



# Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

A warm welcome back to school everyone. I am so happy to be back! I trust that all children had a wonderful holiday break and are ready for the busy term ahead.

My sincere thanks to Mrs Maria Cook for being me during Term 2. It was comforting knowing that I was leaving our school in such capable hands.

Term 3 is an extra busy one with preparations for our **Faction** and **Interschool Long Distance Carnivals** which will both be held in our grounds. We then have our **Faction Athletics Carnival** (7th September) and the **Interschool Carnival** on 21st September. This term we also celebrate Book Week and prepare our for **official opening of the School Garden on Saturday 27th October**. Please put this date on your calendar now.

This term I am delighted to inform you all that we start our cooking program. **Mrs Annette Costello** is our cook and will be working with all classes and teachers this semester to use the fresh produce in our garden to make lots of yummy recipes. Look out for more stories and recipes from Mrs Costello in our newsletter over the semester.



Our new **school security procedures** are working well and I thank all parents for your understanding and support when dropping off and picking up children outside the hours of 9.00am and 2.50pm. I stress to parents the importance of minimising interruptions to the class once the educational program has commenced. **From 8.50am, all children will enter the school via the office, pick up a late form and will then go to class or be taken to the classroom by our office staff.**

Tonight our choir will be performing at **Burswood in the WAGSMS** (Western Australian Government Schools Music Society) **Concert**. Our choir, under the direction of Mr Borbas, will be singing three songs – Da Doo Ron Ron, Rockin' Robin and See You Later Alligator. Mrs Parker has organised our wonderful band of parent helpers – Chery Cugini, Pat Hutt, Jenene Barndon, Lucy Clifford and Erosha Rodrigo, who busily made costumes for the girls last week.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### AUGUST

1	WAGSMS—Burswood Concert
3	Faction Long Distance
8	Student Assembly
9	National Tree Planting Day
10	Interschool Long Distance
6 - 10	WAMSE Testing Yrs 5 and 7
14	Eagles Rock My School
15	Parent Newsletter
15/17	St John' s Ambulance Incursion.
20- 24	BOOKWEEK
22	Parent Assembly Yr 7 Vaccinations Bookweek DRESS UP Parade
23	Bunning's Incursion Yr 1's

Thank you all for your amazing support. What would we do without you!



Our **Term 3 Planner** is attached to this week's newsletter. Please put it on your fridge or pin up board and add additional events from the **IMPORTANT DATES** section each fortnight.

All parents are invited to our Student Assembly on **Wednesday 8th August** when our talented choir will be performing their items from the WAGSMS concert.

*Diane Greenaway- Principal*

**BOOKWEEK - TERM 3 - WEEK 5**

Bookweek is another highlight of this very busy term. During Week 5, 20th - 24th August, classes will be involved in a variety of related activities. These include: Eagles Rock My School, visits to local Libraries and a special DRESS UP Assembly. **Students are encouraged to dress as characters from their favourite story or to the theme of "Champions Read".** More details to follow.

**My Favourite Book Competition Round 3:****July 9 to August 10**

As part of the National Year of Reading this competition asks for you to nominate your favourite book in either- or both- of the following genres and you could win a Library Hamper full of books and goodies! Classics and Historical Fiction.

Entry forms are available from the local Library and close on August 10 2012.

Parents....Support your child's development in spelling by encouraging the following .....

Play spelling games, Scrabble, do word puzzles.

Look for words in our "print environment" by reading the labels in the supermarket, reading words in the "junk mail", find words beginning with the same letter, cut them out and make an alphabet book. Write a letter to Nanna, write a card, make labels, help write the shopping list.

These and other ideas you may come up with are all helpful in the development of spelling.

Leone Schreuders (Literacy Co-ordinator)

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MONITORING STANDARDS IN EDUCATION TESTING**

All students in Years 5 and 7 will take part in the WAMSE testing program next week.

Students will be tested in Science on Monday and Society and Environment on Tuesday.

A report, outlining your child's achievement will be sent home with your child's Semester 2 report. Our school also uses this information to improve Science and Society and Environment teaching across the school.

A brochure is attached for all students in Years 5 and 7.

I urge all parents to ensure that their children are present for the testing.

**When we go to the office we ...**

1. Walk
2. Wait Quietly
3. Respond Politely
4. Speak Clearly
5. Listen Carefully
6. Say Thank you
7. Return to class quietly

**RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA COURSES**

There is an saying; "if children came with their own user manual, parenting would be a breeze". Unfortunately they don't. The task of being a parent is the most difficult and at the same time rewarding role, we ever undertake. If you would like to improve your parenting knowledge enclosed in today's newsletter is a brochure from Relationships Australia, outlining the courses they will be running for the next 6 months. They courses include parenting skills, couples counselling and personal development courses. If you are interested in enrolling in any of the courses, please contact Relationships Australia directly on 1300 364 277

Janine Mason—Deputy Principal

**APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENTS 2013**

We are currently taking enrolments for **Kindy and Pre Primary for 2013**. Many of our families will continue with us in 2013. Please contact or visit our office and your current enrolment form will be updated. For all new students to the school, in particular **Kindy**, an enrolment form must be filled out **by FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST**.

If you have friends, family or neighbours, please inform them of this deadline as soon as possible in order to secure a place in our Kindy next year.

For further information, go to -<http://www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou/detcms/portal/>

***Home Fire Safety***

Fires in the home can happen any time — only working smoke alarms save lives. Keep your family safe by having smoke alarms that are in good working order —

***Don't be a fool! Change your smoke alarm battery on 1 April!***

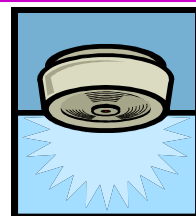
Does your family have a Home Fire Escape Plan and practise it? To help you develop a plan, learn more about smoke alarms and legislation visit [www.fesa.wa.gov.au](http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au)

***Severe Storm/Flood***

Prepare for the coming winter season—clean out your gutters and clean up your yard.

Have you prepared your emergency kit? For further information and suggestions visit:

[www.fesa.wa.gov.au](http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au)





## NUDE FOOD DAY

Our school has a Sustainability Focus for 2012 and as part of that focus we have decided to make each Wednesday a Zero Waste Lunch Day.

This means that the students have to try to create as little waste as possible on that day. We encourage them to bring in their recess and lunch in recyclable containers. We discourage any form of plastic wrap, juice boxes or plastic bottles that will be thrown out after the food or drink has been consumed. This waste will end up in land fill and is obviously bad for the environment.

To help students minimise their waste the school has purchased recyclable lunch wraps that can be used every day for wrapping up the students sandwiches. These wraps normally sell for \$10 each, however because we have bought so many we are selling them for \$7.00. Please see your class teacher to buy one.



## CONSTABLE CARE VISIT

On Wednesday afternoon last week the children from Pre-Primary to Year 7 attended outstanding performances by the Constable Care Child Safety Puppets. The students in Pre-primary to Year 3 attended a performance titled **"You have the right to feel safe"** which focused on Protective Behaviours.

The performance for the children in Years 4-7 focused on **"Cyber Safety"** and reiterated the importance of responsible Internet use. As the photos show some of our students were also active participants in the performances.

All the students thoroughly enjoyed the performances and they were exceptionally well behaved. The performers praised the manners and conduct of our students commenting that our students were amongst the most enthusiastic and best behaved they had performed for.



## Grandmothers, Adults and Children

An eight year old child had this to say about grandmothers: "A grandmother is a lady who has no little children of her own, she likes other peoples. A grandfather is a man grandmother. Grandmothers don't have to do anything except be there. They are old so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the market and have enough spare change ready. When they take us for walks they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. They never say 'Hurry up!' Usually grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth ... and gums out. Grandmothers don't have to be smart, only answer questions like, 'Why isn't God married?' and 'How come dogs chase cats?' When they read to us they don't skip or mind if we ask for the same story over again. Everyone should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have a television, because they are the only grown-ups who have the time."



Someone much older has said, "Keep me away from the wisdom which does not cry, the philosophy which does not laugh and the greatness which does not bow before children." Joy Berry, a best selling author and pioneering child developmentalist received her inspiration by promising herself at the age of ten never to forget what it was like to be a child. She has now published more than 250 titles, and 85 million copies of her *Living Skills* books have been sold. Her enduring message is: "Help children help themselves so they can become responsible for their own lives."



Historically, children were seen and not heard. Thankfully, we are now moving into a new time where children are now seen as 'people' in their own right by many adults. However, some adults still see themselves as superior and can be witnessed not behaving respectfully to children. Changing our attitude to respecting children and their views, concerns and beliefs will demonstrate to children that respect is valuable and worth giving to others. It has been said that "The future of human communities depends on changing the dominant attitude toward children from contempt to respect. Such a transformation begins with the recognition that in becoming adults, we do not lose our childhood." Maria Montessori puts it this way: "It is the child who makes the adult, and no adult exists who was not made by the child she or he once was."

*These thoughts are taken from "Buzology – Powering Hope in Children" by Steve Heron, 2011. Wishing you and your family a grandmother's blessing or two, from your School Chaplain, Paul Johnston, here for you at Forrestfield Primary on Mondays and Tuesdays each week.*

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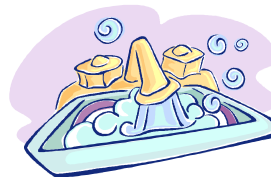
## ZERO WASTE LUNCH DAY

Parents and students are reminded that every Wednesday is now Zero Waste Lunch Day. We have seen a significant reduction in the amount of waste generated at this school since the introduction of Zero Waste Lunch Day. It's a fantastic effort—Keep It Up!!



## WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK—Save with lever mixer taps

Single lever mixer taps are also recommended because the lever action mixes hot and cold water and makes it available instantly. This allows you to find the right water temperature quickly and you won't waste water trying to get the balance right.



## CYBERSAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Monitor the use of **webcams and mobile phones**, as well as the posting and exchanging pictures/video online.

