

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Week 6 Term 4 2019

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,

As the weather warms up, we are reminding all students to please come to school with a sun smart hat, sun safe clothing (sleeved t-shirts or Crazy Arms) and supportive shoes for the playground.

Semester 2 Academic Reports

This semester we are using the new Education Directorate reporting system. This is an online system to record and send student reports. Last week a test email was sent to Parent contact #1. If you did not receive this email, please let the front office know. Any families who have identified that they require a second academic report will receive one via post after Friday 13 December.

Demountable Building

You may have noticed work happening on the senior grass area of the school. The school is receiving a demountable building which will be used initially for the senior school. It will be installed just beyond the bitumen opposite the double storey building. It has two classrooms and a teacher's office. Ground work started on 11 November and will be completed (hopefully) by the beginning of the new school year.

Organisation of the School Day 2020

There have been significant changes to the Enterprise Agreement (EA) for school staff. The one that affects primary schools in a significant way is that face to face teaching hours have been reduced from 21 hours 30 minutes to 21 hours per week. The way we adapt to this change in a way that gives students an added contemporary, relevant resource is to introduce a fourth specialist programme. In our case this may be Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). This change to our specialist lessons fits well with the slight changes

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Big Action Week 25-29 November
Obstacool Event 2 December
Year 4 Learning Journey 4 December
Year 2 Parent Forum 5 December
Shivoo 5 December
Volunteers Morning Tea 11 December, 8:45am
Reports sent home 13 December
Year 6 Graduation Events 17 December
Last day of Term 4 19 December

to the layout of the school day that we have wanted to make for some time. The new plan is similar to the old one, with one 40 minute break (B1) and a second break of 20 minutes (B2). The renaming of the breaks to B1 and B2 was introduced as a means to support children and families who prefer to eat their lunch meal later in the day. This supports equity of teaching time and duties for teachers and also allows specialists to have equal access to all classes.

9:00-10:00	Session 1
10:00- 11:00	Session 2 (including supervised eating time)
11:00-11:40	Break 1
11:40- 12:40	Session 3
12:40 1:40	Session 4 (including supervised eating time)
1:40 - 2:00	Break 2
2:00 - 3:00	Session 5

Year 3 Forum

Last week we held a Year 3 Parent Forum to discuss what is going well for students in Year 3, 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 for Year 3 parents via Seesaw.

NAPLAN

In May this year, Year 3 and 5 students sat the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). We recently received the data relating to individual student achievement, Years 3 to 5 growth and school/state comparisons.

According to our 2015-2019 Strategic plan targets, the school achieved the following in 2019:

- 86% of Year 3 students exceed the National Minimum Standard in spelling from 81% in 2015
Actual 91.1% (exceeded target)
- 71% of Year 5 students will reach or exceed the expected growth in reading from 68% in 2015
Actual 66.7% (did not meet target)
- 63% of students will reach or exceed the expected growth in numeracy from 60% in 2015
Actual 50.9% (did not meet target)

All staff have now analysed the data and are reviewing teaching and learning programmes to support student achievement and growth in 2020.

Bandstravaganza

On Tuesday night the Year 6 Band performed at the ACT Instrumental Music Programme Bandstravaganza. Forrest Primary School students, along with students from five other primary schools, performed three pieces of music. It was such a pleasure to sit in the audience and listen to the many talented students across the ACT. Two students, Mia W and Jemima M, also performed as part of the ACT Primary Concert Band (PCB). The PCB comprises students selected by audition from ten primary schools. Congratulations to all students for their dedication and commitment to the Forrest Primary School Band. Congratulations and thank you also to Sarah Bauer who has worked with the band over the course of the year, rehearsing and mentoring students.



Year 6 Exhibition Student Reflections

Students in Year 6 recently presented their PYP Exhibition to the whole school community. Here are some reflections they have written about the event.

Exhibition is the fundamental understanding of our whole Primary School Years. It is what educates us about global issues that people around the world are facing. Exhibition motivates and reveals that we are never too small to make a difference and even as young adults we are the change that will make the world a better place.

Amani (6H)



Exhibition is something to help expand our knowledge on a subject of our choice, it is also a way to take action and help the community. Exhibition is more of an individual task than the other work we do and we have more freedom over how we choose to complete everything. It can also be used to help prepare us for high school, as we will do similar things, and it helps with time management. We all took action, even just showing everyone our provocations was taking action because they might've inspired them to change their ways.

Flic (6D)

Exhibition is a way that students in Year 6 can express and present what they have been learning for the past 7 weeks. It is also an opportunity for the students to inquire into more depth of the topic they are working on.

Audrey (6B)



Exhibition is a chance for us, Year 6, to explore our world and teach others about it. It is to let us express our opinions and ideas on how we can make our world a better place. Exhibition lets us spread awareness about the BIG things that are happening around the world and how we can work towards or stop these things. Exhibition is also a chance for us to have a head start in the environment of learning in high school.

Kevin 6B

I would think that Exhibition is a way to really express how you feel about the world and what needs to change for the better. I also think that Exhibition is a perfect way to start adjusting to high-school and really learn how high-school is.

Sebastian 6B



Thank you

Hayley Munsie
on behalf of
the Executive Team

SCHOOL EVENTS

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

The Remembrance Day Assembly on Monday 11 November was presented by Year 4 students, who are to be congratulated for how confidently they spoke with minimal rehearsal. Thank you also to the Year 6 trumpet players who played the National Anthem, the Last Post and Rouse. Ms Pilgrim told the touching story of Simpson and his donkey at Gallipoli. We were lucky enough to have in the audience Warrant Officer Matthew Brooks, the parent of one of the Year 4 presenters, who walked with the Kindergarten representatives. His presence added a lot of meaning to the ceremony.



SCHOOL EVENTS

SHIVOO

Thursday 5 December, 6:00pm



Each year at Forrest Primary School we hold Shivoos, an outdoor concert. This performance showcases our students' developing talents in dance and music, and contributes to our students' learning in the Arts. It will be an entertaining evening with the whole school participating in a dynamic celebration of the performing arts.

Shivoos will be held on the black top and stair area in front of the hall. The Deakin Preschool Parent Committee will be holding a sausage sizzle and bake sale but please feel free to bring a picnic dinner, blankets and cushions. Should you decide to bring a chair, we respectfully ask that you consider others' viewing pleasure and sit to the side or the back of the seating area.

Please note that this is a family evening. Parents and carers have responsibility for the care and supervision of their children for the duration of this event.

Below is a list of clothing/colours that class teachers have requested students wear for their performances. Please don't rush out and buy new outfits! We have chosen items that we hope you already have at home. Should you have any difficulty sourcing items, please let your class teacher know and alternative arrangements can be made.

Preschool	The Preschool Dance is 'Old Time Rock and Roll' Costume: 1950s rock and roll inspired: white t-shirt, jeans or skirt. Optional: sunglasses, jacket, neckerchief/bandana
Kindergarten	The Kindergarten Dance is 'Shake Your Tail Feather' Costume: Students are encouraged to wear bright coloured clothing.
Year 1	The Year 1 Dance is 'High Hopes' Costume: Students are encouraged to dress as an occupation i.e. doctor or teacher.
Year 2	The Year 2 Dance is 'Friend like Me' Costume: Students are encouraged to wear all black clothing
Year 3	The Year 3 Dance is 'Walk Like an Egyptian' Costume: Students are encouraged to wear yellow and blue clothing. Optional: students can dress as an Egyptian cat, mummy etc.
Year 4	The Year 4 Dance is 'What's My Name?' Costume: Student are asked to dress in Hip Hop clothing.
Year 5	The Year 5 Dance is 'Murryana' Costume: Students are encouraged to dress in something that expresses their passion. E.g. sport uniform.
Year 6	The Year 6 Dance is 'Bhangra' Costume: Students are encouraged to wear block coloured clothing. E.g. yellow t-shirt and yellow bottoms. If they are not able to wear the same colour on the bottom as they are on top, could they please wear black.

STUDENT ACTION

The Smith Family Christmas Toy & Book Appeal

We invite you to place an unwrapped gift suitable for children aged 4—12 years under the Giving Tree in the school foyer.

Gifts can be donated until **Monday 9 December**.



St John's Care Fundraiser

We invite you to donate non-perishable food items, toiletries and other household supplies for the St John's Care Christmas hampers.

Please place items in the boxes near the Christmas tree in the school foyer.

Items can be donated until **Friday 13 December**.



MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following recipients of merit certificates!

These were presented at the senior assembly on Friday 22 November.

3FD

Benjamin
Darcy
Seola

3K

Amira
Charles
Chi Lok
Kyra
Zaw

4KD

Ethan
Joey
Koby
Nadine
Penaaz
Sophie
Theveen

4R

Chloe
Dominic
Jack
Javier
Luca
Lucas
Oscar
Vikram

4W

Abigail
Adam
Aila
Alex
Amelie
Campbell Q.
Jake
Neil

5B

Jessie
Matthew
Oliver
Shaun
Steph

5R

Charles
Dhrishika
Josh T.
Laylah
Zavier

5T

Cinta
Yagmur
Sean
Zach
Zoe

6B

Audrey
Demarni
Kayal
Reecheal
Riley

6D

Aocheng
George
Hannah
Jack
Josh

6H

Lewis
Monica
Tom
Uri
Wildaan



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Do you need some tips and guidance on how to buy your first home?

- Make sure you are actually eligible for a home loan. You can seek advice from a fully qualified Mortgage Adviser who can help you determine your borrowing capacity, and help you secure your loan pre-approval.
- Sort out your debt. Focus on paying off and closing those credit cards.
- Make sure all your bills and any ongoing loans are paid on time every time. This will boost your credit rating and boost the strength of your loan application.
- Don't be discouraged if you don't have a large deposit as there are avenues to assist First home buyers such as Family Guarantee loans.
- For confidential and obligation free assistance please feel free to contact Gillian Coles.
- Gillian happily donates \$200 per home loan to the Forrest Primary School (after settlement). *

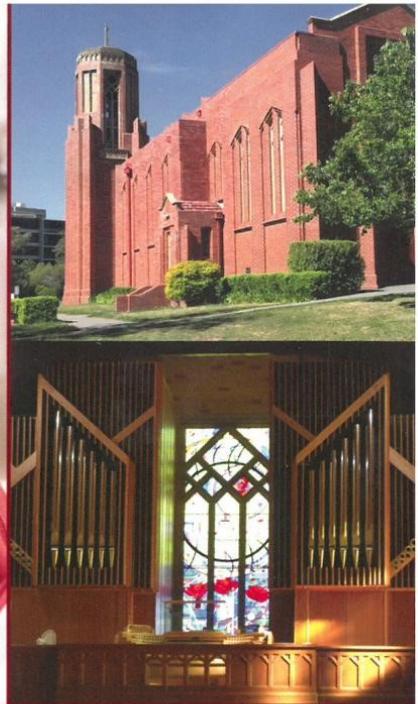
Mobile: 0407 722 520

Email: gillian@colesfinancesolutions.com.au

Qualifications: MFAA Credit Advisor, BA Comm, Dip of Finance and Mortgage Broking Management, Cert IV in Finance and Mortgage Broking

*The referred loan needs to be from the Forrest Primary school community and the loan amount over \$200,000.

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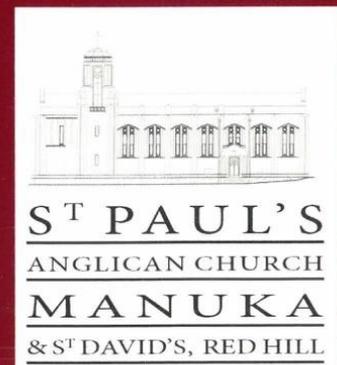


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CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TENNIS CLINIC

CLINIC 1: Friday 20 December, 8:00am—4:30pm

Red Hill Tennis Club

CLINIC 2: Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 December, 8:00am—6:00pm

Astrolabe Street, Red Hill

- ◆ Students Kindergarten-aged—17 years old
- ◆ All skill levels
- ◆ Professional, credentialed coaching staff
- ◆ Total stroke development – ‘beginners will be serving overarm by the end of the clinic!’
- ◆ Trophy singles tournament
- ◆ Doubles training and tournaments
- ◆ McDonald’s lunch
- ◆ Santa Claus appearing and handing out toys!
- ◆ Great range of lunchtime activities, prizes galore, and heaps of fun!

To enrol, call Matt McDonald, professionally qualified Level 2 tennis coach, on 0412 565 137

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RICKY STUART HOUSE—OPEN DAY

Ricky Stuart House is a **short term accommodation service for children aged 5 – 13 years with disability**. The house is a spacious, six-bedroom house which features a beautiful outdoor area and a sensory room with a warm 'home away from home' environment. We cater to the needs of your child and provide fun activities and outings. We accept bookings with a minimum stay of three hours. We are open 52 weeks of the year. Rates are in line with the NDIS price guide as we are an NDIS registered provider.

We are opening the house at 70 MacLaurin Street, Chifley, for families, carers and service providers interested in using our service on **Friday 22 November from 10:00am—2:00pm**. This event will also feature providers and services for children within the Canberra Community.

Come along to have a cuppa and a chat! Please RSVP to Michelle.Groeneveld@marymead.org.au.

