

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

WELCOME TO TERM THREE

It was great to see everyone back at school after the school holidays. Students have been hard at work and have produced some fantastic work already. I had an wonderful time during my Long Service Leave, dropping my own children off at school and watching them take part in their after school sports and activities. I was also able to escape the cold weather and get away to Noosa for a week. A big thank you to Kaz Standish for doing an excellent job performing the role of Acting Principal for the last two weeks of Term Two.

3 WAY CONFERENCES

A reminder that 3 way conferences are on next week. This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their learning and for parents to discuss their child's learning with teachers. Bookings can be made on Compass, alternatively you can contact the School Office to assist with booking a time.

UNIFORM

A reminder that it is an expectation that students are in full Forrest Primary School uniform each day. This includes students with long hair, tying their hair up. We have started to see some different coloured tracksuit pants, t-shirts and jumpers and some students wearing jeans recently. We have a second-hand uniform supply with plenty of stock. Please speak to Sarah if you need any uniform items. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

FACEBOOK POLICY

We now have a Forrest PS and EYC Facebook page. Tonight, with the newsletter a policy will be going home that outlines the purpose of the page and also some acceptable use terms. This will be a great way to further promote our amazing school.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Despite many members of our school community having had COVID already, public health authorities are expecting another surge in cases. At

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

20 Library (MARC Visit)
22 COPACC Excursion P-2
26 – 27 Three Way Conferences
27 Art (MACC Visit)

AUGUST

2 School Council @ 3.45pm
3 Library (MARC Visit)
10 Art (MACC Visit)
17 Library (MARC Visit)
22 – 26 Book Week
24 Art (MACC Visit)
30 School Council @ 3.45pm
31 Library (MARC Visit)

SEPTEMBER

7 Art (MACC Visit)
14 Library (MARC Visit)
16 End of Term 3

Students of the Week



Forrest Primary School, we are continuing to maintain safe hygiene practices including sanitising, use of air purifiers and increased ventilation (when appropriate). We appreciate families continuing to keep unwell students at home.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to Charlotte Dwyer and Zoe Wilson for winning the last two Principal's Awards. Charlotte and Zoe will be joining myself and other Principal's Award winners for morning tea shortly.

HELPING HANDS

- ✓ NOAH AND OSCAR FOR HELPING SQUASH DOWN THE RUBBISH BINS.
- ✓ TINA FOR HELPIN CLEAN UP UNDER THE OAK TREE.

Kind Donation

The Forrest General Store have kindly donated a 12kg bag of flour to our Early Years Centre. This will assist with making lots of playdough and cooking!

Thank you so much!!!!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – WEEK 1

Learning effort: Dori Bartlett for always working well and showing great enthusiasm in Maths sessions this week. He is always eager to learn new maths games.

Learning behaviour: River John for always listening and staying focused during class book reading and then discussions afterwards.

Learning effort: Charlotte Dwyer - Everyday, always you give it your best shot. I love that you take time & effort to produce your best. Keep it up.

Learning behaviour: Tina Sgro - What a helpful student you are. I am really enjoying watching you take pride in your book work & where you choose to work. Keep it up.

WELLBEING NEWS

Greetings to all the Forrest Primary School community, I write to formally introduce myself as the School Chaplain/Wellbeing Support. Thank you to those who have offered their well wishes and I sincerely hope I can help all of your children to have a nourishing, fun and supported time at school.

Some of you will already know me as a mum (my 2 high school aged boys did most of their primary years at FPS), some as a Kindergarten Assistant for the last couple of years and some as an Education Support

worker in the Junior Room. I will now be onsite at school 9:00-3:30 everyday, balancing my role in education and wellbeing support as the school requires.

I have a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Social and Environmental studies, have studied Textile Design and am about to commence studying in the area of wellbeing as part of my role here at the school. I am also a passionate lover of play and creativity especially visual arts, dance and music. With yoga, I find these things help maintain my emotional, physical and mental wellbeing and I try to

incorporate them in my life as much as possible.

I have always had a strong interest in child wellbeing, and I am pleased to be able to work with your children, grow my skills and theirs, and be there for them through the ups and downs of school and life.

My role as the Chaplain is to support students to be happy, healthy individuals who are well prepared to navigate life's ups and downs. I will be doing some one-on-one mentoring and facilitating group programs. I am



in the school yard every lunch time, watching out for needs and making myself available to talk to students. We have also started 'dance jams' once a week at lunch time. My role at the school is one of support and does not involve counselling or religious guidance. Please let your child know they can talk to me anytime through the school day should they need to.

This term much of my time will be focused on the school play and I believe the performing arts offers many wellbeing opportunities such as new experiences, building confidence, developing

passions and skills and just having fun together. I have organised for brilliant local musician Marita Kennedy to come for weekly music sessions to work up a song for the play. Please see me or Kaz if you have any special skills, ideas or would like to be involved.

The Chaplain's role also includes providing support to families and staff, so I am available to talk through concerns and provide assistance and resources when needed. Please feel free to contact me via the office at any time and I welcome any ideas, suggestions or secret passions of

your children that can help engage them even more in our wonderful learning environment.

I am looking forward to finding more ways for students to feel connected and empowered and hope that your children will enjoy having me around the school.

Warm Regards,

☺ Liza

EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWS

We hope everyone has had a wonderful break, with what I hear were many lovely holidays to warmer climes! The children have all settled back in nicely with routines and friendships being rekindled.



Store for their awesome

donation of flour so that the children can explore lots of cooking and also playdough, they were very happy!

Secondly we have to say a very sad Goodbye to Finn, Edie, Tara and Luke who will be leaving us this week. Thank you

for being part of the Forrest EYC Family and we will miss you all terribly.



Some changes have happened with staff this term with Vicki moving to the front of the week, Monday – Wednesday, to use her expertise and experience there and Valentina moving to Wednesday – Friday in the Childcare. Indigo will be our OSHC educator for the time being with this position being advertised.

Firstly, I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to Emily and Ash from the General



Goodbye Finn!

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

This term the children will be exploring shapes which helps with spatial awareness, mathematical and scientific concepts.

Please remember that if your child presents with any cold, runny nose, cough or sore throat symptoms, no matter how mild they are to stay at home until they are symptom free, we appreciate your cooperation in this area.

Cheers Di, Vicki & Valentina & Indi



COMMUNITY NEWS



**5:30pm, Sunday July 24th
at Colac Neighbourhood House**

Featuring a Christmas in July raffle, Carol-Along and visit from Santa.

Entry is \$10 per person or \$30 for a family.
Bookings are essential – warm dessert provided.

Please bring a casserole dinner to share.

Facilities available to keep food warm or plug in a slow cooker.
COVID safe restrictions apply.

For more information please phone 52 321 991 or visit www.ocrfm.org.au by scanning the QR code



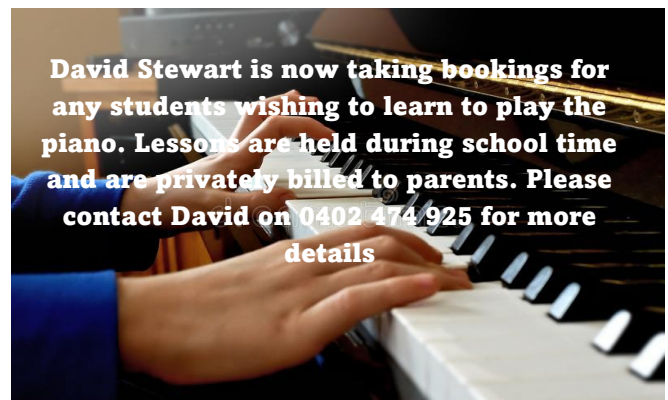
WEDNESDAY 20TH 7PM : Birregurra Royal Mail Hotel

(Colac Demons Basketball Club includes Birregurra, Deans Marsh, Lorne, Forrest Apollo Bay, Colac SW Primary School)

in 2021/22 season we had 11 teams from u10 to Seniors.
Players, Team Managers, Coaches and committee welcome.
Please register interest to secretary
BirreDemonsBC@outlook.com

Nominations for Committee due Wednesday 20th by email.

Current Committee
President : Kirilee Wilson
Vice-President: Karen Hart
Secretary: Charlotte Bugge
Treasurer: Jen Stewart
General Committee:
Abbey Gannon
Bec Diamond,
Desma Hutchinson
Deb Forssman
Pia Murphy
Boz Klemen



David Stewart is now taking bookings for any students wishing to learn to play the piano. Lessons are held during school time and are privately billed to parents. Please contact David on 0402 474 925 for more details

Better Facilities Cleaning are looking for a local cleaner to join their team and assist with cleaning our school and early years centre facilities. The position is for 7.5 hours a week, flexible before and after school times. Conditions apply, please contact David on 0418 540 423 for further details.



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