

FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Week 8 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,

2023 Class Placements

We have almost finished the process of class placements for 2023. We are hoping that students will be able to meet their new teacher/s in Week 10, and we will notify you as soon as staffing is finalised. Please be aware that in the current climate of teaching, we will have more tandem teaching teams. This means that your child may be in a class with teachers who have a job share arrangement. This is a common occurrence in public schools. The benefits of a tandem teaching team include:

- Increased collaboration when planning teaching and learning experiences;
- The different skill sets multiple teachers bring to the classroom with a fresh outlook half-way through the week;
- Continual communication with each other including shared moderation of learning and report writing.

If your child is not returning to Forrest Primary School in 2023, please let the front office know by emailing forrestPS@ed.act.edu.au

Year 5 Camp

Last week our Year 5 students attended a three-day, two-night camp in Cooba, just outside Berridale. They were lucky to experience sunny weather which was perfect for their activities. Students enjoyed the famous Cooba food, and got to experience the serenity of the countryside as they participated in activities that relied on their initiative, teamwork and problem-solving skills. The range of activities included:

- An assault course—an army-style challenge course designed to take students out of their comfort zones, with the course



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 5—Friday 9 December
Big Action Week

Tuesday 6 December
Magpies Preschool Graduation

Thursday 8 December
Kookaburras Preschool Graduation

Friday 9 December
Year 6 Exhibition for Parents & Carers

Wednesday 14 December
Year 6 Graduation Assembly (morning) and Dinner & Dance (evening)

Friday 16 December
Last day of Term 4

- culminating in a wet obstacle course;
- Team manoeuvres—teams were given maps and goals with the aim of delivering a secret code back to base camp;
- A low ropes course—a series of team and individual challenges involving balance, lateral thinking and communication;
- The Leap of Faith—students used ropes and harnesses to experience free jumping from a high point;
- Survivor—students worked as a team to push a buggy through a muddy obstacle course, solving movement challenges as they went;
- Bush games—students self-directed through a series of team games, gaining points to beat other teams.



A huge congratulations to our fabulous Year 5s. We had many compliments from various staff at Cooba. We were told that it is always a delight to host Forrest Primary School, as our students have such lovely manners and are so supportive to one another throughout the challenges. We are so proud of you, Year 5s, for facing these challenging tasks with a great attitude! Thank you also to our teachers Ms Pianca, Mrs Pobke, Mr Hone, Ms Dorsett and Mr Lee for their tireless effort both day and night to make the camp such a success!



Brainways

Congratulations to two of our Brainways Teams who will be competing in the National Finals online on Monday 5 December! We wish Jean (6T), Chi Lok (6T), Adrian (6K), Dhilaan (4P), Nate (4R) and Louis (3NS) the best of luck for the finals!

ICAS

Congratulations to James (5CP) and Chi Lok (6T) who each won a medal for ICAS. James came in the top 1% of the country for Spelling and Chi Lok for Maths. These awards were handed out at Shivoo. Congratulations, James and Chi Lok, on this huge accomplishment!



Shivoo

Last night it was so wonderful to see our school community out in full force to support our students. This year's Shivoo was full of fun, laughter and incredible dance performances by all year levels. Well done to the students who participated. From the smallest Preschool student to the tallest Year 6, you were all amazing. A very special thank you to the Shivoo Com-

mittee who put so much time and effort into organising this wonderful event.





Remembering Neo Bradaric

Thank you to everyone who supported the school BBQ at Shivoo and made donations towards the memorial for Neo, one of our former Forrest students. We are proud to say that we raised over \$2430! These funds will be used towards purchasing colourful recycled plastic outdoor benches in Neo's honour. These benches will be a reminder of a Neo—a fun-loving student who was crazy about colourful socks, STEM, his friends, and making this world a better place. Another reminder of Neo will be the STEM trophy, named after Neo to celebrate his enthusiasm and talent in STEM and robotics.



Neo's mum, Sally, visited the school library on Monday afternoon to donate a very special book, 'When Beetles find Beetles', the story of the beautiful friendship between Neo and his best friend Campbell (also a former Forrest student). The book is a joint effort by Campbell, his mother Meg, and Neo's family.



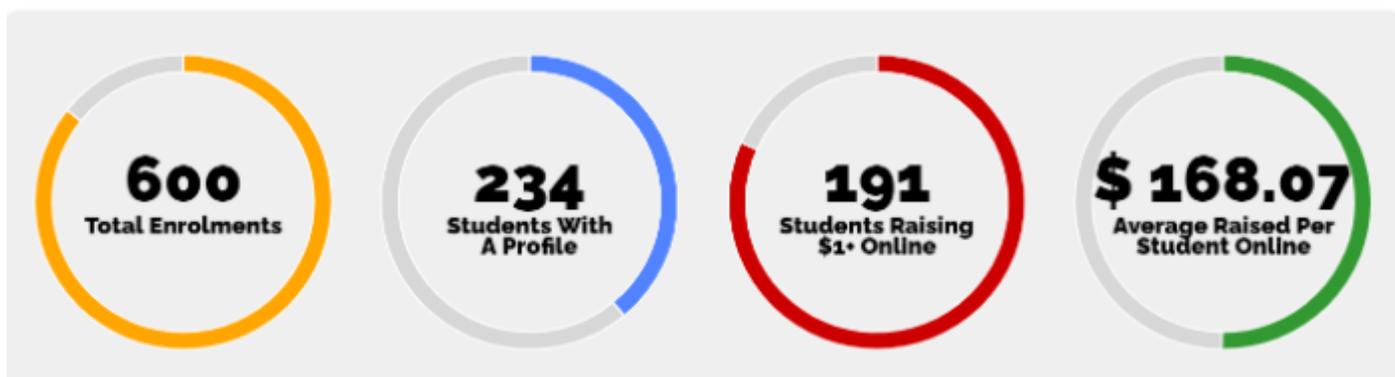
P&C Presentation: Assessment and Reporting in the IB

On Tuesday 29 November during the P&C meeting, Jemma O'Brien (Deputy Principal) and Chris Pobke (Year 5 Teacher) presented an informative overview of Assessment and Reporting in the PYP. Chris spoke about the underlying principles of the PYP that underpin assessment practices at Forrest, covering both summative and formative assessment goals and priorities. She discussed the nature of collaboration and co-construction of learning in order to develop skills of self-efficacy and self-regulated learning, which ultimately build confidence and the ability to learn *how to learn*. Chris concluded with a snapshot of what an assessment-capable practitioner does at Forrest, utilising formative assessment throughout the year (such as class discussions, collaborative writing, interviews, thinking routines on Seesaw, etc.), in tandem with summative assessment tasks.

Jemma spoke about the whole school data plan document which helps teachers align their data collection with the school priorities. She also presented detailed information about the Semester 2 reports and how teachers spend many hours moderating learning tasks to evaluate learning outcomes against the Australian Curriculum achievement standards for each child. Semester 2 reports will be sent home via email on Thursday 8 December. Please make sure your email address is up to date with the front office.

Slime Spectacular School Fun Run

By now you would have heard all about the Slime Spectacular! Needless to say the day was a huge success with more than \$33,000 raised which will go towards new Interactive Whiteboards in our classrooms. Our top fundraisers for 2022 are Lauren (KNH) and Henry (KIJ), who raised \$2170 each! The class that raised the most was KNH, with a collective \$3457.41, and the class that created the most fundraising pages was 3S.



Thank you to all parents who attended on the day and helped to slime our students. A huge thank you also to our Slime Spectacular Committee—Nicole, Warren, Mark, Samara, Tara, Gaby, Meg and Erin. Please enjoy the photos of the event on page 6.

Kindergarten Orientation 2023

Over the last two weeks we have held our Kindergarten orientation sessions for students starting school in 2023, alongside the parent information sessions. These sessions were well attended by students, parents and staff excited for the new year. Preschool orientations will also occur next week. We look forward to welcoming all our new Kindergarten and Preschool students and their families.

With thanks for your continued support,

Chris Pilgrim, Hayley Singh, Jemma O'Brien, Nicole Richardson, Sarah Bauer, Kylie Dorsett & Sonya Bergamini
Executive Team



SLIME SPECTACULAR SCHOOL FUN RUN

Friday 2 December



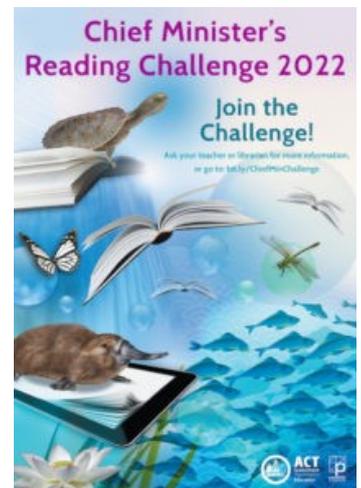
Above, right: parents had fun 'sliming' their own children
Below: even the principal joined in!



LIBRARY

CHIEF MINISTER'S READING CHALLENGE

Many thanks to Maxime and Roger Tall from Paperchain Bookstore in Manuka for their continued sponsorship of the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. With 100% participation from our Preschool—Year 4 students announced recently, we are excited to receive a \$150 book voucher to be shared between the preschool library and school library. Thank you to parents, carers and staff for encouraging the joy of reading with your children, and the Education Directorate staff and Chief Minister Andrew Barr MLA and his staff for supporting schools and families to promote this wonderful, annual literacy event.



LIBRARY BOOKS—PLEASE RETURN BY THE END OF THE YEAR!

It's that time of year when we need all school library books back to the library. We would be grateful if all students in Kindergarten—Year 6 could have a good look at home and in their classroom for any books with a Forrest Primary School barcode on them. Overdue notices will be distributed to students shortly. Please let your child's class teacher know if your child has already returned their books because sometimes the junior students put them back on the library shelves instead of the return box to be scanned!

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the families who have donated good quality books to the library and our charity drives this year. Special thanks to parent volunteers Kylie Smith and Mihye Kim for their work covering books and doing book repairs for us, and Jackie Ward, our Library Assistant on Wednesdays, who works tirelessly to accession new books for the students, parents and staff, and supports students with their information and book queries.

HOLIDAY READING

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



Happy reading!

Louise McMullen
Teacher Librarian



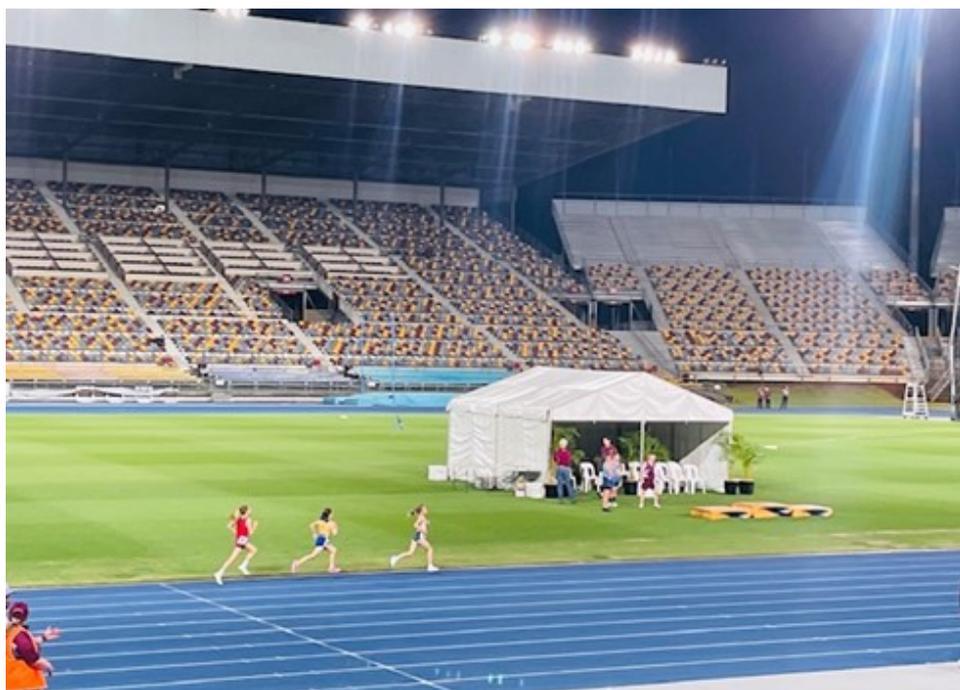
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

On Thursday 17 November, students in Year 1 and Year 3 participated in a taekwondo session. The session was delivered by instructors from the Embassy of Korea who represent the Taekwondo Promotion Delegation. One of the instructors was Mr Dongmin Cha who is an Olympic gold medallist. Students learnt some of the many elements of taekwondo and had lots of fun.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Olivia Nicol in 4R who represented the ACT at the School Sport Australia Track and Field Championships that were held in Brisbane a couple of weeks ago. Olivia came 13th in the 1500m event and ran a personal best time of 5 minutes and 29 seconds. She came 15th in the 800m event. What an amazing achievement! Well done, Olivia. We are all so proud of you.



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



COMMUNITIES @ WORK CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Year 6 Forrest Squad, with the assistance of some enthusiastic Year 2 students, are taking action for disadvantaged children in our Canberra community. They invite students, staff, parents and carers to participate in the annual Communities @ Work Christmas Appeal supported by the Mix 106.3 'Pack the Bus' campaign!

From **Monday 21 November—Monday 12 December**, donations of the following items are most welcome and appreciated:

toys books stationery items toiletries

gift vouchers appropriate for 5 to 12-year-olds

non-perishable food or drink suitable for Christmas hampers

Donations can be dropped off just inside the junior entrance near the lost property drawers or at the Christmas Tree in the school foyer.

There will also be a box at the preschool for donations.

Thank you for your support.

Year 6 Forrest Squad, Year 2s
and Ms McMullen



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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.

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CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

TENNIS CLINIC

Monday 19—Friday 23 December

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

Red Hill Tennis Club
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 \$6.50 / hour!
- ◆ Full refund if not continuing after Monday

To enrol, call Matt McDonald, professionally qualified Level 2 tennis coach, on 0412 565 137
or complete an enrolment form at mcdonaldschooloftennis.com.au



Life is unpredictable and when it comes to first aid, every second counts. St John Ambulance ACT is providing Junior First Aid courses, commencing January 2023, which are designed to teach children the fundamentals of first aid and instil confidence to perform first aid and eliminate the ‘bystander effect’ in our future generation.

Using a combination of fun, controlled practical scenarios, interactive games and roleplay, our fully qualified trainers will equip your children with the age-appropriate skills and knowledge to respond to basic first aid incidents.

Just like teaching children of ‘stranger danger’ awareness, we are teaching children how to recognise and react to a medical situation, providing you with peace of mind to know that your child understands how to react in an emergency situation.

Topics included in the training are:

- DRSABCD
- Wound care
- Sprains/strains and Fractures
- Bites and Stings

Bookings for Junior First Aid courses in the school holidays are now open through our website <https://stjohnact.com.au/book-a-course>

Please don’t hesitate to contact us on 6282 2399 should you require any further information.

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