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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,

IB Global Conference

Last week Jemma O'Brien and I attended the annual International Baccalaureate Global Conference in Yokohama, Japan. This conference held over three days comprised of expert keynote speakers in the education field followed by breakout sessions presented by IB educators and experts from around the world. Some of the highlights included workshops on Positive Education and developing resilience in children, building teacher agency through action research and inquiry and developing creativity and curiosity in children so that they thrive academically.

We were also able to network with other PYP schools across the world, meeting inspiring educators and making valuable associations with the IB head office team.

Jemma and I have purchased a Japanese children's book for the school library as a thank you for supporting us to engage in this valuable experience.

Below I have included a link to Lance G King's website which has useful tips, resources and videos on how parents can support their child in developing resilience.

<http://www.taolearn.com/>

Annual Action Plan

This week the staff reflected on the progress of the 2017 Annual Action Plan (AAP). Each term we celebrate the achievements of the term, related to the AAP priorities and look at ways to improve based on the National School Improvement Tool (NSIT). Some of the highlights of the term include:

NOTES DUE

Year 1 National Museum of Australia due 2 May

Year 4 Camp due 27 Apr

Year 4 Geoscience due 15 May

Year 6 Innovation Experience due 13 May

Year 6 Combined Band to Yarralumla due 7 Apr

PLEASE SEE 'NOTES ARCHIVE' UNDER THE 'OUR SCHOOL' TAB ON OUR WEBSITE TO PRINT

- Our transdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning
- The culture of the school and everyone contributing to our community
- Assessments that inform our teaching
- Moderation across the year level
- Development of a sustainability committee
- Starting the Action team
- Children setting personal goals to improve academically as well as socially and emotionally
- Development of Inquiry Maths using central ideas
- Student ownership in the classroom

We are very proud of the staff at Forrest Primary. The dedication and commitment they demonstrate each day to improving student outcomes is admirable and we appreciate the contribution they make to our school community.

ANZAC Assembly

On Wednesday 26 April, the first day back after the school holidays, we will host an ANZAC day assembly. This will be held in the Senior Hall at 10.30am. The senior school students will be leading the assembly with the Year 6 band performing and Kindergarten children laying a wreath. Parents and community members are invited to join us in remembering all the service men and women who have served our country.

Happy Holidays

The executive team would like to wish the Forrest community a happy and safe holidays and we look forward to a productive term 2, beginning on Wednesday 26 April.

Hayley Singh on behalf of the Executive Team

Year 3 News

The end of term one is here and that means it's time for Year 3 to reflect on their first ten weeks in the senior school. Year 3 students are building their digital literacy abilities by using Chromebooks. They're developing a range of skills including typing, and how to construct digital portfolios. Our young learners have also completed their first unit of inquiry which had the Central Idea – The Choices We Make Affect our Health and Well-Being. Students investigated the benefits and drawbacks of eating different foods, as well as focussing on skills and ways of thinking to manage emotional and mental well-being. The Year 3 Unit of Inquiry is all about finding out what is true. We will be asking a lot of questions, and conducting plenty of tests and experiments to find out facts about how our world works, including how heat can be transferred from one object to another.

This photograph shows students creating posters designed to promote healthy choices.



Homework Club

Students have been working with Jake and Jilda on exploring Forrest Primary School Country. This week Jilda told the story of the Bogong Moth and students created a collage using autumn leaves and twigs. We look forward to continuing to learn about our Indigenous cultural heritage, identity and language and the renewal of the Reconciliation Action Plan throughout Term 2.



Thank you to our parents, Ms. McMullen, Mr Fairfield-Smith, Ms Thomas and Ms George for their continued assistance with the Homework club.

Belinda Gough



The National Futures Conference

We were very fortunate to be given the opportunity to participate in the 3 day National Futures conference in Melbourne recently. The first day we participated in a master class with Prakash Nair, a leading American expert in classroom learning spaces and 21st century skills. The other 2 days provided an opportunity to hear from industry and academic experts from Australia and overseas on the skills our students require for their future jobs, many of which don't exist yet. A number of teachers and departmental staff presented on the role schools play in supporting students to develop their technical and design thinking skills. School are expected to start implementing the new Australian Digital Technologies Curriculum from 2018. Stay tuned for more exciting developments in this space at Forrest Primary School.



Nicole Richardson and Louise McMullen

Sports Notices

Term 1 at Forrest has been filled with some great sporting moments. We have been lucky to have a number of sporting clinics from expert coaches across a range of sports including rugby, tennis and netball. These expert clinics will continue throughout the year providing Forrest students with the opportunity to try a range of sports and receive the best coaching available in these activities.

Term 1 saw our students taking to the pool in the Forrest Primary School Swimming Carnival. This was a great day held at AIS with all participants giving their all. Following the school carnival we took a team to the South Weston carnival. Our students strapped on their fins and took the lead in the pool. The following students have been selected to represent the school at The ACT carnival:

Joss Duzek

Phillip Williams

Sienna Dy-Mortimer

Charlotte Marshall

Campbell Quartly

Fergus Quartly

Matthew Sherwin

Ruby-May Vivian

The Forrest Primary School Cross Country Carnival was held during term 1. Students in both the Senior and Junior Carnivals had a great day with everyone getting in to the spirit of the event. The top 5 boys and girls from each age group will be selected to represent Forrest at the South Weston Carnival. Notes will be sent home early next term.

Term 2 will also be packed with more sporting events and carnivals, as well as a number of sporting teams hoping to take to the paddock. Keep an eye out for the Forrest Primary School Athletics Carnival.

Term 2 will also see a number of representative opportunities for our students with many South Weston and ACT teams coming together. If you Child has an interest in a sport and would like to attend a trial for these teams please go to the School Sports website <https://www.schoolsportact.asn.au/> and register your child.

HOUSE POINTS			
Cook	Dampier	Flinders	Phillip
1744	1929	1555	1976

School Board Update

The School Board met on 5 April 2017 and formally welcomed its newest member, Nicole Tegg. Other discussion items included:

- Hayley Singh and Jemma O'Brien provided highlights of their attendance at the international IB conference held in Japan including inspiring keynote speakers and the opportunity to hear from teachers who are putting PYP into practice around the globe, and in Canberra schools.
- Jemma highlighted the significant work done to reflect and update the whole school PYP Programme of Inquiry (which can be seen in the school foyer and shortly on the website), and how teachers are working across the school to ensure the learning through the years builds on the key themes. The school's PYP Action plan was also shared.
- The need for time and discussion with teachers, Forrest Children's Services and parents on how any BYO device program would be progressed at the school.
- The proposed Board strategic discussion meeting in June 2017, to be held twice annually.

The Board would like to thank those families who have already provided their 2017 voluntary contributions. These contributions are vital for the updating of resources and other classroom equipment. All contributions are gratefully received.

If you would like to raise any matters with the Board you are welcome to contact one of the Board parent representatives or the School Principal, Chris Pilgrim.

Finally, we look forward to seeing many of fabulous school community at the Trivia Night on 16 June 2017 hosted by the P&C Association.

Robyn Calder
Board Chair





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Forrest Tennis Club	Little Smash 9 - 10am (4 - 7 years)	All Day 9 - 4pm (7 years +)
10-13 Apr 2017 (4 days)	\$60	\$180
<i>No Camp - wk of 18-21 April</i>	-	-

**If you would like to enrol then please either text or email
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TELOPEA PARK SCHOOL
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Invites Parents/Carers and Year 6 students to

Year 7, 2018 Information Evening & Expo

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Two countries, two cultures, one binational school

Two Streams

French English Program Australian Program

An International Baccalaureate School

All students in Years 7-10 study a language:
French German Indonesian Italian Japanese Spanish Chinese

Gifted and Talented Programs

Strong Pastoral Care Program

International Study Tours

Welcome in the School Hall
followed by Faculty Exhibitions

Tuesday 2nd May 2017
5.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.



Keep the kids 'Entertained' these School Holidays.



With the school holidays almost here, now is the perfect time to buy a Membership. You'll receive 100s of valuable offers (up to 50% off and two-for-one deals) to keep the kids 'entertained' over the break, and help our fundraising at the same time!

Use just a few of these offers and you'll more than cover the cost of your Membership!



To order your Book or Digital Membership securely online, please click on our link: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/25z707>

Need any more incentive? If you order your Membership before the end of April, you will automatically go into the draw to

WIN a \$1,000 shopping spree from David Jones!

Order your new 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Membership before the end of April and you'll receive valuable bonus Early Bird Offers you can use straight away. Even more exciting, you'll also go in the draw to win a **\$1,000 shopping spree from David Jones!**

And as a bonus, the fundraising group you bought your Membership from will also benefit with a DJ's Gift Card too, to the tune of \$500!

Jump Rope

We are very excited to be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart this year at Forrest Primary. The Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is an amazing programme which encourages children to become more active by learning new skipping skills.



Skipping is an excellent way for children to keep fit and healthy. Over the next few weeks, students will be learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks. You can encourage them to practise these skipping skills at home!

Our Jump Off day is Wednesday the 3rd of May. Fundraising forms do not need to be returned until this day.

Here is a link for you to follow that will take you to the school's fundraising page.

https://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2017/Forrest_Primary_School_FORREST_ACT_125591

Traffic Volunteers Needed

For many years Forrest Primary School has implemented a very efficient traffic pick-up system for those parents/carers wishing to drive through and pick up their children after school.

Each afternoon, at both the junior and senior end, one parent and one teacher assists children into their cars and keeps the traffic running smoothly in order to avoid the long queues which can develop on Hobart Ave at 3pm.

To keep this system running smoothly we need parent volunteers to assist. The duty only takes 20 mins, arriving at 2.55pm and staying until approximately 3.15pm. Once you have donned the hi-vis vest you simply ensure the safety of all of the children by assisting them into the top 3 cars in the queue.

If you are new to the school and would like to assist but are unsure as to the procedure, I would be more than happy provide a 'walk through' on a day that is mutually convenient.

We still need volunteers for a number of afternoons at both the Senior and Junior pick up areas. If you can help, please contact the Traffic Volunteer Co-ordinator Ali on 0404 385 177.

With thanks, Ali (Traffic Volunteer Coordinator)

Forrest Primary School Trivia Night

The Annual Forrest School P&C fundraising event is on again this year on Friday 16 June 2017 at the Deakin Soccer club.

This is a great night where parents and the school community, including a few brave staff members, get together to help raise valuable funds for the school.

If you would like to help out either before or on the night - that would be wonderful. There are a range of ways to help including:

- organising ticket sales and tables
- helping with venue decorations and class art works supplies
- assisting our wonderful sponsorship manager Louise
- managing a class donation basket for a year group or coordinating all the class donations
- helping sell raffle tickets on the night or
- package up the class donations into hampers on the morning of the event.

Many of these jobs only require a few hours. If you are interested please contact Perdi on perdi_m@hotmail.com or 0432 964 104.

Calling on Sponsors

If anyone would like to donate a prize to the school's major fundraising event, Trivia night in June, please contact Louise Youngman on 0448 938 011 or email: louiseyoungman@hotmail.com

We can accept vouchers, new goods or hampers. If you have a business or know any businesses, please ask if they would like to be a sponsor. These items will be part of the silent auction, raffle or prizes. We name our sponsors in our newsletter leading up to the event.

Many thanks to the following businesses and people who have donated so far:

DONOR/BUSINESS	ITEM	TOTAL VALUE
86 Braddon	Dinner Voucher	\$800
BRASSEY HOTEL	VIPKids Accommodation Package	TBC
Café Garema	Vouchers	\$60
Essential Ingredient Kingston	Hamper	TBC
Inflatable World Kambah	Family pass	\$60
Lellow Kids Braddon	Voucher	\$50
NBC Natural Beauty Civic		TBC
Palace Electric Cinemas	Double VIP Pass	\$40
Priceline Manuka	Hamper	TBC
Realm Hotel – Buvette	Petit Feast for 4 people	\$240
Shaw Vineyard	Wine	\$50
Tip You're It Braddon		TBC

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Your photo day: 4th and 5th May

1.

School choice

Your school has selected this group photo style:



2.

Parent's choice

Choose a quality portrait pack to suit your family needs and budget.

Our Premium Pack



3.

Extras

Select from our range of gift items and extras (available online)



Parents, please remember...

On photo day, please send your child to school with:

1. A completed envelope (even if not placing an order or ordering online)
NB: Family envelopes can be picked up from the office before photo day
2. Best school clothes (clean is always best!)
3. Their best smile!


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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

Term 1 & 2 2017

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Tue 2 May	Year 2 Tidbinbilla
Tue 2 May	Year 6 Combined Band Yarralumla Primary
Wed 3 May	Jump Off Day
Thurs 4 & Fri 5 May	School Photos
Tue 9 May	Preschool Inquirers photos
Thurs 11 May	Preschool Investigators photos
Thurs 11-Fri 12 May	Year 4 camp
Fri 12 May	Year 1 National Museum of Australia

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