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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,

The term is definitely off to a flying start and doesn't seem to be slowing down anytime soon.

NAPLAN 2017

Next week the Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the National NAPLAN programme. As mentioned last week the delivery of the test will be the same as previous years- paper and pencil. If you have a child in year 3 or 5 please ensure they arrive to school on time next week so that tests can begin promptly.

Year 4 Birrigai Camp

Also next week the Year 4 students and teachers will be heading off to Birrigai for the annual overnight camp. The teachers have been busy planning and preparing and we thank them in advance for their efforts, not only in organising, but for taking time away from their own families to be with their students.

Staff Professional Learning

Last Thursday afternoon the teaching staff, including many of our regular relief staff, participated in a Data Literacy Professional Learning workshop. As a part of our School Strategic Plan we have prioritised enhancing our staff

NOTES DUE

Whole school Musica Viva due 19 May

Year 1 National Museum of Australia due 2 May

Year 3 Questacon due 23 May

Year 4 Geoscience due 15 May

Year 6 Innovation Experience due 13 May

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ON OUR WEBSITE TO PRINT**

capacity in the area of Data Literacy. Being data literate is more significant now than it has ever been, not just as educators, but as citizens. The 2 hour workshop focused on the four elements of using data in the classroom. Teachers examined what *data tools* can be used, how to *analyse* the data collected, how to *interpret the data and set a goal* and finally how to create an *action plan*. Teachers worked with Forrest student writing samples to apply their learning and were able to clearly articulate goals and strategies to achieve them. The rich discussions had by teachers during the workshop demonstrated their continued passion and commitment to improving student learning outcomes at Forrest. The secondary goal of the workshop was to improve the confidence of staff when it comes to talking about data. At the beginning of the session teachers were asked to scale themselves in terms of confidence from 0-10 (0 having no confidence and 10 being extremely confident). At the end teachers were asked to repeat the self-reflection and everyone improved from their initial score. Many teachers commented on how it was great to consider data in the context of all work samples and beyond numerical figures. We all look forward to continuing these important discussions and applying our new knowledge.

ACT Tennis Championships

Annabel Snow, Mani Holland, Sophie McDonald, Luka and Rick Dewar represented Forrest Primary at the ACT PSSA Tennis Championships which was held at the Canberra Tennis Centre in Lyneham last Thursday , April 27.

We congratulate Sophie McDonald of 6B who not only won the Girls' Championship, but was then selected as the No.1 Player in the 7 Girl ACT Primary School's Team, which Travels to Bendigo in October for the National Team's Competition, against all of the other States and Territories.

All Forrest players were superstars. They performed very well and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship which was commented on a number of times throughout the day's play.

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program

Parents are now able to select their child's school from a drop-down list when applying for a Youthsaver account for their child online.

Candice Kingston
On behalf of the Executive Team

Preschool News

The Inquirers and Investigators have settled quickly into preschool this term. They are learning new songs, stories and dance.

Both groups have been learning new Aboriginal Dreamtime stories from Wiradjuri country. They have also been learning a song in Yuuwaalaraay language and Wiradjuri language.

We have been learning two new peace songs that celebrate harmony, similarity and difference around the world. The children can dance to one of these songs.

In week one, we had Vera's family (Investigators group) come in and share how they celebrate Easter in Bulgaria. The children were engaged in egg dyeing and got to try traditional food.

Next, we look forward to celebrating Boy's Day from Japan with Satsuki's family, a bus wash journey, 'Celebrations Around the World' educational program and Dadiya Festival from India with Saanvi's family.



Yasmine O'Brien



Forrest Action Team

The Forrest Action Team has been working hard on our projects. Here is a brief overview on what a few of our teams are working hard on.

- The Ocean Pollution team are looking to help reduce plastic pollution in the ocean. They are looking to support the Ocean Clean-up Project through raising awareness and funds.
- The Save the Tigers team are trying to improve awareness of tiger farms and raise money to improve the protection of white tigers and Sumatran tigers.
- The Koala team are aiming to protect and increase Koala habitat to take care of our native species. They are hoping to reduce the cutting down of trees.
- The Nepal Savers team would like to remind you that Jessie is travelling to Nepal to build schools and is collecting materials to take over. You will see signs around the school asking for donations.



Seesaw Launch: Monday 22 May 2017

This year Forrest Primary School is using the app called Seesaw. This allows students and staff to send examples of student learning digitally through app. It is available for free from the App Store and Google

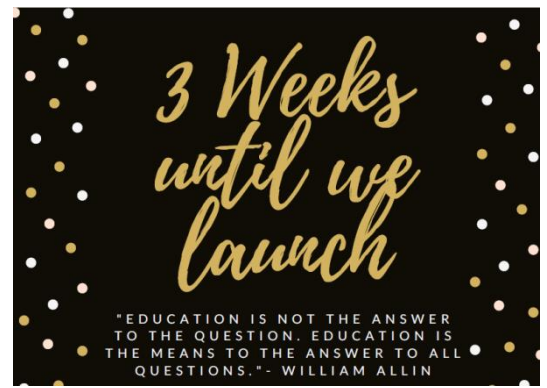


Play. You only need an internet connected device to gain access. It is private and secure. For your child to be able to use this programme, parental permission is required. This form has already gone home but please see the class teacher for another one if you did not receive it. Further questions can be directed to the

class teacher or Nicole Richardson. More information is available at <http://web.seesaw.me/>. Until the launch date, we highly recommend you download the app and keep an eye out for an invitation to join Seesaw which will be sent home on Monday 22 May.

Apple devices: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/seesaw-parent-access/id930565469?mt=8>

Android devices: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=seesaw.shadowpuppet.co.seesaw&hl=en>



Messages for Parents

From P&C Council, the parent voice on public education



The ACT Minister for Education, Yvette Berry will speak to the P&C Council General Meeting on 23 May on the issues and solutions for public education in the ACT.

All parents/carers, teachers, P&C officers and members, are invited to attend the meeting.

Join us on **Tuesday May 23** at the Centre for Teaching and Learning, 51 Fremantle Drive, Stirling from 7pm.

RSVP by COB Monday 22 May.

Mr Terry Saunders (Executive Officer)

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THINK YOU KNOW...

- › HOW YOUNG PEOPLE USE TECHNOLOGY?
- › HOW TO HELP THEM OVERCOME CHALLENGES ONLINE?
- › HOW TO REPORT IF THINGS GO WRONG?


DO YOU KNOW?
Find out at the cyber safety and security presentation

Forrest Primary School Senior Hall
Tuesday 16 May 2016
Time: 6pm – 7:30pm

or go to www.thinkuknow.org.au to find out more.



SCHOOLS DAY OUT



RAIDERS VS ROOSTERS
SUN 28TH MAY
4PM KICKOFF

SCHOOL PRIZES:
PARTICIPATE
AND HELP YOUR
SCHOOL EARN HART
SPORT VOUCHERS

\$15.00*
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Noted Writers Festival Gorman House
Braddon this weekend

For the first time, the festival has a whole
children's section and a multi-lingual hub
in its programme.

<http://www.notedfestival.com/program?category=Kids>

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INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR YEAR 7 2018

Alfred Deakin High School Open Night will be held on **Wednesday 19th May** from 5 pm for parents and prospective Year 7 students to meet staff, tour facilities and gain knowledge of the full range of educational programs Alfred Deakin High School Open Night has to offer. Parents and students will meet in the School Gym for a presentation by the Principal at 5 pm before being dispersed on a tour of the school.

An information session for the Unicorn Program and opportunities for gifted and talented students will also be held from 6.30pm in the Gym.

Supper will be provided from 7 pm with an opportunity for parents to mingle and ask further questions.



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Forrest Primary School Trivia Night

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:

As at 26/4/17

DONOR/BUSINESS	ITEM	TOTAL VALUE
86 Braddon	Dinner Voucher	\$800
ACT Cricket	Signed PM's X1 Cricket Bat	
Bittersweet	vouchers	
Brumbies Rugby	Signed Jersey	
Deakin Preschool	Entertainment book	\$60
BRASSEY HOTEL	Accommodation Package	\$300
Café Garema	Vouchers	\$60
Dadswell Family	Lego creations	
East Hotel – Agostinis Restaurant	Voucher	\$150
Essential Ingredient Kingston	Hamper	\$100
	Golf package	
Inflatable World Kambah	Family passes	\$120
Kings Swimming	Lessons and packs	\$800
Kurrajong Hotel	Accommodation Package	
Lellow Kids Braddon	Voucher	\$50
Luton Real Estate	National Zoo Family pass	
McDonald School of Tennis	Lessons	\$275
NBC Natural Beauty Civic	Voucher	\$120
Palace Electric Cinemas	Double VIP Pass	\$40
Pialligo Estate	Restaurant voucher	\$200
Priceline Manuka	Hamper	\$100
Raiders NRL	Signed jersey	
Realm Hotel – Buvette	Petit Feast for 4 people	\$240
Rachael Ruddick	Leather goods	\$700
Schick Natural Body Therapies	Half day pamper package	\$400
Shaw Vineyard	Wine	\$50
TG Hair & Beauty Civic	Voucher & products	\$200
Tip You're It Braddon		\$50
TwoCollins Photography	Photography package	\$800
Wear Wolfie	Voucher	\$50

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

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Wed 17 May	Alfred Deakin Open Night
Thurs 18 May	Year 5&6 Cyber Safety presentation
Thurs 18 May	EALD Information Session 9am Staffroom
Fri 19 May	Assembly 9.15am Kindergarten Senior Hall
Fri 19 May	Year 4 Geoscience
Mon 22 May	Seesaw launch
Tue 23 May	Year 3&4 Kenny Koala visit
Fri 26 May	Rostrum Final

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