



Term 3 Week 3 2017

Refer to last page for school and community contact information

Fri 04 August	Year 6 Assembly 9.15am Senior Hall (Week 3 on this occasion)
Fri 04 August	Book Fair 8.30-9am & 3-4pm library
Tues 08 August	Preschool excursion Botanic Gardens

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

School Satisfaction Survey

It is that time of year again where we seek and value your opinion about how our school is providing a quality education for your children. Our annual School Satisfaction Survey will commence on Tuesday of next week and will be open until 28 August. You will be sent an email on Tuesday inviting you to participate in this important survey. There will be a link within the email and a unique code that will allow you access. The information collected will be used in conjunction with other data sets to drive the strategic direction of the school in 2018. Last year we had our best ever response rate of 135! That was the highest response rate we have ever had. The more responses we have the more reliable the data. So in 2017 let's aim for a minimum of 150 responses which is about 30% of our community meaning the data will be really useful. If you have any questions or queries please contact the Front Office or Nicole Richardson on Nicole.richardson@ed.act.edu.au

NOTES DUE

Years 5/6 Science Week activities
at Telopea Park School due 11
August

Preschool Botanic Gardens
payment due 7 August,

Excursion 8 August

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

3 Way Conferences

As teachers and professionals we enjoy the opportunity to communicate with you regarding your child's progress and aspirations for the year during three way conferences. We understand that your time is precious and we respect that you acknowledge our time is precious also. With this in mind, if you are unable to meet your scheduled interview please send an email, text, use the app or call the school to notify the teacher of any change in circumstance. This would be greatly appreciated.

Farewell to Yasmine O'Brien

Yasmine has been a star in loving the children she works with, acknowledging every culture and language in the room, prioritising indigenous education and teaching children to look after the planet. We will miss you Yasmine and wish you well in your new job.

Welcome to Jennifer Pickard and Rachel Hogan who will tandem teach the preschool. Jennifer comes with passion and love of early education and wants to align Montessori with PYP. Rachel is an expert in PYP and works anywhere in the school with great commitment and talent.

Enrichment Programmes

You may have seen some children coming home with bandaged arms, new dance moves or enhanced bike manoeuvres. These new found skills can be attributed to our enrichment programmes that are running across the school this term. The St Johns Ambulance Service have been working in partnership with us to deliver a First Aid programme across the school. Students are having practical workshops about what to do in an emergency. All participants are thoroughly enjoying these lessons. The Footsteps Dance programme is running across the school this year and the children are learning new dances and achieving daily fitness as well. Please ensure you have paid for your child so that we can continue to offer this programme in the future. Lastly, this term has seen the beginning of the Bike Education workshops. Students in years 3-6 have been learning all about how to maintain their bikes, how to keep safe on the road and they have also been appreciating the fun and fitness that can be achieved through bike riding. A big thanks to the organising teachers who are facilitating these enrichment opportunities in our school.

PYP (Primary Years Programme) Network Meeting

This Wednesday 2 August PYP Coordinators from schools in the ACT were invited to attend the PYP Network Meeting held here at Forrest Primary School. During the network meeting coordinators shared ideas about best practice and set goals towards improving student outcomes in PYP schools throughout Canberra. The meeting provided an opportunity for new PYP coordinators to learn from more experienced colleagues. Together the coordinators were able to explore new ideas, access information and get inspired about IB education.

Thank you for your continued support

Candice Kingston
(on behalf of the executive)

Waste Warriors

This term at waste warriors we have been exploring the ways we can help the environment by recycling. Did you know that normally coffee cups cannot be recycled? This is because on the inside ring of coffee cups there is a thin line of plastic that prevents the cup from being recycled. But in Canberra, there is a warehouse that carefully removes that plastic lining so that the cups can be recycled. Isn't that fascinating! At Forrest Primary School every grade has a certain day to pick up rubbish after lunch times and you will not believe how much we pick up. We, being the waste warriors, have found that the junior school has the most waste and we aim to fix that. Every week there will be a group of people from a certain grade going down to the junior end of the school assisting the children with the bins. There will also be people from the senior school in green vests watching to see if people are littering or picking up rubbish. If you have a hard time figuring out which bin you should put the rubbish in, then don't hesitate to ask a waste warrior or a rubbish monitor.

Ruby-May Vivian – 5H

This week at waste warriors we learnt about all the new roles in which waste warriors will be acting. During the week we will be doing things like helping the juniors put things in the right bins. People think that coffee cups cannot be recycled, but in Canberra we have a special thing where they send the coffee cups to a warehouse where they cut off the plastic and then it can be recycled. The waste warriors every week go to different classes and check that everything is in the right bin, and whichever class has the highest total will win a golden bin for 2 weeks. At Forrest

Primary we have 2 bins outside for children to put their rubbish in. On different days different years pick up rubbish around the school. Year 5 have noticed that the junior end has problems with the putting their rubbish in the bins. That's why we have the programs like helping the juniors with the bins. We also do things like walking around the school to watch out for littering and for anyone who picks up rubbish at lunch. If anyone does this we can give out house points for picking up rubbish.

Forrest Primary has been very good with their bins in the classroom.

By Caterina Wray – 5H



Indigenous Culture Club
Threatened Species Art Entry
The Golden Sun



Book Club

P & C Meeting - Wednesday 16 August - call for agenda items

The next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 August, 7.30pm-9.30pm.

All those interested in the Forrest Primary School community are welcome. Please email the P & C (me) at community@forrestpandc.com.au with any topics you would like discussed or any suggestions for future meetings.

Jenny Bramley
P&C Secretary

FPS 60th Birthday Committee

Next year Forrest Primary School turns 60. To celebrate this wonderful occasion a committee is being setup to organise a range of events in 2018.

If you would like to be a part of this committee please contact Nicole.Richardson@ed.act.edu.au or alternatively call 62055644





Fact sheet

Twitter (For parents)

Follow us:



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What is Twitter?

Twitter is a free social media application that allows its users to communicate through the exchange of short, quick and frequent messages. Users can send content known as a 'Tweet' which may contain photos, videos, links and up to 140 characters of text. These messages are posted to a profile, sent to followers, and are searchable via Twitter search.



Tweet

Users have a personal profile, called a twitter handle, which is like an email address and records all your Tweets.

What are the privacy settings on Twitter?

Accounts on Twitter can either be public or protected with access given only to those you approve as followers. Be aware that using hashtags, tags and replies on Twitter will not compromise your privacy settings if your account is set to private. These Tweets will only appear to approved followers and not the general public.

What is the age restriction for Twitter?

Twitter is restricted to users aged 13 and above, however there is no age verification process so it is possible that some users may be underage. If Twitter becomes aware that a person under 13 has provided personal information to the site, Twitter will review the information and take steps to remove the information or account.



What is a hashtag?

A hashtag or '#' is a symbol used before a keyword or phrase that is included in a Tweet to categorise it and link it to other content of a similar nature. This is used to easily search online content and identify trending topics. If a keyword or phrase is searched on Twitter, all public Tweets with that hashtag will appear in the search results.

#nowiknow

What is tagging?

If a user is tagged, it means they are referenced in a Tweet by using '@' followed by their username, for example @ThinkUKKnow_Aus. This reference (Twitter handle) will link their profile to the tweet and the user will receive a notification that they have been tagged. Tagging is generally used to have conversations or ensure someone is aware of what is being discussed. If your Tweets are protected, users who do not follow you will not see your mentions.



What are replies?

A user will often reply to a Tweet if they are tagged in it. A reply will begin with '@username' to direct the message at a particular person.

What does 'following' someone on Twitter mean?

Following someone means you have chosen to subscribe to see a user's Twitter content. This means when the person you follow posts something new, it will appear on your homepage which is an area that shows all the content posted by those you follow.



Follow



What is direct messaging?

Direct messages are private messages between Twitter users that can only be viewed by those involved in the conversation. Direct messaging can be started with anyone who follows you.

How are young people using Twitter?

Young people use Twitter to have conversations, share images, links and videos with other users. Twitter gives users the option to contact anyone who has an account by tagging them in the content, so young people may be able to interact with organisations, celebrities and strangers, as well as friends.



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Remember to ride or walk to school every day during week 4

Friday 11th August is

WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL DAY!

There are lots of great prizes to be won.

Rug up and be active during our winter weather!

Date: Friday 11th August

RIDE or WALK to school

Winter Walk to School Day

Don't let the winter weather stop you being active on the way to school!
Rug up and enjoy winter.

Event Details
Friday 11th
Win Prizes for walking
or riding your bike!

ACT
RIDE or WALK to school
Physical Activity Australia

The program is a key element of the Government's Let's Get Active initiative. It is implemented in school by the Physical Activity Australia and supported by NSW Health.



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What are the potential problems with Twitter?

Any application when used incorrectly has the potential to cause harm. It is important that you openly communicate with your child about how they may be using an application and the legal and ethical ramifications of inappropriate use. They also need to be aware of the challenges of communicating with people they don't know online. Conversations through direct messages cannot be moderated by others, so your child should be discouraged from direct messaging anyone they do not know.



Twitter is a public forum and young people should remember that whatever they post on a public account can be seen by anyone so they need to think before they post. A Tweet cannot be edited once it is sent but it can be deleted.

However, someone may have already saved a copy of the Tweet and shared it with others.

If location settings are not disabled, a user's location can automatically appear on their Tweets. If location settings are activated on a Twitter mobile application, the user's location will be shared for every Tweet that is sent.

How do you turn off location settings?

Below the Tweet composer box, select the location or location mark to open a dropdown list and select 'Remove' or 'Turn off location'. This setting will be saved so the location will no longer automatically appear.



How do you delete a Twitter account?

To delete a Twitter account, log into the account you wish to deactivate. Access the settings by clicking on the cog wheel on the top right-hand side of the account. From the bottom of the 'Settings' menu select 'Deactivate my account'. On the next page that appears, select the 'Deactivate' button.

How do you block someone on Twitter?

You can block people by selecting their profile and clicking the gear icon on the right-hand side and select 'Block'.

How do you report on Twitter?

Users can report Tweets which are considered to be abusive or harassing, threatening violence, involve self-harm or reveal your private information such as your address or phone number. If you want to report a Tweet click on the '...' icon on the bottom right-hand corner of the Tweet, select 'Report' and complete the form. Keep as much evidence as you can about the complaint, such as screenshots.

The Office of the e-Safety Commissioner has a range of powers to assist in the removal of material involving people under the age of 18 if they are unsatisfied with how a social media service has dealt with their complaint. For more information, visit www.esafety.gov.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 3 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
Fri 04 August	Year 6 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
Fri 25 Aug	Book Week Assembly 9.15 Dress as your favourite book character
14-18 August Week 5	No Uniform Week For Cyrus' Family
16 August	P & C Meeting 7:30 – 9:30pm
Week 5	Science Week
Monday 28 August	Minister Berry to attend Aboriginal Culture Club

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