

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Week 2 Term 4 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,

Welcome back to school for Term 4. As we begin the term with eased restrictions, we ask that you are still mindful in keeping children at home if they are unwell. Thank you to the community for your support and understanding in keeping adult interactions in the building to a minimum and contacting teachers through Seesaw and email.

Picking Your Child Up Early

If you are picking your child up early, let us know either by email or phone and we can organise your child to be ready at the designated time. If you do not let us know prior to pick up, it may take longer for your child to be ready to meet you.

Book Week

What a fabulous Book Week we had last week. Children were excited to meet the guest authors, participate in the Book Week challenges and of course dress up in for the parade. While the staff were unable to perform a whole school play this year, we were able to record a radio play that was broadcast to all classes during the day. Thank you to Louise McMullen, who every year creates an exciting atmosphere of imagination and fun, while encouraging a love of reading.

Traffic

A big thank you to the parents and carers who are using our traffic drop off and pick up system safely of a morning and afternoon. We have noticed a huge improvement in the speed of cars coming into the driveway and giving way to others.

Unsafe drop-offs

However, the driveway behind the senior hall continues to be problem in the morning for drop-off. A parent recounted several occasions where they had nearly been hit by another car reversing out of the driveway after dropping off children. Please do not use that driveway for drop-offs.

Next week, we welcome the International Baccalaureate Evaluation team to Forrest through an online evaluation process. Like Review, staff, students, and parents will have the opportunity to discuss the educational programme and practice at Forrest.

INSPIRING QUOTE

Josie's inspiring message has been put on our bulletin board this week:

A person on her/his own looks small to the world but inside you are bigger—Josie, 2B

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Book Club Issue 7

Orders close 30 October

Memorabilia Book Orders due 28 October

Obstacool Note due 2 December

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.

Review and Evaluation

This week welcomed the Directorate's Review Team to Forrest. Over 4 days, staff, parents, and children were interviewed and able to share what they were proud of over the last 5 years. A report will be provided to the school with commendations and recommendations which will drive the next School Improvement Cycle at Forrest. Next week, we welcome the International Baccalaureate Evaluation team to Forrest through an online evaluation process. Like Review, staff, students, and parents will have the opportunity to discuss the educational programme and practice at Forrest. At the culmination of these processes, we will provide detailed feedback along with the School Satisfaction Survey results and the Preschool Assessment and Rating process in the coming newsletter.

2021 Class Placements

It is that time of year again where you can talk to Chris, Renee or Hayley about your child's class placement for 2021. You can make an appointment through the front office or email us with your requests. Please remember:

- We want to know about your child's needs. Information about your child's personality, disposition, and work habits help us to place children into classes.
- You can nominate three children you would like your child to be in a class with next year. We can guarantee one of your choices. We can not guarantee all of them and we cannot guarantee your choice if you only nominate one or two children.
- We have not finalised teacher placements for 2021 and we do not allow parents to choose teachers for their children. Please respect that our staff are highly professional and expert teachers, who will arrange classes based on the educational and social and emotional needs of your child.
- We will contact you if your request cannot be met.

Ornamental Plum Trees

We are lucky to have such a beautiful, big playground at Forrest. Recently, some children have enjoyed playing under the Ornamental Plum Trees near the Orb and have decided to try eating the fruit. This fruit is not poisonous. However, when consumed in large amounts can cause an upset stomach. The class teachers have spoken to children about not picking and eating the plums. It may be beneficial to reiterate this message at home.



BASE (Kindergarten Assessment)

BASE (formerly PIPS) is the early years assessment program used to assess early reading, phonics, and numeracy skills of students in their first year of school. There are two assessments, the first one occurred in Term 1 and the second one in Term 4 (currently in process.)

The BASE data is used to identify students who may need extra support or enrichment as well as helping teachers to plan appropriate learning experiences for every child in the class. A BASE report will be sent home to families later this term.

Homework at Forrest

Each year at the Parent Information Evening, teaching teams explain how homework operates for their grade level. This structure supports teams to tailor the homework for their learners. Forrest has always had homework as an opt in activity because families have different attitudes to homework, some wanting it and others not, some wanting basic skills homework and some wanting inquiry homework. As such, homework cannot be used for any form of assessment or reporting. The tasks are set for a specific learning intent and teacher feedback varies according to the purpose. If too much emphasis is placed on one learning area, it can lead to children worrying about mistakes rather than extending themselves. As educators, teachers select different, relevant aspects of learning about which to provide feedback. In class much of this is done verbally as the teachers move around the room conferencing with students about their learning.

Thank you
Hayley Munsie on behalf of the Executive Team

P & C MEETING

Date: Wednesday 18th November

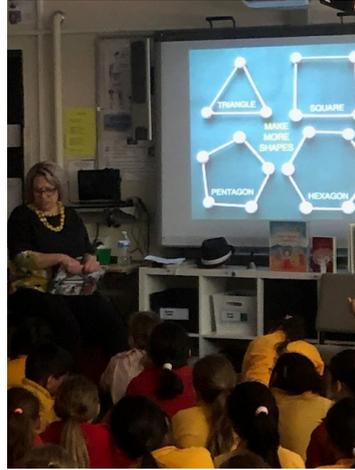
Time: 7.30pm

Via Zoom - [https://zoom.us/j/95104573086?](https://zoom.us/j/95104573086?pwd=OVEyRHg1dy95bHc5czV4ZE1UcDh5QT09)

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BOOK WEEK

Local authors Samantha Tidy and Lisa Kalma came to Forrest Primary on Wednesday 14th October for Book Week



Surprise guest story teller over the loudspeaker at eating time, Ms Munsie shared 'Dharma the Llama' by Matt Cosgrove



Liz (LSA/Front Office) and Lachie (FOOSHC) sharing the Bad Bunny story by Stephen Smallman at eating time for Book Week

BOOK WEEK



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LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week

Forrest Primary School participated in the longest running children's festival, the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book Week, last week. In the spirit of sustainability, our staff and students recycled, upcycled, and made use of what was at home to come up with colourful, creative, and fun costumes for our Book Week parade. Thank you to our wonderful parents and carers for supporting your children with this. We are sorry you were unable to join us onsite, but as you can see from the photos, the children and staff enjoyed dressing up and participating in the shortlisted book activities with their classes. You can view the winning books at:

<https://cbca.org.au/winners-2020>

Uncle Johnny Huckle educated and entertained our Preschool students with Aboriginal stories and songs. We were also delighted to host local authors, Lisa Kalma sharing her 'My Drama Llama' book with the Kindergarten and Year 1 classes.

Samantha Tidy shared her 'Our Bush Capital' with the K-1 students, 'The Day we built the Bridge' for Year 2-4 students and the senior students enjoyed excerpts of 'The Happiness Jar'. Samantha's books are available for a discounted purchase price for Forrest Primary School, families and are available online from: samanthatidy.com

Students enjoyed children's stories read aloud each day at eating time and we thank Satsuki and Mrs T, Ms Munsie, Lachie from FOOSHC and Liz, and on Friday the staff put on a Radio Play, 'The Forrest Child' complete with sound effects, loosely based on 'The Gruffalo's Child' by Julia Donaldson.

Indigenous Literacy Foundation Book Swap

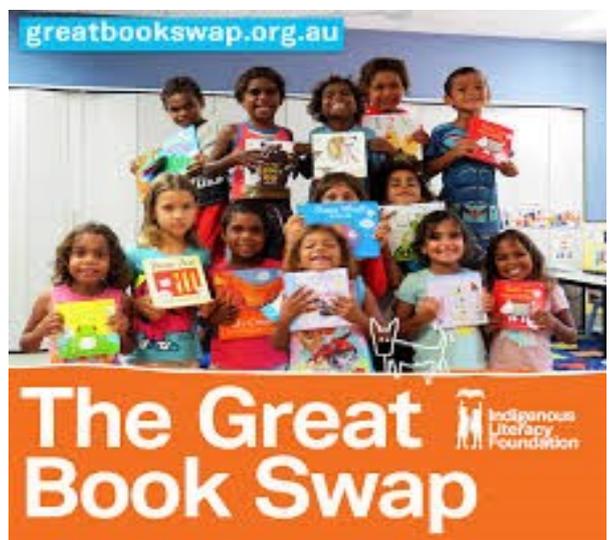
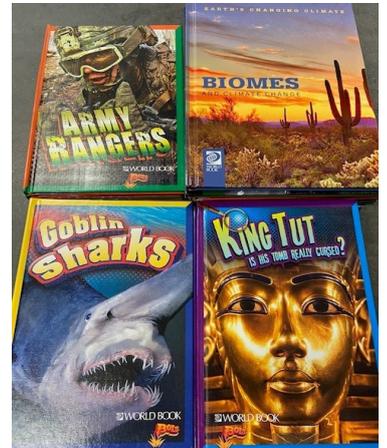
Thank you to families who have donated good quality books for this important fund raiser coming up in NAIDOC Week. We would love to some more games, DVD's, children's books and magazines donated. Our Culture Club students will run the Book Swap for a gold coin donation.

Louise McMullen
Teacher Librarian

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



Want to do something different for your birthday?

Have a *Nerfday Party*. We offer fantastic sports parties and have now introduced exciting "Nerf Warz and Sports" parties. Both Nerf Warz and sports are a supervised fun and safe option, and we provide all of the equipment needed.

Valued at \$360 for up to 14 kids with a Games Coordinator



This 1 hour 50 minutes Nerf Warz & Sport package at Weston Indoor Sports includes:

- 2 x 25 minutes of sports games looked after by a games coordinator
- 30 minutes of Nerf Warz supervised by our staff
- 2 hours of dedicated party area for food, cake and drink
- The best battlefield for Nerf Warz in the region
- Safety glasses for all participants
- 7yrs and under may require adult help

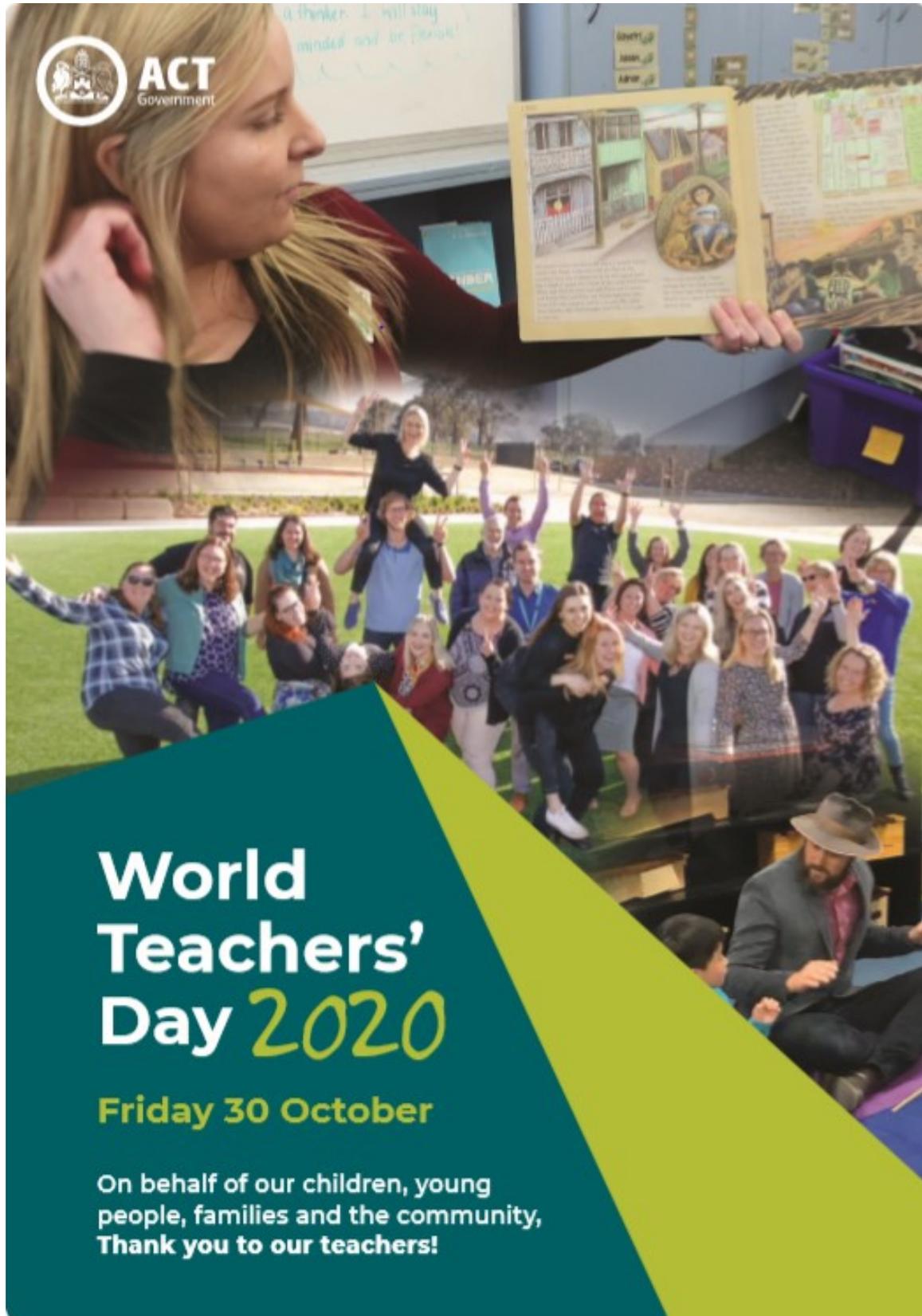


We have everything you need to host a great party. All equipment, courts, tables, and amenities are here. Just bring your own food and drink.

Additional Children above the first 14 are \$15 each.

Other party options details are available on our website at <https://westonis.com.au/birthday-parties/>.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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World Teachers' Day 2020

Friday 30 October

On behalf of our children, young people, families and the community,
Thank you to our teachers!

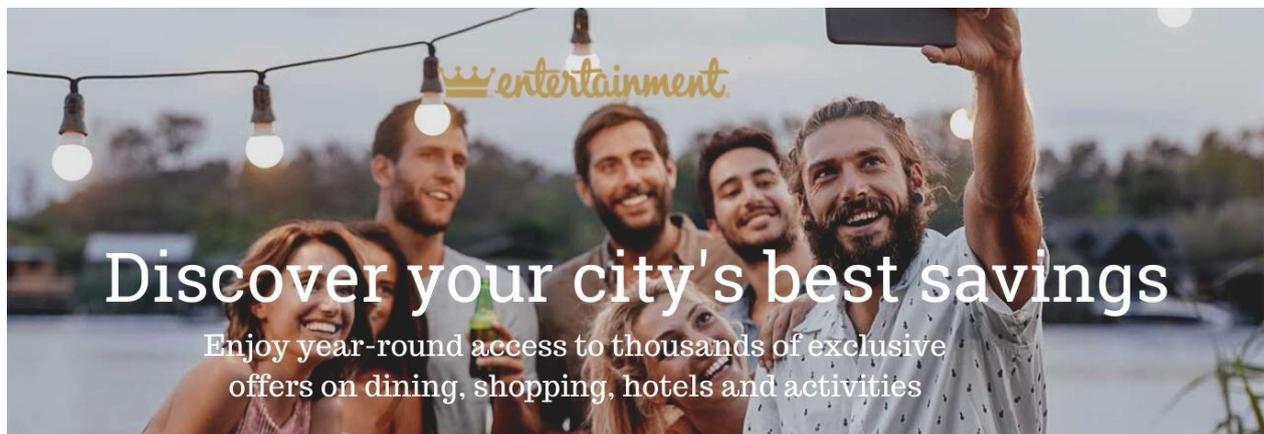
FUNDRAISING



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

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