



Forrest Primary School Newsletter



Week 9 Term 1 2018

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Tuesday 10 April
Friday 13 April

Cross Country
Last day of Term 1

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.

Forrest Primary School has a new telephone number:

(02) 6142 1470

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

As Term 1 comes to an end we would like to thank all the volunteers who give up their time to make our school so great. Volunteers offer a huge resource and support base for our school community while showing students the importance of participating in the larger community.

Forrest Primary School's Annual Cross Country

Forrest Primary School's Cross Country Carnival will be held on Tuesday 10 April at Stromlo Forest Park. Students turning 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in 2018 are invited to participate in the carnival.

Parents are welcome to come along and support their child. If you would like to leave earlier with your child please sign them out on the attendance roll. All rolls will be kept at the First Aid tent.



Order of events guide

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| 10.30 am | 11 Year olds girls 3km |
| 10.45 am | 11 Year old boys 3km |
| 11.00 am | 8 Year old girls 1km |
| 11.15 am | 8 Year old boy 1km |
| 11.30am | 12 Year olds girls 3km |
| 11.45 noon | 12 Year olds boys 3km |
| 12.00 pm | 10 Year old girls 2km |

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| 12.15 pm | 10 Year old boys 2km |
| 12.30 pm | 9 Year old girls 1.5km |
| 12.45 pm | 9 Year old boys 1.5km |
| 1.00 pm | Pack up and ribbons |

Students practising for the Cross Country event held next Tuesday

Note: This is a guide, events could run early or late on the day.

Kinder, Year 1 and 7 year old Cross Country

At 9:15am the Kinder, Year 1 and 7 year old Year 2 students will participate in a Junior Cross Country Carnival held here at school. Kindergarten races start at 9:15am, followed by Year 1 and Year 2. At the conclusion of the race Telopea Park students will run tabloid sports.

Parking

Thank you to all the responsible parents and community members who have refrained from parking on the grassed area at the front of the school. We have notice a significant improvement in the amount of cars parked incorrectly and appreciate your cooperation on this matter.



You may be aware that we now have a Crossing Patrol Warden, known as a Lollipop Person, each morning and afternoon on National Circuit. The road is now much safer to cross and we are very pleased with the way students are responding to the new rules. Thank you to the ACT Government for introducing this initiative in our school.

Voluntary Contributions and Library Trust Fund

We have recently received a considerable amount of Voluntary Contributions and donations to the Library Trust Fund. Thank you for supporting the school in this way. The funds are vital for the continuation of certain educational programmes, school maintenance and resources. If you have not already paid your Voluntary Contributions please contact our Business manager Ann Hayres.

Year 4 Camp

Year 4 students and teachers had a glorious time during their annual camp to Birrigai at Tidbinbilla. Team-building activities were woven into all aspects of the programme – everything from taking a bushwalk through to attempting a high-ropes activity. The weather was perfect and all students enjoyed the experience.

IB Global Conference

Hayley Singh and Jemma O'Brien (our two Deputy Principals) were fortunate enough to attend the recent IB Global Conference held in Singapore. The conference was held from 25 to 27 March at Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre. The theme of the conference was 'Shaping the Future'. The IB Global Conference featured a number of high-profile speakers and presentations, and was the ideal place to be inspired by fellow educators from all over the world. The conference offered Jemma and Hayley a chance to meet, engage and share experiences, and to discover new ideas for our IB programme. Hayley and Jemma look forward to sharing their new knowledge with the teaching staff and other schools in our network early next term.

Student Action

Two students in Year 4B have decided to take action! Lily and Breanna discovered that little bits of foil cannot be recycled but multiple pieces of foil in a big ball can. The two students decided to create an 'Easter Challenge'. Each class competed to see who could make the biggest ball of foil from Easter egg wrappers. The winning class was 6D and will receive a certificate as well as a piñata to smash. Congratulations Lily and Breanna you are really making a difference in the world.



Lily, Ms Emma Sandford and Breanna collecting Easter egg foil to be recycled

New School Psychologist

We are so pleased to announce that a new school psychologist has been appointed to our school. Her name is Annette Gloeckler and she will be working Wednesdays and every second Thursday. We look forward to getting to know her and seeing the positive difference she will make to our school.

Leadership Information sessions/ Writing Project

Nikki Tegg has been leading the school in the area of improving writing outcomes for all students. On Wednesday 4 April Nikki and Hayley Singh attended a leadership information session which focused on specific goal setting to improve writing standards across the school. Nikki is passionate about improving the capabilities of all teachers to deliver excellent writing lessons that are transdisciplinary, engaging and allow all children to reach their potential.

Japanese Tohoku youth visit Forrest Primary School

On March 27 four high school students from Northern Japan were guests at our school. They visited 6H and we shared our greetings in Japanese, sang some of the songs we have been learning and did an aboriginal art activity with them.

These students are orphans from the 2011 Fukushima disaster. Each year DFAT and the Japan Australia Foundation along with the Australian Government provide an opportunity for students to experience Australian culture and even briefly attend school.

We were extremely grateful to be part of this experience.

**Thank you for your continuing support,
Ann Hayres (Business Manager) and Jemma O'Brien (A/g
Deputy Principal)**

NAPLAN Withdrawals and Exemptions

Each year, Year 3 and 5 students participate in National Assessment Programme – Literacy and Numeracy. NAPLAN 2018 is scheduled for Tuesday 15 May through to Friday 25 May. In special circumstances students may be exempt (e.g. students with a disability which significantly limits capacity to participate, new arrivals to Australia with limited English ability or withdrawn where parents have philosophical or religious objection to testing). Please contact Jeremy Haddrill or Kay Farrant-Durnin regarding exemption and withdrawal as soon as possible to discuss.

Please help Forrest Primary School's vegetable garden grow!

We've been selected to participate in Local Matters at Grill'd Manuka this April!

Local Matters is the Grill'd community donation program that sees each Grill'd restaurant donate \$500 back into the community every month. The donation is split between 3 local community groups \$300 / \$100 / \$100.

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

We'd love your support in receiving the highest \$300 donation! Simply head to Grill'd Manuka during April for a burger and pop your Local Matters token in our jar. The group with the most tokens at the end of the month receives the largest donation.

It's a simple (and delicious) way to show your support!

You'll find us on a jar at Grill'd Manuka, 40 Franklin St Manuka.

LOCAL MATTERS

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Education for sustainability acknowledges the crucial role education plays as individuals and communities work towards sustainability.'

The first meeting will be held in the Library, Thursday 10th May, 8.30am

We are seeking eager students and parents to help support the Forrest Garden by forming a sustainability community group to meet twice a term.

- ❖ If you are unable to attend the meeting but would be available to assist with a working bee, please contact me via email
- ❖ If you are unable to attend the meeting but have valuable access to resources or knowledge, please contact me via email.

Our children want to make a beautiful garden and they need our help!



Thank you and regards,

Carolyn Davis

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Daineres Rainbow day reflection



Today we held rainbow day that went perfectly. We took a big photo of a rainbow made out of students at this school. We managed to raise just over \$400 to help fund finding a cure for brain cancer. We were so happy that so many people dressed up to raise money!

Here is the rainbow picture:



Forrest Primary School Trivia Night Donations

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

| DONOR/BUSINESS | ITEM |
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| 86 Braddon | Restaurant voucher |
|  Café Garema | Vouchers |
| Doma Group – Hale Day Spa | Voucher |
| Dadswell Family | Lego creations |
| French Language School | French Lessons |
| Grey Advantage Consulting | Accommodation |
| Hyatt Hotels | |
| Kurrajong Hotel | Accommodation/Restaurant voucher |
| McDonald's School of Tennis | lessons |
| Mogo Zoo | Family Pass |
| Ovolo Nishi Hotel | Accommodation voucher |
| Singapore Airlines | Goodies Bag |
|  Sissa Sorella | Voucher |
| Southern Cross Club / Snapper | Gift cards |
| Studio Map | Lessons |
| Tip You're it Braddon | |
| Truefitt & Hill | |



ADDVAL DEVELOPMENTS

As at 03/04/18

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