

# FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWSLETTER



LEARNING FOR LIFE

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Forrest for another term of learning and growing. Forrest PS and EYC was a hive of activity over the holidays. We had our highly awaited new playground equipment installed. It looks great and more importantly will be heaps of fun for our students. We also had a new tank installed which will carry 46,000 liters of water! This tank forms a critical part of our bushfire preparedness plans.



### STAFFING UPDATE

We are very excited to announce that Bianca Jackson will be commencing at Forrest this week as our school chaplain. Bianca is a highly regarded professional in the field of psychology and we

look forward to the skills and strengths that she will bring to the role and the positive impact she will have on our students.

### COVID-19 UPDATE

Schools have received a new set of guidelines and easing of restrictions. The most relevant changes for families is that parents and carers are now able to attend our school assemblies. Please note that assemblies will now be held at **9am on Friday mornings**. This is so that we can involve our Early Years Centre students to join us at assembly. Please note that if you are entering the school site for collecting your child before or after school, you are not required to check in using a QR code, however if you are attending onsite for a meeting or to attend assembly you are required to check in at the front office. Thank you so much for your ongoing understanding and compliance with these regulations that are designed to keep us all safe.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 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)
- 28 Three Way Conferences
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### AUGUST

- 3 Library (MARC Visit)
- 4 SC Extraordinary Meeting@ 3.45pm
- 10 Art (MACC Visit)
- 17 Library (MARC Visit)
- 18 SC Meeting@3.45pm
- 19 Student Free Day
- 24 Library (MARC Visit)
- 31 Art (MACC Visit)

## HELPING HANDS

- ✓ FOX FOR OFFERING TO HELP MS CORKRAN

### 3 WAY CONFERENCES

Please note that 3 way conferences will be held after school on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of July and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of July. Further details about how to book an appointment will be communicated shortly.

### INDO CORNER: INDONESIAN

**BEACHES:** Most of the best beaches in Bali are found in the south: around Kuta, Jimbaran, and the Bukit Peninsula. Some of these are also very busy (particularly the coast from Kuta to Seminyak). If you get a taxi, it's easy to find some great stretches of sand with few other tourists. The best beach weather in Bali is usually found between April and early November but since Bali is a year round destination concern about weather and seasons should not be a major issue when planning a trip.

Hello, I'm really excited to be back at Forrest Primary School!

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Alison Matthews, and I am the teacher in the Senior Room. I live in Bannockburn with my husband and three teenage children.

I started teaching in Forrest at the beginning of 2018 as a graduate teacher and had some wonderful experiences with the students and community before transferring to another school closer to home, late in 2019. Lethbridge Primary School has roughly 120 students, providing me with teaching experiences different to those offered in Forrest. There I taught a level 4/5 class and this year have taught 5/6. I held leadership positions and undertook a lot of professional development.

I'm returning to you inspired and motivated to achieve great things in collaboration with students, families and the wider community. I look forward to chatting with you all soon, face-to-face, over the phone or via email.

Best wishes,

Alison Matthews



### Receiving the Principal's Award!



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