



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter

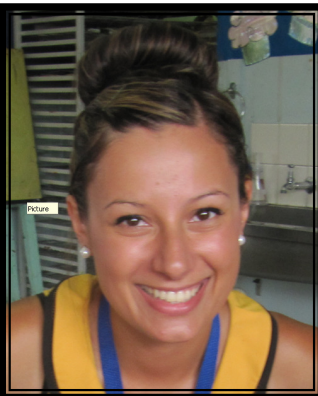
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Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Welcome back to school everyone and a **warm welcome** to our **new families** who have joined us.

It has been a very smooth start to the year and I am pleased to report that all children have settled in to their classes. I must thank all parents for ensuring that our children looked great in their school uniform and were prepared for class with their personal items.

I am very pleased to welcome our new staff;
Miss Siobhan Milos (Kindy) and Mrs Pania Reynolds (Room 12 and 4). A list of all our staff can be found on page 2 of our newsletter.



Miss Siobhan Milos



Mrs Pania Reynolds

All staff spent two very busy days on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st January during our **School Development Days**. Our first day was spent on school organisation and our whole school Literacy Policy. On the second day all staff went to Curtin University for the launch of the **Darling Range Learning Community**. Our learning community is made up of —Wattle Grove, Forrestfield, Woodlupine, Dawson Park, Edney, High Wycombe, Maida Vale and Darling Range Sports College and we have lots of collaborative activities for students and teachers planned for the year. Look out for our new logo below in future newsletters.



IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

15	Student Assembly Meet the Teacher meetings
17	School Council nomination due
22	Parent Newsletter Staff Meeting 3.15pm
29	Room 2 TED Assembly—all welcome

MARCH

2	Clean up our school day
5	Labour Day Holiday
7	Parent Newsletter
14	Student Assembly Zero Waste Lunch Day
21	Parent Newsletter Staff Meeting 3.15pm

Attached with this newsletter is an invitation to attend our **Parent Meetings** to be held on **Wednesday 15th February** from **4.30pm to 6.00pm**. We hope that parents will take up the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher and learn about class routines, rules and procedures.

Our **Term 1 Planner**, outlining the main events planned for the term is also included with this newsletter. Don't forget that the **Important Dates** section of our fortnightly newsletter will update your planner as new activities are planned.

Diane Greenaway - PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL SECURITY

We ask parents to ring **School Security on 1800 177 777** if you see suspicious activity after school hours.

Please help us look after our school.

CLASS STRUCTURE 2012

Kindy Rm 18 Miss Siobhan Milos

Odd Weeks - Tues and Thurs.

Even Weeks Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

PP Rm 16 Mrs Carolyn Mackay
Miss Siobhan Milos (Friday)

Yr 1/2 Rm 13 Mrs Rita Wisson

Yr 2/3 Rm 12 Mrs Leone Schreuders and
Mrs Pania Reynolds (Wed)

Yr 3/4 Rm 4 Mrs Leighanne Fowler
Mrs Pania Reynolds (Mon)

Yr 4/5 Rm 2 Mrs Clare Caddy

Yr 5/6 Rm 9 Mr Dylan O'Connor

Yr 7 Rm 1 Mrs Julie Parker

Our Specialist Teachers are:

Music Mr Paul Borbas

Art/TAGS/Community Garden Mr Rob Gear

LOTE Mrs Silvana Costanzo

Literacy Specialist Mrs Janine Mason

Learning Support Coordinator Mrs Janine Mason

Our Support Staff are:

AIEO Mrs Sheree Pracy

School Chaplain Mr Paul Johnson

School Psychologist Mrs Clelia Tedeschi (Tues)

School Nurse Mrs Judy Stocks

Educational Assistants are:

Mrs Carol Downes Miss Ciaira Dunbar

Mrs Gaynor Gough

The Administration Staff are:

Principal Ms Diane Greenaway

D/Principal Mrs Janine Mason

(Acting Term 1)

Registrar Mrs Heather Jackson

School Officer Mrs Karen Peel

Library Officer Mrs Marcia Squire (Tues/Thurs)

Gardener Peter Batory

Head Cleaner Mrs Jo MacArthur

Cleaners Mrs Lois MacArthur
Mrs Wati Nairube

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Nominations are called for the vacant positions on School Council for 2012.

In 2011 our School Council parent representatives were;

Michelle Garnsey (retiring member), Cheryl Cugini

Aurora Abraham, Kristy Burns (P&C Rep)

If you are interested in being a part of an active School Council and learning more about the school please fill out the form accompanying the newsletter and **return to school by Friday 17th February.**

NEW SCHOOL TIMES

We have reviewed our school lesson and play blocks as outlined below. All students will eat their lunch in class supervised by the class teacher before going out to play. **A reminder that all children need to arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.45am to organise for the day's lessons.**

Time	BLOCK
8.45 – 9.15	Morning Fitness (Mon, Tues, Thurs)
9.15 – 10.55	Block 1 Literacy Block
10.55 – 11.15	Recess
11.15-12.15	Block 2 Numeracy Block
12.15 – 12.30	Lunch (Eating)
12.30 – 1.00	Lunch (Play)
1.00 – 2.00	Block 3
2.00 – 3.00	Block 4

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

A reminder that School Contributions and Charges are now due.

Voluntary Contributions for 2012 are \$40 per child. P & C Contributions for 2010 are \$10 for one child and \$20 for two or more children.

Contributions can be paid at Administration at any time by Cash, Cheque or Eftpos.



Your contributions relate directly to the provision of materials and equipment to be used by all the children.

BEHAVIOUR NEWS

As we begin a new year it has been great to see our children settle back into school so smoothly. All students have been reminded of our school's behavioural expectations and in accordance with our **Positive Behaviour Program** the expectation that at all times, everyone in our school is to ensure that their behaviour is **Respectful, Responsible and Safe.**

The Positive Behaviour Program encourages children to reflect on their behaviour and assists them to develop better strategies to make more appropriate choices if they encounter the same situation again. The program encourages children to develop greater emotional resilience and conflict resolution skills.

Janine Mason

2012 FACTION CAPTAINS

Phys Ed and Sports sessions are underway with a focus on preparation for the Summer Lightning Carnival which will take place on **Friday 30th March**.

Senior Students have participated in voting for Faction Captains and Vice Captains. Congratulations to the following students.

BLUE: Captains:	Chelsea Batty
	Calib MacArthur
<i>Vice Captains</i>	Kellie Lindsay-Treasure
	Travis Schiller
GOLD: Captains	Chelsea Buswell
	Jack Elsdon
<i>Vice Captains</i>	T.K. Ndabambi
	Matt Harvey
GREEN: Captains	Sarah Smit
	Nathan Wylie
<i>Vice Captains</i>	Chelsea Smith
	Christian Tolefoa
RED : Captains	Taylor Slater
	Stanley Henney
<i>Vice Captains</i>	DeeDee Nairube
	Yosuof Juma



WELCOME KINDY CHILDREN

To make sure our children have the best start to learning our Kindy program has increased from twelve hours to fifteen hours a week this year as a part of the WA Government's Universal Access Program. We hope that parents enjoy a snapshot of our Kindy children's first happy day at school.



Faster and Faster, Time Marches On!

Yes, another year has started, and bolted out of the gates already! Before we realise it, February will have been and gone, and we will be looking forward to some cooler autumn weather. The days zip by, and we barely have time to look back over the year that has passed. For example, I still haven't got around to taking down our Christmas lights that are flashing merrily away outside, every night. Looking back further, the turn of the century now seems a distant memory, back when everything was supposed to crash in y2k. Here we are in 2012, the year when some major catastrophe or other is supposed to happen, according to some prophets. Funnily, or sadly, why didn't they warn us about all the terrible floods, fires or earthquakes that happened in 2011?

Meanwhile, the thing we can't avoid noticing as time ticks on, is the growth of our children and grandchildren. Almost as soon as we buy clothes or shoes for our kids, they are too small for them. Besides having to go up a class level and often to a new classroom each year, our children seem to grow up too fast. They want to do new things, go to more places, and stay up longer, when we still think of them as our little ones. It is good to protect our children from things they are not ready to experience, but most of their growing up just happens before our eyes. From crawling to walking and talking, then to the "why?" stage, and on to kindy and preschool, our little treasures don't stay tiny and confined for long.



So what are we to do about all these changes each year? I think the best idea is to enjoy the time we have with our kids at their age, make the most of each day together, and lovingly minimise the fuss and bother along the way. Now that is easier said than done, but as a philosophy it goes a long way to smoothing out the journey and making life more enjoyable for all of our family. This year in my family we are expecting three more grandchildren, on top of our seven grandys already. Keeping up with all these little ones aged 3 and under certainly keeps me amazed and thankful, as I see them grow and develop into little people with their own personalities, characters, and ways. Do yourself a favour today – slow down and take a moment to reflect on the amazing and wonderful young person that is your child, growing up before your very eyes!

Wishing you and your family a stress-free, peaceful and contented focus this week, from our School Chaplain, Paul Johnston, here for you at Forrestfield Primary on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The Chaplaincy position at Forrestfield Primary School is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations under the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Programme. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government

WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK— Install a rainwater tank

Each year, around 40,000 litres of water could be collected from your home's roof area and used on the garden taking pressure off our drinking water supplies.



ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to your child's learning. Consistent attendance and participation are essential for your child's social and academic learning.

As parents or legal guardians of an enrolled child, you are responsible under the *School Education Act 1999* to ensure the attendance of your child at school every day. It is important to assist your child's achievement and learning by making regular school attendance a priority in your child's life.

The Department of Education's Student Attendance policy requires parents/guardians to provide an acceptable explanation to the school principal for any absence of their children.

Principals must authorise all absences. The Act defines health, religious and cultural observances as reasonable cause for a school absence and the absence would be recorded as 'authorised' by the principal.

As the parent/guardian you must obtain the principal's approval for any planned absence.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Family Rhyme Time Learn new rhymes, songs and stories from around the world, Learn techniques to deal with a fussy, cranky child, Spend time with your child in a relaxing and enjoyable way, Develop your child's language, pre-literacy & numeracy and social skills, Build healthy brain development.

Lesmurdie Tennis Club, Falls Road Lesmurdie is currently taking enrolments for Summer Programs. Something for all ages. Ph 9457 9704, 0439 960 629 or www.teamtenniswa.com

Forrestfield Football Club: Registration Sat 18th Feb 9.00am—noon, Sun 26th Feb 8.00am—3pm, Sun 11 Mar 10am—1 pm. Please call Karen Walker on 0416 556 208 for more information.