

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Week 6 Term 4 2020

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 Forrest Community,

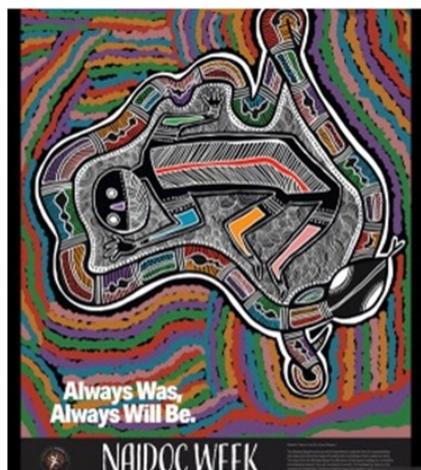
Welcome to Week 6! During the last two weeks we have celebrated NAIDOC Week and Remembrance Day; we've finalised plans for our departing Year 6's and teachers have been busy writing reports.

NAIDOC Week

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC Week 2020 around Australia, in Canberra and at Forrest Primary School. The theme of NAIDOC week this year was 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. The theme recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

NAIDOC Week 2020 encourages all Australians to embrace the true history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations before Captain Cook and other explorers. The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples.

In class last week students participated in reading or listening to a Dreaming story, creating art, listening to music and observing a virtual assembly hosted by the Culture Club students.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Big Action Week
23-27 November

PERMISSION NOTES DUE

- Yr 4 Movie Day due
18 November
- Yr 5 End of Year Excursion
due 13 November
- Obstacool Note due
2 December
- Yr 1 Zoo Excursion due
2 December

JUST A REMINDER!

When your child is **absent** from school, please inform the front office via email:

forrestps@ed.act.edu.au

If your child is **late** to school (even by five minutes), they need to come to the front office for a late arrival pass.

If you need to collect your child **early** from school, please inform the front office where possible.

When paying cash please send the exact money as we do not hold change in the front office.

Kindergarten 2021

On Tuesday night we held our first school community event since the revised COVID restrictions came into place. We would like to acknowledge and thank the parents who attended the Kindergarten 2021 Parent Information session. Next week we start our orientation visits for these students and look forward to welcoming them into 'big' school. If you have any questions regarding Kindergarten in 2021 please email Nicole Richardson—Nicole.Richardson@ed.act.edu.au

Year 6 Graduation

We have organised some exciting end of year events to help make the final year of primary school memorable for the Year 6 students.

- The Year 6 Graduation Assembly will be held on Tuesday 15 December at 9.15am. The assembly will be held outside on the basketball court (with COVID rules applied) and two adults per child will be able to attend. An invitation was sent home this week.
- Teachers have organised an excursion to B.Firm Outdoor Activity Centre on Wednesday 16 December. Students will participate in a fun filled day at an outdoor activity course which includes several different obstacles and activities that encourage participants to work either as a team or individually to build confidence whilst being physically active.
- Finally, a Year 6 Dinner/Disco will be held on Thursday 17 December 5.30pm to 8.30pm. The dinner/disco will be held in the Senior Hall at Forrest Primary School with teachers and students attending. Please contact Jemma O'Brien if you would like more information about any of the Year 6 end of year events.
Email: jemma.o'brien@ed.act.edu.au

ICAS – International Competitions Assessment for Schools

This year, students in Year 2-6 had the opportunity to participate in ICAS - the International Competitions Assessments for Schools. ICAS is designed to recognise academic excellence. Students are assessed on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. Students have now received their certificates and results. Congratulations to all students who participated in ICAS this year. Attached to the newsletter is a summary of the achievement of students at Forrest against the national average.

Shivoo— 2020

In a year that has required creative problem solving more than ever, we have changed the way Shivoo will be delivered. With health and safety at the forefront, Shivoo this year will look a little different. Teaching teams have been busily creating short videos that showcase 2020 at Forrest Primary School. On the evening of Thursday 3 December, each video will be posted via Seesaw. This supports student privacy and allows us to maximise families access to the video. We are excited to be able to continue with our Shivoo tradition in this modified format. We hope you enjoy it.

Traffic

Please adhere to all traffic and parking regulations. This includes following the established drop off and pick up system. If you are unsure how the system operates please contact the Front Office.

Thank you for your continued support,

Candice Kingston

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR
BOOK PACKS FOR 2021**

Order forms can be found on our website or can be picked up from the front office.

LIBRARY NEWS

In Week 8, the library will send home overdue book notices. For stocktaking and repair purposes we would be grateful to have all student and parent book loans returned by Monday 7 December. Staff will have access to library books until the end of term for classroom use.

Don't forget to check out ACT Libraries website for their popular holiday programmes!

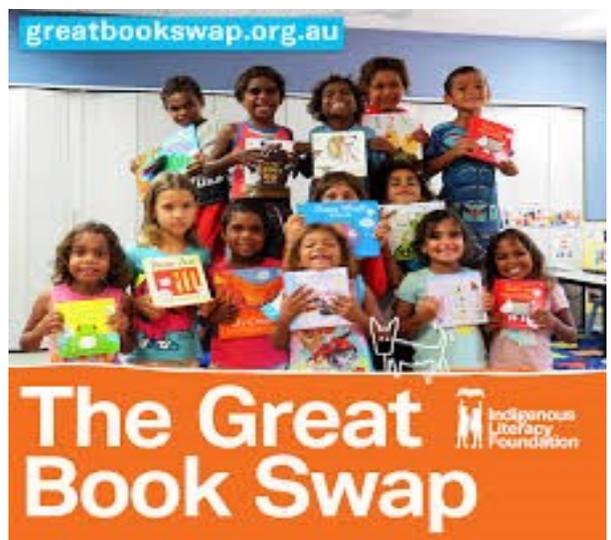
www.library.act.gov.au



BOOK SWAP—THANK YOU

The Book Swap for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation was a great success. Thank you to our generous Forrest Primary School community for your kind donations for this worthy cause. The funds raised support the purchase of books for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in rural and remote areas.

Thank you from the Culture Club students.



THE SMITH FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE APPEAL

The annual Smith Family Christmas Giving Tree Appeal will run for three weeks from Monday 16 November (Week 6) to Friday 4 December (Week 8). We are seeking donations of unwrapped presents for the 6-12 year old age group, e.g. books, toys, vouchers, games and stationery.

Donations of non perishable food and toiletries for the St John's Care Appeal will be collected at the same time until 14 December.

All donations can be left at the Christmas Tree in the school foyer.

Thank you for your generosity to help families in need.
Action Club



REMEMBRANCE DAY



On Wednesday 11 November two Year 6 students, Ashwin and Eve, confidently led the online 2020 Remembrance Day Assembly. We looked at the history of the red poppy and why it is an important symbol of Remembrance. Classes were encouraged to follow up with an activity to honour our Defence Force personnel. We thank our parents and carers who are currently serving.

Remembrance Day 11 November

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.



Miss Wood and 4W's window poppy display honouring the service of our army, air force and navy personnel.

BIG ACTION WEEK

ActionCLUB presents

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- IT'S BACK! -

- THE FIRST BIG ACTION WEEK OF 2020 -

TERM 4 WEEK 7



A week long event raising awareness of different causes. If you would like to donate to any of the charities, jars will be available by the front office all week.

EVENTS



MONDAY & ALL WEEK - Dress in Pink Monday. Week-long raffle before & after school. Supporting Breast Cancer Network Australia.



TUESDAY & ALL WEEK - Week-long raffle and movie screening of Blinky Bill at first break. Koalas are losing their homes and lives. Supporting WWF's Adopt a Koala.



WEDNESDAY - Dress in **RAINBOW** colours to support the Gouldian Finch. All donations will go to the Australian Wildlife Conservancy Christmas Appeal.



THURSDAY - Dress up as an animal or bring in a cuddly animal toy. No donations, just raising awareness of how Mogo Zoo has been affected by bushfires and COVID-19.



FRIDAY - Mufti Day Raising awareness of the endangered Tiger Quoll. Donations will go to the Wildlife Preservation Society of Qld.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 6's are currently working on Exhibition. The Quality Education group are wanting any new or spare stationery to be donated to the school for people in need. A box will be placed in the foyer for your donations.

Please donate by next Wednesday 25 November.

Thank you for your support



OBSTACOOOL FUNDRAISER

To celebrate the end of year at Forrest Primary School and to raise funds for our school, we will be holding 'Obstacool', a special obstacle course run, on Thursday 10 December 2020.

How much does Obstacool cost? The cost for this event will be \$10.00 per student. This cost includes children's 30-minute run on the course and a Berri Quelch Fruit Stick (icy pole) that they will receive after their run. As this is an optional activity, payment will be required to cover the costs. The school has made every effort to keep costs for this activity at a reasonable level. However, if there is insufficient funding available to meet the cost of the activity, regrettably we may not be able to proceed (if you require financial assistance please contact Nicole.Richardson@ed.act.edu.au).

How does the sponsorship work? Sponsorship is based on donation only, not per lap.

As this is a fundraising event, what does the money go towards? This year all funds raised will go towards our Numeracy and Home Reading Programmes. In terms of home readers—for every \$4 raised we will be able to purchase 1 new home reader.

Are there any prizes for the most money raised? Yes, the class that raises the most money will have an extra 30-minute session on the Obstacool course. Plus, this year we are excited to announce that the student who raises the most money will receive a voucher for a Nerf Warz Party at Weston Indoor Sports. This prize is valued at over \$360 and is for 14 kids!

When does the sponsorship and money raised need to be returned? The Sponsorship Form, along with all funds raised, **MUST** be returned to the front office by **Wednesday 2 December**. Please ensure that your child's name and class are on the front of the form.

Please contact your class teacher if you need financial assistance and just return the signed note. Thank you in advance for supporting this wonderful event.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

DID YOU ATTEND FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 1992?

WERE YOU A PART OF THE CREATION OF THE 1992 TIME CAPSULE?

To celebrate the 2020 opening of the Time Capsule, Forrest Primary invites you to tour the school and reminisce about your school days and see what has changed during the last 28 years.

An exhibition of the items within the 1992 year Time Capsule will be on display between 7-17 December in The Forrest Primary School Library.

Various tour times are available and bookings can be made via contacting - Forrestps@ed.act.edu.au

Strict COVID restrictions apply.

Tours will be held in line with health advice from State and Federal Governments in relation to COVID-19.

Please keep the following in mind when attending: Social distancing principles will apply with every person required to stay at least 1.5 metres from other members of the public. However, this does not apply to people who live together, who are friends or family members, or people who regularly associate with each other. Tours may be capped in order to abide by State and Federal Government health advice. If you feel unwell and/or are displaying any of the COVID-19 symptoms, for the safety of others, please do not attend.

Tours may be cancelled at short notice.

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WELLBEING HUB
A COMMUNITY SERVICES #1 INITIATIVE

Garden, cook and grow together through CS#1's Growing Healthy Kids project

Have you ever wanted to have your own kitchen garden to increase the fresh food in your house, but don't know how?

Join us for fortnightly sessions to learn how to plant, harvest and prepare fresh fruit and vegetables for your family.

- Children are welcome but must be with an adult
- Learn about sustainable, seasonal planting
- Get tips on cooking child-friendly, nutritious food
- Make friends and grow your support network

10am every second Monday

The Wellbeing Hub at CS#1

63 Boolimba Crescent

Narrabundah

Places are limited so please register with

Romney Kelly to attend:

wellbeing@communityservices1.org

6126 4700



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SERVICES #1
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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Want to do something different for your birthday?

Have a *Nerfday Party*. We offer fantastic sports parties and have now introduced exciting "Nerf Warz and Sports" parties. Both Nerf Warz and sports are a supervised fun and safe option, and we provide all of the equipment needed.

Valued at \$360 for up to 14 kids with a Games Coordinator



This 1 hour 50 minutes Nerf Warz & Sport package at Weston Indoor Sports includes:

- 2 x 25 minutes of sports games looked after by a games coordinator
- 30 minutes of Nerf Warz supervised by our staff
- 2 hours of dedicated party area for food, cake and drink
- The best battlefield for Nerf Warz in the region
- Safety glasses for all participants
- 7yrs and under may require adult help



We have everything you need to host a great party. All equipment, courts, tables, and amenities are here. Just bring your own food and drink.

Additional Children above the first 14 are \$15 each.

Other party options details are available on our website at <https://westonis.com.au/birthday-parties/>.

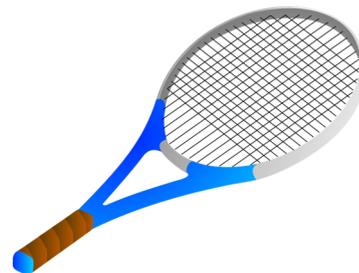
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2020 CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TENNIS CLINIC

Red Hill Tennis Club, Astrolabe Street, Red Hill

21-24 December, Monday to Friday 8am—1pm HALF DAY, 8am—6pm FULL DAY

- 100% refund after Monday if not continuing
- FULL DAY, less than \$6/hr
- HUGE FAMILY DISCOUNTS
- SANTA CLAUS VISITING AND HANDING OUT PRESENTS (Thursday morning)



Kindergarten kids to 17 year old's—all standards—full stroke development—1st Timers / beginners will be serving over-arm by end of Clinic! Well trained and well credentialled coaching team—Trophy Singles tournament Thursday afternoon—Doubles training and tournaments—McDonald's lunch Thursday for full day pupils—Free racquet hire—Great range of lunchtime activities—Games, heaps of fun, prizes galore!

Enrolment forms at school reception or please phone professionally qualified Level 2 tennis coach, Matt McDonald on 0412 565 137

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**Dates before & after Christmas
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Call 1300 914 368 or visit
australiansportscamps.com.au
to book or for more information.

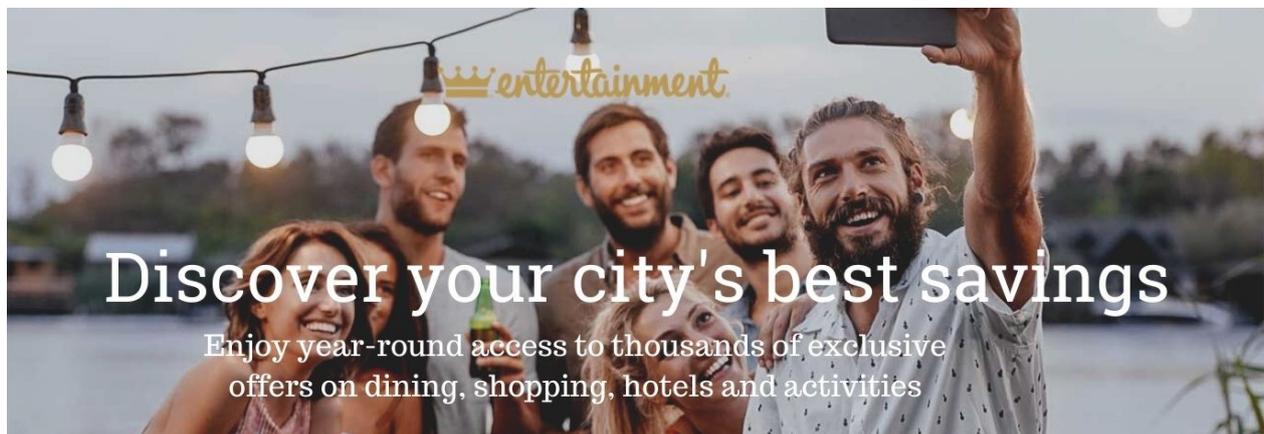
FUNDRAISING



The COVID-19 restrictions have unfortunately impacted on our fundraising efforts but you can still *make a difference from a distance* by purchasing a **digital Entertainment Membership!**

And what better time to do it than now, as current memberships are expiring and there are so many amazing benefits on offer for you and your family to enjoy! The Memberships are also a great way to support our local dining establishments who have been struggling to keep their doors open.

Visit <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/25z707>



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