



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,
It is hard to believe we are already half way through the term.

I am thoroughly enjoying my time at Forrestfield Primary School. I am slowly getting to know our students and I must say I have met some delightful young people who are a pleasure to speak with. The vast majority of our children are confident, well mannered and beautifully behaved. However, we do a small element (very small) whose behaviour is not in line with our TED Treat Everyone Decently policy.

At school, we are able to deal with issues as they arise. However some things are happening outside of school time.

I strongly encourage you to Report any Anti Social Behaviour you observe.

The message below is from the local police.

Forrestfield Police are investigating a series of offences committed by a young group of children in and around the Forrestfield Primary School/Forrestfield Forum area. If you have any information on any offences committed by this group on either your child or other children you are urged to contact police and report the matter. Reporting the matter does not mean that you have to proceed with charges however it will allow Police to build a greater picture of what is happening and from that implement solutions.

A similar concern is trespassing.

Being on school grounds without permission is Trespassing.

Our Community Garden has been broken in to twice over the past two weekends. Plants have been removed, eggs thrown around the school, the chickens have been let out and things have generally been messed up. Once again if you know anything, please report it.

On a positive note, our school is lucky enough to be involved in the Education Department's Early Childhood I- Pad Initiative. We have a set of 25 I- pads which Mrs Wisson and Mr O'Connor have been very busy setting up. There is a lot involved in preparing for their use in a classroom including lots of professional Learning. Although this takes time, it does ensure that we get the most educational benefit from this exciting technology.

We hope to have the I -Pads fully operational within the next week.



IMPORTANT DATES

MAY	
31	Disco—Details to follow.
JUNE	
3	WA Day Public Holiday
13	Parent Newsletter Student Assembly
19	School Council Meeting
29	Winter Lightning Carnival
JULY	
2	St Johns Ambulance Incursion—TBC
6	Last Day of School
Term 3 starts for Students on TUESDAY July 24	

GOODBYE



Our long serving cleaner, Lois MacArthur is retiring.
Lois has worked in schools for 28 years.

She has been a valued staff member and a great asset to Forrestfield Primary School.

We would like to wish her a very happy retirement and say Thank you!

María Cook - PRINCIPAL

TODAY I DIDN'T LEARN WHAT MY FRIENDS DID BECAUSE I SKIPPED SCHOOL

I know that we all have moments when we don't feel like going to work and children are no different when it comes to school.

As parents, it's often tempting to let our children have a "day off" school as we don't see "the harm in it". However everyday your child does not come to school is a day they miss learning something that the other children in their class did learn. Even bright children quickly fall behind their peers when their attendance begins to falter.

Recently a colleague reviewed some of the reasons parents at her school gave for their children being absent from school and while I found many amusing, I felt some were far from valid reasons. What do you think?

"I felt "Johnny" might get diarrhoea some time last week so I kept him home", "The dog needed to go to the vet so I took "Pete" as well".

"May stayed home because I needed to do some shopping", "The car needed servicing so the kids went in too".

'Ashley doesn't like Mondays or Tuesdays so she stays home"

Interesting !!!!!

Janine Mason Deputy Principal

English

During this National Year of Reading 2012, there are various activities available at our local libraries for both adults and children to enjoy.

Please visit our local library and find out what's happening, as well as encouraging your children to take out some books and enjoy the pleasure of reading for fun.

We all need to read. Not for fun only, but because it's good for our brains. Our brains process information from various forms of media in different ways. In a book titled " Amusing Ourselves to Death" the author, Neil Postman says that the way your brain works while reading is not just different, it's better.

Even reading comics requires more involvement for our brains than watching a screen. Reading is an inexpensive and easy way to develop and preserve your brainpower.

Happy Reading!!!!!!!!!!!!

Leone Schreuders (Literacy Co-ordinator)

(Ref. 'Good News' Frank Dunkle)

.ROOM 2 LEARNS FIRST AID

Students from Room 2 have been learning First Aid Skills this term. They have covered DRSABC , bleeding, fractures and burns. These photos are of DRSABC and burns.



PARENT ASSEMBLY

Last week's Parent Assembly was also TED's 3rd Birthday. TED was presented with a special cake and covered in Birthday Streamers.

Music once again featured in our Assembly. Jake Dalziell repeated his wonderful Beat Boxing, and the whole school participated in the action song "Chester".

Congratulations to all our Honour Certificate and Virtues Certificate winners, well done on your achievements.

Also, Congratulations to our newly appointed "Garden Guardians" - , who were presented with their badges.

Guardians will work in the garden and will also be responsible for making sure all food and paper is correctly recycled, and that lights and computers are turned off at the end of the day.



Garden Guardians - Anthony Russell, Bianca Batty, Brian Richards, Christian Toleafoa, Chloe Cugini, Emma-Lee Findlay, Oliver Gilbert, Kahlán Fernie-Keep, Brooke Walsh, Senugi Rodrigo, Pareao McRae, Sebastian Tondut.



Virtues Certificates - Courtesy	
Rm 1	Jack Elsdén, Chelsea Smith
Rm 2	Pooja Karumuru, Zachary Purtle
Rm 4	Lloyd MacArthur, Jessica Robson
Rm 9	Sasha Trutwein, Billy Peters
Rm 12	Kia Adi-Sijaya, Shane Willmott
Rm 13	Jason Bai, Sean Mandizuidza

Honour Certificates	
Rm 1	Aaron Calaoa, Matt Harvey
Rm 2	Pooja Karumuru, Jason Robson, Micheal Russell
Rm 4	Jayda Abraham, Kahlán Fernie-Keep, Reyhan Adi-Sijaya
Rm 9	Sasha Trutwein, Omid Juma
Rm 12	Keyanna Bennell, Aidan Walters
Rm 13	Anastacia Smith, Oliver Gilbert
Music	Lloyd MacArthur, Mervyn Woods
Pastoral Care	Kellie Lindsay-Treasure

CAN YOU HELP? Lift needed daily to and from Balcatta (to start at 7.30am). Happy to share costs. Please call Jo if you can help - 0404 144 168 Thank You.

TOLERANCE – 100% IS TOO MUCH!

Unlike most of the other virtues, where they work together or enhance each other, tolerance is the only virtue that can act to devalue or even devastate all other virtues. When it comes to un-virtuous (“bad”) behavior, 100% tolerance is not only unhealthy for society, it allows no restraint against things being allowed to get worse. That is why we term such behavior as “unacceptable.” This is also why we have laws as clear boundaries to behavior, to protect society.

What type of tolerance is helpful or good tolerance? Way back in a previous life, I used to work in electronics, with a soldering iron and a pocket screwdriver as my tools of trade. This was a time before the PC (Personal Computer) when things were made to be repairable, and we actually kept faulty appliances going, by fixing them. To do this, we used electrical components such as resistors, and they each came with a tolerance rating of how accurate their marked value (amount of resistance) should be, compared to their actual value. Most of them had a tolerance of 10% or 5%, but high quality military spec. resistors came with a tolerance of 1%, so we didn't need to check those ones before using them.

Another example of where a little bit of tolerance is allowed, is the road speed limits. Here the police have an enforced tolerance of 2km/hr over the limit, or about 5% at 40km/hr, and if we drive faster, out of that tolerance, we will be booked. Thinking about police sirens, even our ears have a built-in tolerance. When we listen to music, we enjoy the sound of an instrument that is tuned in-key. If someone plays a tune or sings a song off-key, we notice it, and it sounds bad! But the human ear has a tolerance where each note does not have to be exactly in tune. For the range of sounds between two adjacent notes in a scale, our ears can only sense when the note is over 3% off-key. Less than that will sound ok to us.



When it comes to interactions with other people, it is not always good to tolerate everything that happens. We should never tolerate any behavior from others that makes us feel uncomfortable, unsafe, or threatened. We all need safe and healthy personal boundaries to keep harm out and to protect us - our own treasure that lives inside our skin. However, in everyday life it is ok to put up with safe behavior, beliefs, and thinking that are different from what we value and choose. We don't have to always agree with others, but we can accept each other as we are, and enjoy our various differences. In fact, a little bit of tolerance goes a long way!

Wishing you and your family a more-than tolerable and fulfilling 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—Stop leaks

Check for worn tap washers. A dripping tap might not appear to be wasting much water but it quickly adds up. Repair leaking pipes. A single leak over a long period can waste thousands of litres. Also look out for undetected leaks which can be extremely wasteful and costly. A way to check for leaks is to read the water meter late at night then again early the next morning to see if water was leaking while everyone was



CYBERSAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Explain where it is **appropriate** for your adolescent to have privacy: confiding in close friends face-to-face, writing in a paper journal, in his/her bedroom, etc.



COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Swan View Toy Library: Committed to enhancing the play and learning experiences of children up to 8 years of age. Unit 2/44 Mathoura St, Midvale. Ph 9250 4228