

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Week 10 Term 3 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,

Our term has quickly passed by with the children feeling settled and working hard to achieve some excellent outcomes. Thanks to all parents and carers for your co-operation with the COVID-19 restrictions. When we work as partners, we achieve great results for our children. Welcome to the new families that have joined us in Term 3. We hope you have had a positive experience so far and your children are happy in their new classrooms.

Camp Cancellations and Reimbursements

Unfortunately, due to the continued COVID-19 restrictions, the ACT Education Directorate have advised that all overnight camps for 2020 will no longer go ahead. This means that the Year 4, 5 and 6 camps scheduled for 2020 have now been cancelled. We understand that camps are a highly anticipated event each year and that your children will be disappointed with the cancellation. Year 4, 5 and 6 teaching teams will be booking an excursion as an alternative in Term 4 that falls within the ACT Government guidelines for COVID-19. We will send communication out to families once we have confirmed the activities. For those families who have already made payments for the Year 6 Jindabyne Camp 2020 and other excursion such as the Cross-Country Carnival, the Business Manager will be sending out an email with reimbursement information early next term.

End of Term Celebration

Yesterday was a great success with over 90% of students enjoying an ice cream to celebrate the end of term. Thank you for your continued support with these great end of term celebrations.



Don't forget to order your Memorabilia Book.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Book Week Parade
Friday 16 October

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.

Deakin Preschool Assessment and Rating

This week, Deakin Preschool undertook the Assessment and Rating process by the Children’s Education and Care Authority. During this process the assessor observed the programme and practice, how educators develop and maintain relationships with children and families as well as the service operation. Congratulations to the Preschool team, Rachel, Hayley H, Polly and Jade for their dedication, passion and commitment to delivering exceptional early childhood education. And an extra special thanks to Hayley Munsie, the Preschool Pedagogical Leader, who expertly managed the process. A report and rating will be provided to the Preschool next term.



Year 6 Parent Information Session via Google Meet

On Wednesday 23 September the Year 6 families were invited to attend an information session held on Google Meet. During the session the Year 6 teachers talked about the Exhibition process as well as end of year Graduation events. Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting. Details from the information session have been posted on Seesaw for any parents who couldn’t make it. A letter has been sent home today regarding arrangements for Term 4. If you require more information please contact Jemma O’Brien, Year 6 Executive Teacher. Email: jemma.o'brien@ed.act.edu.au

Tennis Clinics

Students have enjoyed participating in tennis clinics this week. Robbie and Avi from Tennis ACT have worked with students from all year levels to develop their tennis skills and increase aerobic fitness. Students have enjoyed learning new skills in a fun and safe environment. Thank you Mr Fairfield -Smith for organising the clinics.

Traffic

We want to thank parents for the wonderful way you have responded to our requests to prioritise safety and patience during pick-up and drop-off times. We have seen a great improvement in the way the traffic system is operating. Please remember not to park in the driveway behind the senior hall as this continues to be a problem during the morning; please do not drop children off there.



Review and Evaluation

Next term, in Weeks 2 and 3 we will undertake the School Review and PYP Evaluation processes. The teachers and leadership team have been working extremely hard to get everything ready for these two assessment processes.

School Review: Review will take place in Week 2. The School Review completed by Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) is conducted over 5 days, with the resulting report providing detailed, evidence-based feedback in relation to the 9 domains outlined in the National School Improvement Tool. Upon the completion of a School Review, ACER is able to work with the school leadership team to develop a comprehensive School Improvement Plan, based on the findings of the report.

PYP Evaluation: The International Baccalaureate PYP Evaluation will take place in Week 3 and will be carried out online. During the process a team of national and international IB assessors will ensure that the standards and practices of the IB programme are being maintained. As part of the process, the school has engaged in a self-study that is a key element in the school's continual improvement agenda.

Both assessment processes involve staff, parents, community members and students. We thank everyone for their involvement and support and are very confident that both the Review and Evaluation will be affirming while providing us with a clear direction to continue improving our school.

Book Week

Book Week will be held in Week 1 of Term 4. The theme for Book Week this year is "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds" We have many exciting experiences planned for our students including author visits, creative activities based on the short-listed nominated books for 2020 and a wonderful dress-up parade. The dress-up parade will be held on Friday 16 October. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be having our usual whole school assembly. Instead, students will walk in a snake-like fashion through the school to show off their outfits to other classes. We will be sure to take many photos and post them on Seesaw after the parade. See the Library News page later in the newsletter for more details.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

On behalf of the Executive Team
Jemma O'Brien

LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a large number of named and unnamed school jumpers, jackets, hats and lunch boxes/drink bottles. **PLEASE** come and check if any items belong to your family.

Please help us to reduce the amount of lost property we collect. Ensure all of your child's clothing and possessions are **clearly marked with their name**. Remember, writing fades with washing. Also, if your child accidentally brings home clothing that is not theirs, please return it to school promptly. As the bubblers are locked until further notice due to COVID 19, please ensure your child brings a drink bottle with their name on it to school each day All unnamed school items will be donated to the second hand clothing pool or and other items given to a



PLAYGROUND GATE

The entry gate to the playground on National Circuit will remain open to the community outside of school hours and on weekends. However the gate will be locked between 8pm and 6am daily for security purposes. Even when the gate is locked you can still get out from inside and the security company phone number is on the fence.

ACTION CLUB

Chloe, Matilda (Year 5) and Ruben (Year 1) identified the devastating effects on the country of this year's various events such as bushfires and COVID-19. They've been working hard in Action Cub to find out more about how bushfires have affected the landscape and native animals.

The Interact club of Canberra High School, sponsored by the Rotary e-Club of Brindabella, are currently undertaking a community project to prepare and deliver care packages to support those who have been affected by the fires, droughts, floods and COVID 19. Chloe, Matilda and Ruben organised this week's Mufti Day to support this great cause.

Well done to everyone who participated. We raised a total of \$566.25

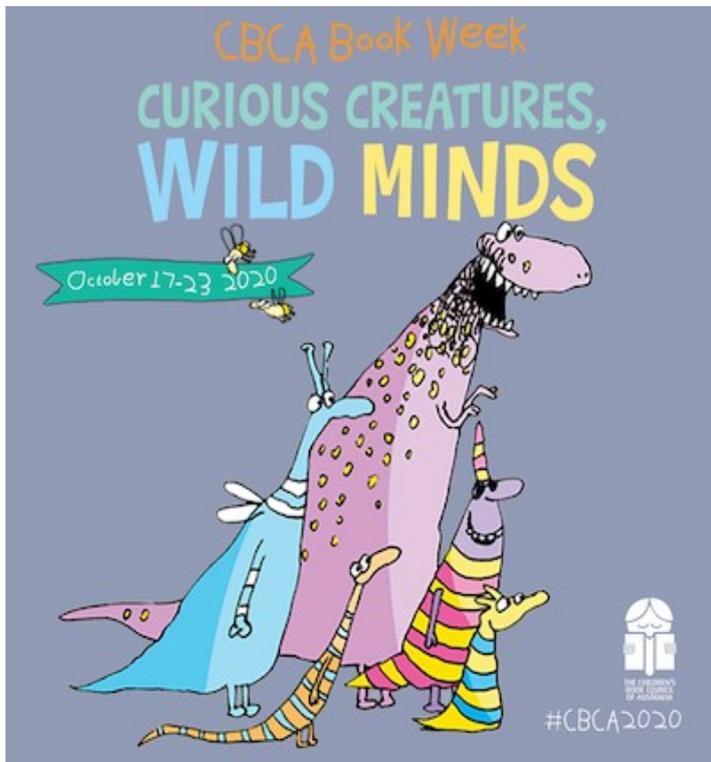


CULTURE CLUB

Here are our Culture Club students connecting to their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture by looking at National Museum artefacts, creating new headbands for assemblies with their own designs and creating artwork for the library of Munnuja the Butterfly, Ngunnawal Dreaming story by the late Don Bell.



LIBRARY NEWS



Book Week is on Week 1, Term 4

Students are invited to 'Dress as their favourite book character' or create a character around the theme on **Friday 16 October**. The Children's Book Council of Australia theme is Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. We encourage children to make use of what they have at home, rather than purchasing an outfit.

We will host author visits, book activities with our buddies, guest book readings, a staff radio play, a modified dress up parade, a short story challenge and more. Due to continuing Covid-19 restrictions, we are not able to have our usual assembly or parents on site. Class teachers will share photos of the activities with you.

Louise McMullen
Teacher Librarian

Check out Holiday Program ideas from ACT Libraries:

<https://www.library.act.gov.au/whats-on2/kids-online-programs>

Use your free library membership to access [Kids' eResources](#), including [Story Box Library](#) for other great Australian story videos online and popular online Storytime (3-5 years), Giggle and Wiggle (aged 0-2), Bilingual Storytime, Brick Club, Story Stones, Little Listeners Podcast.

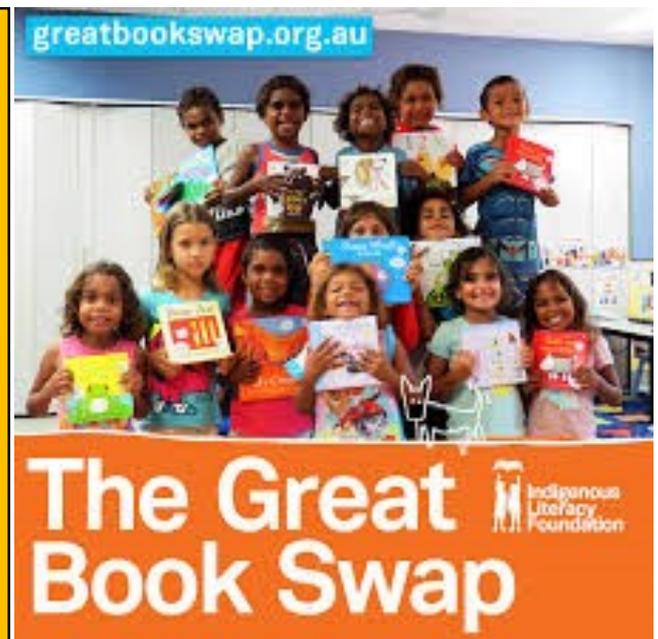


BOOK SWAP—TERM 4, WEEK 5

The Book Swap for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation will be held during NAIDOC Week—9-13 November., Week 5 Term 4. Quality book or

audio book donations, DVD's, children's magazines or games will be gratefully received at the library from the start of Term 4. A gold coin donation is required to swap a book to support literacy in remote Indigenous communities. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Culture Club students



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Parent/Carers Free Assistive Technology Webinar

Literacy Accessibility Tool

Boost reading and writing confidence

Read & Write for Google Chrome (RW4G)

Join us for the Webinar Introduction to Read & Write for Google Chrome

Tuesday 20th October 2020 3.30pm

Read & Write for Google Chrome (RW4G) offers support for Google Docs and the web and is especially beneficial for students with *literacy needs*. It offers a range of powerful support tools to assist students to gain confidence with reading, writing, studying and research. RW4G is available free for all students in ACT public schools. Students can access the tool online at school and home, with the licence extended for the next three years.

This one-hour webinar will provide an introduction to how Read&Write can:

1. Support reading and access to the curriculum.
2. Support readers with text to speech, dictionary and vocabulary tools, study tools, annotation tools and more.
3. Support writing and the ability to demonstrate understanding.
4. Support writers via word prediction, voice notes, speech recognition, vocabulary support, research skills and more.

Webinar Registration

Click on link to register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6266222728869005328>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

NOTE: If you are unable to attend, please still register to gain access to the recorded live webinar

Videos on the program

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvSZbmGbKpCTkk3S93CXtQWNf50f_Ow3D&disable_polymer=true

<https://www.texthelp.com/en-au/products/read-write/read-write-for-google/>

Further information contact michelle.vanpuyselde@act.gov.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WESTON INDOOR SPORTS

2020-21 SUMMER REBOUND SOCCER



Come and join the region's largest indoor soccer competition, the non-stop game where the ball doesn't go out. We have almost 20 years of experience in running sports for children and with over 120 teams playing Summer Rebound Soccer we can offer players of all ages games to enjoy.

FOR PLAYERS AGED 5 YEARS TO 20 YEARS

Season: 5-15 years and all girls teams
Sat 24 Oct 2020 to 27 March 2021

Season: 16-20 years (Youth)
Sun 25 Oct 2020 to 28 March 2021

- * Boys, girls and mixed teams
- * For players of all skill levels
- * Girls divisions for 9 years and older
- * Register as an individual or as a team

(Break over school holidays and long weekends)

(we will find you a team for you and your friends)

WHAT IS REBOUND SOCCER?

- * five-a-side game
- * played with a futsal ball
- * played on indoor courts with nets
(more play time - the ball doesn't go out)

APPROX AGE GROUPS & KICK-OFF TIMES

Rooball	5 to 8 years	1:00pm – 4:00pm
Juniors	9 to 15 years	8:00am – 12:30pm
Girls	8 to 18 years	10am – 1:30pm
Youth	16 to 20 years	Sun 4pm – 7:00pm

Teams are placed in divisions based on suitability (age, size, skill level and intensity of play). Game time frames above can vary depending on the number of teams within each group. If you have a time you can't play, let us know and we will do our best to work around it.

Fees: \$180 per player (*\$175 if paid by 24 September*)
(Discount of \$5 per child for 2 or more from the same family)

REGISTER AT: westonis.com.au

For Further Information – Contact Weston Indoor Sports

Phone: 6288 0444 Email: soccer@westonis.com.au Website: westonis.com.au

Coming soon to Weston Indoor Sports  Parties

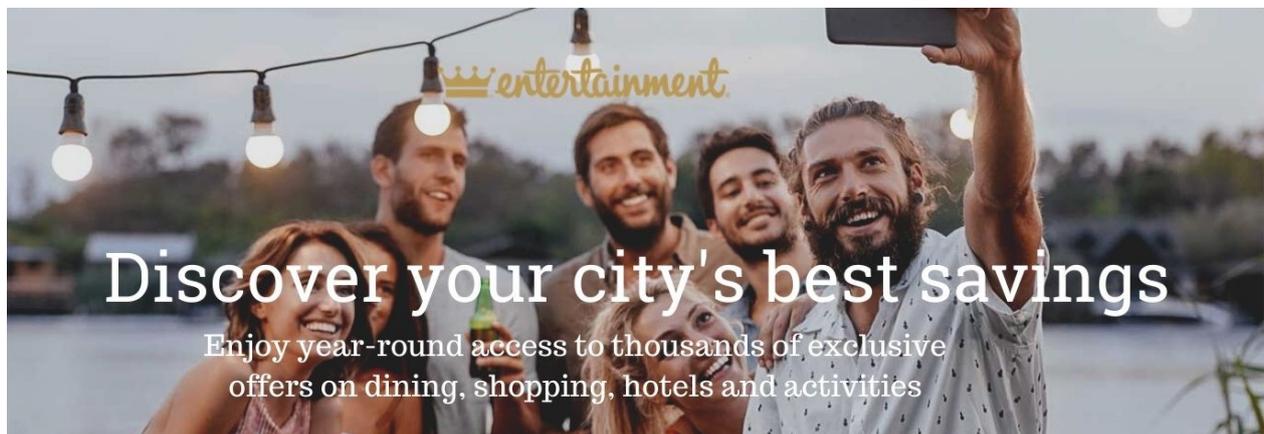
FUNDRAISING



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!

Forrest Primary School

& Deakin Preschool

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