

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Week 6 Term 2 2019

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.

EXECUTIVE ADDRESS

Reconciliation Week

Forrest Primary School has been involved in Reconciliation Week activities at school and in the community. On Monday 27 May, parents, students and teachers enjoyed free performances, workshops and storytelling at the Reconciliation in the Park event this Reconciliation Day event. The day's activities reflect the National Reconciliation Week 2019 theme *Grounded in Truth, Walk Together With Courage*, which encourages Australians to engage in meaningful conversations to develop a deeper understanding of our national story and our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Back at school, students made ribbons containing special messages to hang on some of our trees, and participated in a Reconciliation Walk.



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Dates to remember

- Google Parent Information Session—11 Jun
- Year 1 Parent Forum—13 Jun
- Year 3 Blundells Cottage & NCE—14 Jun
- Disco—20 Jun
- Year 3 Assembly—21 Jun
- Semester 1 Reports sent home—28 Jun
- Parent Teacher Interviews—2 & 4 Jul

Notes to return

- Year 3 Blundells Cottage & NCE—7 Jun
- Disco—18 Jun

Action in Preschool

Congratulations to Evie from the Kookaburras at Deakin Preschool, who recently grew her hair, cut it off and donated to the charity, Variety. This charity provides wigs to sick children. Well done Evie on 'taking action' to improve the lives of others. What a wonderful member of our school community.



Hats Off

In Canberra, UV levels drop and remain under 3 (low), each day, around the June and July period and so the 'End of May is Hats Off Day' for Canberra primary schools and early childhood services. This may assist Canberra children with their winter Vitamin D requirements.

Duty of Care

From 8:40am each school morning, a teacher is on duty to supervise the students on the asphalt areas. We advise that children should not be at school before 8:40am. Due to student numbers and space restrictions, children are not to use the play equipment, bats, footballs, soccer balls, basketballs or the like before school. Small balls for handball may be used. In the event of a child needing assistance or First Aid they can see the teacher on duty or go into the building to the office. At 9:00am the bell will ring and students will move to the class line-up area. Please ensure that children arrive at school in time to commence lessons at 9:00am.

Google Parent Information Session

We recently held a Year 5 Parent Forum. During the forum, parents indicated they would like to know more about the Google Platform used at school. We listened to you and this week we held an information session for parents to learn more about the Google programmes used at school. Thank you to the parents who attended, and we hope you found the experience valuable. There will be one more Google Parent Information Session on Tuesday 11 June, 5:30—6:00pm, in the library.





Parent Teacher Interviews—Week 10

This year, parent teacher interviews for students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will be held differently. Interviews will be held over two afternoons / evenings in Week 10 of Term 2. The two allocated days are Tuesday 2 July and Thursday 4 July, 3:30—7:00pm (last interview time 6:45pm). Interviews will take place in a shared space such as the Senior Hall or the Paul Henryon Building, and will run for 15 minutes each. Please note that Ms Sammie Wood and Ms Samara Radcliffe will hold their interviews in Week 1 of Term 3 as they will be on leave in Week 10. Below in the timetable which outlines where your child's interview will be. Information about how to book an interview using the SOBS online booking system will be provided next week.

Tuesday 2 July & Thursday 4 July, 3:30—7:00pm	
Year Level	Interview Space
Kindergarten	Library
Year 1	Computer Lab area of Library
Years 2, 3 and 4 *Sammie Wood (4W) away	Senior Hall
Years 5 and 6 *Samara Radcliffe (5R) away	Paul Henryon Building

Year 1 Parent Forum

Year 1 parents and carers are invited to attend a Parent Forum on Thursday 13 June at 2:00pm in the staffroom. During the forum, parents will have the opportunity to share ideas with us and let us know how the year is going for their children. The meeting will finish by 3:00pm and light refreshments will be served. If you would like more information, please email nicole.richardson@ed.act.edu.au.

	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 1 Parent Forum</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Year 1 Parents and community members,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You are invited to attend a Parent Forum on Thursday 13 June (Week 7) at 2:00pm in the staffroom. Come and share your ideas with members of the leadership team over a cup of tea and a biscuit.</p>	
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South Western Cross Country Carnival

On Monday 3 June, selected students participated in the South Western Cross Country Carnival. We congratulate all students who participated. Well done for representing your school at this level. Thank you to Mr Fairfield-Smith who helped to organise the event.



Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 reports will be going home at the end of Week 9. Over the next few weeks teachers will finish writing reports and hand them over to the editing team to be finalised. Reports help students, parents and carers to make decisions for future learning and provide meaningful feedback to individuals and families. They provide parents with clear and accurate information about their child's achievements and progress in all learning areas. Teachers put many hours into writing their reports and we hope you find them a valuable document which outlines achievements, progress and challenges in a range of learning areas.

Athletics Carnival

Yesterday, Thursday 6 June, we held our annual Athletics Carnival at Woden Athletics Track. Students turning 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 in 2019 attended the carnival as a part of their Health and Physical Education programme. Students younger than 8 attended the Junior Athletics Carnival held on the school grounds. Congratulations to all the participants for striving to achieve their best during the events. A big thank you to Mr Fairfield-Smith for your wonderful organisational skills and for making the day so successful for all. Please see page 4 for photos.

IMPORTANT: COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF

If you need to contact a member of our executive staff, please **DO NOT USE** the messaging component of Seesaw. Executive staff do not check Seesaw for messages. Please email them directly, or email forrestps@ed.act.edu.au. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Do we have your current contact details?

If you have a new address, phone number or email address, please let us know! You can complete a form at the front office, or send your new details to forrestps@ed.act.edu.au

It is especially important that we have your current **postal address**, as you will receive your child's **school report** by post at the end of this term.



**Forrest Primary School
Athletics Carnival
2019**



SCHOOL EVENTS

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pyjama
Party

Goodies for a good night

DISCO

When: Thursday 20 June 2019

Time: 6pm-7pm

Ticket Price: \$5

How can I purchase a ticket? Ask your teacher for a permission note or visit the school website to download a note. You can also purchase a ticket at the door on the night.

Glow Sticks: You will be able to purchase glow brand products at the door for between \$1 to \$4.

The events committee will be running a BBQ from 5:30pm. There will be some sausages available for purchase but to avoid disappointment please pre-order.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Forrest
Primary
school
presents

JUNE
30th

TOY story 4!



Wow!

FPS-only screening!
Watch with your friends!

Manuka cinema
doors open 2pm
movie starts 2.30pm
www.trybooking.com/BDFLW

tickets
\$10

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Tips for First Home Buyers

- Make sure you are actually eligible for a home loan. It is a good idea to seek loan pre-approval so you can start to search for your home with confidence.
- Sort out your debt. Focus on paying off credit cards in full.
- Save up so you have a decent deposit. Ideally you will have a deposit amount which is 20% of the purchase price (**plus** you would need enough to cover purchase costs) as a deposit which means your Loan to Value Ratio (LVR) is under 80% which avoids YOU paying lenders mortgage insurance.
- Don't be discouraged if you don't have a large deposit as there are avenues to help such as Family Guarantee Loans. Please note that not all lenders have this policy.
- For assistance and help navigating through the home loan maze feel free to contact Gillian Coles (Forrest Primary school parent) for a complimentary home loan review.

Mobile: 0407 722 520

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Qualifications: MFAA Credit Advisor, BA Comm, Dip of Finance and Mortgage Broking Management, Cert IV in Finance and Mortgage Broking

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WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TENNIS CLINIC

Monday 8 July—Friday 12 July

8:00am—1:00pm (half days) or 8:00—5:30pm (full days)

Red Hill Tennis Club

Astrolabe Street, Red Hill

- ♦ Students Kindergarten-aged—17 years old
- ♦ All skill levels
- ♦ Professional, credentialed coaching staff
- ♦ Total stroke development – ‘beginners will be serving overarm by the end of the clinic!’
- ♦ Doubles training and tournaments
- ♦ Trophy singles tournament on Friday
- ♦ McDonald’s lunch on Friday for full-day students
- ♦ Less than \$5 per hour for full-day students
- ♦ 100% refund if not continuing after Monday
- ♦ Great range of lunchtime activities, prizes galore, and heaps of fun!

To enrol, call Matt McDonald, professionally qualified Level 2 tennis coach, on 0412 565 137

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Stuart, Melbourne



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Katie, Sydney



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Jeffrey, Melbourne



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Upcoming Ideas X Change on how we can all help reduce violence and bullying in schools

Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C Council). Parents, students, principals and teachers are working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. Initial workshops received amazing feedback, join us to have your say.

Details: www.education.act.gov.au/ideas-xchange



You are invited to the Ideas Xchange..A Different Conversation

We've heard your ideas about reducing violence and increasing safety in schools, help us make it happen, join us for an Ideas Xchange...

Purpose: Help us build strong and safe communities for learning.

We need you: experience and insights to test and provide feedback on the suggestions and ideas to reduce and better respond to violence in our schools.

Time	Date
6:45 - 8:30 pm	Wed 12 June
8:00 – 9:30 am	Thurs 13 June
3:45 – 5:30 pm	Thurs 13 June
9:45 – 11:30 am	Fri 14 June
6:45 – 8:30 pm	Mon 17 June

Location: Meeting room 11, Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive Stirling, 2611

Hosts: P&C Council and Education Directorate

Catering: Light refreshments post event

Parking: Free Onsite

RSVP/Bookings: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/ideas-xchange>

If you require any further information relating to the Ideas XChange, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Leanne Ballard, Assistant Director Strategic Policy on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 62052912.

We look forward to working with you to build strong and safe communities for learning.

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With winter upon us, it's important to remember that Canberra has lots of health options that don't involve a trip to a hospital emergency department. Many of these are free and available after hours.

Walk-in Centres provide **free, one-off treatment** of minor injury and illness, including colds and flu. They're a great choice for children over 2 years of age – children under 2 years should see their GP.

Walk-in Centres are open from **7:30am—10:00pm**, every day of the year. They are staffed by highly skilled nurses who can provide you with a medical certificate and in some cases, medication, saving you time and money. The service is **free and no appointments are necessary**.

Walk-in Centres are located in **Tuggeranong, Belconnen** and **Gungahlin**.

To find out more about getting the right health care for your symptoms, visit www.act.gov.au/yourhealthoptions