

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to the entire Forrest Primary and Early Years Centre community for your warm welcome on my first day today. I am extremely excited to be the Acting Principal at Forrest until the beginning of the 2022 school year. I look forward to building strong, positive relationships with the Forrest community and getting to know you all well. To start off I thought I'd share some things about myself.

Over the past 4 and a half years, I have worked at Northern Bay P-12 College in Geelong as a Campus Principal. I am married to a wonderful wife named Stephanie and I have two daughters, Marchella who is 6 and Giselle who is 5. We also just welcomed a pet cavoodle puppy named Betty to our family! Please don't hold it against me but I am a passionate Essendon supporter in the AFL as well. I look forward to hosting a coffee and chat with parents and carers once COVID-19 restrictions begin to ease. In the interim, please come and say hello when you see me at the school entrance before and after school.

Kind regards, Rob Bennetts

STAFFING UPDATE

Leanne Corkran is going to be finishing her time at Forrest Primary School at the end of Term Two. Forrest has been Leanne's first teaching role and I am sure she will always have fond memories of her time teaching the Year 3-6 students in the Senior Room.

We would like to thank Leanne for her passion and commitment to the role. She has developed strong relationships with students, staff and families and will be missed by all. On behalf of the Forrest community, we would like to wish Leanne all the best with her future teaching endeavours. During this week, a letter will be sent home to all families outlining the staffing plan for Semester Two.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

The Department of Education has released a new operations guide for schools to follow. This includes a number of measures that we are mandated to implement in order to keep our community safe. One of which is that parents/carers and visitors are only able to enter school grounds for essential purposes. If you need to enter the school, we ask that you phone first us on 5236 6393 to make an

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

- 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
- 13 Art (MACC Visit)
- 14 Jump Off - JR4H
- 12-16 Barwon Dental Van Visit
- 20 Library (MARC Visit)
- 27 Art (MACC Visit)



Birthday Greetings for:

Oscar Howland – 8th June

Oliver Brien – 14th June

appointment. Please also ensure that if your child is symptomatic that they stay home from school to reduce the spread of germs. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with these important measures.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Just a reminder that this upcoming weekend is a long weekend for the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. Enjoy the extra day of family time next Monday!

Parents of Grade 6 Students

Parents of Year 6 students transitioning into a government secondary school for Year 7 in 2022 - Please return the application forms sent home with students at the beginning of May 2021 **ASAP**. These forms are overdue to be returned.

Thank you to those families that have returned the forms.

HELPING HANDS

- ✓ JOHN FOR HELPING NERRIDA BAKE A CAKE
- ✓ JASMINE FOR HELPING BRING THE CAKES TO THE SENIOR ROOM



Students of the week from last week.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Learning effort: **Aurora Bradshaw** for her wonderful willingness to help others in the classroom. Keep up the kind acts Aurora!

Learning behaviour: **Shira Sloane** for developing self-confidence during our maths sessions. Well done Shira!

Learning effort: **Hamish Finnie** for working hard during Remote Learning and completing all his math work. Excellent Effort.

Learning behaviour: **John Seebeck** for completing his work to a high standard, and joining in with all the class activities. Well done John.

Barwon Health Mobile Dental Van is visiting Forrest in the week of 12 – 16th July 2021.

Please return any 'Consent to dental examination' forms by Thursday 17th June.

Thank You

INDO CORNER: **Becak**

The Becak or Pedicab is a three-wheeled model of public transport. In Indonesia there are 2 types of Pedicab that are operating namely the conventional Becak and motorized Becak. The uniqueness of Pedicab vehicles in Indonesia is the location of the driver who is behind the passenger, although there are some in the area of Sumatra where the driver is on the front side. The Becak mainly existed in a rural area while in the urban city it has been outlawed due to creating massive traffic jams.



SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Welcome back! Many thanks and well done to everyone for working through another stint of remote learning! Thanks to everyone for completing your work, it is important to keep the process of learning ticking away and it helps in a smooth transition back to school.

I loved receiving your photos and posts, it does help to feel connected. Thanks you to everyone who attended the Webex meetings, it is always nice to see your smiling faces on a cold day.

We welcome our new principal Rob Bennetts to school today, and we are looking forward to getting to know and work with him.

Can I remind everyone that Out Door Education will begin again on Friday and can we have the required boots and coats at school please.

Looking forward to the next few weeks back at school and into some fun.

Ms Corkran

JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

Well done to all families and students for the smooth transition to remote learning. It was wonderful to see students on the video meetings and keep the connections and learning flowing.

We all enjoyed a wonderful day on Friday at FKGB making a fire, playing with chickens and of course the mulch pile is endless fun. Some wonderful conversations were observed, and I think we need to do some

investigations into cooking with earth ovens. Just a reminder that students need spare socks, trousers, tops, jackets every week. Thanks for your support here. It is getting much colder and it is preferable the kids are warmly dressed.

We are looking forward to getting stuck into our Talk4 writing unit this week. The students will be inventing their own texts this week and

learning our class negotiated story. I will send home a copy in their home learning journal.

I hope you all have enjoyed the science experiments the students have been conducting in class. The lava lamps were amazing fun, and the students are building up their knowledge about the properties of water.

Kind regards, Kaz Standish



EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWS

It was a very quiet time around the EYC lately with several children away due to coughs and colds. Staff have had to remain very strict on any illness coming through to try and maintain the health and safety for all.

Vicki and Di have been working very hard getting all of the information that needs to be submitted with numerous policies, enrolment forms and other document needing to be uploaded to the dept as part of the Assessment and Rating process. The next part of the process will involve an online meeting between a representative from ACECQA, Rob as the approved person in charge and Di as the director of the EYC. This will be a discussion around Quality areas 6 & 7 before this same representative visits the service for a face to face assessment. All staff in the EYC feel we are prepared for this day and are looking forward to the process.

Renovations have been suggested that they will start as early as the weekend of the 12th June. This will of course impact the EYC and its programs hopefully minimally but risk assessments have been developed in discussions with the children and staff so that everyone is aware of any hazards that may appear. We are hoping that the interruptions will be minor and that the renovations are completed quickly.

The learning focus in the day care has been supporting children to recognise their names and photos to help them with their daily routines and transitions. They have been exploring yoga and have developed their goals for the rest of the term from their activities.

The kinder children have been very busy with some arts when recognising Reconciliation week and Sorry day by making a Rainbow serpent after

reading this very special book. The children have all been practicing their Acknowledgement of Country & the National Anthem all using Key Word Sign.

The OSHC children have been enjoying some wonderful afternoon cooking and walks with Valentina who has been teaching them how to make Chilean food from her culture. They have been exploring their creative sides by doing some painting using different mediums.

The EYC would like to wish Darryl a very happy retirement and hope that he enjoys his time away on his holidays. We thank him for all of his support and knowledge over his time here.

We would like to welcome Rob and look forward to working with him and the whole school community in a what is becoming a very busy year for our school.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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



FORREST & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE PRESENTS THE 3RD ANNUAL

FORREST GOT TALENT

SATURDAY 19 JUNE 2016 THE FORREST HALL
DOOR OPENS SHOW FROM 6.30-8.30PM
TICKETS \$10 PER FAMILY.
DRINKS 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

Postponed till further notice.

Otways MARC Library

Welcome to term two library lessons where students will delve into the past.

Ms Mac (and Carl) visit Forrest P.S. every second Tuesday.

Student loans are for two weeks but they can be extended.



Having trouble finding your library books ... Look for the spot on the spine!

Term 2 Borrowing Dates

Tuesday

April 27

May 11 & May 25

June 8 & June 22

"Books train your imagination to think big."

Taylor Swift