

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Week 10 Term 2 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.

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EXECUTIVE ADDRESS

End of Term 2

It has been a very unusual term for all of us and we should be proud of what we have achieved. The transition from remote learning to face-to-face teaching has been seamless, and as a school community, we have all worked together to ensure our students, staff and parents have stayed safe and connected. A big thank you to the staff for their tireless work and flexibility in adapting to a new way of teaching. The programmes that were delivered online were authentic, relevant and engaging. However, it certainly is nice to be back at school! From the entire school community, I would also like to thank our Principal, Chris Pilgrim, who led the way for us. Her support of Forrest staff and students during the COVID-19 crisis has been an example for other principals in our Directorate. Chris put the needs of the school community first, and ensured that everyone's safety and wellbeing was a priority. We are grateful for her dedicated leadership and continuous care. It was lovely to celebrate what we'd achieved this term with yesterday's whole school Celebratory BBQ!



Voluntary Contributions, Library Trust Fund and Building Trust Fund

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our school by making a Voluntary Contribution and/or a donation to the Library and/or Building Trust Funds. We are so grateful, and realise that many people just want to thank and acknowledge teachers. With your money we have bought new desks, chairs and window blinds, STEM resources and furniture, and literacy materials. Thank you!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 20 July
First day of Term 3

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.

Farewell and Best of Luck

As some of you are aware, our amazing Amy in the front office is expecting her first child this month. Amy will be taking maternity leave for the remainder of the year, and we wish her all the best with her new bub. We extend a warm welcome to Liz, who has recently joined the Support Staff Team, and a huge thank you to Jackie for filling Amy's position during her leave.



Reports and Interviews

This week you will have received a Semester 1 report for your child/ren. Reports were emailed to the first family contact in our database. If your child has had an extended absence or only arrived at Forrest Primary School in Term 2, they would have received a hard copy 'short report' in their school bag. If you did not receive a report, please email hayley.munsie@ed.act.edu.au, and a copy will be emailed to you at the beginning of Term 3. Mid-year interviews this year will be held on a needs basis. If your child's teacher needs to speak to you, he/she will request an interview/meeting with you. Alternatively, you can request a meeting with the teacher. Please note that meetings may be via phone, Google Meet or in person.

Grant Success

This year Forrest Primary School has been successful in winning several grants in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education and Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)! Congratulations and thank you to Jeremy Haddrill who has been successful in his submission for three Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education grants. The money has been used to create the stunning mural near the Indigenous Garden and will support the publication of a book written by Forrest students. The funds will also be used to invite Indigenous experts to share their heritage and cultural knowledge during Culture Club. Jeremy, thank you for your outstanding work in winning these grants and for the enriching work you are doing in developing all students' understanding of Indigenous language, culture and history.



Dan Heap has also been successful in applying for an ACT Government grant to promote girls in STEM. The grant was written under the premise of getting more girls at Forrest interested in STEM, particularly coding and robotics. The successful application was to purchase a set of LEGO robotics and will involve staff



and community members working with interested teams of girls to enter in the ACT league of the 'Robocup' in 2021 and 2022. This will elevate the STEM programme that has been established this year. Thank you, Dan, for your expertise in establishing STEM at Forrest and the hours of work invested in applying for this grant.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students. This applies to students with a diagnosed disability as well as students for whom we alter one aspect of our teaching, such as supporting anxiety or poor eyesight.

- year of schooling;
- category of support: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional;
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

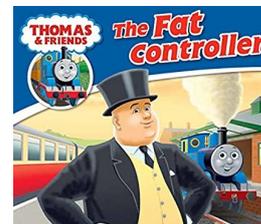
This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students;
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students;
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for all students.

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact Renee Berry at renee.berry@ed.act.edu.au.

Traffic

Thank you, everyone, for making drop-off and pick-up times safer! The traffic is moving well and drivers are giving way correctly. Thank you so much from the 'Fat [Traffic] Controller' (Chris Pilgrim, Principal)!



Assemblies in Term 3

At this stage, due to physical distancing requirements, assemblies will not go ahead for Term 3. This is due to the hall being unable to accommodate large numbers of people with the 1.5 metre physical distancing requirements. This will be reassessed as the year progresses.

Thank You P&C

Our sincere thanks to the P&C for the coffee van this week, and to Ali Sewter for organising this gift. The Forrest Primary School staff have all enjoyed free coffees, hot chocolates and sweet treats for the last three days!



Happy Holidays

We wish every one of you a safe and restful holiday. Thank you for your partnership this term and your ongoing support of the educational programmes at Forrest Primary School.

Take care,

Hayley Munsie

on behalf of the Executive Team

MATHLETICS & MATHSEEDS

Over the last two years we have been monitoring and reviewing the use of our school subscription to Mathletics and Mathseeds. As a result of this review we have decided not to continue with our subscription as it no longer meets the needs of our students and teachers. Student accounts will no longer be valid from the start of July.

The Year That Was...

2020 MEMORABILIA BOOK

This year, Forrest Primary School will be creating a memorabilia book to acknowledge all the challenges and experiences we have endured in 2020. All students will have the opportunity to create a piece of work for the book, which will then be professionally published and sold at the end of the year.

To support us in creating this wonderful historical document that will be treasured for years to come, we are asking for volunteers to assist us in the editing, publishing, graphic design and sale of this book. If you are able to assist in anyway, please contact Nicole Richardson at nicole.richardson@ed.act.edu.au

STUDENT ACTION

Year 1 students have been learning about Australian coins.

This week, each student donated a non-perishable item to his/her class to use in a class shop.

Students had the opportunity to write a shopping list as well as buy and sell items in the shop.

Today we bundled all the items up and donated them to St John's Care.

Thank you to the families who contributed to our Student Action.



Coffee Van

From Tuesday to Thursday this week, the P&C organised for a coffee van to come to the school in recognition and appreciation of the efforts and hard work of the teachers and school staff during COVID-19. The coffee van provided beverages and sweet treats to the staff, and was covered by the P&C on behalf of the Forrest Primary School community. The staff appreciated the gesture, with all enjoying the coffee and cake!



A huge thank you to the Chris Pilgrim and the staff for all their efforts over the last four months, and their adaptability in providing sound learning programs for the students.

ACT Government Grants

You may have already heard the good news—grants of up to \$20,000 are now available for public school parent associations! They are to help strengthen our P&Cs and the involvement and engagement of parents and carers in our schools. We hope they spark some great ideas and brainstorming between parents and principals, and lead to some great results.

We would love to hear from anyone with ideas on how we could apply for a grant to increase the involvement and engagement of the school community. Any ideas are welcome. Please email president@forrestpandc.com.au.

Canteen

After careful planning, we are pleased to announce that the Canteen will be opening for service from the start of Term 3. Lunch will be served at 1:00, but there will be no over-the-counter sales to avoid gathering. Physical distancing and hygiene rules will strictly apply in the canteen. If you have any questions, please contact the Canteen Manager at canteen@forrestpandc.com.au.

On behalf of the P&C, I hope that you all have a great break over the school holidays. We look forward to a more 'normal' Term 3!

Jarrod Fitzgerald
P&C President

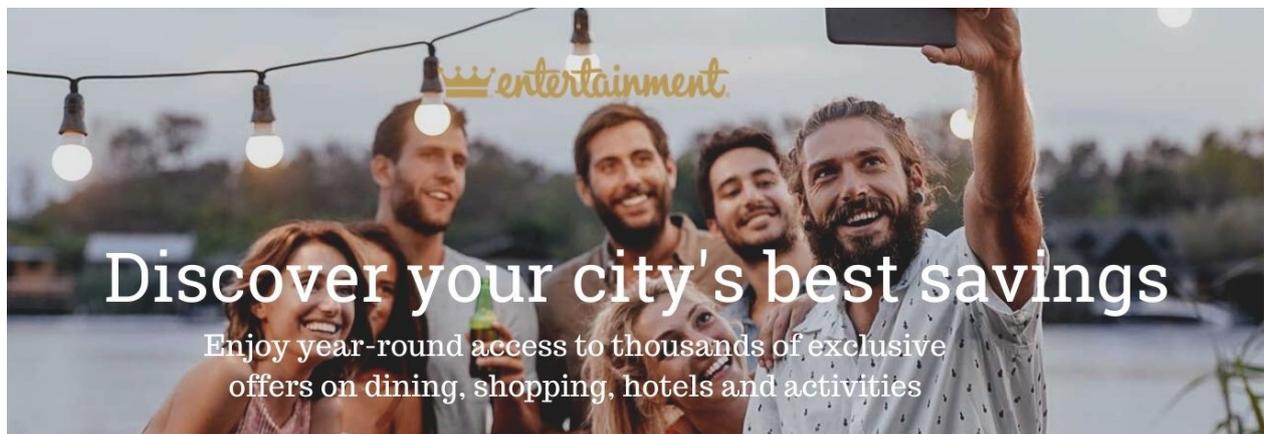
FUNDRAISING



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>



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY NOTICES



ACT
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Health

ACT Health advice for schools as COVID-19 restrictions ease

Dear parents/carers

ACT Health previously communicated with parents and carers on the 7th of May about conditions required for return of students to class. Since this time, restrictions have further eased, with the major change being that as of 19 June 2020:

- Parents can now attend schools for scheduled events
- Small assemblies, religious services and performances can resume, in line with the Public Health Direction on gathering sizes (100 people maximum or 1 person per 4 m², whichever is lesser).

ACT Health has advised that where possible, parents/carers should still avoid routinely entering the school grounds and must practise physical distancing around other adults at schools. However, where scheduled events are planned, like parent teacher interviews or small assemblies, parents can attend the school.

As restrictions ease, it is important that all members of our community continue to practise good hand hygiene, physical distancing, stay home if unwell and get tested if they have symptoms of COVID-19. Visitors should be asked to provide their details when they attend the school, so that in the event of a case being identified at the school, ACT Health is able to rapidly conduct contact tracing.

The previous advice provided from the CHO on the 7th of May, still applies. As COVID-19 restrictions ease in the ACT, there is the potential for transmission of COVID-19 to increase. Therefore, more now than ever it is important that frequent and thorough school cleaning, physical distancing between adults, good hand and respiratory hygiene and early testing are carried out by all members of the ACT school community.

Your sincerely

Dr Kerry Coleman
ACT Chief Health Officer

COMMUNITY NOTICES



COVID-19 hotspots to avoid during the school holidays

Are you planning to travel out of the ACT these school holidays?

ACT Health has advised all ACT residents **not to travel to suburbs in Melbourne that have been identified as COVID-19 'hotspots'** (areas with increased risk of community transmission). In addition, ACT Health has advised ACT residents to **reconsider any travel to the greater Melbourne metropolitan area**. This advice has been issued to avoid the risk of bringing COVID-19 into the ACT.

Ten hotspot postcodes in Melbourne, where community transmission is occurring, have been identified by the Victorian Government. Suburbs in these postcodes are under stay-at-home public health orders until 29 July 2020.

The hotspots suburbs are:

3012 – Brooklyn, Kingsville, Maidstone, Tottenham, West Footscray

3021 – Ablanvale, Kealba, Kings Park, St Albans

3032 - Ascot Vale, Highpoint City, Maribyrnong, Travancore

3038 - Keilor Downs, Keilor Lodge, Taylors Lakes, Watergardens

3042 - Airport West, Keilor Park, Niddrie

3046 - Glenroy, Hadfield, Oak Park

3047 - Broadmeadows, Dallas, Jacana

3055 - Brunswick South, Brunswick West, Moonee Vale, Moreland West

3060 – Fawkner

3064 - Craigieburn, Donnybrook, Mickleham, Roxburgh Park, Kalkallo

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Updated public transport timetables



START 18 JULY 2020

Commencing Term 3, 2020 minor changes will apply to some dedicated school services, regular route services and timetables for buses.

COVID-19 restrictions may have eased but your responsibility hasn't.

transport.act.gov.au



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Is now a good time to fix your home loan?

If you are a potential property buyer or looking to refinance your current home loan this could be the perfect time to take advantage of historically low fixed rates.

The economic consequences of the COVID-19 outbreak have compelled the Reserve Bank of Australia to lower the cash rate to 0.25%. Market watchers and economists are projecting a gradual improvement in unemployment and inflation, which could result in the [cash rate being maintained until 2023](#).

There are a number of factors to weigh up when considering a fixed rate home loan and it is important that before you act you seek advice from a fully qualified mortgage broker so that your individual situation, needs and objectives can be fully considered.

If you would like a confidential, complimentary and obligation free consultation please feel free to contact Gillian (who is a Forrest Primary school parent like you).

****For every home loan settled (min loan size \$200,000) introduced to Gillian from the Forrest Community, a donation of \$200 will be made to the Forrest Primary School.**

Mobile: 0407 722 520

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

Please checkout my LinkedIn Profile and recommendations: Gillian Coles

Facebook page and Reviews: Coles Finance Solutions

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mt Mugga's Joey Mob is looking forward to having new members!

Mt Mugga's Joey Scout is the youngest section in the Mt Mugga scouting family, from 5 – 8 years old. Joey Scouts is all about introducing boys and girls into the Scouting movement, but more importantly it is about giving children of this age encouragement in their physical, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual development.

Joey Scout Mob

Ages: 5* to 8 years old (* 5 years old must be enrolled in full time formal education)

Meetings: Tuesdays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Location: Mt Mugga Scout Hall (located off Astrolabe Street, Red Hill) Click [here](#) to see our location in Google maps.

Joey Leader: Alan Laing

Contact: Min (membership@mtmugga.com.au) or Alan (joeys@mtmugga.com.au) for more information.

Joey Scouts learn about the world around them through craft, games, stories, play-acting, singing, outdoor activities and ceremonies, all of which relate to the philosophy of Scouting in an atmosphere of co-operation and participation.

THEME:

Help Other People - HOP

Our activities give Joeys the opportunity to:

- make something
- be creative
- try out new skills
- make new friends
- use their imagination
- remember something they have learnt
- join in fun and laughter
- share with others
- discover what they can do physically/ mentally
- explore some aspect of the natural world
- enjoy participating and not necessarily win
- enjoy and take part in entertainment
- be part of a team working, discovering and playing together helping others and
- be thankful for what they have



COMMUNITY NOTICES

WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TENNIS CLINIC

Monday 6—Friday 10 July

Red Hill Tennis Club

8:00—1:00 (half day) or 8:00—5:30 (full day)

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 Friday, doubles training and tournaments in afternoons
- ◆ McDonald’s lunch for full-day students on Friday
- ◆ Great range of lunchtime activities, prizes galore, and heaps of fun!
- ◆ Full day price comes to less than \$5.00 / hour!
- ◆ Free racquet hire, and full refund if not continuing after Monday

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

Enrolment forms are also available from the Forrest Primary School front office



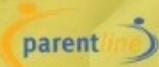
CANBERRA WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

FREE telephone counselling sessions Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Sessions via Zoom or Skype
Limited availability for FREE face-to-face counselling sessions

Sadly our groups and training are temporarily suspended

Contact us for a FREE confidential chat

 **6287 3833** 

 parentline@parentlineact.org.au

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