

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

NIC OUR SPECIAL VISITOR

Last Thursday we had a special performance from "Nicholas the Ridiculous". It was funny, engaging and, was a real feel good experience for all our school and kinder children. Please read more about Nic's visit later in this newsletter.



POLWARTH SPORTS 2021

The Polwarth Interschool Athletics day planned for March 11th is fast approaching. All schools are looking forward to a great day of sportsmanship, teamwork, fitness and fun. A reminder that parents are required to transport their children to and from the event. Families are welcome to stay and enjoy the day, and we encourage you to bring along a picnic lunch.

A coffee van will be present, complete with cakes and snacks for purchase. The P&F at Alvie will provide canned drinks and icy poles.

In order to ensure the day is a success and to abide by CovidSafe practices, we ask that you please read the information below carefully.

- All attendees (non-students) must register on arrival using the QR code provided or on paper at our school tent
- Attendees should maintain physical distance of 1.5m, and if this is not possible, masks will be required to be worn.
- We suggest parents/carers spread out when watching events, there is plenty of space!
- Please be mindful to not congregate closely with others during break times, unless they are members of your household.
- Attendees should practice good hygiene, hand sanitiser will be available at our school tent.
- If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend the

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

- 9 Art (MACC Visit)
- 11 Polwarth Sports Day - Alvie
- 15 School Council Meeting @5.30pm
- 16 Library (MARC Visit)
- 23 Art (MACC Visit)
- 29 Excursion to Camperdown
- 30 Library (MARC Visit)

APRIL

- 1 End of Term 1 2.30pm Finish
- 2 Good Friday Easter Holidays
- 19 First Day of term 2
- 23 Cross Country at DM – Senior Students only

MAY

- 5 School/EYC Photo Day
- 11-21 Naplan Testing
- 17 School Council Meeting



Students of the Week

event. Any people displaying Covid like symptoms will need to return home.

- Unfortunately the relay will not be run this year due to the difficulty of managing physical distancing. Because of this, the day will most likely conclude earlier than usual.

Please call the school office if you unsure on any matter on 5236 6393.

We thank you in advance for your support to make the day successful for everyone!

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The March meeting of School Council is planned for next Monday March 15th beginning at 5.30pm in the Senior Classroom.

We currently have 3 two-year parent vacancies for school council positions. If interested, nomination forms can be obtained from the school office at any time.

Did you know that you can nominate someone else or you can self-nominate yourself?

Nominations close at 4pm next Monday March 15.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Darryl Harty

HELPING HANDS

- ✓ **ZOE FOR HELPING A FELLOW STUDENT IN THE PLAYGROUND.**
- ✓ **TINA FOR HELPING IN THE CHOOK YARD.**

INDO CORNER: Orangutan: This adorable primate with large black eyes and almost humanlike manners is the prima donna of Indonesia's lush and extensive forest. Tourists can't get over how exotic and precious these friendly creatures are, hanging about the trees or feeding their infants. Unfortunately, deforestation has led to the endangerment of this species, so if encountering an orangutan is something you'd be interested in, you might as well volunteer to help build and rehabilitate their habitat. That's much more meaningful and interactive than observing them from outside the rails of a zoo.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Learning effort: **Oscar Howland** for the excellent details he has been including in his fabulous artwork!

Learning behaviour: **Aarli Hoey** for her wonderful efforts in all areas of school, especially her reading!

Learning effort: **Jaxon Kurzman** for dedicating himself to creating a dynamic and interesting piece of narrative writing. He worked through some difficult plot issues and complications. Well done!!

Learning behaviour: **John Seebeck** for showing care and concern when helping a student in the playground who had been injured. Thank you John.

Fun Friday

On Friday the 12th of March I will be doing a colouring Competition, you are welcome to join me at 1:30 at the back of the Senior room.

Poppy Schuhmann

SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Another fantastic fortnight from us, students have been working hard on their Stepping Stones (Maths) program and their narrative writing pieces and are making excellent progress. For Inquiry, we have begun some role plays based on the characters in "Newville", we enjoyed some shopping in town and at the farm gate, getting horse shoes, and hiring the cart & horse to make deliveries, followed by some music and soft drinks at the Gold Rush Hotel. Everyone still has some money left in the bank, which is a good sign so far!!

The partition wall is in and has made a fantastic difference to our classroom, providing a much needed sound barrier, lots of display areas and a more defined space.

We had a wonderful visit from Circus performer Nicholas Ridiculous on the 4th and were most entertained. Please read the student feedback and comments in the newsletter.

Coming up we have the Polwarth School Sports on Thursday, we hope to see you all there for a day of fun.

Just a reminder that we have a Fun Friday each week and the details are in the newsletter. I have posted some photos onto our SeeSaw page, so please make sure you have logged into your family account so you can access the photos and examples of your

students achievements over the year. The SeeSaw family invites were set home two weeks ago, please contact me if you haven't seen it or need assistance.

Regards Leanne

CIRCUS PERFORMANCE THURSDAY 4TH MARCH

By Chelsea Davidson

Performers name: Nicholas Ridiculous

What did he do:

- He did hilarious things like riding a really, really small bike but he kept riding it the wrong way.
- Singing songs with puppets, playing the didgeridoo, harmonica and he also juggled balls, clubs and knives.
- Dori spun plates on sticks, he spun five plates and Willa turned a fake banana into a real banana while we all shouted "ABRACADABRA!" really, really really loudly.

Did I enjoy it: yes.

Why did I like it: it was just really funny I couldn't choose which thing was my favourite.

COMMENTS FROM THE SENIOR ROOM:

Jaxon: it was pretty interesting how long he has performing for (8yrs)

Zoe: funny

Lachie: funny for kids and grown ups

John: I liked the puppets

Ella: I liked the spinning plates

Elise: the bike was my favourite

Fox: I liked the bike because it was so small

Poppy: I liked the juggling

Ellen: the bendy wand!



JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

COMMENTS FROM THE JUNIOR ROOM:

Tina: I liked how he rode his little bike.



Oscar: I liked it when the Grandpa slapped his face when he ran into the door.



Jasmine: I liked it when he balanced the broom stick.



Annalee: When he was sweeping with the broom and tripping over.



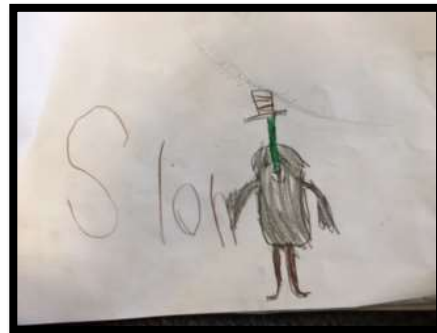
Olivia: When he was sweeping the floor and hitting himself with the stick.



Dori: I liked it when he was juggling with the knives and balancing the broomstick on his chin. I also liked the tiny bike.



Sion: When he balanced the hat on his broom stick on his chin.



Aarli: I liked it when he fell off his tiny bike.



Willa: I liked it when



Grandpa crashed into the door.

Stella: I liked it when he was juggling the bean bags and he kept on dropping them.



Shira: I liked it when Nick was walking with the broom and the stick folded up.



EARLY YEARS CENTRE NEWS

Welcome to week 6!

The children have all settled in really well, acknowledging routines and exploring both indoor and outdoor environments. Over the last fortnight the children have engaged in a majority of outdoor play with many different experiences to explore and extend on. The children have really enjoyed the camping tent, bush kitchen and fire pit extending it to add a fishing pond and making our fishing rods and bows and arrows!



Picasso tile connector blocks. Through this the children are extending their imaginative, fine motor and cognitive skills.

The childcare children are working on their fine motor skills



through exploring painting and easel drawing which will lead to being able to use scissors and hold pencils appropriately.

In the OSHC Paul has decided to move on to something different and we wish him well in his future adventures. Cahlie

O'Neill, who comes to us from Colac, will be filling this role from Tuesday 9th March. Cahlie has a Cert 111 in Early Childhood Education and Care and is currently working towards her Diploma.

Just a quick reminder if we could please have all our children dressed and ready to go for Bush Kinder on Friday mornings it makes the transition easier and allows the children more time exploring.

Cheers Di,
Vicki, Liza,
Shari &
Cahlie.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Built, Biological, Behavioural

Introduction to Permaculture

March 26, 27 & 28th 2021
Forrest Neighbourhood House

Thanks to generous sponsors the course costs free!
\$50 - \$120 and booking info for various pricing
Bookings: <https://forms.gle/3Rm3m3m3m3m3m3m3> or by introduction to
permaculture@forrest-ehs.org.au





WHAT IS OUT YOUR WINDOW? Paint, draw, paste or craft onto the free canvas supplied and enter the Studio Forrest 'Out My Window' small canvas art competition. Entries will be displayed in the new Studio Forrest Window Space and participating venues in Forrest during the Colac Otway Arts Trail. Contact us for a registration form and FREE canvas. F&DNH: Community Hub, 47 Grant Street, Forrest EMAIL: forrestartspace@gmail.com PHONE 0422 585 227
*Winners selected in the 3 categories, Under 12, Open and Peoples Choice will receive a \$50 Gift Card. Artwork must be on supplied canvas.



FORREST OPEN AIR CINEMA
Saturday 20th March @ the Forrest Common.
3pm: Dolittle (2020, rated PG)
5pm: Rams (2020, rated PG-some adult themes)
BYO picnic rugs, chairs etc.
IN LINE WITH OUR COVID SAFE PLAN, ALL TICKETS MUST BE REGISTERED THROUGH EVENTBRITE :
WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU/E/FORREST-OPEN-AIR-CINEMA-TICKETS-142606633279
MOVIES ARE FREE BUT A GOLD COIN DONATION TO THE F&DNH WILL BE MOST APPRECIATED AT THE GATE.
LIONS BBQ and Forrest Primary School Candy Bar fundraisers will be on site.
Cash only.
SMOKE, ALCOHOL & DRUG FREE EVENT!