complete some challenges this coming Friday.

Kind regards

Kaz Standish



EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWS

This week we welcomed Valentina Cabrera who has come from Melbourne to be our new OSHC. This week we also had the NSSST (National Simultaneous Story Time) where the Kinder and Daycare Children were read the book “Give Me Some Space” by Philip Bunting. The book was read to the children by Dr Shannon Walker from the International Space Station.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Open Mornings & 2022 Enrolments Welcome
FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL & EARLY YEARS CENTRE
Learning for Life

May 24th - 28th, 2021

An "Education & Enrolment Week" invitation is extended to all interested persons to our **Grandparents Morning** on Monday from 10 till 11.30 and/ or our **Outdoor Nature Classroom** on Friday from 9.30am till 11.
 School and Kinder tours available during the week upon request.

Our learning values are:

- Getting Along
- Confidence
- Being Organised
- Resilience
- Persistence

Contact Principal Darryl Harty for more information
 Phone: 5236 6393 or email: forrest.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Forrest Primary School

Dear Community,

We offer four services at the one location for children from 12 months of age to 12 years.

- Primary school
- Kinder - 3 & 4-year-old
- Day care
- OUT-OF-SCHOOL-HOURS CARE: Monday to Friday 9am - 6pm

We have:

- A caring, energetic, professional, and experienced team in all four settings, who modify learning to meet each child's learning and emotional needs.
- Programs include nature play, gardening,



music, art, Indonesian, library, physical education and cross-age activities.

- A setting that is peaceful, friendly and welcoming.

• Strong partnerships with local community groups which nurture students' learning and sense of belonging. "Learning for Life."

Principal Darryl Harty

Forrest kids help guide design for playground.

BY RACHEL SIMMONDS

Students have contributed to the upgrades of Forrest Primary School's play area after receiving a grant of more than \$28,000.

Forrest Primary School and Cobden Primary School have received grants from the State Government to improve and upgrade outdoor equipment and create safe play areas.

Forrest Primary School principal Darryl Harty said the students contributed to the delegation of the grant and were very excited about the upgrades to the play areas.

"The students have decided on a climbing cube, would you believe?" Mr Harty said.

"They even had input into the colour selection," he said.

Cobden Primary School received \$40,104 to upgrade and repair outdoor play spaces, while Forrest Primary School received \$26,120.

"The grant was more than what we expected which was absolutely fantastic," Mr Harty said.

"We've repaired some of the playground already, which has suffered from a bit of wear and tear. The maintenance work is

being done and the final stage is installing the climbing cube," he said.

Mr Harty said the play area construction would be complete by June 30.

"We've got quite a few grants on the go, especially down to the kindergarten, so there's some building works happening in June and July," he said.

The grants to Forrest and Cobden primary schools is part of the latest Victorian Budget to invest in minor capital works. The Labor Government provided more than \$370,000 to go towards projects in six south-west schools.

"We are making sure that students across Victoria's south west have access to the best school facilities and a great education," Western Victoria MP Gayle Tierney said.

"Whether it is upgrading the playground, creating an all-weather outdoor learning space or a lick of paint, this is all about making sure our students have the local school facilities they need to thrive," Ms Tierney said.

Education Minister James Merlino said these investments in projects would make a "big difference" for schools and create jobs for Victorians.



PLAY: Forrest Primary School play areas will be updated over the next two months following a State Government grant.



FORREST & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
PRESENTS THE 3RD ANNUAL

FORREST GOT TALENT

SATURDAY 19TH JUNE 2021 AT THE FORREST
HALL.

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM. SHOW FROM 6.30-8.30PM

\$5 ENTRY PP OR \$10 PER FAMILY.

BYO NIBBLES AND REFRESHMENTS

PROCEEDS TO THE F&DNH COMMUNITY
PROGRAMS

Register your act (any skill or talent, 3-5 mins long) with
the F&DNH by Friday 4th June.
Auditions and rehearsals may be required prior to the event.
Contact forrest.nh@gmail.com or call/text 0493105502

If you're 15-19 years old, living in Australia and want to have
a say about the things that affect you, here is your chance!

MISSION AUSTRALIA 2021 youth survey



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Mission Australia's
Youth Survey is the
largest of its kind in
Australia, conducted
annually since 2002.

There are currently 11,117 15 year
olds who are a part of our
survey and we need your voice to
help us make a difference to
the lives of young people
in Australia.

Please complete online
before Monday 18 August 2021
at [missionaustralia.com.au/
youthsurvey](https://missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey)
Enter the code 11111 on the
first page of the survey



SCHOLASTIC  Book Fairs



BOOK FAIR

IS COMING TO FORREST!

When: Mon 24th May - Fri 28th May

Where: Multi-Purpose Area, Senior Room

Times: 8.30-9am & 3.30 - 4pm daily

- Books will be on display and available for purchase or order.
 - Cash or Online Payments accepted.

A percentage of book sales are used to purchase further
library books for our school and centre. Come along and
show your support!

LIONS V DISTRICTS CANCER FOUNDATION INC
PATRON: MR FRANK COSTA AO
AMBASSADOR: MR DAVID BARNUM AM



FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING

THE LIONS CLUB OF Forrest & District
in a joint project with
The Lions V Districts Cancer Foundation Inc.

Trained volunteer dermatologists (skin screeners) will
conduct **FREE** Skin Cancer Checks

At The Hall, 14 Grant Street, Forrest - on 13 & 14 June

To book a free skin check appointment -
Phone: Allan 03 5236 6383
Or email: N/A



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