

# FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Week 8 Term 1 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 by Renee Berry

### Movie Night

Last Friday night, we held the Forrest Primary School Retro Family Movie Night under the stars. Whilst watching 'The Princess Bride', families enjoyed eating from the delicious food stalls. The highly successful and relaxed event raised over \$7,000. A very big thank you to Nicole Richardson and the parent and teacher helpers who supported this amazing event.

### Early Years Literacy

This semester, Forrest Primary School staff are a part of the Early Years Literacy (EYL) initiative. The EYL initiative has been designed to impact early years (P-2) literacy learning through improving the implementation of early years literacy practices and developing leadership knowledge and capacity. The initiative has been designed to support the implementation of 10 essential instructional practices in early years literacy. Staff at Forrest Primary School will participate in a series of workshops and masterclasses across the semester and utilise this knowledge in everyday teaching to support improved literacy outcomes.

### PANL

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, Hayley Munsie (nee Singh), Sarah Bauer and Ruqayyah Omari attended a PANL workshop which focused on developing a whole school approach to problem solving and word problems in Mathematics, led by Paul Swan and David Dunstan. During this two-day course, participants were given a range of support documents for developing a coherent approach to problem solving in Mathematics. The workshop consisted of several elements targeting mathematical literacy and what is required when solving a problem. Practical advice and 'hands-on' support materials were provided to set us on the path to a coherent approach to problem solving across the school. Some reference was made to NAPLAN as a source of word problems. By providing staff with the opportunity to attend this workshop, Forrest Primary School aims to take on board the information, data and resources gathered to support teachers in classrooms.

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## Dates to remember

- Cross Country Carnival—1 Apr
- Year 1 Assembly—5 Apr
- Kinder Focus Group—5 Apr
- 'Rakugo' Japanese Storytelling Performance—8 Apr

## Notes to return

- MEDICAL FORMS—ASAP
- ICT PERMISSIONS—ASAP
- 'Rakugo' Japanese Storytelling Performance—ASAP

## Harmony Day

Thank you to our school community for supporting our Harmony Day activities last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many children, staff, parents and carers wearing national dress or the colour orange to support this Australia-wide celebration of community, diversity and inclusiveness. Our assembly began with the National Anthem, followed by our Culture Club students presenting the Acknowledgement of Country, our Year 2 students singing 'Hello to All the Children of the World' and Mrs Thambipillai leading the Year 3 students in a medley of Japanese songs. The National Dress Parade is always a highlight and the children were so proud to share their cultures. Ms Pilgrim gave her Principal's speech about the importance of Harmony Day to our school, especially with the sadness of the recent Christchurch tragedy. To support our New Zealand families, Mr Fairfield-Smith took a beautiful Harmony Day Heart photo with the students, staff, parents and carers. Many parents and carers brought in traditional food to share for the morning tea. We also thank the students, staff and families who were guest speakers in classrooms. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. Please see the Harmony Day page for more photos.



## Kids Lit Quiz

*Last Friday evening, we brave Year 6 students, Will, Hannah, Lewis and Hayley, went to Canberra Girls Grammar School to represent Forrest Primary School in the Canberra Heat of the Kids Lit Quiz. The Kids Lit Quiz is a competition where primary school students answer questions on different topics in literacy. We won a round which meant we got to choose one book to keep from a table of books. We really enjoyed the atmosphere and the trivia questions were fun. Altogether it was a great experience and we would love to do it again next year. Thanks to Mrs McMullen and our parents for supporting us.—by Will, Hannah, Lewis and Hayley*



## Kindy Club

On Monday we will be introducing a lunch time 'Kindy Club'. This is an opportunity for Kindergarten students to play in a smaller, structured playground with support from a Kindergarten teacher or Executive. The 'Kindy Club' will be in the Small Group Programme playground, as the older students play in the main playground during break times. This is also an opportunity for reverse integration with Kindergarten students from the Small Group Programme playing with Kindergarten students from the mainstream setting. This is a flexible arrangement with students having the choice to come and go as they need and Kindergarten teachers supporting the students who need support in the smaller playground. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher or contact Hayley Munsie (nee Singh).

## School Board

Elections for the School Board were recently held, and we would like to congratulate our new parent representative, Bethany Lamont, and teacher representative, Sarah Bauer. The School Board plays a very important role, providing strategic guidance for the school and overseeing and reviewing programmes. The Board Chair will be elected at the next School Board meeting.

## ILP Meetings

Over the past few weeks, teachers and executives have been meeting with parents and carers to develop goals for students on Individual Learning Plans. Individual Learning Plans are in place to support educational outcomes for students who are gifted, and students who require adjustments to the curriculum. We encourage families to arrange a meeting time with their child's classroom teacher if they have any concerns about their child's academic progress.



# HARMONY DAY



# READING

*Do you speak a language other than English at home?  
Would you like support to help your child complete  
home reading tasks?*

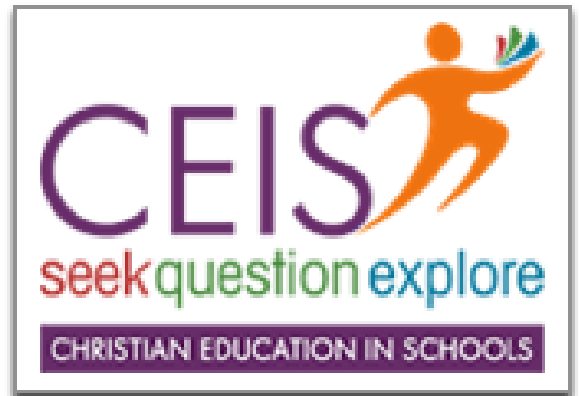
Forrest Primary School offers home reading support to parents who speak a language other than English. We will give you tips on how to support your child's reading at home.

WHEN: Every Thursday, 8:30am  
WHERE: Forrest Primary School Library  
START: Thursday 21 March  
CONTACT: Patricia Williams at [patricia.williams@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:patricia.williams@ed.act.edu.au)  
if you have any questions



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our school has received requests from parents for their children to receive Christian Education (CE) as part of our school curriculum, based on provisions in the Education Act 2004. The Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) project of the ACT Churches' Council provides a coordinated serviced to fulfil such requests. This service includes four modern and interactive CE sessions, varied each year, prepared professionally and delivered by trained and endorsed volunteers. The one-hour sessions are designed for groups of students to discuss and explore four topics.



All new students, including all Kindergarten students, should have received a CEIS note this week. Additional copies are available at the front office.

If you would like your child to participate in the CEIS sessions, please complete and return this note.

If your child participated in CEIS last year but would like to discontinue, please inform the front office at [forrestps@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:forrestps@ed.act.edu.au)

Cara Tink-Evans  
Christian Education Coordinator



# UNIFORM SHOP

**Open Mondays, 3:00—5:30pm**

## **Lost your hat?**

The Uniform Shop has a NEW broad-brimmed hat. The microfibre surf hat has an adjustable crown strap, is machine washable, and folds to fit into school bags. With the Forrest Primary School logo, it's available from the Uniform Shop or online via Flexischools for delivery directly to the classroom. \$20 each with four sizes XS/S, S/M, M/L, L/XL.



## **Feeling the chill?**

Long sleeve polo shirts, winter hoodies and fleecy jackets are in at the Uniform Shop or online via Flexischools for direct delivery to the classroom.



## **Cold legs?**

The Uniform Shop has winter uniform long pants in grey gaberdine, winter tunics and red fleecy-lined tracksuit pants. Available from the Uniform Shop or online via Flexischools for direct delivery to the classroom.

**Recycle unwanted school uniforms** at the Uniform Shop. We gratefully accept all donations of clean uniforms in good condition. Thank you to all parents and students who have kindly donated unwanted uniforms. The recycling bins are outside the uniform shop. Payment for second-hand uniforms is via the tin on the second-hand clothes racks outside the junior classrooms on Mondays and Fridays.

# SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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# COMMUNITY DIRECTORY



## **Tips on how to manage your money better in 2019!**

- Write down your financial short and long term goals.
- Take the time to put together a detailed and realistic budget, and stick to it!
- Write down your savings goals and set up an automated savings direct debit system to work towards these goals.
- Do you have an emergency account/ access to funds? This is a great concept to provide you with peace of mind if a curveball gets thrown your way. ie car breaks down, unexpected medical bills etc.
- Ask your current lender for an interest rate review. This is very easy to do and can often equate to an interest rate reduction on your current home loan. The good news here is you can potentially save money without paying refinancing costs. Feel free to speak to Gillian about this if you are unsure or need guidance.
- If you are juggling multiple debts, ie home, car, personal loan and credit card debt it may be better to roll these debts into your home loan. Please speak to a professional mortgage adviser before making these changes to ensure that you are indeed saving money before making the change.
- If you need any assistance with any of these points or a review of your current home loan, please feel free to contact Gillian Coles (who is a Forrest Primary school parent like you) for a complimentary home loan review.

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



# COMMUNITY DIRECTORY



## RED HILL TENNIS CLUB

### Easter School Holiday Clinic

Monday 15 April—Thursday 18 April

8:00am—1:00pm (half days) or 8:00—6:00pm (full days)

- ◆ Students Kindergarten-aged—17 years old
- ◆ All skill levels
- ◆ Professional, credentialed coaching staff
- ◆ Total stroke development – ‘beginners will be serving overarm by the end of the clinic!’
- ◆ Trophy singles tournament on Thursday
- ◆ Doubles training and tournaments for full-day students
- ◆ Free racquet hire
- ◆ Easter egg hunt
- ◆ Prizes galore, new friends and heaps of fun!
- ◆ Less than \$5 per hour for full-day students

To enrol, call Matt McDonald, professionally qualified Level 2 tennis coach, on 0412 565 137