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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,

Year 5 and 6 Camps

This month students in Year 5 and 6 are preparing to go on their annual school camp. Year 5 students will attend Camp Cooba from the 6 to the 8 of March. Year 6 students will go to Camp Jindabyne from the 15 to the 17 March. School camp is a great opportunity to develop a range of social skills. Most activities at camp involve team work, which is great to strengthen established friendships and also to develop new ones. We hope the students and teachers have a wonderful experience at camp we look forward to hearing about your adventures when you return.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Swimming Carnival held on Thursday 23 February. Thank you to Mr Fairfield-Smith and all the teachers who help to organise the event. Forrest Primary will be holding an awards assembly for Years 2-6 on Friday 3 March 2.20-3pm in the Senior Hall. At the assembly we will be presenting ribbons for the Swimming Carnival and House Captain badges

NOTES DUE

All students Seesaw

All students Medical Information
and Consent

All students Student Information
Check Sheet

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UNDER THE 'OUR SCHOOL' TAB
ON OUR WEBSITE TO PRINT
EXTRA COPIES**



Matt Giteau Cup

Forrest Primary School is looking to enter two teams into the Matt Giteau Cup in 2017. The Matt Giteau cup is a 10 a side Rugby Union Gala Day held for primary schools in the Brumbies region. This day is run by Brumbies Development staff and fully qualified referees. Forrest Primary teams will train during school lunch times. These teams will be announced leading up to the event. Students will be taught how to play the game in a safe and responsible manner by qualified coaches. From these training sessions students will be selected for school teams. There are a limited number of places in the teams. Teams are selected based student behaviour, attitude and effort in training. Good luck to all the students trying out for the teams and we appreciate your involvement. Thank you to Mr Fairfield-Smith and Mr Traviss for organising the event.

Valuing Wellbeing and Harmony Day

On Friday 3 March Forrest Primary School will celebrate Valuing Wellbeing and Harmony Day. Students will be grouped from K-6 and will participate in 2x30 minute rotations from 12.30 to 1.30pm. Each activity is designed to improve wellbeing and promote harmony. The Year 6 students will act as leaders for the groups and will facilitate teamwork, promote inclusivity and develop connections throughout the school. Some of the activities include yoga, meditation, craft, dance and drumming. Remember to check our Facebook page for photos and updates.

Trauma Training

Staff members at Forrest have recently participated in 'Trauma Training'. This professional learning was run by ACTTogether. The sessions highlighted how trauma can affect a child's health, wellbeing, daily interactions and functioning. The training also provided attendees with the knowledge and skills needed to better support children's needs and strategies to help them regulate their responses to stressful situations.

Reading Information Night

Thank you to all the parents who attended the 'Reading at Home' Information Night held on Wednesday, 1 March. Teachers presented valuable information on how to support reading at home and in the classroom. If you missed the event and would like to receive the handouts please contact the front office and the information pack can be sent home with your child.

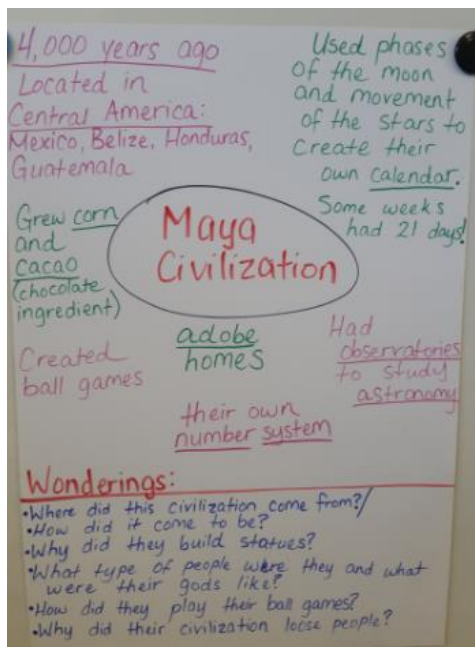
**Thank you for your continuing support,
Jemma O'Brien on behalf of the executive team**



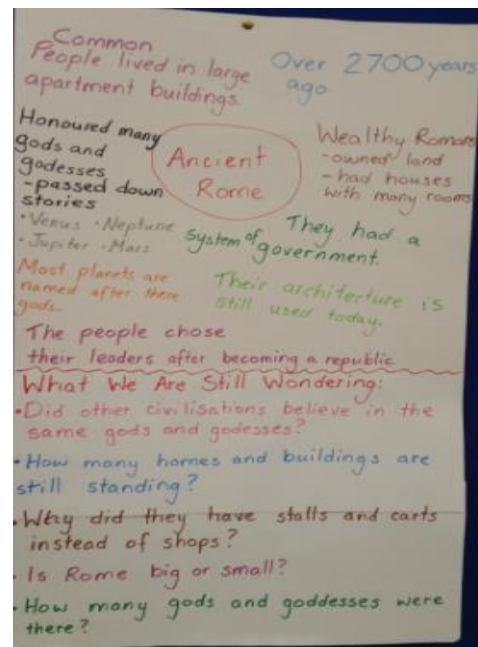
Year 2 Unit of Inquiry into 'Where We Are in Place and Time'

This term our Central Idea is 'Connections to Heritage Shape Society'. So far we have explored different cultures and civilisations from different times in history including the Australian Indigenous peoples, Ancient Egyptians, Ancient China, Ancient Mayans and the Ancient Romans. Students are evaluating the contributions these civilisations have made to history and to our current society.

Here are some examples of our class notes as well as wonderings that we still have about these cultures.



2M Mayan Civilisation



2P Ancient Rome

Following this discussion, we then wrote down our own thinking and understandings. Here are some examples from 2H:

"One of the legacies of Ancient China is that they invented kites. We still use kites to do contests and to fly for fun. Another legacy that Ancient China left was they made the Great Wall of China. The Great Wall was used to scare away bad people." - Aya

"One of the legacies of Ancient China is paper. We still use paper today. Another legacy is the Ancient Chinese made fireworks." - Szaffi

"One of the legacies of Ancient China is paper. We still use paper every day. Another legacy is they were the first people to make noodles. Another legacy of Ancient China is they invented wheelbarrows. We still use wheelbarrows to move dirt. Another legacy is the compass. We still use the compass to tell North, West, South and East." - Asher

BOOK CLUB due March 6



REDGUM BOOKCLUB - you can order online - www.redgumbookclub.com.au

OR by filling in the order form and returning the form to the front office with your payment.

Don't forget your child's name and class at the top of the form.

Jenny Bramley
Book Club Coordinator for Forrest Primary School

Any problems/questions: email me at forrestbookclub@gmail.com



PUNNETS PLEASE PARENTS

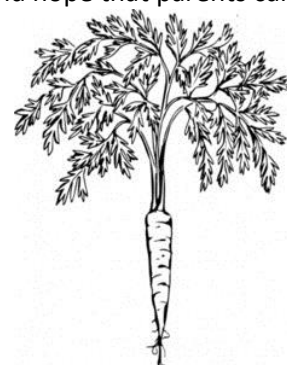
With the Autumn planting season on us and some welcome rain and cooler temperatures forecast, our school garden is being spruced up ready to take full advantage of these favourable conditions.

However we are desperately in need of some vegetable seeds and seedlings for the children in our garden club to sow or plant.

With this in mind we are having a PUNNETS PLEASE PARENTS day on Tuesday 14th March and hope that parents can provide one punnet or packet of seeds per family at the start or end of school on that day. The donations can be left in the wheelbarrow at the front of the school.

Here are some possibilities:

Beetroot, Broccoli, Brussels, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chives, Kale, Leeks, Lettuce, Pak Choy, Parsley, Radish, Rocket, Shallots, Silver beet, Spinach, Turnip



Thank you

CONGRATULATIONS

Merit Certificates awarded at Assembly

Friday 24 February 2017

KC	Emmanuel & Violet
KDO	Grace, Joanna & Jake
KS	Dede, Mila & Lucas
1H	Leo, Abigail & Julia
1KR	Corella, Archer & Bonnie
1O	Sienna & Thomas
2H	Clarry, Asher & Charlotte
2M	Benjamin, Chloe, Aila & Henry
2P	Celine, Xavier & Olivia

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Forrest School P&C fundraising event is on again this year on Friday 16 June 2017 at the Deakin Soccer club.

This is a great night where parents and the school community, including a few brave staff members, get together to help raise valuable funds for the school.

If you would like to help out either before or on the night - that would be wonderful. There are a range of ways to help including:

- organising ticket sales and tables
- helping with venue decorations and class art works supplies
- assisting our wonderful sponsorship manager Louise
- managing a class donation basket for a year group or coordinating all the class donations
- helping sell raffle tickets on the night or
- package up the class donations into hampers on the morning of the event.

Many of these jobs only require a few hours. If you are interested please contact Perdi on perdi_m@hotmail.com or 0432 964 104.

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

Louise would love to hear from you.

Thanks Louise & Perdi



Brick Expo supporting students with special needs.

SAT 18 & SUN 19 MARCH 2017
9AM-4PM
127 Denison St Deakin

Entry: \$3.00/child, \$5.00/adult or \$10.00/family

For details go to
<http://www.thewodens.act.edu.au>

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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

Term 1 2017

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Mon 13 Mar	Canberra Day public holiday
Wed 15-Fri 17 Mar	Year 6 camp
Fri 24 Mar	Assembly 9.15am Year 1 Senior Hall

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