

# FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter Week 6 Term 2 2022

### 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

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

#### Pupil-free Days

A friendly reminder that our pupil-free days will be held in Week 9 and Week 10. The ACT Government is supporting all ACT public schools to hold two staff planning days during Term 2. These days will provide public school teachers with some extra time to complete student reporting and lesson planning. Teachers will be undertaking interviews in Week 9, followed by the planning day in Week 10. The pupil-free days are:

- Tuesday 21 June (Week 9)
- Wednesday 29 June (Week 10)

Where possible, we ask that students do not attend school on these days. Students who are unable to stay at home will be able to attend school and be supervised while undertaking general learning activities. If your child/ren will be attending schools on either or both of these days, please inform the school on 6142 1470 or at [forrestPS@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:forrestPS@ed.act.edu.au)

#### COVID Strategy Update

I would like to remind everyone that at this stage parents and carers are welcome back on-site into the playground, but should not be entering the building/classrooms unless they have organised a meeting or have been invited in by a staff member. Where possible we ask that parents and carers refrain from coming into the front office unless it is necessary. If you need to get to your child's classroom for pick-up or drop-off, please use the back gates instead of walking through the front office.

If your child is a household contact it is important that you advise the school and that you follow ACT Health Guidelines. This includes testing regularly. Rapid antigen tests (RATs) continue to be available for staff and students at ACT public schools. These are provided on an as-needed basis. You can request RATs via email to [forrestPS@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:forrestPS@ed.act.edu.au). RATs continue to be an important tool to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff by

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### Dates to remember

**Tuesday 7 June**  
Year 5-6 Wally Masur Cup  
Tennis Gala Day

**Thursday 16 June**  
Market Day

**Tuesday 21 June**  
Pupil-free day

**Friday 24 June**  
Year 5-6 Netball ACT  
Schools Gala Day

**Tuesday 28 June**  
Year 2 Excursion to  
National Botanic Gardens

**Wednesday 29 June**  
Pupil-free day

***Thank you for your  
continued support***

helping to identify cases as early as possible. Please also remember that if your child is displaying any COVID symptoms, they should not attend school.

### **Athletics Carnivals**

On Thursday 26 May, students in Years 2—6 participated in the Athletics Carnival at Woden Athletics Track, while students in Kindergarten and Year 1 enjoyed their own carnival at school. Once again, Mr Robson picked a perfect day for students to run, jump and throw all while cheering and supporting each other. There was an amazing level of participation and a wonderful display of Forrest spirit from all students. It was lovely to see the sunshine and clear skies, as well as the student body dressed in yellow, red, green and blue in support of their houses. A big thank you to everyone who helped at the carnivals, and special thanks to Mr Robson for his organisation of such a successful day! Congratulations to every student who participated in the carnivals, and good luck to those who made it through to the South Weston Athletics Carnival held in Week 5 next term.



### **Reconciliation Week Assembly**

On Friday 27 May, Culture Club students hosted our first assembly of the year! The Reconciliation Week assembly encouraged Forrest students, staff and parents to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Culture Club students have an important role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and collectively building relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures and futures. We are so proud of all the students who hosted the assembly. Special thanks to Jilda, who spoke to the students about the theme of this year's Reconciliation Week, which is *Be Brave, Make Change*. It was delightful to see parents and carers attending the event and enjoying the afternoon tea together.



### **Parent Volunteers and Home Reading Programme**

At Forrest Primary School, we see ourselves as one big family and encourage families to get involved in any way they can. Whether it be through regular reading with children in the classroom, helping out with an excursion, or assisting in the canteen, any help you can offer is greatly appreciated. Volunteers are required to have a *Working with Vulnerable People Card (Background Checking) Act 2011* (the WwVP Act). The WwVP Act requires those who work or volunteer with vulnerable people to have a background check and be registered. It is free for volunteers and required if volunteers are working with children. The online form is available through Access Canberra. The front office staff can assist you with your application if needed.

In Term 3 we are looking at the re-commencement of the K-1 Parent Volunteer Home Reading Programme. This programme is run twice a week, and gives parents, carers and volunteers (including grandparents or other relatives) the opportunity to read with students from a particular class and swap home readers. Please keep an eye out for more details in future newsletters. If you have any questions, please email [nicole.richardson@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:nicole.richardson@ed.act.edu.au).

### Mid-year Parent Teacher Interviews

Forrest Primary School parent teacher interviews are conducted twice yearly in Terms 1 and 2. The second series of parent teacher interviews will be held in Weeks 9 and 10 this term. These interviews will be held via Google Meet or phone, and will allow parents and teachers the opportunity to discuss student progress and set learning goals for Semester 2. Bookings can be made via SOBS:

Preschool—Year 3: <https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=992>

Years 4—6: <https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=992>

If you have any questions, please email [forrestps@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:forrestps@ed.act.edu.au) or follow the step-by-step instructions on how to make an booking here: <https://sobs.com.au/docs/sobs-pt3-parents.pdf>

### School Assemblies

We are pleased to be able to reinstate school assemblies for students only in alignment with our COVID safety procedures. The first cohort to host a school assembly will be students in Year 5. Their assembly will take place on Friday 29 July at 9:15am (Week 5 Term 3) in the senior hall. (Please note that the schedule below may change due to unforeseen circumstances).

DATE	TERM, WEEK	YEAR LEVEL / EVENT	ATTENDEES
27 May	Term 2 Week 5	Reconciliation Week	whole school
10 June	Term 2 Week 7	EarlyACT	Years 3 – 6
24 June	Term 2 Week 9	PBL	whole school
29 July	Term 3 Week 2	Year 5	Years 3 – 6
16 August	Term 3 Week 5 (Thursday)	Book Week	whole school
26 August	Term 3 Week 6	Year 2	Kindergarten – Year 2
8 September	Term 3 Week 8	Year 4	Years 3 – 6
21 October	Term 4 Week 2	Year 1	Kindergarten – Year 2
4 November	Term 4 Week 4	Year 3	Years 3 – 6
18 November	Term 4 Week 6	Kindergarten	Kindergarten – Year 2
2 December	Term 4 Week 8	Shivoo	whole school
16 December	Term 4 Week 10	Year 6	whole school

Thank you for your continued support.

Renee Berry, Jemma O'Brien & Nicole Richardson  
on behalf of the executive team

### HATS OFF!

In accordance with the  
Cancer Council's recommendations,  
students should no longer wear hats  
now that it's winter.

*The End of May is Hats OFF Day!*



# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2022



THURSDAY  
26 MAY 2022

WODEN PARK  
ATHLETICS  
TRACK



# LIBRARY

## Book Borrowing

Just a reminder that all students are able to borrow library books during their class library time, and students in Years 3—6 may also borrow books during the first half of the second break.

Students in Kindergarten—Year 2 may borrow two books at a time, and we encourage them to use a library bag to protect the books. Students in Years 3—6 may borrow up to four books at a time, usually two for the classroom and two for home.

We would be grateful if you could remind your child to return their books regularly so other students can also enjoy reading them.

## Reconciliation Week

To complement the Culture Club's Reconciliation Week assembly and the art work Ms Sneddon and classes have been working on, students and teachers have also been able to engage with some of the lovely Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander books we have in our collection.



# EXTRA-CURRICULAR

## KIDS' LIT QUIZ

by Itamar & Lachlan (Year 6)

### ABOUT

Last week 16 Year 5 and 6 students were lucky enough to go to Merici College to compete in Kids' Lit Quiz. We were able to take 4 Forrest teams and we all had an amazing time!

Kids' Lit Quiz is a quiz that lets kids 10-14 form groups of 4 from their schools and compete against other schools, using their knowledge of books to win books and bookmarks. There was a total of 100 questions all up, with 10 questions per round, each round having a unique topic such as bears and beverages. Groups are given a round of double points e.g. if a Forrest team got 7 points in a double points round it would be 14 points. The winning team of the ACT Heat got a subsidy for travel/accommodation to the national final in Sydney, to be held later in the year. This year's ACT finalist was a team from Merici College, a team which actually came second place in last year's heats! 2nd and 3rd places received book vouchers to The Book Cow Bookshop that was sponsoring the event. The winning teams of the national final go to New Zealand for the World final with New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Nigeria, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, and the USA.



### THE DAY

On the day we went to Merici College and we went to tables with our group names: Forrest 1,2,3 and 4. The event was described by members of Forrest as stressful, adventurous, nerve-racking, fun and 'worth every second'! We all really enjoyed it and would recommend it for anyone who loves reading. On round 5 - clothes - Forrest 4 got one of the best results and battled 1 other team in a sudden death. The other team ended up getting the question right first, winning the round and received a badge, a bookmark and a book. In between rounds the organisers would do a '5 dollar question' which would give \$5 to the individual player who answered it first. In the end, Forrest 3 got the least points with 52, Forrest 2 got 59 points, Forrest 1 got 59.5 points and Forrest 4 got 73 points, doing best out of the Forrest teams.

This event took place on the 25th of May, and students got to Merici College by their own car. Afterward, on Wednesday the 1st of June they got a couple of treats and a certificate.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



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- HIGH QUALITY PROGRAM FOR 5-15 YEAR OLDS
- 9AM – 3PM EACH DAY
- EXPERT & QUALIFIED COACHES
- FOR CHILDREN OF ALL SKILL LEVELS
- WE'LL GROUP YOUR FRIENDS TOGETHER!



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