

# 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

### 3 WAY CONFERENCES

Thank you to all of the parents and students who participated in our 3 way conferences last week. We had an excellent attendance rate. I thoroughly enjoyed facilitated the Senior Room conferences and discussing each child's learning development.

### P-2 COPACC EXCURSION

The Junior Room recently attending an Edward the Emu performance at COPACC. Student feedback was that the performance was highly engaging and I am sure there was lots of inspiration drawn for our upcoming school play. An excursion to see the performance of Yong is planned for the Senior Room in September.

### UNIFORM

I have noticed a massive improvement in students attending in full school uniform each day. It looked great at assembly last week, having every child in uniform! Please remember if you do need any additional items to contact Sarah.

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

This term, Mrs Standish and I are participating in PLC training. The PLC Core Professional Learning (CPL) aims to build the capacity and skills of School Leaders (Principals and Instructional Leaders). This improves the learning and wellbeing outcomes for every student through a consistent approach to disciplined, collaborative inquiry. Informed by the latest research, PLCs provide the way of working for all teachers to improve practice, knowledge, and attitudes and to collectively work together to improve student outcomes. The training will support us to effectively lead and implement PLCs with fidelity at all levels of our school.

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to Aurora Bradshaw and Oscar Howland for winning the last two Principal's Awards. Aurora and Oscar will be joining myself and other Principal's Award winners for morning tea shortly.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 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

- 6 COPACC Excursion – 3-6
- 7 Art (MACC Visit)
- 14 Library (MARC Visit)
- 14 School Play
- 16 End of Term 3



Students of the Week – Weeks 2 & 3





### HELPING HANDS

- ✓ JAZZY FOR HELPING CLEAN UP UNDER THE OAK TREE
- ✓ SION FOR FINDING THE HIGH VIS JACKET AND HELPING SARAH WITH THE CORDIAL
- ✓ JOHN FOR HELPING A FRIEND WHO WAS UPSET
- ✓ CHELSEA FOR HELPING MRS STANDISH WITH THE CHOOKS

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK – WEEK 2

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: Stella Dwyer- For always asking when unsure and persisting even when you find things tricky. What a great learning style and attitude!

Learning behaviour: Chelsea Davidson - for consistently being helpful in the classroom and

### SENIOR ROOM NEWS

In week 2 we shivered through the coldest morning in 4 years



as the students wondered and chatted about frozen bird ponds, frosty alpaca backs and

crunchy, frosty grass.

We welcomed the return of Betty after her trip to Italy who managed to step off the plane and back into school and winter with apparent ease.

In class our focus has been on the school play, exploring musical instruments and circus elements as well as persuasive texts and 24 hour time.

The students wrote fabulous persuasive essays on why animals should or shouldn't be allowed in the circus

and had some great insights. All students showed a true desire to have all animals' interest at heart with 100 % of students arguing that undomesticated animals DO NOT belong in the circus.

We trialed some paper prototypes for Jester hats and agreed on some changes.

With Commonwealth games fast approaching students started to mind map some research on a para athlete of their choice.

In week 3 I am looking forward to starting some Science on chemical



changes with students. Let the fizzing, popping and small explosions begin!

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK – WEEK 3

Learning effort: Willa Corkran for her willingness to sound out her words with success. Excellent work Willa!

Learning behaviour: Shira Sloane for developing understanding and resilience when dealing with problems in the school yard

Learning effort: Jasmine Crabbe for working really hard with Nerida on your ice-cream poem and for persisting with your title page in science.

Learning behaviour: Ellen Standish for always staying on task and showing good leadership skills by setting a good example for other students.



## JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

Wow! What a lovely winter wonderland we have seen over the last couple of weeks! The excitement on the students' faces as they shared 'frosty' stories has been wonderful. We are lucky to live in such a beautiful place.

This term our inquiry unit focus is Science and we will be conducting some science experiments over the term in between school play preparation. We are going to focus on the science of bubbles so please be aware that I may ask for some things from home using the See saw family app.

Thanks to all families who participated in the 3 way conferences- always great to catch up and discuss your child's progress. Last Friday I started sending out optional homework for all the students. These homework activities complement the Sounds-write sessions we do in the classroom and focus on reading fluency.

It was so nice to be part of FKGB last week. There was much discussion about where the rainbow slick was coming from, excavating holes and generally digging and heavy work



occurring.  
**Just a reminder to please check that your child has spares, a rainjacket and gumboots each week.**

Have a lovely week!

Kaz Standish

Junior Room Teacher



## EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWS

Over the last fortnight the children have all been into exploring a lot of different concepts.

The children celebrated Farm Safety Week with discussions around wearing

safety helmets on bikes, safety around farm animals and dams.

The children also enjoyed the small "café" that has been created in the sandpit, creating some lovely meals for

everyone, although I think their prices need adjusting with \$40 for a milkshake!

The children have also been enjoying the fabulous mud pit outside that they have been working on for so long, lots of



digging and scraping to get the mud pit just the way they wanted it.

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

### SCHOLASTIC Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club  
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)



## LOST PROPERTY!



Several jumpers have ended up in the Lost Property box, all unmarked and not named so they cannot be returned to students. If you are popping into school, please look and claim any uniform that may belong to your child, otherwise let Sarah (in the office) know what size jumper your child has misplaced & it will be sent home for labelling. Thanks so much!