

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Week 10 Term 1 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,

We wish you a very happy and safe holiday. School resumes on Tuesday 26 April along the same lines as it now operates but with outside activities and hopefully opportunity for parent involvement.

Kindergarten Parent Focus Group

Last week we held the Kindergarten Parent Focus group to discuss what is going well for our students in Kindergarten, and how the school can further improve. We would like to sincerely thank those who were able to attend and share their thoughts with us. A summary of this conversation will be released to Kindergarten parents via Seesaw.

'How Children Become Literate' Information

In previous years at Forrest Primary School, we have held a 'How Children Become Literate' information session. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions we are unable to hold this event live this year. However, we are still committed to sharing this information with you, so we have created a Google Site dedicated to 'How Children Become Literate'.

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/welcometoforrestprimaryschool/how-children-become-literate>

This site features video recordings of how parents can support their children to become literate, how reading and writing are taught at Forrest, and the use of the Three Cueing Systems. We also have a range of articles based on the latest research on reading and writing, and a video on how to use the school's subscription to Reading Eggs to support your child's literacy journey. We hope you enjoy this valuable resource.

2021 Time Capsule

In 2020 we had the pleasure of digging up a time capsule buried by our previous students over 20 years ago. To continue this tradition in 2021, our students, staff and community

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Dates to remember

Friday 8 April

Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 26 April

First day of Term 2

Wednesday 27 April

Year 6 Excursion to Parliament House

Thursday 28—

Friday 29 April

Year 4 Birrigai Camp

Monday 2 May

Cross Country Carnival

Have a safe and restful holiday!

Thank you for your continued support

created a new capsule which will be opened in 25 years. This capsule is now ready to be 'buried'. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions we are unable to host a formal celebration and burial, but we have done the next best thing... a video. So, sit back, relax, and enjoy our Time Capsule video!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oQdcKGyMtUI1LETZ7fSaa_cG1QEJxjl/view?usp=sharing

Year 4 Camp Birrigai

We are so pleased that with the easing of restrictions we are able to go on camp again! In Week 1 next term, Year 4 will be going on a one-night camp to Birrigai. The activities students will experience will foster teamwork, cooperation, problem-solving and a Growth Mindset. Students will explore culturally significant sites that link to their Unit of Inquiry. Students will also have opportunities to explore the interrelationships between living things and examine the effects of disturbances to ecosystems. Year 4 are so excited to be going on their very first camp!

IB Global Conference

Last week, Jemma O'Brien (PYP Coordinator) participated in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Global Conference. The conference delivered a vibrant forum with presentations from IB educators, education professionals and leaders across the Asia-Pacific region. The theme for the 2022 conference was 'Embracing Innovation, Inspiring Action.' The IB Global Conference held in Singapore was offered both in-person and virtually from 26–29 March 2022. Ms O'Brien participated in the conference virtually and had access to more than 40 live and on-demand sessions. She was able to network with peers, learn tangible skills for the classroom and gain insight into the International Baccalaureate. She also had the opportunity to engage in robust discussions and share fresh ideas and best practices for education. She then presented new knowledge to the Forrest Primary School teaching staff and together they explored how we can embrace innovation to inspire a generation into action!



Thank you for your continued support.

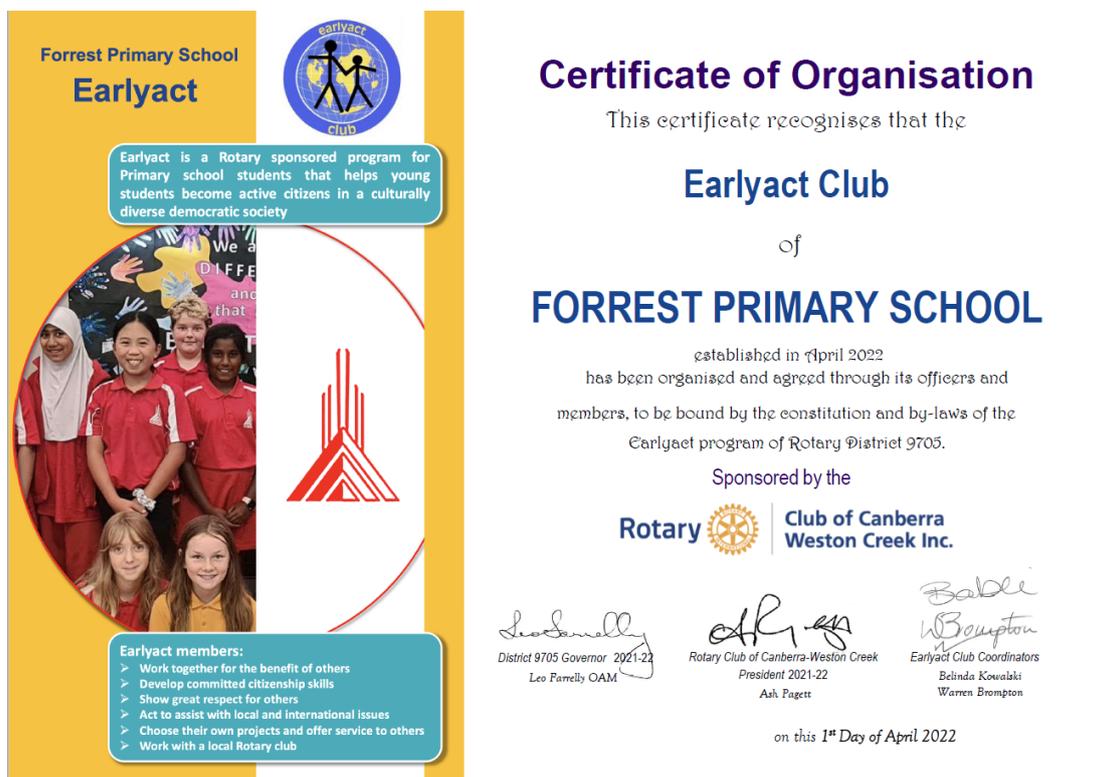
Chris Pilgrim, Jemma O'Brien & Nicole Richardson
on behalf of the Executive Team

EARLYACT

Friday 1 April saw the launch of the Forrest Primary EarlyACT Club. The newly elected student committee met via Zoom with Rotarians from Weston Rotary Club and Rotary District D9705 along with Ali Sewter from FOOSH and other guests.

We heard inspirational welcoming speeches from Rotary District Governor, Leo Farrelly; Weston Rotary Club Chair, Ash Pagett; the District Chair of Interact & EarlyACT, Gail Freeman; and EarlyACT District Youth Team Leader, George Weston. Mrs Kowalski and Mr Brompton shared the evolution of Action Club at Forrest and explored the similarities between the values of Earlyact and the International Baccalaureate. We are very proud of our student committee; Lachlan, Maddie, Sam and Annie spoke beautifully, explaining the action they have previously been involved in and what they are looking forward to in the future in our new partnership with Rotary. We also announced our first action as an EarlyACT Club, the Wheels for Access Day which we celebrated this week.

Picture below: the certificate of organisation, designed by Tony Maple, which was presented at the launch.



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



At Deakin Preschool we have been inquiring into how families are unique. As part of our inquiry, we created our families using loose parts and recycled materials.



Look at our fabulous families—aren't we creative!



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

BOOKS FOR KENYA

The books that were collected and donated by Forrest Primary School have been handed over to Semerian Sankori, the Founder of Patinaai Osim in Nairobi, Kenya. A huge thank you to Louise McMullen, Teacher Librarian, and Christine Thambipillai, Teacher of Japanese.

'Patinaai Osim,' is a term of endearment used by Maasai mothers just for their children, which loosely translates to 'the one I share joy with.' It is a not-for-profit organisation assisting school children, girls and women in Kajiado County, Kenya. The donated books will be taken to Isara Primary School, where a library is being established. The books will bring so much joy to these primary school children, who up until now had no books. We hope that they will inspire and transform lives. For more information or to donate please visit <https://patinaaiosim.org>



Left: Ms Jane Kamau, Dr. Mary Onsarigo, Luke Williams (The Australian High Commissioner to Kenya) and Helen Williams presenting the donated books to Ms Semerian Sankori and Dr. Eucabeth Majiwa.

Right: Mrs McMullen & Mrs Thambipillai hand over the donated books to Lewis Hirst, who kindly brought them out to Kenya.



Left: Students at Isara Primary School, north west Kenya

Below: The school's new library shelves



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Did you know that Forrest Primary School is a SunSmart school?

Forrest Primary School has been a member of this amazing programme since 2012 and has been able to successfully maintain this membership and recognition by:

- having a written sun protection policy meeting minimum standards relating to sun protective behaviours, environment, and curriculum;
- reschedule/minimise outdoor activities in direct sun during peak UV periods of the year;
- teaching, modelling and reinforcing positive sun protection behaviour;
- agreeing to complete regular policy reviews with the relevant state or territory Cancer Council to ensure their policy meets current guidelines and recommendations.

If you have any question regarding this certification or policy please email nicole.richardson@ed.act.edu.au



SUNSMART
Forrest Primary School

SunSmart member for
9
years

Organisation
ACT Public School

Suburb
Forrest

Date Awarded
1 Sep 2012

Date UV Protection Policy Reviewed
28 Mar 2022

Professional Learning

Number of Generation SunSmart modules completed by teachers, educators & other staff
6

Number of Generation SunSmart modules completed by parents & carers

Date last Generation SunSmart online PL was completed
15 Jan 2022

SunSmart & OSHC

Number of Generation SunSmart modules completed by OSHC educators & staff
42

Date last Generation SunSmart online PL was completed by OSHC educator or staff
23 Mar 2022

OSHC Provider
Forrest Children's Services

SunSmart Widget

Cancer Council acknowledges our school for displaying the SunSmart Web Widget on our website.

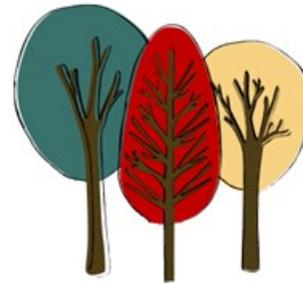
Next 3 year SunSmart Review March 2025.



P&C

On Thursday 24 March 2022, the Forrest Parents & Citizens (P&C) held our Annual General Meeting.

Our outgoing President, Belinda Fitzgerald, tabled an excellent President's Report thanking the 2021 Committee for supporting FOOSHC (Afters) through another difficult COVID year. She also congratulated FOOSHC on achieving not only an Exceeding Assessment and Review Rating from our governing body ACEQUA, but also, amazingly, the re-awarding of an Excellent Rating in January this year. Belinda's full report can be found here: <https://forrestpandc.com.au/constitutions-and-minutes/>



FORREST
P & C

Our Treasurer, Tui, presented the financial statements for 2021 which identified a \$10k loss last year. This was not a significant issue in terms of long term viability but reflected the loss of income, continued payment of staff and increasing costs of inputs during COVID shutdowns.

Following the election of new office bearers, we were delighted to welcome a number of new committee members with the new Finance and Admin Committee comprising the following community members:

- President—Teresa Gorondi
- Vice President Community Liaison—Zoe Pleasants
- Vice President Business—Perdi Mitchell
- Honorary Treasurer—Tui Davidson
- Secretary—Eileen Gillin
- Public Officer—Lucy Clynes

We would like to pass along our thanks to our outstanding outgoing officer bearers who have supported the school and P&C over many years. Thank you to Belinda Fitzgerald, Jarrod Fitzgerald and Sky May. Your dedication and investment has made the school the wonderful place it is today and the incoming committee will try to continue the standard you have set.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

TENNIS CLINIC

Monday 11—Thursday 14 April

8:00—1:00 (half day) or

8:00—6:00 (full day)



MCDONALD SCHOOL OF TENNIS, A.C.T

"fulfilling potential"

Red Hill Tennis Club
Astrolabe Street, Red Hill

- ◆ Students Kindergarten-aged—17 years old
- ◆ All skill levels
- ◆ Professional, credentialed coaching staff
- ◆ Full stroke development – 'beginners will be serving overarm by the end of the clinic!'
- ◆ Trophy singles tournament on Thursday, doubles training and tournaments in afternoons
- ◆ McDonald's lunch for full-day students on Thursday
- ◆ Great range of lunchtime activities, prizes galore, and heaps of fun!
- ◆ Full day price comes to less than \$7.00 / hour!
- ◆ Full refund if not continuing after Monday

To enrol, call Matt McDonald, professionally qualified Level 2 tennis coach, on 0412 565 137
or complete an enrolment form at mcdonaldschooloftennis.com.au

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HOBAN is hiring new **School Crossing Supervisors** for Canberra ACT!

This is a great opportunity to be an important part of your local community, meet new people and keep them safe! If you enjoy the outdoors and want short working hours, then this is the perfect job for you!

We have multiple positions available in your local area. Take pride in ensuring the safety of children and pedestrians crossing the road and be the friendly face children will remember and trust.

We are currently looking for casual School Crossing Supervisors in a number of locations across Canberra.

Successful candidates will have:

- Strong communication skills
- Experience in customer service or working directly with children
- Currently hold, or be willing to obtain, a Working with Vulnerable People check
- Drivers licence and access to a reliable vehicle
- Availability Monday to Friday, from 7.30am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 4.00pm
- Be willing to commute around Canberra as needed

Benefits to you:

- You'll be a part of an important community program
- Start in Term 2 - 26th April 2022
- Full training and uniform will be provided
- Max Hire Contract available!

If this sounds like you,
please contact Daisy
from **HOBAN Recruitment**
on **(02) 9978 1700** or
at daisyb@hoban.com.au

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