

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

COMPASS IS COMING

Smarter school management in just ONE connected platform is coming to Forrest PS & EYC early in term 2. It is called COMPASS. You may heard it advertised recently. One of its aims is simplify processes and reduce the administrative burden for parents so everyone is happy. More information to follow early in term 2 after the holidays.

WEBSITE LIVE

The school/EYC's new website went live recently. It looks fantastic and is well worth a visit. Check it out at www.forrestps.vic.edu.au.

Over time important useful information will be included on the website for you to access. Enjoy!

ARTS TO ECOLOGY PROJECT

Last Wednesday we had another Arts to Ecology session with artist Pete Day. Our students from both classes spent time working on exploring some art ideas with Pete. His next visit will be

tomorrow and he will be back again early in term 2.

CONGRATULATIONS ELLA

Ella reported that she did exceptionally well competing at the Divisional Athletics Sports in Colac on Friday. She came first in her hurdles heat and second overall in the long jump. Well done Ella.

CAMPERDOWN EXCURSION

The school's excursion yesterday was a huge success involving special visits to four different locations in Camperdown – namely the Clock Tower, Mt Leura,



Botanical Gardens and the playground. Our two volunteer presenters Pat & Greg involved all the children in enlightening educational activities which they enjoyed. A very big thank you to Pat &

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

30 Library (MARC Visit)

APRIL

1 JSC PJ Day & Easter Egg hunt
1 End of Term 1 2.30pm Finish
19 First Day of term 2
23 Cross Country at DM – Senior Students only
27 School Council Meeting TBC

MAY

3 Divisional Cross Country-Colac
5 School/EYC Photo Day
7 Student Free Day School & EYC
11-21 Naplan Testing
17 School Council Meeting

JUNE

14 Queen's Birthday Holiday
23-25 School Camp



Students of the Week



Greg for availing our school of their time. It was an



excellent way in comparing our local experiences with a neighbouring community. It also enabled us to celebrate our term's Inquiry Unit "Who we are". It is hoped the children shared some of their day with you last evening.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to one of our parents who volunteered in trimming up some hedges at the school entrance and along the pathways. Greatly appreciated!

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

On Thursday it will be the conclusion of a very busy first term. Thank you for your support of the school and EYC. I would like to thank all our hard working staff members on their efforts throughout the term. On behalf of all members of our staff, I would like to wish you and your family a very happy Easter break and we hope you enjoy the

holidays. I look forward to seeing you on the 19th. Stay safe!

Darryl Harty



Birthday Greetings for:

Leah Pakula – 29th

March

Hazel Brien – 9th April

Hamish Finnie – 11th

HELPING HANDS

- ✓ POPPY FOR HELPING PACK UP THE SPORTS EQUIPMENT FROM THE OVAL.
- ✓ AURORA FOR HELPING BY SHOWING KINDNESS & CARE TOWARDS OUR CHICKENS.

GET ACTIVE PROGRAM

The Victorian Government has launched the Get Active Kids Voucher Program to help eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration, uniforms, and essential equipment.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Learning effort: **Zoe Wilson** for showing an ever increasing awareness and preparedness to engage with all learning tasks, and for trying her best. Keep up the good work Zoe.

Learning behaviour: **Elise Sgro**, Elise persisted with her math Assessment until she was happy she had done her best work. She showed determination and resilience. Well done Elise

Learning effort: **Dori Bartlett** for his amazing progress in all aspects of reading especially his decoding skills.

Learning behaviour: **Jasmine Crabbe** for her persistence with her writing. Jasmine has been working tough to sound out the nouns, verbs and adjectives. Great work Jasmine!

Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

The Program will be delivered across four Rounds over the period 1 March 2021 until 17 April 2022. Children must be aged 4 to 18 and named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and Medicare Card, or meet the Special Consideration criteria to be eligible.

To find out if you are eligible, how to apply, what costs are covered and more, visit www.getactive.vic.gov.au.



ART NEWS

What a fantastic time we've had together in Term 1, back working in the art room and learning all about portraits!

For our very first visits of Term 2, we are going to be working on an exciting community project – a large mural that will be displayed at Colac Area Health. We will be using **exterior house paint** for this project and it will not be something we would want anyone to get on their uniforms! Could we please ask that every student brings a spare change of clothing for this project – something old that you would wear in the garden and don't

mind getting paint on? This includes some old footwear or socks. This should ensure that uniforms remain paint free and protected. Also as part of the 4th Annual Colac/Otway Arts Trail, we have been invited to exhibit a sample of student work from Term 1 at Red Rock Gallery and Theatre (RRTAG) Cororooke. Students from Forrest that will have work on show include Poppy, John, Ellen, Zoe and Ella. Well done to these students, their work will be on display for the duration of the holidays!

Thanks in advance, Ms. Jess

INDO CORNER:

Helmeted hornbill: This bird's physique is indeed fascinating, with its iconic bright helmet and extensive wingspan. But perhaps what makes this helmeted hornbill so remarkable is the cultural meanings given to the species. In West Kalimantan or Borneo, this hornbill species is celebrated as a symbol of the divine realms, often manifested in traditional arts and carvings. While it may be challenging to spot one of these [peculiar birds](#) nowadays, you can hear their uncanny shrieking sound, which many say sounds like loud laughter, from two kilometers away.



COMMUNITY NEWS

https://www.herald.com.au

NEWS

COLAC HERALD Friday, March 26, 2021 1 5

Forrest kinder funding boost

BY BILLY HOODING

Forrest families will soon have an improved early learning centre for the town's growing pre-school cohort.

The Forrest pre-school, kindergarten and day care facility has received more than \$100,000 to expand its onsite kitchen and office space to accommodate up to five staff under a State Government program to boost early learning education infrastructure.

Forrest Primary School principal Darryl Harty said the school community welcomed the long-awaited upgrade.

"We've been applying for quite a few years because the kindergarten is growing," he said.

"We're running a three-year-old kindergarten as well as a four-year-old kindergarten – it's to help us deliver that funded three-year-old program.

"We've got two extra staff so we have to accommodate their office spaces. It was only big enough for three and now it (will be) big enough for five."

The cash includes \$85,000 for improvements to the kitchen and increased office space and \$20,000 to improve the outdoor play area including its steps, wall and screens.

The school expects construction to start mid-year and that local contractors will complete the build.

Mr Harty said Forrest currently had 11 students enrolled in its kindergarten program and another four in day care, a service it recently raised from three days a week to five due to demand.

The principal said the renovation came at an important time as the primary school began to outgrow its current facilities.

"It's going to provide some extra space, it's going to improve the facility right across the board. It'll double the size of the kitchen, it will be safer and will enable better use of the facility," Mr Harty said.

"It's a cooey centre, so this is going to provide some space both inside and out."

GROWTH: Forrest will receive much-needed funding to expand its kindergarten facilities and playground. Teacher Di Carter and principal Darryl Harty are pictured with children in Forrest's three-year-old kinder class.



COLAC SWIMMING CLUB
AUTUMN/WINTER TRAINING SESSIONS
 Bluewater Indoor Swimming Pool

* Junior Squad (Grades 2-6)

* Senior Squad Training (Years 7-12)


Monday & Wednesday 6pm-7pm (Junior & Senior)
 Tuesday 5.45am-7.15am (Senior Squad)
 Saturday 8am-9am (Junior & Senior)

The Colac Swimming Club is a family friendly club

There is no expectation to participate in competitions. You are welcome to simply come and train

For more information, please contact
 Jeremy Barren at colacswimmingclub@gmail.com



FORREST & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE -
APRIL PROGRAM 2021

Contact : forrest.nh@gmail.com 0493105502 52633597

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE F&DNH:

YOUTH RUN PROGRAM:
 Couch to 5k. Starting Monday 29th March, weekly. 4.14-5pm from the F&DNH. Contact for more info

FOOD SHARE PANTRY:
 Pantry is topped up each Wednesday and Friday evenings from ALDI collection. Available to all.

STUDIO FORREST ART GROUP: Wednesdays 1-4pm. Contact for more info.

DANCING: check the Mind Your Groove (MYG) Facebook Group for more info.

Forrest Community Gym:
 Saturday morning workouts. 8 & 9am at the Forrest Rec Reserve. Bookings essential. Gold coin donation.

BOOK CLUB: Next meeting date 7/4/21 @ 7.30pm

COMMUNITY LUNCH:
 Available each Thursday as a takeaway. \$5 for 2 courses. Please contact coordinator to put your order in each Wednesday.

YOGA: Thursday evenings 6.15pm. \$14 per session.

The F&DNH is back and open for normal operating hours. Current Covid-19 restrictions in place regarding space requirements and contact tracing.

We have:

- Free WiFi
- Room hire
- Reading room
- Printing services
- Community spaces
- Food share
- Forrest & District Historical Society display and library
- Recycle drop point (during open hours only) for soft plastics, bread tags and small household batteries.

Top up boxes (fruit, veg and bread) will be available for collection each Tuesday with arrangement through the coordinator. Please get in touch to receive a box.

COMING UP:





Community picnic: 12-2pm on Thursday 8th April at the Forrest Common. All welcome, BYO pic-nic and lunch. Instruments and lawn games welcome too!

Kids Circus with Purpose: 8 weeks for \$80 or \$12 casual. Starting 27th April. Classes for Ages 4-7, 4-4.45pm and 8-12, 4.50pm-5.30. Check Facebook or email F&DNH for booking information

Moving meditation: Sunday 11th April @ F&DNH 10.30-12.30. Cost: \$12. Release the stress/tension of the week by moving the body to music in a safe & supportive way

Roving Refills (rubbish free soaps detergents and cleaning agents) and clothes swap: at the F&DNH on Sunday 18th April 11am - 1pm. BYO containers and bottles for RR. Please get in contact if you have clothes (clean and in good repair) for the swap. Hangers and racks appreciated on the day

Don't forget to 'like' our Facebook and Instagram page for up to date info and

CIRCUS Skills



Tuesdays @ The Forrest & District Neighbourhood House - 47 Grant St, Forrest.
Starting 27th April- 8th June.
Kids' circus, acro & weekly movement sessions!

Little Ninjas 4-7 yrs old*
4.00 - 4.45pm starting
 Learn balance, co-ordination, mobility and confidence! With a range of exercises including expressive movement, dance, tumbles & hula hooping!

All Stars 8-12 yrs old*
4.45 - 5.30pm
 Build strength, stability, control and focus!
 Activities include cartwheels, partner skills, balance beams and handstands.

 * Minimum numbers required for this program to go ahead. Sign up to avoid disappointment!

Contact Renee @ F&DNH - forrest.nh@gmail.com or call 0493105502 for bookings or more info!





The Forrest Public Reserves Committee (FPRC) wishes to inform you of works taking place at the Forrest Public Hall from 30 March 2020 until approximately the 30 April, weather permitting. The hall will not be accessible to the public during this period.

FPRC received grant funding from DELWP and COS for hall upgrades. This includes:
DELWP Public Safety on Public Land grant
Asbestos Removal 6/4/21 - 9/4/21

- Complete removal of Asbestos of walls and eave cladding
- Air monitoring and clearance permit
- Temporary fencing for duration of sbestos removal
- Temporary support and bracing of decking pergola – allowing for full Asbestos removal and reinstallation
- Disconnection of services.

Recladding and finishing 9/4/21 - 30/4/21 approximately weather permitting

- Straightening of all walls whilst in bare state
- Installation of R 2.5 Earthwool Bats on all walls
- Application of Ametalin Silver wrap (sisalation wall wrap paper)
- Install Colorbond Steel - Corrugated, in colour equivalent to "Bushland" (soft grey/green) colorbond swatch on all external wall cladding replacing all old asbestos.
- Painting of all eaves, gutters, fascia's, windows and doors (excluding powder coated doors & windows)

COS community grant

- Removal of old gas heating appliances and installation of 3 heating/cooling inverter units.

All building works and asbestos removal will be carried out by qualified professionals, with appropriate safety measures in place. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me for further information.

Kind Regards,
Gillian Brew

