



# Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

It has been a very busy end to the school term.

A warm welcome to **Mrs Maria Cook** who will be Principal in Term 2. I know that she will enjoy her time at Forrestfield Primary School. We also welcome **Ms Leah Andrews** to our teaching team. Leah will be teaching one of our support classes and other small teaching roles across the school.



Last Friday our school sporting teams took part in the **Summer Lightning Carnival**. All teams represented our school with pride and their behaviour and sports manners were exceptional. Well done everyone.

Yesterday we hosted a group of amazing people from **Transforming Teams**. Our visitors cooked the Faction Sausage sizzle and then assisted teachers in classrooms in the afternoon. We thank them for their help in our school.

Today we held our **ANZAC Day Ceremony**. All classes have been learning about ANZAC Day in class and their assembly items and work displays were a wonderful tribute to the memory of all people who have lost their lives in wars and peace keeping operations around the world. We thank all parents who attended our service and the morning tea which followed the ceremony.

Last week we held our first **School Council Meeting** for the year. Our School Council members are;

Mrs Cheryl Cugini—Chairperson

Mrs Michelle Barnes

Ms Aurora Abraham

Mrs Janine Mason

Mrs Leighanne Fowler

## IMPORTANT DATES

### APRIL

5 **Easter Bonnet Parade**  
**Last Day of Term 1**

6 **GOOD FRIDAY**

**Term 2 starts for Students starts**  
**Thursday 26th April**

30 **Scitech Class Visits**

### MAY

1 **Scitech Class Visits**  
**Photo Shoot (NOT School Photos)**

2 **Parent Newsletter**

9 **Student Assembly**  
**Yr 7 Vaccinations**  
**Dental Screening, PP Yr 3, Yr6**

10-11 **P & C Mother's Day Stall**

15-17 **NAPLAN**  
**School Council Meeting TBC**

16 **Parent Newsletter**

Our **P&C** also held a very successful AGM following the Assembly last week with all positions being filled. I hope that more parents will come along to meetings in Term 2 to support our wonderful school.



I wish all families a relaxing and safe Easter break and we will see you all back at school on **Thursday 26th April**.

*Diane Greenaway - PRINCIPAL*

## ROOM 4 ASSEMBLY

Well done to all the students from Room 4 for their entertaining item from "The Lorax". Students acted out their favourite parts, while at the same time reinforcing the message of Re-Use, Recycle and Reduce. This also reinforces our school's focus on Sustainability.

TED once again visited to present Virtues Certificates for Responsibility and to present a Special Virtues Certificate to Mrs Caddy. Honour Certificates were awarded and Attendance Certificates were given out. Congratulation to Rooms 1 and 9 who also received jars of lollies to share for their good attendance.

Our next assembly is on Wednesday 9th May. All families and friends are welcome.



Honour Certificates		Virtues Certificates - Responsibility	
Rm 1	Jaydn Naylor, Sarah Smit	Rm 1	Taylor Slater, Matt Harvey
Rm 2	Jacob Gilbert, Tamsyn Barnes	Rm 2	Bianca Batty, Joshua Rigoll
Rm 4	Reyhan Adi Sijaya, Dustin Brown	Rm 4	Hayley Willmott, Brooke Walsh
Rm 9	Joseph Solimen, Kiriona McRae	Rm 9	Anthony Russell, Ebonie Kickett
Rm 12	Mitchell Blake, Gage Woods	Rm 12	Damon Burns, Senugi Rodrigo
Rm 13	Jason Bai, Adrian van Hamond-Fitzell	Rm 13	Ella McIntosh, Tadiwa Ndabambi
MUSIC	Bradley Little, Ethan Dehar		

## ITS NOT OK TO HAVE AN EXTRA DAY AWAY

With the holidays approaching some parents are inclined to give their children an extra day or so off school as many don't see the harm in it. Unfortunately this is not the case. Regular school attendance is a fundamental, but often overlooked factor in the community.

Students who are chronically absent and miss just one month of the school a year are missing out on critical learning opportunities. It is difficult to understand how students who are severely chronically absent can keep up with their studies. Recent research has documented that poor attendance is a primary cause of failure in Secondary School and that failure is at the root of high dropout rates.

If chronic absenteeism is widespread it will also impact students who are not absent. When significant numbers of students are missing from lessons a great deal of the time, a teacher has a no-win choice. Either instruction can be slowed down for the whole class, to provide time and opportunities to help absent students catch up when they return to school, or a teacher can maintain a normal instructional pace and soon end up with large numbers of lost students. These lost students, in turn, may respond in frustration by withdrawing and giving up, or acting out and causing further missed instructional time. As parents we know that you want the best for your children, so please ensure that they attend every day as good attendance gives them the best educational outcomes.

Janine Mason Deputy Principal



# SERCUL VISIT



## LIGHTNING CARNAIVAL RESULTS

In perfect conditions the teams from Forrestfield Primary School participated in the Summer Lightning Carnival last Friday at Maida Vale Reserve.

In Volleyball, the Girls team were victorious winning their competition, while the Mixed team were runners-up. Our Cricket teams had mixed success, winning one game each.

Our A Softball team won all of their games and therefore won their division, while our B team were runners up in their competition.

All students representing Forrestfield displayed exemplary behaviour, team spirit, skill and sportsmanship and were a pleasure to take out of the school for this event.

Many thanks to Peter Batory, our gardener, who assisted in setting up the softball diamonds and to Jo MacArthur, Raylene Sharp and John Kelly who supervised a team. Also many thanks to those parents who attended to encourage and support our teams.

## ENGLISH

Congratulations to those students who produced great Persuasive Writing for Writer of the Month.

Room 1 Sarah Smit, T.K. Ndabambi and Calib MacArthur

Room 2 Aurora Clifford and Zion Dehar

Room 4 Brooke Walsh and Jessica Robson

Room 9 Ally Hammond and Sasha Trutwein

Room 12 Gage Woods and Kia Adi Sijaya

Room 13 Dayna Plese and Mervyn Woods

The Shire of Kalamunda Library Service is holding a writing competition for adults and for children from the age of 10. The competition is open to writers who live, work or attend school in the Shire of Kalamunda. Stories should be connected to the Shire of Kalamunda via an event, character or location. Stories must be in prose, fact or fiction, limited to 1500 words and be lodged at a Shire of Kalamunda Library before Monday, June 25, 2012.

If you enjoy writing perhaps you would like to begin some writing during the holidays with the possibility of entering the competition.

Happy holidays everyone.

Leone Schreuders (Literacy Leader)



## HOLIDAY HELP AROUND THE HOUSE?

### ***Mowing the lawn, clearing the table; children love to help – until they are able!***

Since children aren't born with a natural love for taking out the rubbish, teaching them to appreciate caring for their home can be a real challenge. Every Mother's daily dilemma is how to coax her children to do their chores without nagging. Tempers can flare and attitudes can sour when Mum asks the kids to fold the clean clothes or tidy up messy rooms. A good idea is to be a bit creative in trying to make cleaning around the house more attractive rather than unpleasant.



Chore times can be made as much fun as possible. You can put a rocky sing-along CD or radio station on and all march around the house with different hats on, singing while you clean. You can set the kitchen timer or an alarm clock and play "beat the clock" to try and finish the chores. Children love to work for small rewards, appropriate for their age. A good way of helping the children keep at their jobs is to make up a chart and tick off their completed tasks through the week, so they gain enough points for some pocket money or a special treat. Of course, treats along the way always help a lot, as well!

Pre-school children from two to five can do simple chores - one at a time so they don't get confused. They need uncomplicated instructions such as "Please put away your blocks now." You may need to repeat the sentence while you show your children what to do, working alongside them until they learn what to do and how to do it. Children from two to three can brush their teeth, carry clothes to the washing machine, help make their bed, put away their pyjamas, put away toys, take cups to the sink, and wipe up their spills. Four and five-year-olds can bring in the mail, dust furniture, help put away the groceries, set the table, load the dirty dishes, pick up clothes and toys, put away outside toys, water plants, and wash down outside furniture. The best motivation is a great big hug and a warm thank you for a job well done!

There are plenty of other incentives for older kids as well, to keep them moving positively at home. For example, you could make your children their favourite meal or dessert after a hard day of gardening or cleaning up. You could give them extra privileges for good attitudes and responsible behaviour while doing their chores. You could order their choice of pizza as a reward after cleaning out drawers and cupboards. And after a big family clean-up day, you could organise a special evening of games that the children choose for you all to play together. Whatever you do, enjoy each other's company along the way!

*Thoughts taken from "The holiday survival manual for Mothers" by Kathy Peel and Joy Mahaffey, 1989. Wishing you and your family an interesting, enjoyable and fun time of holidays together, from our School Chaplain, Paul Johnston, back here for you at Forrestfield Primary on Mondays and Tuesdays in Term two. 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 Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.*

## **WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK—Catch the cold water and reduce the pressure**

Most of us don't like getting into a cold shower, but by waiting for the water to run warm, thousands of litres of water are wasted each year in every household. Keep a bucket near the shower and use the 'warm up' water on the garden or indoor plants. High water pressure increases flow rates from showers and taps. If you have extremely high water pressure, a registered plumber can fit a pressure reduction valve at your property boundary.



## **CYBERSAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS**

### **AND STUDENTS**

**Limit** the amount of time spent online.



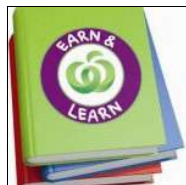
## **ZERO WASTE LUNCH DAY**

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!!

## **WOOLWORTH EARN AND LEARN PROMOTION**

This week our School received their items from the Earn and Learn Promotion that we collected receipts for last year.

We now have a Solar System Model, an Earth, Sun and Moon Model, Star Planetarium, See Thru Compost Container, 3 Digital Microscopes, 10 Pairs of Gardening Gloves and Write Tools Interactive Whiteboard Programs.



## **P & C Easter Raffle**

The Easter Raffle will be drawn tomorrow after the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Many thanks to all families and friends who donated eggs and purchased tickets.

Good Luck to everyone!

