

# FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter Week 2 Term 4 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

Welcome to the final school term for 2019. We have a school term packed with inquiry learning and fun as children wonder, create meaning, learn to be creative and problem solve, learn to be confident communicators and develop more understanding of their own and others' cultures.

### Class Placements for 2020

***Please read this article if you would like to give us information about your child's learning needs for 2020.***

We have now started the rather involved process of working out classes for 2020. If you would like to give us information about your child's friends or any special needs your child has, now is the time to do that. We guarantee that at least one friend will be placed in your child's class. We are providing a 'one month' window of opportunity whereby you are invited to email or visit Chris Pilgrim and/or Hayley Munsie to let us know relevant information in terms of friends, or a special situation/environment your child may need in order to flourish in 2020. Please email [forrestps@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:forrestps@ed.act.edu.au) or call the front office on 6142 1470 to make an appointment with Chris or Hayley through Amy. We will listen carefully to your requests and let you know if there are any problems. This invitation ends on Friday 22 November. We are unable to accept requests after that date as we will be too far advanced in the class organisation process by then.

Please remember that parents do not choose teachers for their children. In ACT public schools and particularly at Forrest Primary School, we have highly professional teachers who are high performers, both individually and as a team. They are highly trained in PYP; they work collaboratively in planning, classroom practice and in assessment. All of our teachers are highly skilled, and care deeply about every child in their class.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Mufti Day for  
Food Ladder  
30 October

Grandfriend's Day  
31 October

Year 1, 2 & 3  
Swimming  
11-22 November

Requests close for class  
placements 2020  
22 November

### NOTES TO RETURN

Year 1, 2 & 3  
Swimming  
(remember online rego!)  
29 October

## Year 5 Science Fair

On Thursday 24 October, family and friends joined the Year 5 students in the 2019 Science Fair. Students worked in groups to showcase a fun exhibit of scientific principles that assist in solving real world problems. Congratulations to the students and their teachers for the expert planning and research that went into the exhibits.

## New Directorate Report Template

Teachers and children are busy doing end-of-year assessments, with final year reports being emailed home at the end of Week 9. This semester we are using a new directorate report template, giving the report a different feel, with more ticks in response to the Achievement Standards and fewer written comments. The comments for English, Maths, Unit of Inquiry, disposition, strengths, challenges and other interests will all be condensed into one comment under the Approaches to Learning section at the end of the report.



## What is Agency and what is Student Action?

Agency is the power to take meaningful and intentional action, and acknowledges the rights and responsibilities of the individual, supporting voice, choice and ownership for everyone in the community. Agency is an area where schools can demonstrate ongoing development and exemplary practice. Creative learning gives students the agility and imagination to respond to new and unexpected challenges and opportunities in an increasingly globalized and uncertain world.

In Term 3, during our Big Action Week, our school was alive with ACTION that is making a positive difference to the world. There was a pyjama day to raise money to save the sea turtles, a mufti day to support Greenpeace, an initiative to support brain cancer research (DIPG), a Breast Cancer research fundraiser and, at the end of the week, two brave girls shaved their heads for Shave for a Cure. Congratulations to all children who are passionate about their causes and were committed enough to take action that obviously inspired and educated others.

This term is a big one for Year 6 as they are undertaking EXHIBITION, which is the culmination of their primary years schooling. Under the transdisciplinary theme of 'Sharing the Planet', the Year 6 students are learning how to take action against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). Each student will take a significant action, so this term you will see ACTION outside of Action Week. For example, Jayden, who is studying health services in remote Indigenous communities, is running a mufti day on Wednesday 30 October. He is raising money for 'Food Ladder', a charity that provides support for Indigenous communities to build greenhouses to assist them to grow their own fruit and vegetables. If you would like to dress mufti, just do so and bring a gold coin! I'm coming mufti to support Jayden's project!



Chris Pilgrim, on behalf of the Executive Team

### LOST PROPERTY

We're in the process of relocating lost property.  
In the interim, named items, if found,  
will be returned to students in their classes.

***Please name your items!***

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

**Orders close on Thursday 31 October**

**Online orders only**

*If you are unable to order online,  
please see Mrs McMullen  
or the front office staff*

## SCHOOL EVENTS

# MUFTI DAY SUPPORTING FOOD LADDER

Wednesday 30th October



Food ladder supports remote  
Indigenous communities by  
building greenhouses to help  
them grow fresh food.

# SCHOOL EVENTS



## Grandfriend's Day



To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Forrest Primary School will host a Grandfriend's Day.



Grandparents, friends and carers are invited to the school to spend time in their grandchild's classroom and share in a morning tea.

Date: Thursday 31 October

Time: 10:15am

Place: Classrooms followed by the Library at 11:00am



# FUNDRAISING



**We're raising funds for  
Forrest Primary School & Deakin Preschool.**

**You can help our fundraising whilst saving  
all year-round with an Entertainment Membership!**

Plus, purchase your membership today and you'll receive  
2 x FREE Event Cinemas eVouchers (and FREE postage for Book sales)!

Enter the promo code **FREETIX** at checkout!

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/25z707>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Forrest Primary School**

**& Deakin Preschool**

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# MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following recipients of merit certificates!

These were presented at the senior assembly on Friday 25 October.

## **3B**

Alex  
Irene  
Lachlan W.  
Leo P.  
Noga  
Remy  
Samuel K.  
Supriya  
Yara

## **3FD**

Chloe P.  
Yuthika  
Swairee  
Julia  
Mika  
Quan  
Sasha

## **3K**

Lacie  
Liam Z.  
Maira  
Sienna

## **4KD**

Aidan  
Amram  
Audrey  
Ava F.  
Chloe M.  
Dihain  
Pavel

## **4R**

Asher  
Eyad  
Lucy  
Maya  
Sabeen  
Sarah B.

## **4W**

Archie  
Simar  
Mia  
Illia  
Violet  
Matilda  
Ella P.  
Neil

## **5B**

Alexander  
Chaleena  
Daniel  
Jacqui  
Jana  
Luke

## **5R**

Archie  
Bella H.  
Charles  
Eve  
Malia  
Max  
Owen

## **5T**

Aiden  
Jarrad  
Raj  
Roshini

## **6B**

Cindy  
Eirlys  
Lily  
Nicholas

## **6D**

Jasmine  
Jemima R.  
Joss  
Leo  
Luke D.

## **6H**

Holly  
Jayden  
Nanami  
Reece



# SCHOOL & COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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<b>School Board Chair:</b>	Bethany Lamont
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# COMMUNITY DIRECTORY



## **Do you need some tips and guidance on how to buy your first home?**

- Make sure you are actually eligible for a home loan. You can seek advice from a fully qualified Mortgage Adviser who can help you determine your borrowing capacity, and help you secure your loan pre-approval.
- Sort out your debt. Focus on paying off and closing those credit cards.
- Make sure all your bills and any ongoing loans are paid on time every time. This will boost your credit rating and boost the strength of your loan application.
- Don't be discouraged if you don't have a large deposit as there are avenues to assist First home buyers such as Family Guarantee loans.
- For confidential and obligation free assistance please feel free to contact Gillian Coles.
- Gillian happily donates \$200 per home loan to the Forrest Primary School (after settlement). \*

**Mobile:** 0407 722 520

**Email:** [gillian@colesfinancesolutions.com.au](mailto:gillian@colesfinancesolutions.com.au)

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

\*The referred loan needs to be from the Forrest Primary school community and the loan amount over \$200,000.



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## TENNIS CANBERRA

We invite new and returning players to join a weekly tennis junior program at a Tennis Canberra Club. A free trial is available for players who are new to the game or if you are returning after a break from the sport.

To request a trial session please email [play@tenniscanberra.com.au](mailto:play@tenniscanberra.com.au), and include your child's age, experience and in which part of Canberra you want to play. We will get back to you with the best options available.

**Sign up:** [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis)

**Email:** [play@tenniscanberra.com.au](mailto:play@tenniscanberra.com.au)

**Phone:** 0416 186 121



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## Narrabundah Early Childhood School

**CELEBRATING 10 YEARS  
OF QUALITY EDUCATION**

**2009-2019**

Narrabundah Early Childhood School would like to invite all past students, families and staff members to celebrate our 10th Birthday and End of Year Singalong.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Please join us at the school between 3:00-5:00pm.

Featuring:

Photos & memorabilia from the past 10 years

Students singing

Wiradjuri Echoes

P&C sausage sizzle (\$2.00 each)

Birthday cake

BYO PICNIC AND RUG

The Singalong will be cancelled in the event of rain.

For further information contact us on (02) 6142 3828



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**ACT**  
Government

**Canberra Health  
Services**

## Children's Asthma Education Service



**Helping children with  
asthma breathe easier**

The Children's Asthma Education Service (CAES) provides children, young people and their families with initial and continuing support to manage their asthma.

[health.act.gov.au/asthma](http://health.act.gov.au/asthma)

Ph: Community Health Intake 5124 9977