

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

REPORTS

Student reports will be produced and sent home on Thursday 24th of June. Having read the student reports, all Forrest students should be extremely proud of their application to learning as well as their growth this semester. It was also great to reflect on the variety of amazing learning opportunities that our students experience.

COVID-19 UPDATE

As per our most recent guidelines from the Department of Education, parents are now permitted to be onsite for the purposes of before and after school pick up as well as by appointment. Unfortunately, parents are still not permitted to attend assemblies.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to Poppy Schuhmann for winning last week's Principal's Award. Poppy will be joining myself and other Principal's Award winners for morning tea at the end of the term.

CYBERSAFETY

It has come to my attention that a number of Forrest PS students are accessing social media platforms. Most of these apps and websites have a minimum age requirement of 13 and in some cases 17 and older. Please be mindful of your child's online safety and of course contact the school if you need any support.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

A reminder that our last School Council meeting for the term is on this Wednesday 23/6 at 3:45pm. Thank you to the parent/carer representatives for your ongoing support.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wishing the Forrest community, a happy school holiday period. Hope there are lots of opportunities to spend quality time with family and friends. Stay safe and stay warm!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

- 22 Library (MARC Visit)
- 23 School Council Meeting at 3.45pm
- 23-25 Camp-Roses Gap Yrs. 3 6 TBC
- 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:

Chelsea Davidson – 28th June

Thomas Hoey – 28th June

HELPING HANDS

- ✓ OSCAR FOR GETTING A WATER BOTTLE FOR A FRIEND
- ✓ CHELSEA FOR HELPING MRS STANDISH WITH A LEAKY TOILET



Students of the week from last week as well as the Principal's Award; Well-done everyone.



Borneo Island

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Learning effort: **Oscar Howland** for his incredible work during writing sessions. Oscar was so committed to finishing his story he completed it at recess.

Learning behaviour: **Sion Roberts** for trying hard to complete all set tasks and staying focused on the task at hand. Wonderful efforts Sion!

Learning effort: **Lachlan Crabbe** for extending his learning in math and working through some new understandings. Excellent work Lachlan!

Learning behaviour: **Chelsea Davidson** for her continuous support of and interactions with other students in the playground. Well done Chelsea.

INDO CORNER: Borneo: Borneo, a giant, rugged island in Southeast Asia's Malay Archipelago, is shared by the Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak, Indonesian Kalimantan and the tiny nation of Brunei. It's known for its beaches and ancient, biodiverse rainforest, home to wildlife including orangutans and clouded leopards. In Sabah is 4,095m-tall Mount Kinabalu, the island's highest peak, and, offshore, the famed dive site Sipadan Island.

SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Welcome to the last news from the senior room for term 2. This is also my last week and I would like to thank everyone at Forrest Primary for support during such a whirlwind 18 months. Having 6 months of Covid19 Remote learning in my first year of teaching wasn't the best start to a teaching career, but what it did highlight to me is how wonderful both the staff and students are at this school.

2021 has been much better in terms of class contact time and the ability to deliver the extra activities that make school fun and create lasting memories.

The students are well prepared to move into semester two, and the ongoing class teacher Mrs Mathews is returning, so everyone will have the benefit of a familiar face.

In the past two weeks we have said farewell to our model village

with a ceremonial burning, which I have to admit was very therapeutic and a lot of fun. We have continued with the Artists in Residence Project with Pete and Amanda. The students are creating some great works, make sure you look out for them around town in the coming weeks.

Everyone has been busy finalising their writing and have created some funny, dramatic and persuasive work over the semester. Well done everyone.

Of course, we couldn't finish the year without the mention of camp, may the rain hold off long enough to enjoy all the great activities available. Pack warm clothes and have a great time!!

All the best and have a great school holiday.

Ms Corkran



JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

Thanks to all the families for such a wonderful Term 2! The students' learning is coming along in leaps and bounds and our Sharing the Planet Inquiry unit has been an exciting theme to share. The students have been engaged in our environmental art work with Peter and Amanda and their loom weaving is coming together nicely. It has been excellent to observe their skill development in this area as well as their willingness to help each other with

some of the more difficult things.

A big thanks to all the families for supporting the home reading program especially with the decodable readers. They play such an important role in developing reading skills. Home readers will be changed this week and hopefully over the holidays the students can read regularly to maintain their skills.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to Allira for all her terrific work with our class. Allira has a teaching job for Term 3 and will be leaving us. Allira has been a happy and patient worker in our room supporting all of the students in their learning journey. Best of luck Allira- we will miss you!

Enjoy the holidays!

Kind regards

Kaz Standish





EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWS

This week in the Kinder and Day care we focused on healthy eating, asking the children to think about what foods we should eat all the time and what foods we should eat sometimes; the children got the chance to create their own faces with some wonderful fresh fruits and vegetables. Whilst the Day-Care children also learnt all about recycling and about which items go into what bins, the Day-Care children also had a great time feeding their food scraps to the chooks here at Forrest Primary School.



The Kinder and Day-Care children also had a blast playing the game 'The Floor is Lava' where they needed to work together to create a bridge to rescue the children that were stranded in the lava.



We hope you enjoy the rest of the week and we will see you all again after the Holidays.

Cheers Di, Vicki, Liza, Shari and Valentina



COMMUNITY NEWS

OCR FM and the Colac Writer's Guild present

The July Journal

A short story project open to all ages and abilities

Submit a short story (max 1000 words) for your chance to have it read out on air on OCR FM as part of our 5pm Stories program throughout the month of July.

Selected authors may choose to read their own story or have an OCR FM presenter read it for them.

There is no set theme or categories, but writing must be suitable for airplay between 6am and 6pm for a general listening audience.

Stories can also be made available as podcasts after broadcast.

Entries must be submitted by Saturday 25th of June to admin@ocrfm.org.au



Forrest & District Playgroup

FRIDAY MORNINGS AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE- 47 GRANT ST FORREST. 9.30AM-11AM.

Please join us at this informal playgroup for local families to connect.
Cost: gold coin donation to support initiatives of the F&DNH.
Please adhere to covid safe guidelines and do not attend if your child is unwell.

Get in touch with the Forrest & District Neighbourhood House by calling/ texting 0493105502 or email forrest.nh@gmail.com for enquiries or information.

FORREST YOUTH FEST. FRIDAY 2ND JULY

WHAT:	TIME:	COST:
-Silent Disco -Photo booth -Dress ups -Food	Kinder-Primary school aged: 4-5.30pm (supervision required) High school aged 6-8pm Over 18's: 8.30-10.30pm	FREE for youth, over 18s \$5pp. 50 headsets available per session, first in best dressed!

This event is an activity of the Forrest & District Neighbourhood House and is fully supported by the Victorian State Government as part of Victorian Youth Week 2021 celebrations.