

# FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Week 8 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

It is wonderful to have the school full again, and we feel very proud of all our students who have managed so well through this challenging time. With restrictions slowly easing, we want to again thank our parents and staff for their cooperation in keeping our school safe. Although we are a fully operating school, there still won't be any major gathering of adults, such as school assemblies or community events, until further notice.

COVID-19 testing is still being carried in the ACT for anyone who has the relevant symptoms. If any member of your household is tested for COVID-19, please notify the school immediately on 6142 1470 or at [forrestps@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:forrestps@ed.act.edu.au), so we are ready to act should the need arise. Children in any household where someone has been tested should remain at home until a negative test result is received. Once you receive the test results, please ensure that you advise the school.

## Celebratory BBQ

To celebrate our return to school, we will hold a BBQ on Thursday 2 July (Week 10) during school hours. Students will have the opportunity to pre-purchase sausage sandwiches and fruit juice boxes for lunch and enjoy a coloured hairspray for a gold coin donation! Further information can be found in the note given to students this week, and emailed to all parents yesterday.

## Footsteps Dance Programme

As the Footsteps Dance Programme is a key component of our Physical Education and Arts Programmes, we encourage all students to participate. The continuation of programmes such as Footsteps relies on financial contributions, so we encourage you to contribute to this programme if you are able to do so. Many thanks to the families who have already contributed and returned the note. If you require a copy of the note, please email [forrestps@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:forrestps@ed.act.edu.au) to request one.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 2 July  
Celebratory BBQ

Friday 3 July  
Last day of Term 2

## JUST A REMINDER!

When your child is **absent** from school, please inform the front office via email: [forrestps@ed.act.edu.au](mailto: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.

## New Demountable Classrooms

As you can see from the photos, our new demountable classrooms have been constructed quickly over the past few weeks. We look forward to placing two classes into the new building by the start of Term 3. Next fortnight's newsletter will provide more information about which classes will be relocating to this new space.



## Voice and Choice

Students in our PYP school are actively engaged in various stages of learning, including thinking about, planning, modifying and creating Units of Inquiry. They are actively involved in discussions, and apply their understanding of concepts through the construction of their projects/play. Students make connections to the real world by taking past experiences into their play worlds. They have an active voice and stake in the classroom community and are encouraged to be risk-takers by expressing their theories of the world.



Student interviews:

- *If a problem comes up, I have the freedom to say whatever I want—Tilly*
- *If there are issues going on, we are allowed to speak up and take action, like the Black Lives Matter movement—Ava*
- *When I feel passionate about something then I feel I have a voice—Luca*
- *I feel like I have a voice when I do a project like the STEM project. My invention could be used to help people in other countries—Milo*
- *When I feel like I want to change something I feel that I can talk to the teachers and they will understand—Lucy*

## Gratitude

The teachers at Forrest are extremely grateful to be back at school. During a recent planning meeting, we created 'gratitude leaves' and listed the things we were most grateful for during these difficult times. We talked about our experiences during COVID and isolation, and what we would like to take forward from the experience. We also spoke about the things of which we were most proud. Many teachers mentioned how proud they were of the relationships they built with families during the remote learning period. We want to acknowledge our wonderful teachers for their positivity and passion towards teaching and learning!



Jemma O'Brien

on behalf of the Executive Team

### LOST PROPERTY

Lost something? You can look for it in the lost property buckets that sit outside our front doors from 8:30—3:30 every day.

Please note that on Thursday 2 July (Week 10), clearly named items will be returned to students, whilst unnamed items will be donated to the Second-hand Uniform Shop or an op shop.

### QUICKWEB SECURE SITE

You may have noticed a 'site not secure' message when using QuickWeb in Google Chrome.

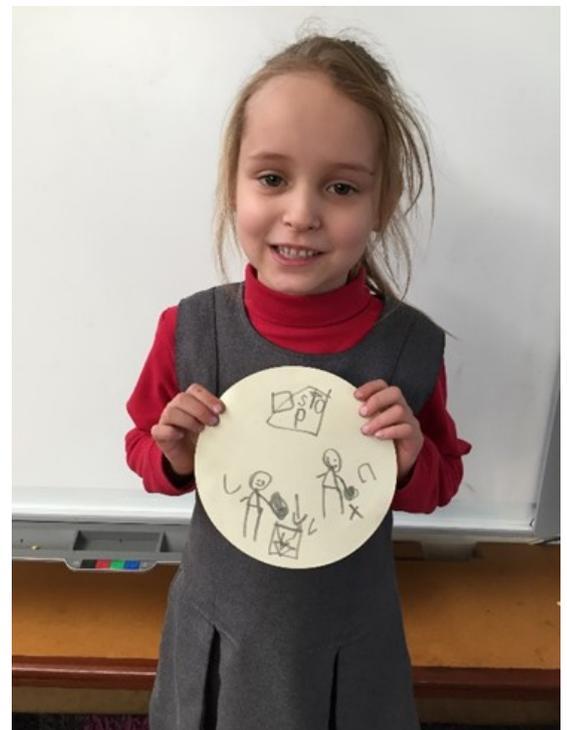
The Education Directorate Finance staff have reassured us that the QuickWeb site is secure, and that this issue is related to Google Chrome as a browser.

Their advice at this point is to use a different browser, such as Internet Explorer, which should show QuickWeb as a secure site. They are also working on a longer-term solution to this issue.

# STUDENT ACTION

Recently in KB, we have been talking about Reconciliation Day. We thought about how we live on the land of the Ngunnawal People and discussed what we could do to take care of it. We decided that we would go and look after the land by picking up rubbish!

Alice and Indira wondered how we could stop people from taking rubbish out to the playground in the first place. They decided to take action by making posters reminding students not to litter. Well done Alice and Indira!



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

With all School Sport Cross Country events cancelled for Terms 2 and 3 this year, School Sport ACT offered students the opportunity to enter a Virtual Cross Country. This was a participation event to encourage students to get outside, stay active and challenge themselves to improve.

Four Forrest Primary School students took up the challenge:

Evan (6B), Declan (4KD), Ava (5T) and Audrey (4W).

All four students achieved excellent results, with Audrey coming third in her age group, and Ava achieving one of the most improved times.

Congratulations Evan, Declan, Ava and Audrey!



# 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](https://transport.act.gov.au)



# 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



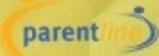
**CANBERRA WE ARE HERE FOR YOU**

**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](mailto:parentline@parentlineact.org.au)

# CONTACTS

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