

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Week 2 Term 2 2021

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.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Staff Professional Learning: Coaching and Mentoring

This week the teaching staff participated in professional learning with Jodie Davey from Positive Partnerships. Jodie is an experienced educational leader who trains teachers to become effective coaches and mentors. The PL included a whole staff workshop and targeted mentoring sessions for staff who support Early Career teachers. This PL and the skills gained will support our new whole-school approach to coaching and mentoring, which will see improved teacher practice and student outcomes across the school. This approach was one of the recommendations from our recent School Review. Staff will now engage with colleagues to coach and mentor each other in an area of practice.



Staffing

Recently, a process for filling short term school leader vacancies was undertaken. The outcome is that Jemma O'Brien will replace Hayley Singh for the time Hayley is on maternity leave. (Hayley will take leave for six months, starting from the end of Week 5, with the possibility of an extension). Congratulations to Jemma; she will do a brilliant job in the School Leader B role.

You may have noticed some babies growing... Hayley Singh and Amber Piper will both be taking maternity leave this term. We will miss Hayley and Amber very much and will keep you updated on school and class arrangements.

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

Year 5-6 Tennis Gala Day

Thursday 6 May

Year 6 Assembly

Friday 7 May

Kids Lit Quiz

Friday 7 May

Year 2 Excursion to National Botanic Gardens

Tuesday 11 May

Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 19 May

Year 3 Excursion to Canberra Deep Space Station

Thursday 20 May

Working Bee

Sunday 23 May

Year 4 Birrigai Camp

Thursday 27—Friday 28 May

Warren Brompton will continue teaching his Year 5 class until the end of term, and in Semester 2 he will take on the role of the STEM teacher. We are currently in negotiations for a new teacher for the 5B class, and will keep you updated on the arrangements.

Reports

Semester 1 reports will be sent out on Friday 18 June (Week 9).

Interviews

Interviews with class teachers will be held on Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 June (Week 10). Locations will be the same as the pre-COVID arrangements: Kindergarten—Year 1 in the library, Years 2—4 in the senior hall, and Years 5—6 in the Paul Henryon building. More information will be provided in the upcoming newsletters.

Indigenous Garden

As we are ramping up for the official opening of the Indigenous Garden on Friday 4 June, the teachers (and any other willing staff) are bringing along spades and garden forks to plant a host of new plants after school next Wednesday.

There will also be a Working Bee on Sunday 23 May (end of Week 5) from 11:00am—2:00pm. (Please see page 3 for further details). Come and join in, and enjoy the sausage sizzle! We also welcome any community or staff members who would like to join us in further work on the Indigenous Garden and on painting a serpent on the asphalt. For more details, please contact Nicole Richardson at nicole.richardson@ed.act.edu.au.

Thank you for your continued support,

Chris Pilgrim
on behalf of the Executive Team

INDIGENOUS GARDEN NAME

We have been collaborating with a Ngunnawal Elder to give our Indigenous Garden an **official Ngunnawal name**. There are three options based on the themes of meeting place, unity and connection. Please use the Google form below to cast your vote by COB **Thursday 6 May!**

<https://forms.gle/9cobkYnoa7aYDCud9>



WORKING BEE



Forrest Primary School Working Bee

Sunday 23 May 2021
11:00 - 2:00



Please join us to 'leave your mark' at Forrest Primary School by weeding, mulching and planting new plants in the **Indigenous Garden**, and repainting the serpent on the Junior Asphalt.



Bring along your **wheelbarrows, shovels and gloves**. If you don't have these items, that's okay - we'll have some spare!

If you are able to attend the Working Bee, please **RSVP** via the **Google form** below. This information will be used for catering purposes.
<https://forms.gle/vyFQxht9R4vUWJg67>



The Forrest P&C and Forrest Primary School are proud to coordinate this joint event.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 20 April, we held our annual Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations to all the enthusiastic runners and walkers, supporters, spectators, House Captains and helpers! The students and staff had a wonderful time, and enjoyed chanting and dancing for their houses. It was lovely to see so many students dressed in their house colours. Thank you to both the junior staff who organised the run around the school oval for the Kindergarten and Year 1 students, and to Mr Robson for organising a terrific day for the Year 2—6 students at Stromlo Forest Park. A big thank you also to Ms Taylor and the Sports Leadership Class from Telopea Park School for their support too. A highlight of the day was the staff, student and Telopea relay race, which was won by the Forrest staff! In exciting news, Cook house came first (for the first time in many years), followed by Phillip, Flinders and Dampier. Well done to the winners of the Best Dressed competition: Xavier (Year 6, Dampier), Ms Davis and Mr Traviss.

Finally, a huge congratulations to the following age champions:

8 years: Cordelia (3W), Oscar (2B)

9 years: Olivia (3RK), Connor (3KD)

10 years: Varya (4D), James (4D)

11 years: Penny (5P), Nicholas (5D)

12 years: Grace (6CO), Ben (6CO)



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Meccano

Our Rotary Meccano volunteers started with their new students during Term 1 and our second rotation of students begins this term. Students are chosen to participate in the five-week programme based on executive and class teacher recommendations. It is an opportunity for students to work collaboratively with a mentor to create a Meccano project, and as students deal with challenges along the way, they develop their self-confidence and a sense of accomplishment. The program also develops students' fine motor skills, conversational skills, problem-solving skills, and ability to follow written, visual and oral instructions.



OTHER TIDBITS

ANZAC Day

On Tuesday, the Year 6 students hosted an online ANZAC Day service in honour of those who have served or are serving in our Defence Force. We are fortunate in our school community to have parents and carers in the Army, Navy, Air Force or United Nations Peacekeepers. We thank you for your commitment, dedication and service in continuing the ANZAC tradition.



Children's Laureate Foundation and the Indigenous Literacy Foundation

Many thanks to both of these foundations for their very generous box of books for the school library. These books will support the learning and reading for students from Preschool to Year 6. The books will also provide a valuable teaching tool for our staff and Culture Club. Our parents and carers will benefit too!



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