



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,
Welcome back to school.

Term two has started off very smoothly, although it was a little strange having a Public Holiday in the middle of the week.

As you will recall Ms Greenaway is on leave this term. We all wish her a happy and restful holiday. My name is Maria Cook and I am thrilled to be at Forrestfield PS this term. I am looking forward to working with the staff and students here and I hope to get to know quite a few parents too.



I would like to welcome Miss Pippa Warman (above right) to our school. Pippa has taken over the Year 4/5 class while Mrs Caddy is on Maternity Leave.

Also, in case you were wondering, Mrs Caddy gave birth to a gorgeous baby girl named Hannah Clare.



On Monday and Tuesday last week staff were involved in some very exciting and productive planning in the areas of Science and Sustainability.

In Science we were assisted by Michelle Procter from SciTech who was able to provide some great ideas for Science Investigations. Michelle returned this week and worked with individual classes to demonstrate some of the lessons.

Another exciting area is of course Sustainability. Forrestfield PS is ahead of most schools in this area and you should be very proud of the amazing Community Garden you have created.

IMPORTANT DATES

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



(Several of our Year 7 students investigating rockets. How high will it go?)

Plans are now underway for the official launch of our garden. This will be on October 27th. All classes will be planning and producing a number of items, using ingredients from our garden, to sell on this day.

Students will be learning all about Enterprise during these activities as they will plan, budget for and produce the items and then reflect on the success or failure both in terms of product quality and profit or loss.

Term 2, like all terms, is a busy one. NAPLAN occurs in Week 4 and teachers will be preparing Formal Reports for the end of the term. Parent Interviews will be held on Tuesday 3rd July.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Maria Cook - PRINCIPAL

FORRESTFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN

On 2nd April 2012, the Forrestfield Community Garden donated Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes to Manna Industries. John from Manna was very appreciative of our donation and said this will feed 140 people for dinner that night.

Our School and Community Garden continues to grow and prosper, with most students cooking weekly with the fresh produce we are growing. The Community Garden is constantly reinforcing our Sustainability policies with hands on experience for students.



ENGLISH NEWS

Congratulations to students who completed the Premier's Summer Reading Challenge in support of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of W.A. Aurora Clifford, Jacob Gilbert, Oliver Gilbert and Senugi Rodrigo.

Well done, we're proud of the effort you put into this achievement.

The theme of the National Year of Reading 2012 is 'Discover and rediscover the joy of reading'.

Celebrating this, the Shire of Kalamunda has a competition running titled "My Favourite Book".

Round 2: Suspense, Crime, Thriller and Mystery commenced April 16 and ends May 11. You can enter as many times as you like, entry forms are available at Shire Libraries and check out www.love2read.org.au

The Shire of Kalamunda Library Service is also holding a writing competition for adults and children from the age of 10. The competition is open to any writers who live, work or attend school in the Shire of Kalamunda. 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. Entry forms are available from any Shire Library.



Leone Schreuders (Literacy Committee)

CANTEEN RE-OPENS THIS WEEK

The Canteen will re-open this Friday with a limited Menu.

Cheesies will be available for Recess

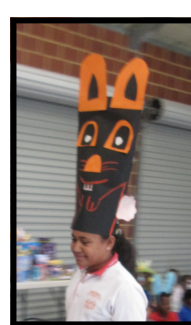
Pies, Sausage Rolls and Toasted Sandwiches will be available for lunches.

The Canteen will continue to open every Friday, and it is planned to increase the food choices available, however, we are in desperate need of volunteers to help. Without your help, the limited menu will remain. Please see the ladies in the Front Office if you can help.

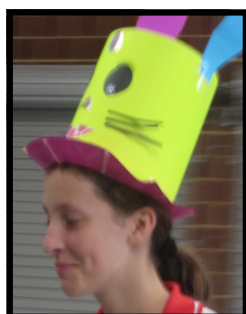
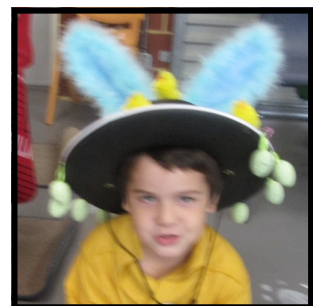
Prices will remain the same as 2011.

LJ HOOKER TRANSFORMING TEAMS VISIT

Last term the staff from LJ Hooker came to our school and worked with students in a variety of settings. They thoroughly enjoyed their time here and promised to come again. Here are some photos from the day.



EASTER HAT PARADE



OH, TO BE CONTENTED WITH MY LOT!

Last week was a good time to reflect on priorities and what is important in our lives. Some of the ANZAC Day footage I saw gave me a big reminder about the cost and the value of our present way of life, with our independence and freedom as a nation of Australians. Seeing all those rows of white crosses reminded me of all the people we lost in war, their lives cut short. So soon after Easter it made me think about sacrifice, hope for the future, and why we use a cross to mark the graves of the dead. But the thought that stayed with me afterwards was about our awareness, or not, of what we have here and now, today.

It is a true saying that we often don't know what we've got until we lose it. I think back to the times I have visited the people of poor countries like Cambodia, Thailand, and Indonesia. What always amazes me is the happiness and serenity of these people, especially the children, who are living in complete poverty, owning almost nothing but the rags on their malnourished bodies. The joy that they show in just being alive and having people around them to share their day, inspires me to find contentment back home among all the things and desires that fill our lives here.

So often we can complain about our lack of the latest gadget or comfort, frustrated because we "only have a two gigabyte mp3 player," or "I have to share a room with my sibling," when so many children and families around the world lack the bare essentials, even food for today. Sure, we often have to live with sorrow and pain and confusion. But the darkness of night does not take away the unseen wholesome realities in our lives. There are so many invisible but tangible benefits in our lives – treasures around us that are so valuable and yet so easily overlooked.

One of those hidden blessings that we often miss is the goodness of the people in our daily lives, especially at home – those rich relationships of real and enduring human love. In our striving for external satisfaction, we often overlook the pure joy of the simple things in our life like sharing a laugh together or smiling at the presence of someone we care about. Half of the load that we have to carry can be so much lighter when we reflect some of the kindness near our hearts, and cherish the people who really do care for us. An ounce of thankfulness for the "insignificant" little blessings of today can make all the difference for the journey we have to travel, and may even invite contentment into our hearts!

Wishing you and your family a peaceful and contented day today, from your School Chaplain, Paul Johnston, here for you at Forrestfield Primary on Mondays and Tuesdays.

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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—TAKING BATHS

Baths are great for a relaxing soak but they use a lot of water. A standard bath uses on average 160 litres of water, however a 7 minute water efficient shower uses approximately 60 litres, a saving of 100 litres.

If you are renovating or buying a new home look at fitting a deep, narrow bath and have it fully insulated to retain the temperature. This will reduce the need to top up the bath if it starts to cool.



CYBERSAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Use filtering software.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Guitar Tuition: Local Tuition available for all ages and all skill levels. Learn Guitar from a highly qualified School Instrumental Teacher. Cheaper than other Music Tuition Centres. Ph Daryl Eagle 0434 362 902

Willetton Senior High School - Specialist Basketball Studies 2013: Currently offering current Year 7—11 students with proven basketball talent to develop their potential. See www.willettonshs.wa.edu.au for details.

Forrestfield United Soccer Club: Inviting any interested children from Yr 5 and below to get involved with their local Soccer Club. It's a great way to keep fit and make friends. Call Carlos 0428 222 332 for information.