FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWSLETTER

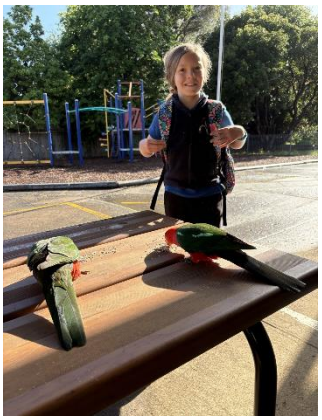
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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

THANK YOU, JO!

Welcome back to another busy week at Forrest Primary School and Early Years Centre! Firstly, I would like to extend a big thank you to Jo for stepping into the role of Acting Principal while I was on long service leave. I really appreciate her willingness to take on the extra responsibilities and ensure everything continued to run smoothly in my absence.



HOT SHOTS TENNIS SUCCESS



Congratulations to Willa, Archer and Aarli, who represented our school at the Hot Shots Tennis competition at Colac South West Primary School. The students did a fantastic job, making it through to the semifinals. They demonstrated great teamwork and persistence throughout the day and we are very proud of their efforts.

BOOT SCOOTING PREPARATIONS

Preparations are underway for our end-of-year celebration, with students busy practising their boot scooting moves! We would love students to dress in a country or boot scooting theme for the celebration. Think jeans, overalls, flannelette shirts, straw hats and bandanas! If any families have spare items they would be happy to lend or donate, we would really appreciate you bringing them into school.

HATS ON!

A reminder that all students are required to wear a sun-safe hat when outdoors during this time of year. Please ensure your child has their hat at school each day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER
27th School Council @ 3.45pm
28th Art (MACC)
30th Grade 5-6 Lorne Surf

NOVEMBER
2nd Student Free Day
3rd Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
4th Library (MARC)
11th Art (MACC)
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

Students of the Week



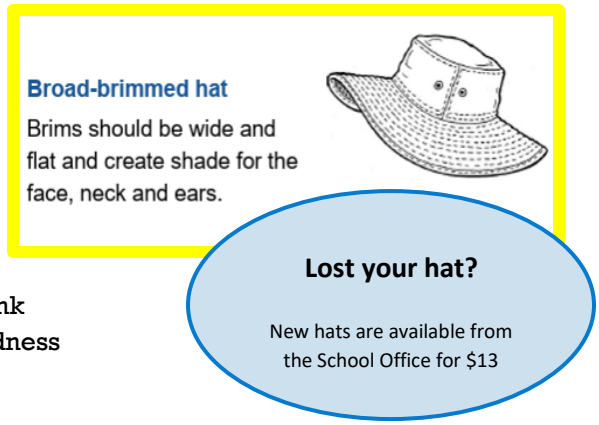
FIRE READY SESSION

Finally, a big thank you to the CFA and Gillian from FLARE for organising last Thursday's Fire Ready session after school. It was a valuable opportunity for our school community to think about bushfire preparedness as we head towards the warmer months. We appreciate the time and effort that went into organising this important session.

Kind regards,

Megan Murfitt

Principal



STUDENT OF THE WEEK & PRINCIPAL AWARD (WEEK 2 & 3)

Principal Award – Archer & Willa

Senior Room –Jem & Aarli

Junior Room – Anya

Belated & Upcoming Birthdays



- Isaac
- Finley
- Alexander
- Zeppelin

Tea Towel Fundraiser!

We are running the famous tea towel fundraiser again this year and will have tea towels with student self-portraits available later in Term 4 – a perfect Christmas gift for friends and family!

There's an example tea towel in the school office, and this is a picture of the 2023 tea towel.

Orders are due by Thursday 5th October – get your orders in! If you need an order form, drop in to the school office or email Freya: jffrb48@hotmail.com

Thank you from the Fundraising team 😊



SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Senior Room update in photos! Another wonderful and busy few weeks...



Making Rock Art with the Kindy Kids! The seniors drew native animals for wildlife week which were transferred onto rocks. Keep a look out in the front garden for some lovely senior art!











Kitchen Garden with Freya! We had a fun and sunny kitchen garden session making apple pancakes and frittata with herbs from our blossoming garden. A big thank you to Freya for all of the love you are putting into the school garden! We are very grateful and lucky to spend time cooking and gardening in such a beautiful space.



Storytime with Indi! Following on from our text 'The Last Bear', Indigo brought in the picture book 'Seagull' – a story that builds on the themes we have been exploring this term. Including, young people can make a big difference in caring for wildlife and our planet! The seniors are superstars at recognising the positive impact they can have in the world!

JUNIOR ROOM NEWS



Stepping It Up!

We're embracing the final term of the year in the Junior Room, and last week it was time to step things up a notch! We pushed boundaries, increased the pace and raised our expectations. I reminded the children that I would never ask them to do something I didn't believe they were capable of, but I *would* ask them to have another go if their work wasn't their best. Learning is about challenge, persistence and discovering what we can achieve when we really apply ourselves. It was wonderful to see the children rise to the challenge!

A Full Room Again!

It has been lovely to have our full, healthy Junior Room back together after a few weeks of illness and absences. There is something special about having everyone back in the room, sharing ideas, learning alongside one another and enjoying the familiar rhythms of our days. We're ready for a big final term of learning, creating and growing together!







World Explorers in Action!

Our shared text, How to Be a World Explorer, has inspired some fantastic information posters, with the Junior Room learners investigating how to survive everything from bear attacks to frostbite in the Antarctic! We've been working on organising information, communicating facts clearly and presenting our learning for others to read. The results have been fantastic, and the children should be very proud of the effort and detail they have put into their work.

Welcoming Darcy to the Junior Room

Next week, we're excited to welcome Darcy, a pre-service teacher, who will be joining us for four weeks. Darcy has already spent two Mondays visiting the Junior Room, so the we have all had a chance to get to know her. We're looking forward to having her learn alongside us, share in our discoveries and become part of our little learning community.

What's the Time?

We've also been exploring the world of time, learning to read an analogue clock. This is brand new learning for many of our Juniors, and we've been busy making connections, working out where the hands belong and figuring out what those numbers really mean. There have been plenty of lightbulb moments as we build our understanding, one tick at a time!

With a busy and exciting final term ahead, we're ready to keep challenging ourselves, celebrating our progress and discovering what we're capable of. **Let's see what we can achieve when we give things our very best!**







We also extend a very warm welcome to Olive and Fox! We hope you settle in quickly, make wonderful connections and discover just how much fun learning in the Junior Room can be. We're so happy to have you with us!

EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWS

This week we have been exploring Nutrition Week and focusing on healthy eating. This culminated in a visit from the Smiles for Miles program. This program works closely with early childhood centre to help them to improve the oral health of preschool aged children and their families by encouraging healthy eating and drinking and good oral hygiene habits.

MURAL

We have also focused on water and sustainability, creating a beautiful mural which is on display in the hallway outside the kindergarten. Our mural depicts ocean animals and the importance of putting rubbish in the bin.

Welcome to Rufus, who will be joining us on Wednesday for kindergarten, and Happy Birthday to Zeppelin, who celebrated his birthday last week.

HOUSE KEEPING ITEMS

Whilst the Early Years Centre yard is being renovated and grass is being sewn, we ask that access to the yard is strictly limited. This extends to families and children who may access the yard after hours – the gate is locked!

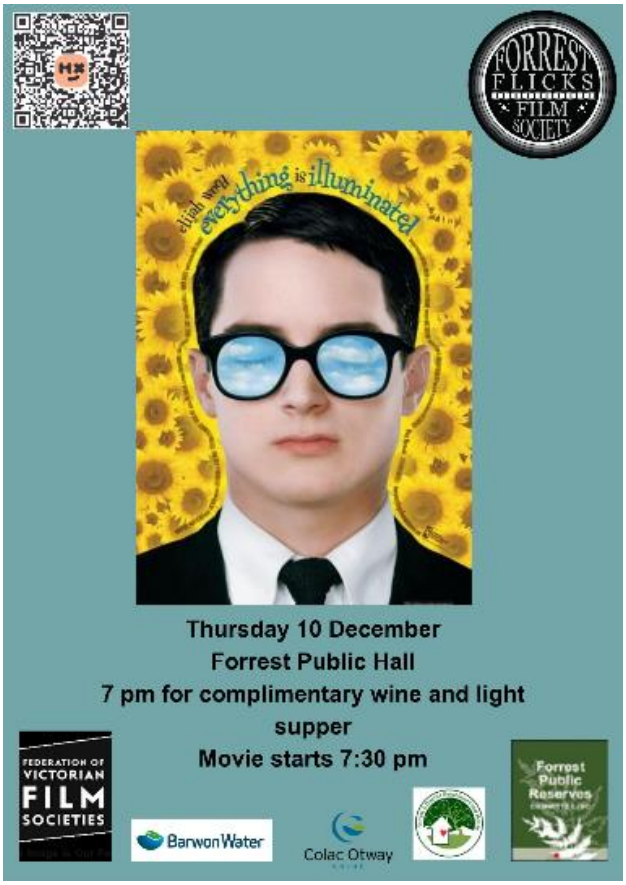
Thanks,

Di & Vicki

COMMUNITY NEWS







Forrest Primary School and Early Years Centre is a child safe environment and has a zero tolerance of bullying.

