



Term 1 Week 7 2017

Refer to last page for school and community contact information

Fri 17 Mar	Year 6 return from camp 3.30pm
Fri 17 Mar	Christian Education In Schools
Wed 22 Mar	Matt Giteau Cup Taylor Park Queanbeyan
Fri 24 Mar	Assembly 9.15am Year 1 Senior Hall

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,

Moderation

Yesterday the teaching teams continued to work on moderation. Moderation in the context of education offers two purposes. It is a process for student work to be examined by the teachers for the purpose of assessment. Secondly, it allows teachers to critique the assessment task and ask themselves 'Is this task really assessing the learning outcome I was teaching?' This level of dialogue is always rich and vital to improving the quality of teaching and learning here at Forrest.

"If teachers aren't talking about data discoveries, no discoveries are happening" (Morrison, 'Why teachers must be data experts', 2009)

Year 6 Camp

The camp theme continues this week with the Year 6 students and teachers heading off to Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre yesterday morning. They were all very excited and enthusiastic to be boarding the buses yesterday. The students will be participating in a range of tasks that build their confidence, test their problem solving skills and encourage team work and cooperation. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return tomorrow afternoon. A big thanks goes to the Year 6 teachers for organising and attending the camp, without the efforts of teachers camps would not go ahead. Mrs Richardson will be updating the Forrest Primary Facebook page so keep a look out for some pictures and posts. <https://www.facebook.com/Forrest-Primary-School-305536206226489/>



Learning Buzz

During some of my class visits last week I was blown away by the level of engagement I saw in each and every class. Students were working cooperatively, they were having in depth discussions about their learning and they were producing work of a high standard. The teachers, parent helpers, support staff and volunteers in the classroom were all working in partnership to create a real learning buzz. It was a delight to see. The use of learning technologies was also visible, some groups were using iPads, other students were engaged with Smart Board tasks and in the senior school classes were using the Chromebooks. All of these elements combined strengthened the teaching and learning that was happening across the school.

Traffic

Yesterday afternoon you may have noticed ACT Police monitoring traffic on both Hobart Avenue and National Circuit. For some time now we have been concerned with the safety issues of cars parking and driving on the footpath and grassed areas on National Circuit. The police were in agreement that this behaviour was unsafe and were redirecting cars. Whilst in attendance they observed that the street signage on Hobart Ave is in conflict with our traffic pick up system. They have advised us to collaborate with ACT Government - Territory and Municipal Services Directorate to have the signage better reflect our needs for the afternoon pick up procedures. This may take some time, so, in the interim please be patient, aware of others, and continue to follow our effective traffic plan. We **all** need to behave in a considerate, thoughtful way to ensure the safety of all children.

**Thank you for your continuing support,
Candice Kingston on behalf of the Executive Team**

Year 6 News

Unit of Inquiry

As we come to the end of first Unit of Inquiry - Who We Are, Year 6 students are very excited to develop their leadership skills at camp. Throughout this unit they have had opportunities to maintain positive relationships and to work collaboratively with others. On Valuing Harmony and Wellbeing Day, all students participated in planning, organising and delivering learning programmes for the whole school. This allowed Year 6 students to showcase their excellent leadership and organisational skills.



After camp, we will be moving onto our next Unit of Inquiry – How We Organise Ourselves, with the central idea '*Leaders impact societies and systems in a variety of ways*'. We will be conducting an inquiry into successful societies and looking at different governing systems as well as investigating federation and democracy.

NOTES DUE

All students Seesaw

All students Medical Information
and Consent

All students Student Information
Check Sheet

Selected students Matt Giteau
Cup due 17 Mar

Selected students South Weston
Swimming Carnival due 23 Mar

Preschool Wiradjuri Storyteller
due 20 Mar (Inq) 24 Mar (Inv)

Years 2-6 (over 8 years old in
2017) Cross Country due 20 Mar

Years 3-6 ICAS due 31 Mar

Year 6 Parliament House due 28
Mar

Year 6 Innovation Experience due
28 Mar

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UNDER THE 'OUR SCHOOL' TAB
ON OUR WEBSITE TO PRINT
EXTRA COPIES**

CAMP JINDABYNE

At the moment, Year 6 students are having an exceptional time at Camp Jindabyne. They are currently enjoying the high ropes course, archery, rock climbing and no doubt, having some sleep. Next week, we will include some photos that capture these wonderful experiences. Thank you to all the parents who diligently returned all notes that were required.

CROSS COUNTRY

Year 6 Students have been training for the Cross Country Carnival which will be held in week 9. Each morning, students are aiming to improve their fitness by running at least 5 laps of our playground. We are working towards running the entire distance which is just over 8 laps. Over the last few weeks, students have been able to improve their personal best efforts.

LITERACY

During literacy, we have been focusing on figurative language, interesting sentence beginnings and spelling strategies. To demonstrate their knowledge, students have written poems, recounts and reflections. Some examples of their writing are included below.

Enthusiasm

I am enthusiastic when I hear the starting gun burst with sound and I start, almost flying, my feet dancing off the ground like birds taking off.

Enthusiasm is the colour of a burning bright yellow sun, shining on the soft green grass that sways in the wind

Enthusiasm sounds like the screaming cheers of the crowd or the soft sound of horse's hooves running through meadows of beautiful blue flowers.

I am

I am curious and caring

I wonder what it would feel like to float in endless space

I hear the sea whisper in my ear while it crashes onto a rocky shore

I see all the slimy sea creatures swimming in the clear water following their hearts to go where they want to

I want everyone to thoughtfully respect each other for who they are I am curious and caring

Charlotte, 6DR

Commitment

Commitment looks like you are running through a strong and vivid red velvet ribbon

Commitment feels like you are prepared for anything that the future will bring

Committed people help society by getting everything done and never leaving anything on the
bookshelf

I wish that humankind would commit to helping the world overcome tragic accidents that may be
happening right now

Tilly, 6DR

Independence Poem

Independence sounds like the bracing icy wind, whipping through your hair

Independence feels like a burden lifted and a debt repaid

Independent people help the world when there is no one left to depend on

I worry when people falter

I want justice and independence and I wish for world peace

William, 6W

CONGRATULATIONS

Merit Certificates awarded at Assembly

Friday 10 March 2017

3B	Evan, Jacqueline & Sola
3J	Alvar, Charles & Samara
3R	Carter, Felix & Ashton
4B	Methuli, Jem & Patrick
4K	Luke, Julian, Dillon, Uri, Kasra & Lewis
4T	Seliano, Maria & Nayeon
5D	Darcy, Sao-Liang & Adelaide
5H	Ruby-May, Jack, Darby & Billy-Jae
5T	Ashley, Milly & Abi
6B	Oliver, James, Methuli & Mani
6DR	Jacques, Tilly & Will
6W	Andrea, Brishen & Louis

FOOSHC Holiday program out now!

Please see the attached program.

Bookings open Monday 20th March 2017

Forms available on
www.forrestpandc.com.au or in the
reception of Forrest Children's Service
office.

Death Cap Mushrooms - Do Not Touch, Pick or Eat Wild Mushrooms

Death Cap mushrooms have once again been reported in Canberra. Death Caps are highly poisonous and are smooth, yellowish-green to olive-brown cap with white gills and stem. Please advise your school staff to be on the lookout for mushrooms growing in the school grounds. If you believe you have spotted Death Cap mushrooms contact Access Canberra on [13 22 81](tel:132281).

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Brick Expo supporting students with special needs.

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Entry: \$3.00/child, \$5.00/adult or \$10.00/family

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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

Term 1 2017

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Tue 28 Mar	Cross Country Stromlo Forest Park
Thurs 30 Mar	South Weston Swimming Carnival AIS
Fri 31 Mar	Year 2 National Botanic Gardens and NGA
Fri 7 Apr	Year 6 Parliament House
Fri 7 Apr	Last day of term 1

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