

# FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Week 10 Term 4 2022

## 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,

Chris

### Culture Club End of Year Celebration

Last week the Culture Club wrapped up the year with an end of year celebration for families and students. All members of Culture Club received a certificate and a commemorative polo shirt featuring a design of the mural we have displayed in our Winanggaay Indigenous Garden. Students spoke proudly of their contributions to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander awareness and appreciation within the school community.



### Preschool News

Last week the Preschool children celebrated a wonderful year of learning with a concert and graduation. The children spoke about their favourite part of preschool, sang songs to their families and shared in a morning tea. A BIG thank you to Lucy, Emma and Polly who have worked tirelessly this year to support all students' development through an engaging and inspiring early years programme.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Friday 16 December

Last day of Term 4

### Monday 30 January

First day of Term 1, 2023 - new students

### Tuesday 31 January

First day of Term 1, 2023 - returning students

## Year 6 Exhibition

At the conclusion of our students' journey through primary school they complete an 'Exhibition', a personal project on a topic of their choice, in collaboration with a group of peers whose topics cover similar areas.

As an International Baccalaureate PYP school our teachers lead students through Exhibition, applying concepts, skills, knowledge and attitudes they have acquired throughout their primary education. The lofty aim of Exhibition is for our students to develop self knowledge as learners, and empower them to be able to take action to affect change in the world around them.

Topics chosen by our students included coral bleaching, pollution, world hunger, women in sport, leadership, malaria, diversity in parliament, vaccines and cyber crime. Students asked their own questions which they then researched before creating a written response, a mathematical response, a creative response and a group 'provocation' which took the form of an interactive experience to help the audience understand the issues and complexities within the topics chosen.

Exhibition was presented over two days, first to K-6 students then to parents and the wider community. The sessions began in the hall with an introduction, a video and a collaboratively choreographed dance in which every student participated, before the audience broke off into different areas to view installations and talk to our students about their research.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 students for their work ethic, thinking and inquiry skills, and collaboration in achieving a very successful Exhibition, and congratulate them for an amazing effort.

- Kylie Dorsett, PYP coordinator



## Year 6 Graduation and graduation dinner

On Wednesday our lovely Year 6 students celebrated their graduation ceremony here at school, and later that evening had their graduation dinner at The Hellenic Club Woden. Award recipients from the graduation ceremony included:

Balanced Award: Chloe Pottinger  
Inquirer Award: Aum Gollapalli  
Communicator Award: Sam Nicol  
Caring Award: Amira Burton  
Thinker Award: Noga Lev  
Reflective Award: Abigail Crawford  
Risk-taker Award: Maddie Leonard  
Principled Award: Ivy Mathieson  
Open-Minded Award: Ben Sherwin  
Knowledgeable Award: Abigail Lui  
Band award: Nick Meszes  
Arts award: Lucas Rayner  
PE award: Penny Renn  
STEM award: Julia Armstrong & Adrian Nguyen  
PYP award: Swairee Rajapaksha  
Citizenship Award : Ittamar Eddi  
The Gagalowicz IB Global Citizen award: Lachie Walton  
The Principal's award: Annie Ruge

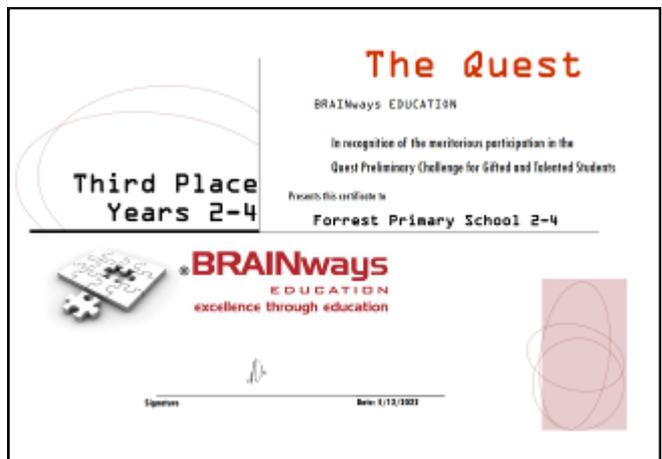
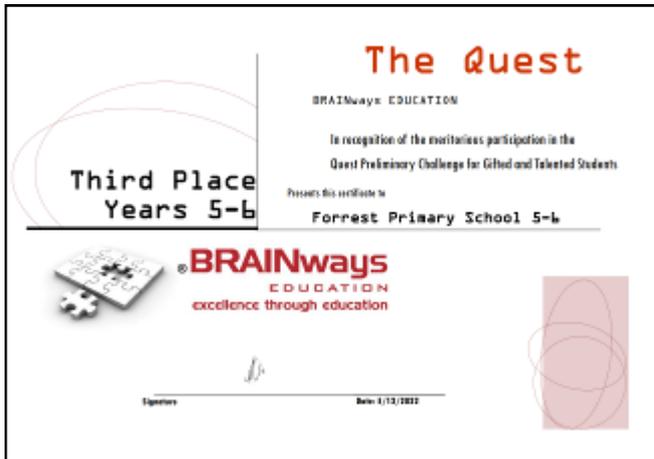
Congratulations to all award winners. The teachers are very sad to say goodbye to this cohort of students who have contributed so much to the caring culture of Forrest Primary School, and we wish them all the best personally and academically in the years ahead.

- Kylie Dorsett, Yr6 supervisor



## BRAINWAYS NATIONAL FINALS

Please join us in congratulating two Forrest teams who placed third across Australia The Quest hosted by BRAINways Education. Our teams completed three challenges in the subjects of Maths, Sciences and Humanities. Our junior team consisted of Louis 3NS, Nate 4R and Dhilaan 4P and our senior team was Chi Lok 6T, Adrian 6K and Jean 6T. We are so proud of their team work and achievements!



## Queen's Jubilee Opening

On the 1st of December we officially opened the Queen's Jubilee Project. This is a joint initiative by the school and P&C, in which we won a grant to plant more trees at school. A plan is being drafted and in 2023, we will create a learning and play space with trees and plants in our playground.



## Crossing Duties

Lovely Year 5 & 6 students supported our crossing lady Lynn, helping Forrest Students arrive safely to school after crossing the road. Here they posed for an excellent photo with our stop sign.



# LIBRARY

## Holiday Reading

Your children in Years 2—6 have access to Ebooks and audiobooks from the Oliver School Library Catalogue using the Sora App and their school computer logon. You can also access a large variety of books and magazines for free at your local ACT Library and participate in school holiday activities from ACT Libraries.

Check out Libraries ACT <https://www.library.act.gov.au> for further information.

Thank you for helping your children enjoy the gift of reading and for helping them look for library books to return to school. A big thank you to our parent helpers Kylie and Mihye for covering and repairing books for us.

Happy Holiday Reading!

Louise McMullen and Jackie Ward

Teacher Librarian, Library Assistant



## Meccano News

Congratulations Farhad 5H, Ali Shah 5CP, Ahmad 2R on your Meccano project creations. It has been wonderful to see your confidence, skill level and problem-solving skills grow. A special thank you to Brian, Grant and Jon, from the Rotary Meccano program for supporting the boys each Wednesday morning this term.

Ms McMullen and Ms Pilgrim



## Rainbow Bench Fundraising Project

Congratulations Zoe and Ryan for winning the delicious looking Gingerbread House on Shivoo night. All funds raised and other student fundraisers go towards the purchase of more rainbow buddy benches, the first being donated in Neo Bradaric's honour. Patrick, our BSO will install the bench over the holidays in the trees behind the red and blue playground. Thank you to Neo's best friend Campbell for choosing the perfect spot to place the colourful bench made from recycled plastic lids.

# LIBRARY

## Christmas Charity Appeal

Many thanks to our wonderful Forrest Primary School community for donating to the Communities@work Christmas Appeal. The Mix 106.3 Christmas Appeal bus came to collect the donations from our Year 6 Forrest Squad helpers who helped organise the school appeal with Ms McMullen. The Kindergarten and SGP children greeted the bus staff with Christmas carols and helped load the donations on the bus.



## Culture Club

Congratulations to our Culture Club students who look fantastic in their new shirts. Many thanks to the staff, parents, carers, community experts, Kylie from FOOSH for your work this year to help the students connect to country, take pride in their heritage in sharing with their classes, showing leadership in leading Harmony Day, Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week assemblies this year.

Special thanks to the P&C via FOOSH for supporting the students with weekly afternoon tea.

Ms Pilgrim, Ms O'Brien and Ms McMullen



# YEAR 6 BIG ACTION WEEK

## The Refugee Scavenger Hunt

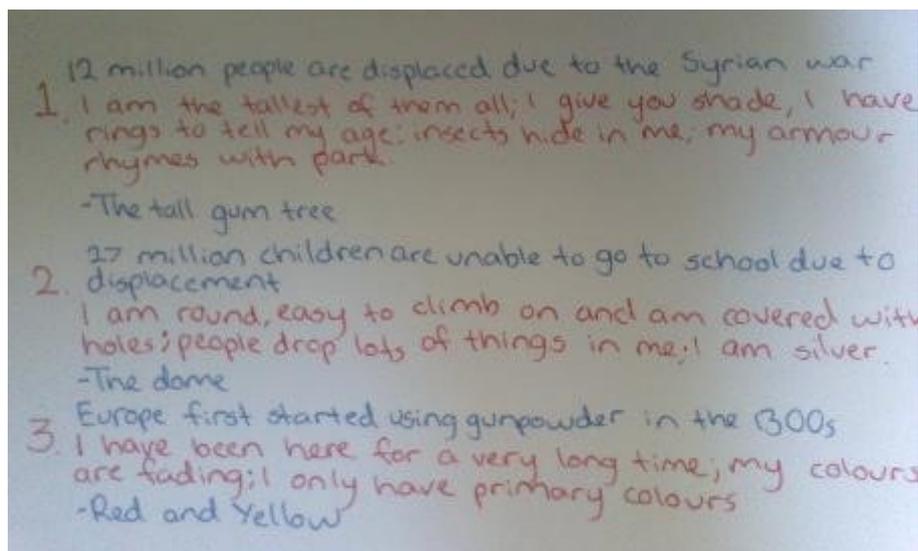
The Refugee Scavenger Hunt was to raise money for displaced people, also known as refugees. It was a week-long activity in which children could learn and participate in a hunt for prizes. To enter, students needed to donate a gold coin, but a few children had brought in money and already donated to the other groups, so we let them participate anyway.

On the first day, a small group of kindergarten children came and played the game. I would tell them the clues, and they would have to figure them out and run to the place; whoever figured the clue out or got to the place first got a point. By Tuesday a whole lot of year 2 and 3 students started joining in, and the competition started to heat up. There were several problems on the way, because students were upset they didn't win or they were yelled at for cheating. On Wednesday the same group came, along with around 5-10 extra students. Not a lot of students had donations since they had donated in the morning, but a few students came and joined in with money everyday. The prizes for the scavenger hunt were tickets in the raffle, and once they heard the prizes for the raffle, everyone started working twice as hard. This was a really successful event, although not an enormous amount of money was raised, the participants seemed to have a wonderful time!

Thank you,

Annie

This is just a few examples of the clues:



## WWF - Koalas

For my Exhibition action I decided to fundraise to help save the koalas. I asked Forrest Primary to either bring in their own stuffed animals or wear mufti. I'm going to give all of the donations to WWF to help save the koalas. We raised \$283 to help save them. What WWF will do with the money is they will use it to buy the essentials that koalas need such as medicine or bandages to help them if they have been in a bushfire and have bad injuries.

Thank you to everyone who participated in my koala action.

- Ben





Year 6 VS Teachers Basketball Game  
Friday 16th December



# FORREST EARLYACT

## Forrest EarlyAct - Miles Franklin

On Monday (12 December 2022) all members of the Forrest Primary School Earlyact committee went to Miles Franklin Primary School. While there the committee attended an assembly presenting the school with the 3 trees, that were purchased with the money fundraised by the committee during a Big Action Week. The entire senior school participated at the assembly and applauded at the sight of the trees.

Afterwards, the Earlyact committee was presented with food and drinks. This experience will, and has, brought Miles Franklin and Forrest Primary School closer together. Both schools enjoyed the experience, and would say the experience was “heart-warming, to say the least.” That day a bond was born between the two schools which would last forever.



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Help with the cost of schooling and everyday essentials

All ACT public schools can help families meet the costs of schooling or everyday essentials – such as personal hygiene products including sanitary hygiene items, school uniform items, book packs and stationery, school excursions, camps, transport and enrichment activities.

Part of public education's important objective is making access to education more equitable for all students, regardless of personal circumstances. If you are experiencing a situation that affects your ability to meet the costs of schooling or everyday essentials for your child, we encourage you to talk to us. Families who are looking for help with the costs of schooling can:

- talk to the school principal or other staff member about their situation
- have a relative, caseworker, friend or advocate make contact on your behalf
- contact the Education Directorate [ETDStudentWellbeing@act.gov.au](mailto:ETDStudentWellbeing@act.gov.au).

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™



The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### TENNIS CLINIC

Monday 19—Friday 23 December

7:45—1:00 (half day) or 7:45—6:00 (full day)



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Red Hill Tennis Club

Astrolabe Street, Red Hill

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## **Paid opportunity for casual canteen assistant at Narrabundah College!**

Narrabundah College canteen has a vacancy commencing in the 2023 school year for a casual part-time canteen assistant—combining school-friendly hours with a flexible, supportive work environment.

The Narrabundah College Canteen is operated by the parent-run P&C Association on a not-for-profit basis. It serves the entire school community by providing meals, snacks and drinks. The role is available for four days each week (Tuesday to Friday) during school terms, between approximately 10:00am to 2:30pm.

Experience preferred but not essential.

For more details please contact [narrabundahpc@gmail.com](mailto:narrabundahpc@gmail.com) to request a full job description, or call Sandra Hayhoe on 0417 691 229. Feel free to forward this information on to anyone who may be interested.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## New bus timetable in place Rethink your routine



**FROM 30 Jan 2023**

Timings have changed  
including school services

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