

# FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter Week 2 Term 3 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.

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### EXECUTIVE ADDRESS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

#### Staffing

This week we are excited to welcome back our Deputy Principal, Ms Hayley Singh. Ms Singh has been on maternity leave for the past twelve months, caring for her gorgeous son, Otis. If you see Ms Singh around the school or on traffic, give her a big shout out hello!

We realise that this next announcement will come as a surprise to you, and it is something we did not foresee. We are saddened but pleased to announce that Miss Sarah Mannall will be leaving Forrest Primary School to take up a new teaching position at Darkinjung Barker College in Yarramalong, New South Wales. This position will enable Miss Mannall to fulfil her long-time dream to teach Indigenous students. Miss Mannall is a wonderful teacher and we have appreciated her commitment to her students and families, and the way she has built positive relationships with them. Forrest Primary School and the Kindergarten team has valued the passion and enthusiasm she has brought to the team.

We are excited to announce that Miss Lauren Wright will be the new teacher on KM for the remainder of the year. Miss Wright is a new educator and a highly respected staff member who has developed a good rapport with the children. The teaching and learning programme will continue as normal due to the collaborative team planning and programme delivery.

#### EarlyACT Action Week

This week students supported many initiatives through our EarlyACT Action Week. Diversity in Action was the theme for the week and we want to thank families and students for participating by dressing up, viewing slideshows created by EarlyACT students and donating to charities. Doughnut Day was a big success and we look forward to continuing to promote student-driven action within our school.

### Dates to remember

#### Friday 5 August

Pupil free day

#### Tuesday 16 August

Book Week Dress-up Day & Tony Appleby performance

#### Friday 19 August

Year 2 Assembly

#### Tuesday 30 August

Book Week  
Lucas Proudfoot Performance

#### Friday 9 September

Pupil free day

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

This week EarlyACT were given the group Order of Australia Student Award. Congratulations to all the students involved and to Mrs Belinda Kowalski and Mr Warren Brompton for excellent, ongoing work and commitment to making the world a better place through student action. So well deserved!

### Literacy Champions

Did you know that Forrest Primary School has a team of Literacy Champions? They are Nicole Richardson, Meg Ryan, Rachel Hogan, Chris Pobke and Molly Pianca. This team is extremely passionate about all things literacy, and work together to improve literacy across all levels in the school through presenting Professional Learning, coaching and mentoring.

Of the 10 Essential Literacy Practices, the Literacy Champions have decided to focus on two for 2022. They are:

- Essential Practice 6: Research-informed writing instruction
- Essential Practice 10: Collaboration with families in promoting literacy

Both of these Practices align with the Forrest Primary Action Plan. Please keep an eye out in all our newsletters for key information and articles on how we teach literacy at Forrest Primary. Today's article is all about reading and can be found attached to this email.

### Excursions

With COVID restrictions easing we have been delighted to organise many wonderful excursions for students over the past two weeks.

Year 6 students participated in an excursion to Mungga-Iri Jingee The Academy of Future Skills where they engaged in STEM activities to improve their understanding of sustainable materials. This excursion was facilitated by Mr Dan Heap, a former Forrest teacher, who is still strongly connected with our school and supports individual teachers and students in STEM education.



Year 5 and 6 headed off to the Canberra Theatre to see 'The Twits'. This excursion strengthened students' appreciation for the arts and students were delighted to view the wonderful performance along with other ACT schools.



Year 1 students went on an exciting trip to the Mugga Lane Resource Management Centre where they learnt all about sustainable ways to recycle and manage waste in an environmentally friendly way.

Thank you teachers for organising these meaningful excursions and dedicating your time to enriching our Units of Inquiry.



## **Year 5 Assembly**

Today Year 5 hosted an assembly for invited parents and students in Years 3, 4 and 6. They presented new knowledge gained in their recent Units of Inquiry and delighted the audience with meaningful connection to culture. Thank you teachers for preparing the assembly. We are so pleased to see that students are taking steps to share their knowledge with the wider community.

## **ICAS Assessment**

The window to register for the ICAS Assessment is closing on Monday 1 August. If you would like to register for the tests, please access the information note via our school website. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies. Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Testing will begin on Monday 8 August and take place at school. We have had many students register already and we look forward to sharing their achievements with you when the tests are completed. For more information about the ICAS Assessments please email [jemma.o'brien@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:jemma.o'brien@ed.act.edu.au)

## **2022 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey**

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The 2022 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be available online from Friday 19 August—Friday 9 September. The survey results will help us to continue to make informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college. For each child in who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:

- An email about the parent survey, including a link to access the survey; and
- A letter about the student survey outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data.

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your junk email folder; if it is not there, contact the front office at [forrestPS@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:forrestPS@ed.act.edu.au) and you will be provided with a survey link. If you do not have an email listed with the school, please contact the front office to update your details.

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in the following other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish, Telugu, French and Italian. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following five languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys will be available at the front office.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part. For more information, visit:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

Thank you for your continued support,

Chris Pilgrim, Renee Berry, Hayley Singh, Jemma O'Brien, Nicole Richardson and Sarah Bauer  
Executive Team



**HATS ON FROM 1 AUGUST**

August signals Hats On again for all Canberra primary schools.  
Please ensure your child has a sun smart hat.  
Hats are available from the Uniform Shop.

# LIBRARY

## BOOK WEEK

This year's Book Week theme is

**Dreaming with eyes open...**

### Tuesday 16 August—Book Week Dress-up Day &

**'Books to Life' performance by Tony Appleby**

On Tuesday 16 August, students in Kindergarten—Year 6 are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or as a scientist. We encourage students to make use of what they have at home, rather than purchasing an outfit. On this day, students will also get to enjoy 'Books to Life', a performance by Tony Appleby. He will bring to life the Children's Book Council notable book, 'The Imagineer' by Christopher Cheng.

### Tuesday 30 August—Visit from Lucas Proudfoot

We are excited to also have Lucas Proudfoot, Bundjalung and South Sea islander Indigenous performer, storyteller and musician, visiting Forrest Primary School on Tuesday 30 August.



The note regarding these two performances was sent out last term. Thank you to those families who have returned the permission section. Please contact the front office via email at [forrestPS@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:forrestPS@ed.act.edu.au) if you need a copy of the note. Please also keep an eye out for the Book Week flyer!



### CHIEF MINISTER'S READING CHALLENGE

The CMRC closes on Friday 19 August (Week 5, Term 3), so there's plenty of time for our Year 4—6 students to borrow books and enjoy the challenge of reading 30 books. Preschool—Year 3 students will complete their reading challenge in class and library time.

Happy reading!

Louise McMullen  
Teacher Librarian

# EARLYACT

## Waste Monday

During big action week, we had a Waste Monday, but it was really Waste Week because it went through the entire week. During this week if you brought in nude food, (food with no wrapping,) you could get raffle tickets. You could also get bonus tickets for picking up rubbish around the school. The prizes for the draw are lunchboxes so you don't NEED wrapping. We are doing this because we want to show that food with wrapping is useless and wasteful, plus picking up rubbish is easy and doesn't take much out of our day. Thank you to everyone who was involved in making Waste Week a success!

## Turtle Tuesday

Turtle Tuesday was organised to collect money for the WWF (World Wildlife Fund). The WWF helps lots of endangered animals which is why we decided to collect money for them to help the turtles.

Our original plan was to help the hawksbill turtle because that species is critically endangered and our focus soon widened to include all turtles. Turtles are endangered because of pollution, loss of habitat and poaching. Millions of turtles die each year because plastic gets into the ocean and turtles think that it's food. Not only this but pollution is also the reason they lose their habitat - plastic and rubbish just ruins the natural environment of a turtle.

On Turtle Tuesday most students dressed up in blue, green or mufti and brought a soft marine toy to school. Lots of students brought in gold coin donations to support and donate to the WWF turtle project. It was a big success and we hope it will be of great help to the WWF.

Organised by Swairee, Annie, Methuli, Maira, Mailey and Darcy.

## Wellbeing Wednesday and OMG Donut Day

Donut Day was a huge success raising money and everyone having a fun time. The money that was raised will be donated to Gotcha 4Life.

There were six different flavours: Cinnamon, Dusty Queen, Choc Mint Bliss, Luscious Lemon, Strawberry Patch and Toast My Berry. Around 600 donuts were ordered and we had a lot of fun handing them out and preparing the donuts. We are very happy that people bought the donuts to help support men's mental health. We are hoping that later in the year we may do more donuts since this event was so successful.

The money raised from the Wellbeing Wednesday dress in blue/pink/purple will be going to Fearless Women. Thank you for supporting our causes, we hope that you enjoyed a delicious donut (or 2!). By Lachlan, Haritha and Corella.



# EARLYACT

## Ukraine Thursday

Ukraine Thursday was a huge success, and we raised \$458.50. The whole school pitched in by wearing blue and yellow and supporting refugees by bringing in gold coin donation. The money raised will go through the Red Cross to refugees impacted by the conflict in Ukraine. This is important because in conflicts across the world people escape with limited clothes, and limited essential supplies. They struggle for food and live rough. The school's donations will help these refugees get back on their feet. As well as that, everybody had a great day on Ukraine Thursday and it was a massive success. Thank you to those who donated and showed their support!

## Flood Friday

Earlier this year we were hearing a lot about the devastating floods in QLD and NSW and all of the destruction they were causing. So we decided to send an email to Rotary asking if there was anything that we could do for people impacted by the floods. They said that they needed money to help the kids who had lost their school supplies. Which means all the money that we raised through our mufti day will go to the school kids in Queensland who lost their school supplies to the floods. The money we raised will be sent to the Rotary club in Queensland for them to purchase new school supplies. Friday was a huge success and we would like to thank everyone for dressing up and bringing in a toy animal. We raised \$319.75, thank you again for donating to this worthy cause.

## Diversity in Action

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in sharing their culture with their classes during the week. We have been interviewing a lot of students from across the school and have heard wonderful stories about items that have been shared in classes, such as art and customs. Everyone particularly enjoyed Friday when cultural food was brought in and shared. Thank you for sharing your culture with us all!



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

IS ENGLISH YOUR SECOND LANGUAGE?  
**COME TO OUR ENGLISH  
CONVERSATION CLASSES  
MONDAYS 10AM - 12PM**

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