

# 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

Dear Forrest Families,

It has been a busy and positive fortnight at Forrest Primary School, with plenty happening across the school and much to celebrate.

### NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students did a wonderful job completing their NAPLAN assessments. We were very proud of the calm, mature and positive way they approached the week. Most importantly, they gave their best effort, which is all we can ask. Thank you to our staff for the care and support they provided throughout the testing period.

### HARMONY DAY

On Friday, we enjoyed celebrating Harmony Day together. It was a lovely opportunity to reflect on the importance of inclusiveness, respect and belonging, and to remind our students that everyone belongs. It was wonderful to see students



joining in and helping to make the day feel special.

### ATHLETICS ACHIEVEMENT

We would also like to congratulate Jem and Loch for representing Forrest Primary School at the Colac District Athletics last Friday. This was a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of the way they represented our school.

### STUDENT EXPO

We are looking forward to our Student Expo this Friday. Families are warmly invited to visit classrooms from 2:30pm to see and celebrate the learning that has been taking place across the school. We hope many of you are able to join us for this special opportunity to share in your child's learning.

### FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

A team of parents headed down to the Apollo Bay Agricultural Show this past weekend putting in a mighty effort with a Sausage Sizzle, raising funds for our school & kindergarten! The day was spectacular, and

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MARCH

- 25 MARC Library
- 27 Student Expo 2.30pm
- 30 School Council @3.45pm
- 31 P-6 Excursion to Deans Marsh

### APRIL

- 1 MACC Art
- 2 Last Day of Term 1 2.30pm finish
- 3 Good Friday Public Holiday
- 20<sup>th</sup> First Day of Term 2
- 24<sup>th</sup> Anzac Day Ceremony



lots of friendly people bought their snags & drinks. Just under \$1,000 will be put towards the renovation of the kinder yard. Thanks to all involved!



### END OF TERM

Next week is a short week as we come to the end of term and begin the school holidays. I would like to thank our students, staff and families for a wonderful term of learning, support and community involvement. Wishing

everyone a safe, happy and restful Easter break.

Warm regards,

Megan Murfitt

### WEEK 7 & 8 TERM 1 & PRINCIPAL AWARD

Principal Award – Jack Harrington & Isaac Wood

Senior Room – Jem & Archer

Junior Room – Aubrey & Oliver

### Upcoming Birthdays

Sunny H, Leah, Anya & Jack



### SENIOR ROOM NEWS

#### SENIOR ROOM UPDATE!

A big welcome back to our travellers (The Hoeyes, Moriartys and Johns) and our 5/6 Somers School Campers – we are so glad to have you back and have enjoyed hearing stories of your adventures away! We are also proud of you for venturing out of your comfort zone and getting out to meet new people and learn new skills 😊

*Some of the things we've been up to in the last 2 weeks:*

#### KITCHEN GARDEN

We had some big pumpkins in the school garden so we made some fresh pumpkin and sage gnocchi. It was delicious! Now

the kids should be able to whip up some fresh pasta for you (so long as you have flour)!!



#### INQUIRY AND WELLBEING PROJECTS

We have been busy building on our understanding of 'Identity', delving into what it means to be uniquely us! We have explored the ideas of our 'within' and 'without' worlds;

understanding the identity extends beyond our physical appearance and also includes our personality, passions and values. The senior room have been busy expressing these ideas into different creative projects. They have been merging different arts including painting, photography, sewing and drawing to merge their identity with their expression. This has been a fun unit and we look forward to sharing all of the fun



projects we have made at this Friday's expo!

### WILDLIFE CLUB

We are lucky to have Indigo who has been sharing her wildlife knowledge with us! The senior room learnt how to assess a situation safely if they ever come across injured wildlife. They engaged in a variety of scenarios to build on their new learning!



Our grade 4-6 students have begun week 9 with Sue Pain who has come in to teach the senior room about a variety of topics. The grade 4-6 students engaged in workshops on our changing body and body safety. The grade 5 and 6 students engaged further on gender specific changes and puberty and reproduction awareness.

*Time to get back into it with the whole crew back together! We are continuing on with structuring recounts and building on our vocabulary and grammar in writing to create*

*full and detailed sentences. We are also reviewing our number and multiplication fluency and building on our operation strategies to solve number and worded problems. We hope to see you on Friday! 😊*

### PUBERTY SESSIONS

## EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWS

How wonderful the last 2 weeks have been, we have welcomed a new family kinder this week with Nino joining us in our 3-year-old program. Welcome to Nino, his sister Uma and his mum and dad, Hannah and Mario.

This past fortnight the children have been exploring Autumn completing many different art projects including painting, glueing, drawing and using stickers, all of which help support the growth in their fine motor skills.

The sandpit is still a big hit outside, enabling children to

explore spatial awareness, science and mathematical concepts as well as extending their gross motor skills.

We are looking for any old adult-sized clothes for dress-ups that you may be wanting to get rid of, if you do, please drop them off to Di or Vicki.

Di is in Geelong on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March for an Early Years Yarning seminar and signing of the Barwon Anti-Racism Statement on behalf of Forrest Primary School & Early Years Centre. Annika Toussaint will be the kinder

teacher for the day along with Vicki for support.

School holidays are approaching fast with the **service closing at 2:30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We will reopen again on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.**

Please remember to put lots of changes of clothes in your child's bag just in case.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to speak to Di or Vicki or you can contact us on the service mobile – 0419 357 886

Cheers Di & Vicki.





COMMUNITY NEWS



FORREST & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

## EASTER ACTIVITIES AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPERATING HOURS

Easter crafts for children in prep-grade 4; Tuesday 31st March 3.45pm-5pm. Bookings essential, gold coin donation. Text 0493105502 to book.

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April: CLOSED
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April: 8.30am-3.30pm, seniors morning tea 10.30-11.30am
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>: 8.30am-3.30pm
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>: community lunch at the hall from 12.30pm-1.30pm
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Open 10am-2pm with youth group activities for children in grade 5 and up from 11.30-1pm
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>: 8.30am-3.30pm
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>: 8.30am-3.3pm
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>: 8.30am-3.30pm, no community lunch

## SWIMMER CLINIC

This clinic gives developing athletes across the region access to expert coaching, performance insights, and inspiration from leaders in Australian swimming. Led by esteemed coach Richard Sleight with a special athlete appearance from Bowen Gough.

- Bluewater Leisure Centre
- Saturday 28 March
- 11:30am-2:00pm
- SV Members Ages 9+
- \$65 +GST




MELBOURNE RENEGADES

## GEELONG JUNIOR ACADEMY

APRIL 13 & 14 | 9AM TO 3PM  
AGES 14 & UNDER | \$250

REGISTER NOW

## FUN SWIM

FUN SWIM provides young swimmers with a fun and engaging program to explore racing, and develop and improve 'race ready' skills.

Get in touch to find out more!

- Bluewater Leisure Centre
- Saturday 28 March
- 2:00pm-3:00pm
- shannon.lennie@vic.swimming.org.au
- 03 9230 9400



A fun, free and relaxed event connecting people with disability to the swimming community.

All Welcome.  
BYO swimmers, towel, cap and goggles.

## abilities PROGRAM

Swimming victoria

THE abilities PROGRAM

Saturday 28 March  
3:00pm-4:00pm  
Bluewater Leisure Centre

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:  
Shannon Lennie  
shannon.lennie@vic.swimming.org.au  
9230 9400

\*Please arrive in advance if additional equipment or support is required to support your swimming experience. \*\*Basic swimming ability required (this is not a learn to swim event).



SUNDAY 12 APRIL 10AM - 3PM

FREE EVENT

## CATCH A CARP FESTIVAL




Victorian Fisheries Authority | 1849CS

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED FREE EVENT AT LAKE COLAC FORESHORE


- Family friendly fishing comp with lots of prizes
- Kids fishing clinics
- Market stalls and food trucks
- Cooking demos and tastings
- Fish anatomy dissections
- Commercial carp fishing demo catching carp in Lake Colac
- Knot tying demos, fishing and outdoor swap meet, free giveaways and lots more!

SCAN ME!

FORREST FLICKS FILM SOCIETY

What do you do when your father is no ordinary Joe?



## CHILDREN OF THE REVOLUTION

A SACR COMEDY ABOUT THE ULTIMATE PARTY ANIMALS.

Thursday 2 April  
Forrest Public Hall  
7 pm for complimentary wine and light supper  
Movie starts 7:30 pm