

# FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter Week 4 Term 2 2021

### 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.

### PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Term 2 is off to a great start with the students feeling settled and working hard to achieve some excellent outcomes!

### Executive Staffing Update

Congratulations to Jemma O'Brien who will act in Hayley Singh's position for the next six months or more. Jemma will concentrate on supervising the preschool and will continue her work as PYP coordinator. She will also help Renee Berry with disability education and take on all of the 'nuts and bolts' work of a Deputy Principal.

Congratulations to Sarah Bauer who will backfill Jemma in an HDA SLC position. Sarah will concentrate on embedding a balanced maths programme, and will continue to work with gifted and talented students.

### Farewell to Hayley Singh and Amber Piper

Today the staff farewelled Hayley Singh and Amber Piper who will both begin maternity leave after next week. Hayley and Amber are having their babies only two weeks apart so no doubt those two children will be good friends forever!

Hayley has been the Deputy Principal at Forrest Primary School for the best part of ten years. Hayley invests in people, knowing in her heart that relationships with students, parents and staff are of the highest value. Everyone who reads this will have been touched, moved and inspired by any association with Hayley. She has probably helped you in some way. Hayley is a very hard worker with lots of pots on the boil, but you never notice how hard she works. She is effective, efficient, consistent and kind. She has worked with the leadership team and me to create this wonderful school as it is today, and although I am sad that this part of our working relationship has come to an end, I am so very happy for Hayley and Sam as they begin their family.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER!

<b>Athletics Carnival</b>	Wednesday 19 May
<b>Year 3 Excursion to Canberra Deep Space Station</b>	Thursday 20 May
<b>Working Bee</b>	Sunday 23 May
<b>Year 2 &amp; SGP Excursion to National Botanic Gardens</b>	Tuesday 25 May
<b>Year 4 Birrigai Camp</b>	Thursday 27—Friday 28 May
<b>Kindergarten Assembly</b>	Friday 28 May
<b>Reconciliation Assembly &amp; Indigenous Garden Opening</b>	Friday 4 June

Amber loves Forrest so much that she came back after doing a large part of her PhD and working at the University of Canberra as a lecturer, and she intends to return to Forrest after her leave is finished. Amber is a wonderful teacher who commands a classroom with top-level learning, honesty, humour and passion. The children in her class will be very sad to lose her, as are we. However, we are very happy for Amber and Josh! (Please see below for information about the new teacher for 1P).

We wish both Hayley and Amber joy, happiness, love and lots of sleep, and we look forward to seeing them again with their bonnie babies, maybe on the same day when they visit together!

**Mrs Piper,**

*You are the best teacher in the whole wide world.  
I like how you read to us and how you wear pretty dresses.  
I like how you help us write.  
I hope your baby is nice and kind.  
I love you from Earth to Mars!  
I love you because you read funny books.  
I hope your baby is beautiful.  
Thank you for everything and have a great time with your baby.  
Thank you for teaching us and reading stories to us.  
Thank you for looking after us.  
I will miss you, you are a great teacher.*

**From 1P**

**Ms Singh,**

*I will miss your kind voice.  
I am excited for your baby boy. I hope you have fun being a mother.  
Thank you for going on spy trips around the school to get books.  
What are you going to name your baby boy?  
We will miss you and your jokes.  
You are fun! We will miss you.  
You help us learn. We love you.  
We will miss how you solve problems.  
You help us learn.  
We will miss all the fun times.  
You always look out for us, we will miss your support.  
Best Deputy Principal ever!  
We will miss your fist pumps.*

**From Year 2**

### **Kindergarten and Year 1 Update**

A very recent decision has been made to restructure the junior school due to the unforeseen issue of declining student numbers in Kindergarten. KL, now at 12 students, will be collapsed, and those students will be divided amongst the remaining three classes (KIJ, KM and KNH). This will bring all Kindergarten classes to around 20 students. We regret that we have to take this action, as we understand that the KL students will be sad to lose Miss Lucchesi and their class. In Week 7, Miss Lucchesi will become a Year 1 teacher, replacing Mrs Piper.

We invite you to a meeting to discuss this restructure: **Wednesday 19 May, 9:00am** in the staffroom. After the meeting, the information presented will be sent out via email. We thank you for your understanding and support of our Kindergarten and Year 1 students and teachers.

### **STEM / STEAM**

Did you know that STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, and that if you add Art it becomes STEAM? Thank you to Carolyn Minchin who has taken on STEAM for the last five weeks since Dan Heap's departure from Forrest. Carol Rudnicki will teach the Art component of STEAM over the next six weeks, and in Term 3, Warren Brompton will become the full time STEAM teacher. We are working on finding a good replacement teacher for 5B.

Thank you for your continued support.

Chris Pilgrim  
Principal

## EXECUTIVE ADDRESS

### NAPLAN

This week, students in Years 3 and 5 participated in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN is a nationwide measure and point-in-time assessment that allows parents to see how their child is progressing against national standards in literacy and numeracy and over time. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of our school assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

### Year 6 Assembly

Last Friday, Year 6 hosted a wonderful assembly for the senior students, parents, carers and the wider community. Students presented insightful knowledge gained from their recent Unit of Inquiry, which focused on democracy and federation. The Year 6 IMP (Instrumental Music Program) Band played beautifully, and we would like to acknowledge Mrs Kowalski for her leadership of the band this year. A huge congratulations to all the students who received merit certificates. We are proud of your hard work and dedication to living the Learner Profile. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers for an assembly that showcased the excellent learning taking place in your classrooms!



### 'End of May Hats Off Day'

We are proudly sun-smart at Forrest Primary School, which means we encourage our students to wear hats and sun protection through the warmer months. During June and July the UV levels generally drop and remain below three all day. This means that students can safely remove their hats during lunch and recess and soak up some Vitamin D. We will continue to encourage students to wear hats on excursions and for sporting events when they will be outside for longer periods of time.

### RoboCup Club

We are very pleased to announce that RoboCup Club has started this term. Open to Years 4, 5 and 6, RoboCup Club gives students a chance to build and code robots in order to solve problems. You can see the types of challenges students are working towards by watching this report about the RoboCup Junior tournament [https://youtu.be/IpmX7rIK\\_oA](https://youtu.be/IpmX7rIK_oA). We have been delighted by the high turnout of students and are grateful to the fantastic group of volunteers from the ANU Robogals club. A special thank you to Mr Brompton for leading this exciting initiative.

Thank you,  
Renee Berry  
on behalf of the Executive Team



# LIBRARY

## National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime is happening next week! Students will be able to listen to NASA astronaut, Shannon Walker, read 'Give Me Some Space' by Australian author Phillip Bunting. We are excited to welcome former student Kylie Walker, CEO of the Academy of Technology and Engineering, to visit 3W and 3KD. Students will have the opportunity to talk to her after the reading, chat about careers, and participate in a related STEM rocket challenge activity. Year 3 students also have an excursion to the Canberra Deep Space Station next Thursday as part of their Unit of Inquiry.



## Chief Minister's Reading Challenge 2021

The Chief Minister's Reading Challenge continues until 6 August. Students in Years 4–6 have their own individual reading log to complete for the 30 print, online or audio books read since February. Students in Preschool—Year 3 complete the reading challenge in class and library time. Parents of junior students can also complete a reading log available from the library if they wish to record books read at home too. Alternatively, the reading log form can be downloaded at: [https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/additional-programs/chief\\_ministers\\_reading\\_challenge](https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/additional-programs/chief_ministers_reading_challenge)



# EAL/D

*Are you a Forrest Primary School parent or carer  
with English as an additional language or dialect?*

*Would you like to improve your English?*

Then come to our

## **ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES**

with Principal Chris Pilgrim

every Wednesday, starting

**Wednesday 19 May**

**8:30am**

**Forrest Primary School Library**

For more information, please contact the front office at

**[forresttps@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:forresttps@ed.act.edu.au)**

# SCHOOL EVENTS



Forrest Primary School invites you to our  
Reconciliation Day Assembly and official  
opening of the

## Forrest Primary Indigenous Garden

Friday 4 June 2021

12pm

Forrest Primary School

A local Ngunnawal Elder will facilitate a Welcome to Country followed by a cleansing ceremony. During the assembly, the official Ngunnawal name of the garden will be revealed.

We hope you can join us on this special day.

# SCHOOL EVENTS

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2021 YEARS 2–6

DATE: **Wednesday 19 May**  
TIME: **9:15am depart school**  
**2:30pm return to school**  
PLACE: **Woden Park Athletics Track**

Parents and carers are invited to come and watch their child/ren.  
If you would like to take them home directly from the carnival,  
please sign them out at the First Aid tent.

All students are encouraged to wear their **house colours** on the day of the carnival!

**COOK**

**DAMPIER**

**FLINDERS**

**PHILLIP**

Remember to bring:

appropriate footwear

warm clothing

sun-smart hat & sunscreen

drink bottle

healthy lunch and snack (no junk food!)

asthma puffer if required

book or card game

Thank you for your support!

Mark Robson | Sports Coordinator and PE Teacher

Kindergarten–Year 1 Athletics Carnival details will be sent out via Seesaw.

# EXTRA-CURRICULAR

## Kids Lit Quiz

Kids Lit was amazing! Forrest took four teams to Canberra Grammar School to participate in a literature-based quiz against a variety of other schools from the ACT. It was such a great learning experience. We feel so privileged to have had the opportunity to do this. Though we didn't win, all the Forrest teams came in the top half of 25 and one of them even came 6th! The questions were really tough, but we tried our best and gave it a go. The second that the first question was given, the pressure was on! We raced to hand in our sheets, crossing our fingers and hoping we got the right answer. Cheers and sighs of disappointment echoed through the library as the answers were called out. The quiz went from 6:00 – 9:00pm so by the end of it we were all exhausted. We would like to thank Mrs Kowalski and Mrs McMullen for making this possible to do!

Written by Audrey & Emerald (Year 6)



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