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Fri 30 June	NAIDOC Week casual day
Fri 30 June	Last day of Term 2
Mon 17 July	First day of Term 3

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,

Staffing Update

There are quite a few staffing changes to announce as we finish this term.

Carmel de Graaff has been unwell and is finishing up this term. We hope that she will come and do some work for us after she has taken her trip to Russia!

Belinda Gough has temporarily moved to the Snowy Mountains Grammar School and will work there for Term 3 in a higher duties role; she probably won't be replaced this term (although the principal is an experienced Reading Recovery Teacher and she may be doing that part of Belinda's role).

Nicole Richardson has a large administrative load with ICT, the Library project, the new Departmental student database, PANL, Forrest's 60th birthday and she is assisting with the School Satisfaction Survey this year.

In the light of these changes / priorities, and because it is difficult to find a part time teacher at this time of the year, we thought it would be a good idea to put a full time teacher on Year 6. That teacher will be Kaye Farrant-Durnan. We are impressed by Kaye's work across the school as a long standing member of our relief staff and we now welcome her as a member of the year 6 team, trained in PYP.

Jacque Perks and Brooke de Angelis, who both have toddlers at home, will both work a four day week from the beginning of Term 3. Jemma O'Brien will continue to work on Brooke's class (on Fridays instead of Wednesdays). Nicole will work on Jacque's class; also on Fridays.

Rachel Hogan will work at the preschool on Wednesdays for the rest of the year.

Finally, it is with mixed emotions that we farewell Jane Harrold who is taking up an SA4 position at Lanyon High, which is a lovely promotion for her. The staff farewelled Jane at our 'morning tea cum lunch' yesterday.

Reports and mid-year Interviews

By now you will have received, and hopefully enjoyed your child's first semester report.

The next step in the assessment and reporting process is that we hold '3 Way Conferences' in **Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 3**. The conference conversation is led by the child and is centred around information from the report and the child's personalised goals. For the best conference experience:

- Book a time on the school booking system (SOBS) when Ms Richardson declares it to be open
- Come a little early and look through some of work samples that will have been provided
- Be welcomed by the teacher who will refer to the strengths of your child

School Satisfaction Survey

Cheryl O'Connor, an independent consultant, has been interviewing parents and teachers about levels of satisfaction with the school. Cheryl will present a report to the staff, Board and P&C in Term 3.

In term 3 it is also time for the System Satisfaction Survey. This year we will assist various groups of parents to access the survey so that we hear opinions about the school from an even wider group of people.



A reminder that this year the education minister, Yvette Berry, wants to hear what you think about education in the ACT. We have already held lots of forums to discover what people think and want – we have heard from our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents, our EALD parents, our parents of children with special needs, the Year 3/4 teachers, 5/6 students and our kindergarten parents. We will be having a general forum in the beginning weeks of next term, but if you have great ideas for improvement, have your say using the contact addresses on the 'Future of Education' card above.

The School Looks for Ways to Improve

We have widened our report editing team to include the deputy and the PYP coordinator. This has enabled the teachers to receive better verbal and written feedback and has helped in using data from reports to improve our practices.

We acknowledge the office staff who have carefully and methodically processed reports within a strict timeframe.

Finally a quote from Haim G Ginott, Teacher and Child: A Book for Parents and Teachers

"I have come to the frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element. It is my personal approach that creates the climate. It is my daily mood that makes the weather. I possess tremendous power to make life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or humour, hurt or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis is escalated or de-escalated and a person is humanised or de-humanised. If we treat people as they are, we make them worse. If we treat people as they ought to be, we help them become what they are capable of becoming."

Thank you for continued support,

Chris Pilgrim on behalf of the Executive Team

LOST PROPERTY

We encourage parents and students to check LOST PROPERTY BEFORE THE END OF NEXT WEEK. Any items that are not collected by the end of week ten will be passed on to the Uniform Shop to be sold as second-hand items or given to charity.

YEARS 3, 4, 5, and 6 ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING THEIR OWN ITEMS FROM LOST PROPERTY.

Personal Interviews with Parents of Forrest Primary

Dear Parents,

A very big thank you to the random sample of parents and carers who participated. The interviews with 48 families have been completed.

Every person accepted the call to comment about the quality of education they believe their children are receiving. Overall, parents have a high opinion of the school and there have also been some very helpful suggestions for change.

A report will be presented early in Term 3 and it will be shared with staff, the school board and parents.

Cheryl O'Connor

Independent Consultant

THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Student Reflections

The day was the 20 June, it all started on a cold and misty morning. Forrest Primary School students aged from Year 2 - Year 6 participated in the Athletics Carnival, at the Woden Athletics Track!!! We arrived there in buses with year groups packed inside. Right away the races started, everyone got warmed up and lined up. Waited for the wave of a flag and the sound of a whistle sent them running.

Charlotte 6DR

On the 20th of June, Forrest Primary had their School Athletics Carnival. The fog drifted along the cold Winter's air as we arrived at the Woden Athletics Track, we didn't waste any time and started the track and field events. The under 8 girls all lined across the starting point, getting ready for the 800 metres yet to come. The flag was waved, the whistle blew and everyone was off. The houses cheered, all scattered in their groups across the benches. Flinders, Dampier, Cook and Philip, all shouting, with the hopes of gaining house points. In each house, there was at the least 5 people wearing crazy, funny and awesome things. From Eeyore onesies, to capes and tutus. Although each person ran, threw, pushed and jumped differently; we all shared the same feeling. Nervousness.

Freya 6W



On the 20/6/17 the mist of the glacial like winter clouds slowly drifted as the valiant racers lined up to race, their hearts kept beating till they had a final breath past the finish line. This is a thrilling day for kids of Forrest Primary School. 8 year olds to 12 year olds had to participate in a variety of events including the arm throwing events, which were discus and shotput. The Athletics Carnival also included one of the most challenging jumping events that tests the wit of a single jump, the magnificent long jump. These events were also accompanied by the 100, 200, 800 metre running events, that tested mobility and swiftness on a rubber like gravel track. The first events were thrillingly filled with excitement, groups of people running with all their might, while other groups were throwing wide discusses like young Olympic athletes. Multiple events were running at the same time, like a world renowned circus performing for thousands at a stadium. You could enjoy anything and everything while you were waiting in the stands, or warming up for another event. For some, it was a new experience but for others it was game of monopoly, with endless opportunities to be proud, exquisite or be a winner. Some were overcome by the gelid like winds, but the hazardous breeze did not stop the triumphant of many mettlesome kids. After hours of heart filled events there was a break for

people to eat and for people to catch a breath. This break was 10 minutes, for some it felt like hours but for others it was a chance to reflect on how to do better. Once the final scintillating event of wit ended we had to pack up and the rush of delirium and excitement ended.

Marcellus 6B

Library News

Term 3 Save the dates:

Week 3: Scholastic Book Fair 2-4 August

Week 6: Book Week 21-25 August. Students dress up as their favourite book character for the assembly that week (Date TBC) with the emphasis on upcycling or recycling an outfit, rather than purchasing one. More details to come early next term.

The Chief Minister's Reading Challenge continues through till early September. Students in Preschool to Year 3 have been completing the challenge in class and during library time. Students in year 4-6 have an individual reading log to complete either online or as a hard copy. See library staff for information.

Happy Holiday Reading!

What's On at Libraries ACT?

Have you been to a program at your local public library lately? All sessions are free and bookings are essential (online <<http://www.library.act.gov.au/learning/book-online-for-events>>, by phone 6205 9000, or ask at a library branch).

Some special events include the Reconciliation Week event Referendum, Reconciliation and Recognition: 1967 and beyond, a public lecture by Dr Anita Heiss at the Albert Hall, the Harry Potter 20th Anniversary event at Woden Library, and Conversations with Canberra Writers: a series of author talks on the topics of Power, Passion and Politics, leading up to the Canberra Writer's Festival in August.

During Winter you can participate in regular programs and special events on a range of subjects and for different ages including Brick Club, Dr Graham's Extraordinary Science, Special Story Times for the CBCA Book of the Year, and Book week events. There are also many programs being run during the July school holidays – Lego One Cup Challenge, That's not a Box, The Physics of Angry Birds, eSmart Stories, Library Ninjas, and more.

For adults, we have a range of talks and workshops, including: Life Skills: Creative Thinking, and Resilience: from surviving to thriving, Meet a Muslim, Cuppa and colouring at the Library, Winter stories for adults, and two authors talks: one with local writer Dr Jennifer Gall about her recent book on Rose Patterson, and one with Irish novelist Monica McInerney.

We also have a number of Digital programs for both children and adults: Inventing with littleBits, Codemasters, One on one digital training, Tablet and Smartphone basics, Not that kind of cloud: introduction to cloud storage, Privacy and Security Online, and Easy Peasy eBooks and eAudio among many others.

Browse the full list of programs or download a copy of the Winter What's On and Winter Be eSmart flyers from the Libraries ACT website http://www.library.act.gov.au/learning/whats_on and follow the library on Facebook <<https://www.facebook.com/LibrariesACT>> and Twitter <<https://twitter.com/LibrariesACT>> for more news and information.

Louise McMullen
Teacher Librarian

Volunteers

The staff and students of Forrest Primary School want to say thank you to our fabulous volunteers who have worked across the school in an amazing variety of capacities. We could not manage without you.



The School Holidays are almost here!

Here's how you can help Deakin Preschool & Forrest Primary School with our fundraising efforts and take the headache out of keeping the kids entertained while saving money \$\$\$!

If you haven't already purchased your NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Membership this year, this is your chance to support us and be rewarded with over \$20,000 of valuable offers!



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You will be supporting Deakin Preschool & Forrest Primary School fundraising! We receive 20% of the purchase price for every Entertainment Membership sold.

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Treat yourself to discounted eGift Cards from national retailers like **David Jones, Woolworths, rebel** and much more.

Discover new places with more than 2,000 hotels and resorts, with **exclusive accommodation offers**.

"Love visiting new places and eating at different places that I wouldn't normally go to. But with the amazing savings why wouldn't I! Thanks entertainment book!" - Esther



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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 2/3 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
Fri 30 June	NAIDOC Week casual day
Fri 30 June	Last day of Term 2
Mon 17 July	First day of Term 3
Fri 28 July	Assembly 9.15am senior hall
Wed 2-Thur 3 Aug	Book Fair 8.30-9am & 3-5.45pm library
Fri 4 Aug	Book Fair 8.30-9am & 3-4pm library

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