

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWSLETTER



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FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE IS A CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE OF BULLYING.

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

Forrest PS is now commencing an outstanding evidence-based wellbeing framework called School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS). SWPBS acts as a tool for us to have consistent, inclusive and positive wellbeing practices that will benefit all students in our school. There are many elements to this framework, starting with our students leading the process of revisiting our school values. We will continue to communicate our progress as we implement this important initiative.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP PHOTO DAY

A reminder for all students to dress up as their favourite character from a book this Wednesday 25th of August to celebrate book week. We are looking forward to seeing everyone's dress ups either on Webex or in photo form. More details to follow! Engaging literature-based activities are planned for the day including an online incursion.

PARENT/CARER AND COMMUNITY FORUM

A reminder that we are having a Forrest Parent, Carer and Community Forum this Thursday from 4-4:45pm at the Forrest Hall via Webex. I am looking forward to receiving feedback from our whole community about how we can make Forrest PS and even better school! This feedback will also drive part of our diagnostic review which is being led by the Department of Education. The Webex details will be advertised shortly.

HATS

Please note that as we are a SunSmart school, from the 1st of September all students need to wear wide-brimmed hats when engaging in break times and learning outside. Please contact myself or Sarah if you require any support with this.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to Hamish Finnie for winning last week's Principal's Award. Hamish will be joining myself and other

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

24 Art (MACC Visit)
25 Book Week Dress-Up Day
31 Library (MARC Visit)

SEPTEMBER

3 Sporting Schools – Gymnastics
7 Art (MACC Visit)
10 Sporting Schools – Gymnastics
14 Library (MARC Visit)
15 SC Meeting@3.45pm
17 End of Term 3



Birthday Greetings for:

Olivia Melynk – 28th August

Principal's Award winners for morning tea shortly.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT NEWS

Hello to all our parents, children and community members. Thank you for reading our weekly newsletter. As the current school council president I have decided to contribute to the newsletter to help give people who aren't aware of what happens at our meetings some insight and also assist in keeping everyone more informed.

At our meeting on Wednesday night the **uniform policy** was reviewed. The possibility of a school beanie and new style and colour of sports shirt is being investigated .

We now have formed **four sub-committees**- school improvement, buildings and grounds, finance and fundraising. Anyone interested in joining any of these groups is most welcome. Of course due to the current Covid situation we are very restricted with what we can do.

As this is a school review year we have been having a lot of discussion regarding this process. The school improvement group have been preparing for the **Parent Community Forum** to be held at **4pm on Thursday 26th of August via Webex**. I encourage everyone who can to attend, everyone's feedback is valued.

Rob is investigating the possibility of using another online platform to increase awareness of what exciting learning is taking place at our school. Our revamped website is fabulous, take a look if you have a spare minute

Di Carter has resigned from school council, we thank her for her contribution and dedication her presence on school council has allowed us to be well informed of activities in the Early Years Centre. It would be fantastic if a parent or staff member from the Early Years Centre could join school council to fill this vacant position.

Finally, I encourage anyone who hasn't yet completed the **Parent Opinion Survey** to do so. You will only need to set aside ten minutes of your time, the questions in this year's survey are easy to understand and the more people who take the time to complete the survey the more meaningful the information gathered for our school.

Kind regards

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Learning effort: **Sion Roberts** For taking more responsibility for his learning organisation. He is asking for help as needed and listening carefully to instructions. Excellent work Sion!

Learning behaviour: **Shira Sloane** For her wonderful efforts in working through problems and saying positive! Well done, Shira!

Learning effort: **John Seebeck** For the effort he has been putting into his writing and his amazing improvement in sounding out words. Awesome work John!

Learning behaviour: **Lachlan Crabbe** For persisting with challenging learning activities and making sure he completes them. Well done Lachie!

INDO CORNER

Nyepi Day in Bali is a New Year celebration unlike anywhere else on the planet. Bali celebrates the Saka New Year as the Bali Day of Silence. It's ultimately the quietest day of the year, when all of the island's inhabitants abide by a set of local rules. These bring all routine activities to a complete halt. Roads all over Bali are void of any traffic and nobody steps outside of their home premises. Most Balinese and visitors regard Nyepi as a much-anticipated occasion. Some expats and those coming from neighboring islands prefer escaping Bali for the day rather, due to restrictions that surround the observance. Some others check coinciding dates ahead before their Bali trip, avoiding it altogether.