

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Week 4 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

This week Forrest Primary School has a lot to celebrate!

Staff Achievement

Congratulations to Sammie Wood on her selection to be in the Australia A Wallaroos women's rugby squad to tour Fiji this November. Thank you Sammie for inspiring our students with your passion and commitment to women's sport.

Public Education Awards

Last Thursday night five of our wonderful teachers attended the ACT Public Education Awards. This event celebrates excellence and acknowledges principals, teachers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education leadership, support staff, partnerships and volunteers who strive to make a difference in students' lives every day.

Congratulations to the following staff members on their nominations.

New Educator of the Year: Briana Cobden

Primary Teacher of the Year: Sarah Bauer & Carmel DeGraaff

Leadership in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education: Louise McMullen

School Leader of the Year: Nicole Richardson

Grandfriends Day

Thank you to all the grandparents and grandfriends who attended last week's Grandfriends Day. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces!

Year 6 Exhibition

Yesterday the Year 6 students presented their PYP Exhibition—the culmination of their learning in a PYP world school. We are incredibly proud of our students and have enjoyed learning about a variety of real-world issues through their eyes.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Year 1, 2 & 3

Swimming

11-22 November

Remembrance Day

Assembly

11 November, 10:15am

Culture Club EOY

Celebration

9 December, 3:00pm

Volunteers Morning Tea

11 December, 8:45am

Requests close for class

placements 2020

22 November

NOTES TO RETURN

Obstacool Event—
due 27 November

Year 6 Dinner/Dance—
due 28 November

During the Exhibition process, the students participated in a collaborative and transdisciplinary inquiry process that required them to apply all the skills they have learnt through their years at a PYP school. Our Year 6 students have inspired us to make a change in the world and we thank the Year 6 teachers for guiding this importance process. We know the independence and self-efficacy the students have developed through the Exhibition process will stand them in good stead for high school.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Monday 11 November

10:15am

Senior Hall

All welcome!

'Obstacool' Fundraising Event

This week, all students received notes about our upcoming 'Obstacool' fundraising event. Designed with fun and safety in mind, Obstacool is a giant inflatable obstacle course. Suitable for children of all fitness levels, the course has been designed to allow participants to run at their own pace. The Obstacool fundraising event will be held on Monday 2 December (Week 8). The cost for this event will be \$10.00 per student. This cost includes your child's 30-minute run on the course and a Berri Quelch Fruit Stick (icy pole) that they will receive after their run. As this is an optional activity, payment will be required to cover the costs. The school has made every effort to keep costs for this activity at a reasonable level. However, if there is insufficient funding available to meet the cost of the activity, regrettably we may not be able to proceed.

Shivoo—Save the Date

Each year at Forrest Primary School, we have a celebratory, outdoor concert affectionately named Shivoo. This performance showcases our fabulous musicians and dancers. Please save the date for the 2019 concert, to be held on Thursday 5 December, starting at 6:00pm. It will be a wonderful evening with all our students participating in a dynamic celebration.

Thank you,
Nicole Richardson
on behalf of the Executive Team



MOVEMBER

I'm raising much-needed funds for prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention.

*Men die on average 6 years earlier than women.
But together we can change that.*

*Donate via myMo Space, here: <https://mobro.co/fezzymo?mc=20>
— for all the dads, brothers, sons and mates in your life.*

*With thanks,
Mr Fairfield-Smith*



P&C MEETING

Wednesday 13 November

7:30pm

Staffroom

All welcome!

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Teachers are only on duty to supervise students from 8:40am onwards.

Students should not be at school unsupervised before 8:40am.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge Award Ceremony

On Thursday 31 October, we represented Forrest Primary School at the Chief Minister's Award Ceremony held at the National Library. Ms Pilgrim and Mrs McMullen accompanied us for this fabulous event. We visited the Story Time Exhibition first which showcased the way classic Australian books were made. It is well worth a visit in the school holidays and it's free!

We were presented with certificates by the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr, MLA, for being joint participation winners of the Preschool to Year 2, Year 3 and 4, and the Year 5 and 6 sections. Special thanks to Mrs McMullen for organising the Reading Challenge and to Paperchain Books in Manuka for their \$300 book voucher which we enjoyed spending. Highlights for us included meeting the Chief Minister as well as Harry Laing, a local author who presented a funny talk about poetry and the benefits of reading. We were pleasantly surprised when Mr Laing read out a poem written by Neil, one of our classmates at Forrest! You can read Neil's poem on the next page. Later, we met Mr Tall, the owner of Paperchain Books. Choosing the books and enjoying a milkshake were pretty special too!

By Joey, Eva and Tommy (Year 4 students)



STUDENT WORK

This poem was written in a workshop with local author Harry Laing during Literacy and Numeracy week at Forrest Primary School.

MY STRANGE PET

by Neil (4W)

I have a pet rock and when I say rock, I mean rock!

We go for walks although he never really moves so I end up carrying him.

We eat dinner together, but he never even touches his dinner and I don't want it going to waste, so I eat it!

When we go to bed, I never know if he is asleep or not.



MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following recipients of merit certificates!
These were presented at the junior assembly on Friday 8 November.

KA

David
Jake
Skye

KB

Lily
Stella

KT

Aurora
Chloe
Crystal
Kyesha
Mila

1KH

Olivia
Rishona
Vinnie

1O

Cooper
Lara
Oliver G.
Satsuki

1R

Cordelia
Isaac K.
Jacob
Jacob
Nathaniel

2C

Hollie
Soad
Veronica
Henry B.
Tenzin

Ava
Ella

2HC

Annika
Florence
Herbert
Kaylee
Om
Riley

2K

Eric
Evangelina
Frida
Hallie
Hugo F.
Hugo L.
Olivia
Pia
Shivika
Tara



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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

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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, 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.

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Phone: 0416 186 121



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