

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

REMOTE LEARNING

As we move into another round of remote learning, please note that we have made some adjustments based on feedback from students and parents. This time around you will have noticed that we have placed an emphasis on more video conferencing and visuals to support student learning. One of the things that students, miss most about school is seeing their teachers' faces. We are keen to increase the amount of time students are able to connect with their teacher during this remote period. You may have seen in the media that despite the impacts of the pandemic over 2020 and 2021 that Victoria has once again achieved the best NAPLAN results in the country. The data has also shown that students who fully engage in remote learning are achieving amazing results. Hang in there everyone, the work you are doing at home is so beneficial to your child's learning.

NEW SCHOOL VALUES

Forrest Primary School has four new school values. They are Kindness, Persistence,

Teamwork and Respect. These four school values have been selected based on the thoughts and feedback of our most important stakeholders; our wonderful students. We look forward to using these school values to develop a strong values-based culture at Forrest Primary School.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY

Well done to everyone who dressed up for our online Book Week Webex. There were some fantastic costumes. The winners of the dress up competition were Jasmine, Ellen, Willa and Jock. Photos will be in next week's newsletter & prizes will be coming your way when we return to school!

PARENT/CARER AND COMMUNITY FORUM

A massive thank you to all of the parents/carers and community members who attended our feedback forum. It was such a great turnout given the current circumstances and we received some insightful feedback as a school which

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

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



will guide our future strategic direction. Some of the main themes were around our commitment to nature-based learning, community partnerships and improving our facilities.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to Jasmine Crabbe for winning last week's Principal's Award. Jasmine will be joining myself and other Principal's Award winners for morning tea shortly.

INDO CORNER

Indonesia's main island is Java. The population of Java is approximately 100 million people – and that's only one of 13, 677 islands. Indonesia's population is about 230 million people- the fourth largest population in the world. First is China, followed by India and the USA.

HELPING HANDS

- ✓ ANNALEE FOR HELPING MRS STANDISH ORGANISE THE SPORTS EQUIPMENT.
- ✓ CHELSEA FOR EXTRA CARE FOR THE CHICKENS.
- ✓ ELLA FOR HELPING VACCUM THE SCHOOL.

SENIOR ROOM NEWS

During the last 2 weeks we have examined the 7 continents of the world looking at location, population, climate, land area and the number of countries within them. We continued to build our shelters within our 'Nature Village' during Outdoor Education and made a start on our Tribes activities prior to returning to remote learning last week. Our author study about Margaret Wild is continuing to be a focus as we explore the themes within her books. In Math's we revised our knowledge of symmetry and fractions, before turning our attention to Time.

I have been enjoying home learning and spending

Africa's countries

- Africa has 53 separate countries including Madagascar in the Indian ocean (the highest number of any continent).

Flags of countries of AFRICA



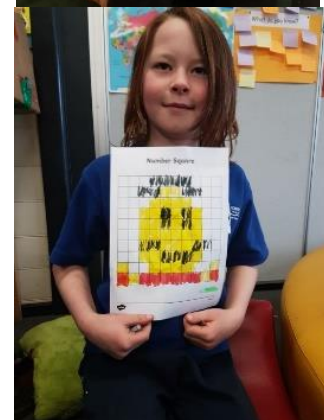
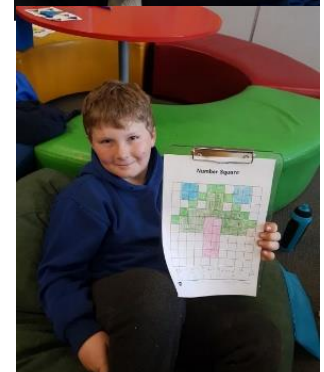
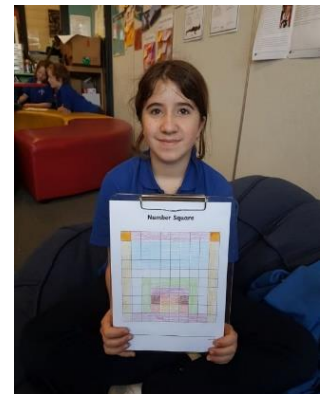
Fact Page

- Did you know Africa is bigger than USA, Canada and India together.
- Africa has the longest river in the world: The Nile River.
- Africa's highest mountain is: Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.



time with Mum and Dad. At school I did a continent poster on Australia and had fun building cubbies in Outdoor Education.
John Seebeck

In the past week we have continued to improve our village



for outdoor education. There are 8 different residences, including some people sharing. We have used different materials including things like old door frames and old cupboards or cabinets that are from the bonfire. We have also included branches from the

old wattle tree and have a special place for items that some people don't need but others could use. I think it is cool because you get to go outside at the end of the day and enjoy yourself. It is a refreshing way to start the week with. Elise Sgro

JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

Well, done everyone- students and families, for the very smooth transition to remote learning. Please let me know via seesaw if you need any help or further support during these challenging times. Thanks also to all the school staff for helping us pull things together!

The Junior room webex morning meetings will be at 9.30am on a Tuesday and Friday. There will be a Monday check in with Rob- so please keep a look out for the webex

A game for you to play together this week:

link on seesaw. I am also going to run some small group sounds-write and math's sessions on webex.

Please read the daily program so you know when your child needs to attend the meeting.

I have been so pleased with the efforts of the students- lots of posts showing me their work and play activities.

It really makes a big difference to our students' progress knowing that although the

learning may look a little different, it is still important for their development. This occurs on many levels including their wellbeing, e.g., staying connected with their classmates and structure. And on a personal note, I really enjoy seeing the posts and feedback from students/families- makes me feel connected to the kids' learning too!

Have a nice week!

Kaz Standish

Wellbeing Bingo!

Choose one thing a day to complete for yourself or maybe with your family. You may choose more if you wish! Enjoy J

Listen to a song that makes you happy/smile.



Have a treat... you deserve it! Maybe a little bit of chocolate?



Take 3 deep breaths.



Eat a healthy meal. Keep that gut healthy.



Have a movie night! Maybe even get the family involved?



Complete 100 start jumps! Great way to keep our hearts healthy.



Go for a walk. Fresh air does wonders.



Play a game with someone. Maybe Go Fish or rock - paper - scissors?



Watch an episode of Bluey. Odds are you'll have a little laugh along the way.



Read a book. Maybe your favourite book if you have one?



Cook something yummy! Maybe even muffins?



Have a phone call with someone you care about.



Tell someone you love them.



Listen to a Smiling Minds guided meditation. Great way to be present and check in with yourself.



Read 3 jokes to someone and share a laugh together.



Time to get up and move your body... let's dance! Maybe even the Macarena or the Nutbush?



Have a big glass of water! It's important to look after our bodies and keep them hydrated.



Complete a colouring in. Maybe even play some relaxing music while you do it!?



Give someone a hug (a person, toy or animal).



Complete a random act of kindness.



EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWS

This week has been rather different for the EYC, but that hasn't stopped us from all enjoying all the fun activities we had planned; we have gotten the children to each come up with their own fish

tank designs as well as so amazing names for their fishy friends, as well as activities for the Paralympics and Fathers Day; not to mention the Books and Songs that are on our Facebook page done by Liza and Shari; as well as all the

behind the scenes work done by Di and Vicki, to get us ready for when we can come back .

We hope you are all staying safe and we hope to see everyone real soon.

COMMUNITY NEWS



THE HUNT FOR THE GOLDEN GUMBOOT
18th September - 3rd October
Celebrating our Heritage

Get Your Railtrail Ranger Booklet & Showbag From:
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2021/2022 NIPPERS SEASON

Yes, It is that time of year again when we put the winter coat away and dust off the thongs and shorts, heading into summer as we welcome back our Jan Juc families and say a big hello to our new members. Sunny days and good waves have been booked and we are ready to launch Nippers 2021/22!

SURF SPORTS PROGRAM
The Surf Sports program for U8 - U13, runs from October to March and provides regular training for nippers in order to compete at Junior Surf Life Saving Carnivals.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM
The Summer Holiday Program runs over a two-week period (8 sessions) commencing Monday 27 December 2021.

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