

# FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Week 6 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.

## EXECUTIVE ADDRESS

### Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Hayley Singh (Deputy Principal) and Sam Bird (former teacher), who received a surprise last Friday when their son, Otis John Bird, decided to meet his mum and dad two weeks early! Mum and bub are doing extremely well and could not be happier.



### Indigenous Garden

If you visited Forrest Primary School last Sunday, you would have seen and felt the most electric atmosphere as parents, students and staff worked together in the Indigenous Garden to rake leaves, plant plants, fill the sandpit, mulch, and fill the dry creek with rocks and water plants. Needless to say, the event was a huge success, with students and staff excited to see the improvements in the garden, and to add their handprints to our blue water serpent! We would like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution of the parents, students and staff who supported the event, and send a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you. We would also like to acknowledge the P&C for the outstanding BBQ they supplied to feed our hungry troops. In conjunction with Reconciliation Week celebrations, we will officially open the Indigenous Garden next **Friday 4 June at 12:00pm**. In attendance will be our Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development, Yvette Berry MLA, as well as local media. We would also love for you to join us!



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## DATES TO REMEMBER!

### South Weston

**Cross Country Carnival**  
Wednesday 2 June

**Reconciliation Assembly & Indigenous Garden Opening**  
Friday 4 June

**School Photos**  
Wednesday 9 June

**Big Action Week**  
Monday 7—Friday 11 June

**Year 3 Assembly**  
Friday 11 June

## JUST A REMINDER...

If your child is absent from school, please notify the front office on **6142 1470** or at [forrestps@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:forrestps@ed.act.edu.au)

### Staff Professional Learning

This week, staff members completed their induction into the updated Excursion Policy released by the Department of Education and Training. This policy allows staff to plan and organise local and interstate excursions, which provide enriching experiences in a variety of environments beyond the school site, support curriculum delivery and personal development, and contribute to a positive school culture. As you can see from the flow chart below, there are multiple steps required when planning and organising an excursion. One significant thing you will notice from the new Excursion Policy is the change in format to our notes. This change will ensure a consistent approach across all public schools in the ACT.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews for students in Preschool to Year 6 will be held over Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 June, from 3:30—7:00pm (last interview time 6:45pm). All interviews will take place in a shared space such as the senior hall or the library, and will run for 15 minutes each. To make a booking please visit <https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=992>

### Hats Off

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 (August—May). During June and July, the UV levels drop and remain below three all day. This means that children can safely remove their hats during lunch and recess, and soak up some sunshine to make vitamin D!

### Year 4 Camp

Yesterday we saw off our very excited Year 4 campers, as they set off on their first overnight camp to Birrigai. Birrigai Outdoor Education Centre is located at Tidbinbilla and is approximately a 30-minute drive from Forrest Primary School. Ms Pilgrim joined the campers for the afternoon and found them happily ensconced in problem-solving, climbing, running and swinging. It was a perfect sunny winter's day, with three eagles ('mallion' is the Aboriginal name) patrolling the vast sky. Whilst on camp, the students had the opportunity to participate in activities which fostered teamwork, cooperation, and a Growth Mindset. A huge thank you to the teachers who organised and attended the camp, and cared for the Year 4 students so well: Mr James Traviss, Ms Carolyn Davis, Ms Ellie Penrose, Mrs Candice Kingston and Mr Jeremy Haddrill.



### COVID-19 Reminder

A reminder that the COVID-19 pandemic is still with us and while many restrictions have been eased since last year, some restrictions are still in place in our school. It is important that students stay home and get tested if they are unwell. Visitors to our school, including parents and carers, should sign in using the Check In CBR App, meet the density restrictions of one person per two square metres, and maintain physical distancing of 1.5m from other adults. Students and visitors also need to practise good hand and respiratory hygiene. You can find more information on COVID-19 and ACT public schools on the Education Directorate website: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/>

### Staffing Update

As an update from last fortnight... Ms Hayley Singh has had her beautiful baby, Otis, and Mrs Amber Piper has now left school and will have her baby in the next few weeks.

This morning, at the brilliant and beautiful Kindergarten assembly, Ms Bella Lucchesi was farewelled from Kindy by KL. Each student presented Ms Lucchesi with a handmade flower which culminated in a 'beautiful bunch of a dozen', which Ms Lucchesi will treasure. Ms Lucchesi was also presented with a 'Principled' merit certificate for giving up her beloved KL class to become a Year 1 teacher next week, when 1P will become 1L.

Congratulations to Ms Jemma O'Brien who is working hard in the role of Deputy Principal, and to Ms Sarah Bauer who has taken on the role of School Leader C to backfill Ms O'Brien.

### Public Education Week

As part of our Public Education Week celebrations, the Australian Education Union ACT Branch provided our wonderful Forrest Primary School administration and support staff with morning tea. Our school community is very fortunate to have such dedicated and caring staff.

We also acknowledge the generous support of our parent, carer and community volunteers here at Forrest Primary School, as part of the nation-wide thank you to Australia's volunteers. We appreciate you and thank you for your ongoing commitment to supporting our students!

Thank you,  
Nicole Richardson  
on behalf of the Executive Team



Our wonderful support staff



3KD students  
enjoying the  
autumn leaves!



# 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

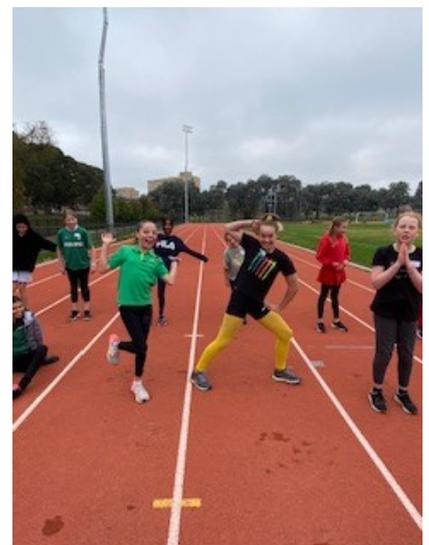
A local Ngunnawal Elder will facilitate a Welcome to Country followed by a cleansing ceremony. During the assembly, the official Ngunnawal name of the garden will be revealed.

We hope you can join us on this special day.



# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 19 May, the Forrest Primary School Athletics Carnival for Years 2—6 was held at the Woden Park Athletics Track, and our Kindergarten—Year 1 Carnival was held here at school. Both carnivals were enjoyable events for all involved, especially after the fog had lifted! We would like to acknowledge the superb organisational skills of Mr Mark Robson, our P.E. teacher. A huge thanks to him and his support team of staff and parents for making the Year 2—6 carnival such a success, and to the Kindergarten and Year 1 teachers for their amazing contribution to the carnival at school. Congratulations to all students for their high levels of participation, demonstrations of athletic prowess, and positive attitudes that made the carnivals such a success!



# LIBRARY

Forrest Primary School students enjoyed learning about Una and her adventures in space with the reading of 'Give Me Some Space' by Australian author Phillip Bunting. Imagine the excitement of watching this National Simultaneous Storytime event read aloud by the International Space Station NASA astronaut, Shannon Walker!

We were also thrilled to welcome former student Kylie Walker, CEO of the Academy of Technology and Engineering, and STEM teacher, Camille, who visited 3W and 3KD. Students had the opportunity to chat to Kylie and Camille after the reading, and participate in a STEM rocket challenge activity. Year 3 students followed this visit with a fabulous excursion to the Canberra Deep Space Station last Thursday as part of their Unit of Inquiry.



# ACTION CLUB

## ActionCLUB presents BIG ACTION WEEK



TERM 2 WEEK 8

If you would like to donate to any of the charities, jars will be available by the front office all week.

### EVENTS



ALL WEEK - Vaquita awareness.  
Learn about the Vaquita through a slideshow and video.



MONDAY - Cake stall  
Find out about world hunger and the work of OzHarvest. Proceeds will go to OzHarvest.



TUESDAY - Bring in an animal cuddly toy  
Gold coin donation, supporting RSPCA.



WEDNESDAY - Screening of 'Sammy & Co'  
Learn about the Green Turtle. Gold coin donation, proceeds go to WWF.



THURSDAY - Dress up as a tree or in green and brown. Learn about trees and how important they are. Gold coin donation, supporting The National Arboretum.



FRIDAY - Dress up as an Australian animal.  
Gold coin donations will go to the University of South Australia to help save native animals.



ALL WEEK & FRIDAY - Fairy Penguins  
Raffle all week. Screening of 'Oddball' in the hall at first break. Gold coin donation to support [Penguinfoundation.org.au](http://Penguinfoundation.org.au)

# EXTRA-CURRICULAR

## Year 5—6 Wally Masur Tennis Gala Day

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 students who participated in the Wally Masur Tennis Gala Day on Thursday 6 May!



### Tennis

*Remember the scorching sun beaming down on us as we served the ball?*

*Remember the relief of winning the tennis match?*

*That was tennis.*

*Remember the play that everyone cheered for ?*

*Remember when we had our lunch break and Massimo gave us all lollies?*

*That was tennis.*

*Remember feeling the crushing disappointment of losing a match?*

*Remember when the other team taunted you but you still beat them?*

*That was tennis.*

*Remember when the winners were announced and both the teams were from Telopea?*

*Remember waiting for our parents to pick us up?*

*That was tennis.*

*Remember when we found out that all the Forrest teams had come in the top half?*

*Remember when we crashed on the couch once we got home?*

*That was tennis.*

By Beni, Aila and Emerald (Year 6)



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

The number of  
gastro outbreaks

in ACT childcare centres last month was

**7x**  
times  
higher than average.



**Report**  
outbreaks  
early to  
ACT Health



**Exclude**  
sick  
children  
and staff



**Clean**  
hands and  
surfaces  
frequently



ACT  
Government

ACT Health

For more information visit  
[www.health.act.gov.au](http://www.health.act.gov.au)

Report outbreaks of gastro to ACT Health  
Communicable Disease Control on 5124 9213

## Gastroenteritis in education and care services

The number of outbreaks of gastro in ACT childcare centres last month were seven times higher than average. ACT Health have requested that CECA remind services of the following information.

We all need to do our part to help prevent the spread of gastro. And good hand hygiene utilising soap, running water and clean towels is critical.

If children or educators have symptoms of vomiting or diarrhoea, they must stay at home until 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped. Hydration is very important during this time.

If cases are identified in services parents should be contacted to collect the child. Immediately remove and wash any clothes or bedding contaminated with vomit or diarrhoea using detergent and hot water. Clean contaminated surfaces (for example benches, floors and toilets) immediately using detergent and hot water. Then disinfect surfaces using a bleach-based product diluted according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Educators, families and carers should be reminded to make sure everyone practises good hand hygiene to prevent the spread to other household members. This includes washing hands with soap and running water.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

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