

## Term 4 Week 7 2017

Refer to last page for school and community contact information

Tuesday 28 November	Bake Sale – Fundraising for Ronald McDonald House Foundation
Thursday 30 November	Shivoo 6pm
Friday 1 December	Year 3 Assembly 9:15am Senior Hall

### 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,

#### Traffic Safety and Parking

You may have noticed that Transport Canberra and City Services have installed wooden posts outside the canteen area, near the Senior Hall. These posts are to keep students, parents and community members safe before and after school. When dropping children off at school please do not stop near the school crossing signs. It is extremely hard to see children crossing as cars block the view of oncoming traffic.

#### Positive Education: Save the Date

**On 14 February Justin Robinson, the Director of the Positive Education Institute at Geelong Grammar will be presenting a workshop for parents.** This will be an introduction to Positive Education, the science behind Positive Psychology and how improving wellbeing helps children flourish. Please save the date for 14 February 2018, time to be confirmed.

#### Balls, Scooters and Bikes

As the weather warms up we have noticed more children riding to school. This is fantastic and we certainly encourage it. If your child rides a scooter or bike to school it is important that s/he dismounts upon arrival at the school grounds, then walks the bike or scooter to the bike rack. This is to ensure that all students and parents remain safe. Before school, small balls, such as handballs, are permitted on the asphalt. Large balls such as soccer and basketballs cannot be used, as the area can become too congested.

#### Changes to enrolment procedures for NSW students

The ACT Government has an agreement with the NSW Government to provide services to NSW residents from the surrounding ACT region. Each year, around 1,800 NSW students cross the border to attend one of Canberra's Public Schools. Due to expected growth in the surrounding ACT region, the ACT Government, in conjunction with the NSW Government, has modified the procedures for NSW enrolments.

From now on, NSW resident families who are seeking enrolment at a Canberra Public School will be offered a place in one of the selected pathway schools. NSW resident students will only be accepted at one of these northside or southside pathway schools.

This does not immediately affect the enrolment of any NSW resident student who is currently attending a Canberra Public School, however the new procedure will apply when that student transitions to the next stage of schooling. In the case where a NSW resident student is enrolled at a non-pathway school and the family wishes to enrol a sibling, the application will only be considered where the school has capacity, after accepting ACT resident enrolments and where both students will be attending the school at the same time.

This new procedure will provide greater certainty for NSW families, by providing specific pathways for NSW students seeking to attend Canberra Public Schools. Please visit [www.education.act.gov.au](http://www.education.act.gov.au) for further information.

**Hayley Singh**

**On behalf of the Executive Team**

### **Whole School 'Shivoo' Concert**

This performance showcases our developing talents in movement and music and contributes to our students' learning in the Arts. It will be an entertaining evening with the whole school participating in a dynamic celebration of the performing arts.



**When:** Thursday 30 November

**Where:** Outside on the asphalt near the Senior Hall

**Time:** From 6:00pm

**Available:** Sausages, ice blocks and drinks will also be available for purchase and organised by our fabulous Preschool parents and carers.

**BYO:** You may prefer to bring a picnic dinner and also blankets and cushions. Should you decide to bring a chair, we respectfully ask that you consider others' viewing pleasure and sit to the side or the back of the seating area.

Please note that this is a family evening. Parents and carers have responsibility for the care and supervision of their children for the duration of this event.

Below is a list of clothing/colours that class teachers have requested students wear for their performances. Please don't rush out and get new outfits! We have chosen items that we hope you already have at home. Should you have any difficulty sourcing items, please let your class teacher know and alternative arrangements can be made.

Preschool	Bright coloured tee shirt and black clothes on the bottom
Kindergarten	Bright colours
Year 1	All black clothing
Year 2`	Black and white clothing
Year 3	Fluoro 80's workout gear
Year 4	Cool street gear e.g. caps, jeans
Year 5	Black pants/skirt, white tops. Ties/bow tie and headbands
Year 6	Zombie street gear

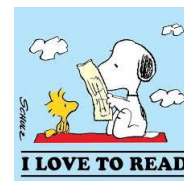
It will be a great night, see you there!

### **Library News**

#### **Chief Minister's Reading Challenge Awards Ceremony**

Ava S, Jaime and Adelaide from 5D represented Forrest Primary School at the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge Awards Ceremony on Wednesday 22 November at the National Library of Australia. The Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Education and Early Childhood, Yvette Berry MLA, presented awards to Forrest Primary School for the P-2 and 3-4 year groups where we had 100% participation. Congratulations students on your fabulous reading effort!

Students met award-winning Canberra author Tracey Hawkins and enjoyed morning tea.



We would like to thank Roger and Maxine Tall, owners of Paper Chain Bookstore in Manuka who again were the Reading Challenge sponsors. The students were able to choose books to the value of \$200 for the library and preschool. Many thanks to parents and carers for supporting your child with the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge this year. For all those who participated and completed the Reading Challenge, a certificate of participation and book mark will be sent home with your child soon.

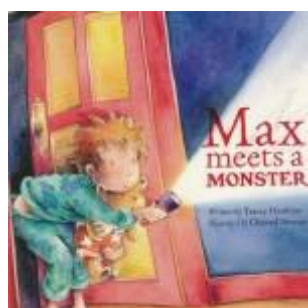
All student and parent library books are due back on Friday 1 December. There will be no more borrowing from this date to enable the books to be returned, reshelved and repaired. Overdue notices will be sent home during Week 9. If your child receives an overdue notice, please indicate on the sheet whether the book is lost or you believe it has been returned. Please encourage your child to have a good look at home, in their school bag and in the classroom for any library books. Good quality books can be donated in lieu of purchasing replacement books.

Thank you for your support and to our wonderful group of book covering parents.

Louise McMullen  
Teacher Librarian



Off-Road Harry



Max Meets a Monster



Nancy Bentley The First Australian Female Sailor



Canberra: Federal Capital

## The Giving Tree for the Smith Family



We invite you to send in an unwrapped gift suitable for the 0-12 year old age group to our Giving Tree in the school foyer. The Toy and Book Appeal continues to Friday 8 December when we deliver the gifts to the Smith Family.

### About The Smith Family

Sadly, many children living in financial disadvantage will not receive a gift this Christmas.

The Smith Family's Toy & Book Appeal is your opportunity to help bring a smile to a disadvantaged child's face this Christmas.

The Smith Family has a long and proud association with Christmas. The organisation was founded in 1922 when five businessmen decided to deliver toys to orphans on Christmas Eve. This year, with your help, The Smith Family aims to deliver more than 36,000 new toys and 23,500 new books to children in need around Australia.

This gesture of goodwill ensures that all Australian families can come together at Christmas to share gifts and celebrate life. The Smith Family continues to provide opportunities for disadvantaged Australians to participate fully in society and we believe that Christmas is a time when all Australians should feel they belong, regardless of circumstances.

If you would prefer to make a donation instead, please donate via The Smith Family website at <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/get-involved/give-toys-or-books>

### Volunteers 'Thank You' Breakfast

Forrest Primary School staff invites our parent, carer and community volunteers to our annual 'Thank You' Breakfast.

When: Tuesday, 12 December

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Where: Forrest Primary School Library

We have appreciated the work of all our volunteers across the school who have given so generously of their time providing ongoing support and encouragement to our students, staff and families this year.



**We strongly encourage all students to check Lost Property for missing items.**

**Parents are also welcome to check Lost Property.**

**At the end of the term any unclaimed/unmarked items will either be passed on to the Uniform Shop or to a charity organisation.**



## Christmas presents for children in hospital



On **Friday the 8th of December (Week 9)** we will be holding a **muffi day** where you can dress up as your favourite **movie character** for kids who stay in hospital over Christmas. Bring in a **gold coin donation** so we

can buy gifts to give to *Warming Beautiful Souls* who will deliver them to the kids who have to stay in hospital over Christmas.

During **Week 10**, you can bring in various new items such as puzzles, books, Lego, and toys. Donations can be left at the front office. **Remember that these donations will have to be brand new.**

Chloe K and Violet in 2M



## BAKE SALE!

We are raising money for the Ronald McDonald House Foundation.

We will be holding a bake sale on **Tuesday the 28th of November** at lunch time - everything will be **\$2**.

We will have a variety of sweet food including melting moments, honey joys and more!!



Thank you from Vanda and Amani 4K

## Celebrate our active kids and their sporting heroes!

Celebrate being Australia's most active community! Here's an opportunity to get our students thinking about the impressive athletes and behind-the-scenes legends who inspire them to strive, and help them to thrive, in their favourite physical activities.

Everyone who submits a nomination at [www.cbrsportawards.com.au/peoples-sporting-champion](http://www.cbrsportawards.com.au/peoples-sporting-champion) has a chance to win Sport's Ultimate Golden Ticket: free entry to every home game of the Raiders, Brumbies, GWS Giants, Canberra United, UC Capitals, the Brave and the Canberra Cavalry over the coming year. Nominations close this Friday so get yours in quickly!



### THE DPPC NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with either selling or cooking sausages at this year's Shivoo (Thursday 30 November).

If you are able to assist for any amount of time (30 minutes or even 1 hour) please contact Claire - [oneill.claire@rocketmail.com](mailto:oneill.claire@rocketmail.com)

## Summer Tennis Programs with Tennis Canberra

### Junior Holiday Camps @ Old Parliament House Tennis Club

- Christmas 2017 Camp: December 18th - 20th
- Summer 2018 Camp 1: January 22nd - 24th
- Summer 2018 Camp 2: January 29th - 31st

### Summer 2018 Season Starts February 5th | Tennis Hot Shots Canberra

- **Free Racquet** for new players!
- Ages 4 - 16
- Play at one of the Tennis Canberra Clubs
- Starter, Beginner, Intermediate & Advance Levels
- Look out for our Free Tennis Sessions January & February 2018

### Contact & Online Bookings

- Website: [www.tenniscanberra.com.au](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au)
- Phone: 0416 186 121
- Email: [play@tenniscanberra.com.au](mailto:play@tenniscanberra.com.au)



## EAL/D Community Morning Tea



*Are you interested in meeting with other families in our school community who come from different cultural backgrounds?*

**Please join us for our EAL/D Community Morning Tea and mingle amongst the wealth of cultures that make up our school**

**We invite you to bring a small traditional dish from your country to share**



**When: Thursday 7 December 2017 (Week 9)**

**Time: 9-10am**

**Where: Forrest Primary School Library**

Students of those parents who attend are invited to come along and join us. Parents and carers are most welcome to bring their younger children along.

**We look forward to meeting with you!**

*Chris Pilgrim and the EAL/D Teachers ( Hayley Halpin, Rebecca Saunders, & Julia Shaw)*

### 2018 Book Packs

*Just a reminder that Stationery Book Packs for 2018 need to be ordered by Friday 8 Dec 2017. All Book Pack order forms can be found at [www.Forrestps.act.edu.au](http://www.Forrestps.act.edu.au)*

*Book Packs will be delivered to Forrest Primary School prior to the start of school in 2018.*

*For more information on Book Packs please view the Forrest Primary Handbook located on the front page of the website or email: [forrestps@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:forrestps@ed.act.edu.au)*

### **Scholastic Book Club - Orders Due Friday 1 Dec**

**NEED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS or IDEAS? Book delivery will be in mid December, in time for Christmas.**



If the books are a **present/ surprise** for your child, tick the “gift” box when ordering online or write “gift” on the order form you hand in to the front office and **the books will be held at the school for you to collect.**

Spare brochures are kept at the front desk or in the Library or go online to [scholastic.com.au](http://scholastic.com.au)

Jenny Bramley  
Book Club Parent for Forrest School  
[forrestbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:forrestbookclub@gmail.com)

CHRISTMAS 🎄 SCHOOL HOLS TENNIS 🎾 CLINIC, Red Hill Tennis Club, Astrolabe St. Red Hill, Dec 18-22, Mon-Fri, 8-1 (half day) or 8-6 (full day). • All standards, kindergarten-17yrs ☞ 100% refund after Day 1 if not continuing!! ☞ Santa Claus 🎅 appearing Friday 12pm and distributing presents 🎁!! ☞ Full Day=less than \$5/hr!!

🎾 Total stroke development-‘1st timer’s’ will be Serving over-arm by end of Clinic! 🎾 Professional, well-trained, well-credentialed staff 🎾 McDonald’s Lunch- Fri, Full Day Pupils 🎾 Trophy Singles Tournament 🎾 Great range of Lunch-time activities 🎾 Heaps of fun 🎾 Prizes galore!

Enrolment Forms at School Front Office or Ph. Matt McDonald, prof. Qualified Level 2 Tennis Coach  
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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](http://www.forrestps.act.edu.au)

### Term 4 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
Friday 24 November	Christian Education
Tuesday 28 November	Kinder 2018 Orientation 9:30 – 11:00am Bake Sale – Fundraising for Ronald McDonald House Foundation
Thursday 30 November	Shivoo 6pm
Friday 1 December	Year 3 Assembly 9:15
Thursday 7 December	EAL/D Community Morning Tea Walkathon
Friday 8 December	Christmas gift for children in hospital - Mufti fundraising day
Tuesday 12 December	Volunteers Thank You Breakfast 8:45-9:45
Thursday 14 December	Year 6 Graduation ceremony 12 noon and dinner 5:30pm
Friday 15 December	Year 6 Farewell Assembly Last day of Term 4 2017
Monday 5 February	New Kindergarten students orientation 9:00am – 12:00pm New Year 1 - 6 students orientation session 9:00am – 10:00pm Preschool Inquirers first day 9:00am – 12:00pm
Tuesday 6 February	Term 1 2018 commences
Thursday 8 February	Preschool Investigators first day 9:00am – 12:00pm