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Tue 7 Feb	Parent Information Night senior hall 6pm Junior, 6.45pm all parents, 7pm Senior
Fri 10 Feb	Assembly 9.15am Year 6
Thurs 16 Feb	Welcome BBQ 6pm

### MISSION STATEMENT

Forrest Primary School helps all of our students reach their full potential in a safe, loving, inspiring and challenging learning environment.

We strive to develop confident, compassionate, responsible children who are lifelong learners and can make the world a better place.

Our community is culturally diverse and we value and celebrate the perspectives, knowledge, skills and abilities all bring to our school.

### Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome to Forrest students and families, whether you are returning from 2016 or returning from posting. We welcome our new families and students as well, including those moving from other school, states or countries, or those who have come to Canberra on posting. We welcome people from all cultures, all religions, all linguistic backgrounds, all countries and we wish you a fulfilling, happy experience at Forrest Primary School, our IB World School.

Mission Accomplished! This week has been all about 'getting our children into school.' Our children, parents and staff seem very happy with how that process has gone. A big thanks to our deputy, Ms Hayley Singh, who had a great, new idea about arranging classes and introducing children to their new teachers at the end of the previous year.

Thank you to the people who came to see us in the '**window of opportunity period**' early in Term 4 last year to explain what your children required to learn effectively or to make requests. We honoured that and responded by ringing you if we do as you preferred.

Next year we will refine the system more and do away with sociograms altogether as they do get in the way. The teachers know who work well together and how to make effective learning environments. We acknowledge and appreciate the high trust between the teaching staff and the community around class placements.

The kindergarten children arrived resplendent in their new school uniforms, big hats and wonderful shoes. I think they must have been up and dressed by 5 in the morning! Over the

### NOTES DUE

8 year olds and above Swimming Carnival due 15 Mar

Year 5 2017 Camp due 23 Feb

Year 6 2017 Camp due 17 Feb

Year 6 Commemorative shirt due 23 Feb

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past three and a half days they have walked around the school, learnt about inquiry. We welcome it when they ask why? Why? And really why? Thank you parents, thank you teachers and the supportive specialist team who have dried up tears, applied bandaids, shared laughter and hugs and supported mums and dads and grandparents. We are on our way to having an exciting, wonder filled year of learning!

Please don't hesitate to contact myself or the executive team if you have concerns or expressions of appreciation!

Thank you for your continued support,

**Chris Pilgrim on behalf of the executive team.**



## Library News

We hope you can visit our lovely library and see the beautiful deck and new bifold doors which open up the reading area of the library to the beautiful view of the trees. We look forward to many opportunities for inside and outside learning and play. This year we will continue our work with the redevelopment of the library staff work area then the library lab.

The library redevelopment project will ensure we have a vibrant, collaborative, agile learning and community space for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, supporting reading for information and pleasure, research for the units of inquiry for the Primary Years Programme as well as providing support for Lunchtime clubs, community meetings, Homework Club and extracurricular activities.

### Opening Hours:

**The library is open for students at lunchtimes Monday – Friday** for quiet reading, drawing, card and board games and soon the Senior Computer Coding Club and Origami Club.

**Parents and carers** are welcome with their children to visit the library **before school, 8:30-8:55** or **after school 3:00-3:30** to read together or play a board game. Parents and carers are also able to borrow up to 4 books.

### Student Borrowing:

Students have a weekly library borrowing session starting in Week 2 and your child's classroom teacher will let you know which day. Students in Preschool to Year 3 require a library bag.

**Preschool** - 1 book weekly

**Kindergarten** -1 book weekly

**Year 1 and 2** -2 books weekly

**Year 3 and 4** -3 books for up to 2 weeks

**Year 5 and 6** -4 books for up to 2 weeks

**Parents/Carers**-4 books for up to 2 weeks

**Whiz Kids:** Senior Students can volunteer to be on a roster to support and facilitate library activities at lunch times.

**Book Promotions coming up:**

**Library Lovers' Week is 13-17 February.** Encourage your child to read you a story that s/he loves and you might like to read your favourite childhood story to your child too. Check your ACT Libraries for special activities for families in that week and we will also celebrate at school.

**Chief Minister's Reading Challenge.** Students are encouraged to read 15 books from any genre in library/class and home time during Term 1-3. Class teachers will monitor the class reading logs and Year 4-6 students receive an individual reading log during Term 1 to complete at home.

**August:** Scholastic Book Fair and Book Week

We always appreciate parent/carer assistance with book covering at home during the term. Please come to the Library before or after school to see the Library staff to collect a bag of books and contact for covering.

Happy Reading!

**Louise McMullen-Teacher Librarian**



### **Kindergarten - 1st Day of School**

Congratulations to all the kindergarten students who attended their first day of primary school on Monday 30 January. The teachers were proud of the way the students confidently participated in the class room activities and cooperated with each other in the playground. The kinder students attended a whole school assembly and began to build positive relationships with teachers and peers. Thank you to the parents who came along to the staffroom for a cup of tea and to discuss life at Forrest Primary School. We look forward to seeing you at the parent information session next week.

### **Showtime in the City**

Showtime in the City brings the best of the ActewAGL Royal Canberra Show to the city centre, with snow cones, popcorn, showbags and a petting zoo all on offer between 10 and 11 February, in Petrie Plaza.

This free event showcases the family-fun atmosphere away from the showground in one of Canberra's most accessible spaces, as part of the Government's commitment to bring our city to life through the City Action Plan.



Tickets to the ActewAGL Royal Canberra Show will be available for sale at a ticket booth both days. Showtime in the City will take place in Petrie Plaza 10 (4pm-9.30pm) and 11 February (10am-4pm).

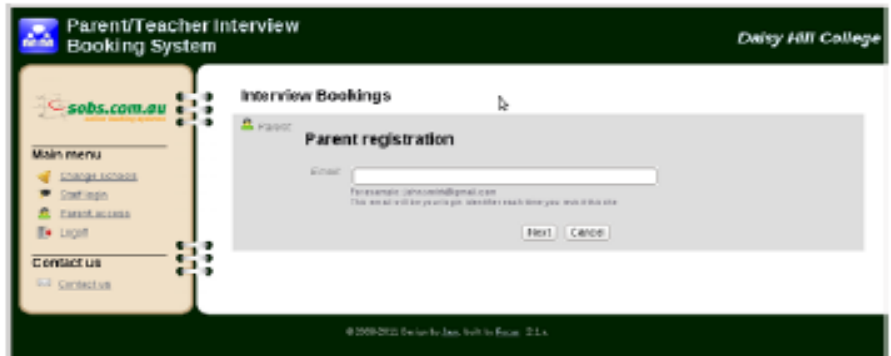
Showtime in the City is an initiative supported by the ACT Government and the City Action Plan, the Royal National Capital Agricultural Society and ActewAGL. To find out more information or to have your say on the future of Canberra's city centre visit [YourSay.act.gov.au/activatecivic](http://YourSay.act.gov.au/activatecivic).

# How to book your Parent/Teacher interviews

**NOTE:** Information entered into this booking system is outside of the school's network and therefore under the privacy information policy of the website sobs.com.au – their policy states that they will not disclose this information to any other party, and nor will the information be used for any other purpose than managing these interviews.

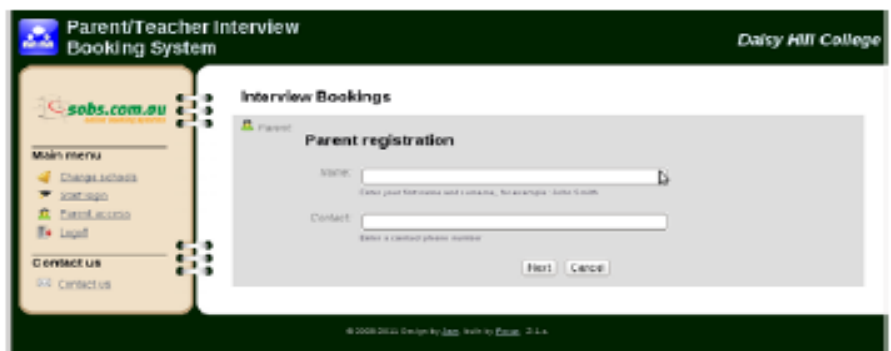
1. Visit the website  
[www.sobs.com.au](http://www.sobs.com.au)

2. Type in your **email address**



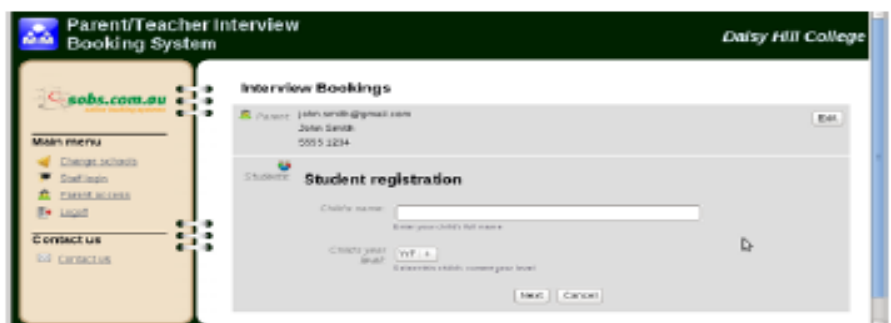
The screenshot shows the 'Parent/Teacher Interview Booking System' interface for Daisy Hill College. On the left is a navigation menu with 'sobs.com.au' logo and links for 'Main menu' (Change schools, Log in, Contact us) and 'Contact us' (Contact us). The main content area is titled 'Interview Bookings' and contains a 'Parent registration' form. The form has an 'Email' field with a placeholder 'For example: john.smith@gmail.com' and a note 'This email will be your go-to address each time you visit this site'. There are 'Next' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom of the form. The footer contains the copyright notice '© 2008-2012 Design by Jax, Inc. All Rights Reserved'.

3. Enter your **name and contact details**



This screenshot shows the 'Parent registration' form with the 'Name' and 'Contact' fields filled in. The 'Name' field contains 'John Smith' and the 'Contact' field contains '0000 1234'. There are 'Next' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom. The footer contains the copyright notice '© 2008-2012 Design by Jax, Inc. All Rights Reserved'.

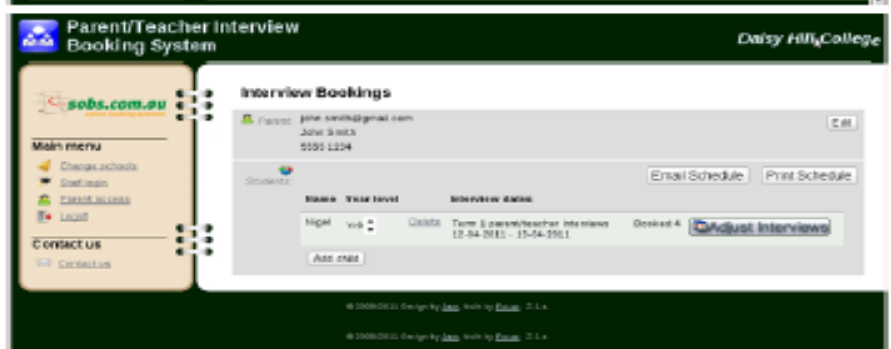
4. Enter your **child's full name** and select **year level** from the drop down menu



This screenshot shows the 'Student registration' form. The 'Parent' information is pre-filled: 'John Smith', 'John Smith', '0000 1234'. The 'Student' form has a 'Child's name' field, a 'Child's year level' dropdown menu set to 'Y1-6', and a note 'Enter your child's full name'. There are 'Next' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom. The footer contains the copyright notice '© 2008-2012 Design by Jax, Inc. All Rights Reserved'.

5. If your child's name already appears in this list, check the **year level** and adjust this as necessary by **clicking the arrows**

Click on the **Book Interviews** or **Adjust Interviews** button to book or change your interviews



This screenshot shows the 'Interview Bookings' page with the 'Student' information pre-filled: 'John Smith', 'John Smith', '0000 1234'. Below the form is a table showing the interview schedule. The table has columns for 'Name', 'Year level', and 'Interview date'. The first row shows 'John Smith' in 'Y1-6' with an interview date of 'Term 3 parent/teacher interviews (12-04-2012 - 13-04-2012)'. There are 'Email Schedule' and 'Print Schedule' buttons above the table, and an 'Adjust Interviews' button below the table. There is also an 'Add child' button at the bottom left. The footer contains the copyright notice '© 2008-2012 Design by Jax, Inc. All Rights Reserved'.

6. Select the teachers you require interviews with by **ticking the boxes**

John Smith @gmail.com  
John Smith  
000 1234

Nigel  
Student: Year 1, jason@smith.com.au

Select Yr9 Teachers for Interviews

ANGELO, MICHAEL   
  GEOGRAPHY, George   
  MUSIC, BOBBI   
  SCIENCE, Dawn  
 APCWELL, Gary   
 DARTON, Gary   
 PEELER, Peter  
 ENGLISH, John   
 LANGUAGES, Laura   
 SCIENCE, Selby

Next Cancel

7. Scroll and select available slots with staff member. The green slots are available. Gray slots are unavailable. As you **click a green slot** it will turn pink and your child's name will appear in that time. You will only be able to book once with each teacher, and only once in each time slot. Ideally you want to select interview slots that are chronological so that you can move from one interview to the next without having to wait around. Once you have selected your interview slots click the 'Save' button

Select interview slots for Nigel

ENGLISH, John    GRAFTON, Gary    PEELER, Peter    ANGELO, Michael

Tuesday, 12 Apr 11

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If you **change your mind** click the pink slot and it will revert to green allowing you to choose a different time slot

8. Once saved you will have the option of **emailing** or **printing** your interview booking times. If you select the email option the schedule is sent to the email address you initially entered

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### Important dates to remember

PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT CHANGES MAY OCCUR TO THESE DATES THROUGHOUT THE TERM.

Calendar Events can also be found on the school website [www.forrestps.act.edu.au](http://www.forrestps.act.edu.au)

### Term 1 2017

Date	Item
Tue 7 Feb	Parent Information Night senior hall 6pm Junior, 6.45pm all parents, 7pm Senior
Fri 10 Feb	Assembly 9.15am Year 6
Mon 13-Fri 17 Feb	'Getting to Know You' interviews
Thurs 16 Feb	Welcome BBQ 6pm
Mon 20-Fri 24 Feb	'Getting to Know You' interviews
Thurs 23 Feb	Swimming Carnival AIS

## School & Community Contact Information

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