

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

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Next term students in Years 4-6 will be participating in a Bike Education program. All students in the Senior Room will also be going for a surfing lesson at Lorne next term. As well as the outdoor learning we do onsite, it is great to complement this with some of the amazing natural environments in our local vicinity.



CROSS SCHOOL COLLABORATIONS

We have a current focus on working collaboratively with our neighbouring small schools so that we can pool our collective resources and expertise for all students in our area. Next week we are working with Deans Marsh Primary School to review students writing samples. We will be working on having consistent assessment and monitoring practices as well as sharing ideas for how we can improve student writing.

SCHOOL PLAY

Students across the school have been practising hard in readiness for our school play on September 14th. Thank you to the parents/carers who have been helping to make things and also for providing some of the equipment needed.

BOOK WEEK

Next week is Book Week. To celebrate, we will be having a Book Week Dress Up Day on Friday 26th of August. Students are encouraged to come to school on this day dressed as their favourite book character.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to River John and Lochlan Pearson for winning the last two Principal's Awards. River and Lochlan will be joining myself and other Principal's Award winners for morning tea shortly.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

17 Library (MARC Visit)
22 – 26 Book Week
24 Art (MACC Visit)
26 Book Week Dress Up Day
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 – Week 5



Ellen's Lego Commonwealth Games Depiction

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT.

School Council meet on the 2nd of August for the first time this semester. Thank you to all the parents who take the time to come to our meetings and support our learning centre. Hopefully the new arrangement with childcare will make it possible for more parents to attend.

Rob reported on some exciting activities planned for our students this semester: swimming, bike ed and surfing for the senior students. After extensive review of fire lighting procedures as a part of the Forrest Kids go Bush program, the lighting of fires will be permitted in Term 2 and 3 with teachers igniting the fire and students involved in fun activities such as toasting apples and the odd marshmallow.

The Complaints Policy was endorsed and approved.

Byron reported on the activities of the Finance Subcommittee. The school is lucky to be the recipient of some financial donations from the community which contribute significantly to our school play.

Fundraising and Building & Grounds Sub-Committee will report at our next meeting School Council meeting to be held on Tuesday the 30th of August.

Regards
Rose Sgro.

HELPING HANDS

- ✓ FOX FOR HELPING IN THE LIBRARY
- ✓ AURORA FOR HELPING CLEAN UP THE SPORTS EQUIPMENT WHEN IT WASN'T HER JOB
- ✓ ALLY FOR HELPING WITH THE GUINEA PIGS
- ✓ TINA FOR HELPING MRS STANDISH FILL THE CHICKENS WATER & FOOD



Birthday Greetings for: Archer

School Play PROP Making Working Bee

23rd August 2022

3.30pm- 5pm

All assistance
appreciated!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – WEEK 4

Learning effort: Aarli Hoey for her excellent improvement in her reading and writing through persistence and practice!

Learning behaviour: Loch Pearson for his excellent efforts to manage himself in the classroom and be ready for learning.

Learning effort: Jock Roberts for input into class discussion especially in our BTN session on electric cars.

Learning behaviour: Zoe Wilson for slipping back into class work seamlessly after absence and making us laugh with your limmerick. Great role model Zoe!!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – WEEK 5

Learning effort: Noah Archer for the excellent progress he is making with his sounds write work.

Learning behaviour: Aurora Bradshaw for her extra efforts in making wise decisions in the classroom to maximise her learning.

Learning effort: Chelsea Davidson for her excellent effort in representing her Commonwealth Games sport with a Lego model.

Learning behaviour: Oscar Howland for contributing insightful comments and questions in class discussion and showing maturity. Thankyou Oscar keep it up!

Senior Room Relief Teacher Bio

For those of you know who don't know me, my name is Bronwyn, but I'm mostly called Bronni (or Mrs A by the students).

I have been living in Drysdale on the Bellarine Peninsula until recently when my family purchased a cottage in Forrest and so we are currently transitioning down to Forrest with intent to make it our full-time home. Having the opportunity to teach at Forrest Primary has been a 'breath of fresh air' and serendipitous. The students show a love of learning and wonder about their world. I love that none run inside at the first drop of rain!

My husband and I have 3 beautiful adult children with super senses of humour and are pretty much independent of us for the most part which marks a new phase of life for us. It's an amazing privilege to watch children grow and make their own way in life through all the challenges and triumphs.

My love of working with children has run through all my career choices from teaching kinder music to paediatric nursing, midwifery, then primary teaching and more recently as an early intervention therapist and support coordinator with the NDIS.

I have worked as a mentor in the Bump program run by RAISE mentoring young women in pregnancy which was an absolute highlight for me as I witnessed their stoicism and watched in awe as these young women conquered hurdles that they shouldn't have to, but they did. Another career highlight for me has been working at the Children's hospital both in Adelaide and Melbourne and Hobart children's ward.

I have lived in Japan (a while ago now!) and have taught Japanese at different schools around Geelong - Freshwater Creek Steiner being the most recent. The Japanese culture fascinates me; I particularly appreciate their connection to nature and love of the seasons. My favourite season is autumn.

I enjoy gardening, sewing and most genres of music but am particularly fond of the 70's and 80's. Travel and camping (Kennett River is a family favourite every year) has also been a big part of my life having worked with my hubby in Malawi, Africa for a short time as well as remote indigenous communities whilst we lived in Alice Springs for a year. Having done my original teaching rounds at Sadadeen primary school in Alice Springs and visiting remote communities for health rounds as part of a team I admire the resilience and adaptability required by the kids in remote communities to learn.

Thank you to those who have been so hospitable to me in Forrest already and I look forward to getting to know more families over time.

SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Seniors have been busy getting ready for the school play with much effort put into planning and now the practice begins!

The Commonwealth Games athletes and history have been a focus the last fortnight with students exploring chosen topics and presenting their work in the quest for a medal! We were also fortunate enough to have our own

Commonwealth Games athlete speak with us about her experience as both a physio and competitor in the CWG! Thanks Emma Colson! Both juniors and seniors were captivated by the talk and loved the bag of Australian goodies you showed us and your uniforms! What an experience for our students to have their own athlete in the class!

The teachers in the senior room have been so impressed by the poetry written by the students with limericks amusing us and the 'I am' poems being open, honest and insightful to all. Learning about reversible and irreversible changes has been the starter topic in science. (Thanks for all the jars we will be using them in weeks to come.)



Students ponder questions such as why the frozen milk is bulging more when it is solid than when a liquid? Can melted or burnt chocolate be returned to its former state? We are looking forward to



exploring this further particularly in science week.



JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

The Junior Room students have been busy little bees over the last 2 weeks. We are progressing with our school play pieces with great enthusiasm and making some great strides ahead in literacy and maths. The students are finishing off an animal report that I am hoping we will be able to share via seesaw.

This week we have a visit from Deidre from The River Detective program as part of National Science Week. We are looking

forward to hearing what the students have to say about the Barwon River and their connections to it.

We started TRIBES last week and the students made wonderful progress helping to make circus props. We are working in larger groups this term and the students will be either making props or rehearsing their acts. Thanks to Emma C and Emma P who are going to give us a hand at this time each week. If any other

parents are available that would be very helpful!

Just a reminder that we are swapping readers on a Wednesday so if you could ensure that the reader bag/diary and readers are ready for a swap that would be great!

Kaz Standish

Junior Room Teacher

EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWS

What a quiet few weeks it has been in the eyc, lots of children away being unwell, we do appreciate that this must be difficult but also appreciate that the children are staying home to rest and recuperate.

The children have been observing the Commonwealth Games over



the past fortnight with each child picking a country to

support. It was a bit harder this time with all of the events happening overnight however it was a wonderful 10 days of sporting from Australia and the children

were able to experience a little bit.

We celebrated Ned's 2nd Birthday within the last fortnight, with a Happy Birthday and cupcakes - who wouldn't want to celebrate!



The children have been enjoying the sand tray inside where they have been exploring monster trucks, construction trucks, digging for gems then transferring this knowledge to building their

own monster trucks out of Lego and Mobilo.

Cheers Di, Vicki & Valentina & Indi.



COMMUNITY NEWS

OCR FM Open Studio and Recording Day



OCR FM community radio are inviting you to come and experience the other side of the microphone! Drop in, meet the presenters and record your voice for a community announcement.



Saturday 20th August between 10am and 2pm at Shop 6 in the Tenpin Bowl Arcade *Scripts and support provided*

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