



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,
Luckily the storm that passed through last night was not as destructive as everyone predicted. Our school escaped any real damage apart from some tree branches falling and some minor flooding. I hope that your homes also escaped damage.

Due to the uncertainty of the storm damage we postponed the Student Assembly from 9am till 2.30pm. This means we are unable to provide any photos of certificate winners.

However, you will find their names listed later in the newsletter.

I would like to welcome our Pre Service Teachers from Edith Cowan University. They have been attending one day a week until this week when they commenced their 4 week full time placement.

Under the comprehensive mentoring of their respective classroom teachers, these three practicum teachers are making excellent progress and will make valuable contributions to the students in their care.



Ms Broude Rm 1 Ms Watkins Rm 9 Mrs Jones Rm 13

We have also been lucky enough to have two work placement students with us over the past two weeks. Tennille has been working in Pre Primary while Cynthia has been in Room 12. These students attend local high schools and are doing work experience as Education Assistants.

These young ladies have really grown in confidence and have learnt a great deal about working with young children.

They have both done their schools proud.

Improving Security

In order to improve safety and security at our school we have started locking the gates.

All gates are locked at 9am and reopened at 2.50pm.

If you need to collect or drop off your child between these times you need to enter via the office.

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

19	School Council Meeting
28	Kindy Reports Home
29	Winter Lightning Carnival PP - Yr 7 Reports Home

JULY

3	Parent Interviews
6	Last Day of School

Term 3 starts for Students on
TUESDAY July 24

School Fees

Unfortunately, only 28.9% of our school community have paid their school fees.

It is not too late!

Your contribution can still help us.

We are only asking \$40 per child.

There are so many wonderful programs running at Forrestfield and School fees help us to fund them.

Please Pay ASAP.



The Virtue in focus at the moment is **Tolerance**.

Tolerance is accepting that everyone is different. We all have different feelings, hopes, needs and dreams. We need to accept that just because someone does things differently to us it does not mean it is wrong – it's just different!

We also need to overlook faults in others because no one is perfect!



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María Cook - PRINCIPAL

MISSING SCHOOL ADDS UP:

As winter begins to settle in and we all find it harder to get up in the morning, please consider the following statistics if you are tempted to let your children stay home due to the cold or stormy weather:

If a child misses an average five days a term (years 1 to 10), they will miss out on approximately one year of school.

If a child misses one day a week of school (from years 1 to 10), then they will miss almost two years of school.

If a child misses 1.5 days a week of school (from years 1 to 10), then they will miss almost three years of school.

If a child misses two days a week of school (from years 1 to 10), then they will miss almost four years of school.

If a child misses three days a week of school (from years 1 to 10), then they will miss almost six years of school.

If a child misses five weeks a term (years 1 to 10), then they miss almost five years of school.

With nearly 35% of all school absences falling into the unauthorised category across all schools in WA there would still appear to be a widespread belief held by parents that having a few days of here and there will not do any harm. This is not the case and when it comes to school attendance we all need to remember:

"Every day at school matters".

ENGLISH NEWS

The National Year of Reading 2012 is about children learning to read and keen Readers finding new sources of inspiration.

Stories can be in any format....books, e-books, magazines, screen games, poetry, newspapers and song lyrics being some of the suggestions made for the campaign.

Visit the website www.love2read.org.au for more information or e-mail info@thelibraryagency.org.au

In an article entitled 'The Magic and Mystery of Learning to Read' by Jo-Anne Dooner, she quotes vocabulary researchers, Hart and Risley (1995) who state that "our children are living today in a state of word poverty...in today's society children are more likely to have mastered the internet before they are required to start kindergarten. And further, that they can obtain the answer to their questions in seconds through Google, sending a text, or IMing. Communication takes so many non-vocal forms that we can forget to simply talk!

Parents and teachers can enrich a child's vocabulary simply by reading to them. Compounding the situation is the convoluted spellings of the English language. This, in tandem with limited vocabulary means more and more children and adults underperform in writing as they rely on an impoverished vocabulary (because they cannot spell the words they would like to use) and write the bare minimum.

Having a large and useful vocabulary is essential for reading and writing. Without a sound vocabulary, meaning is easily lost."

Writers of the Month

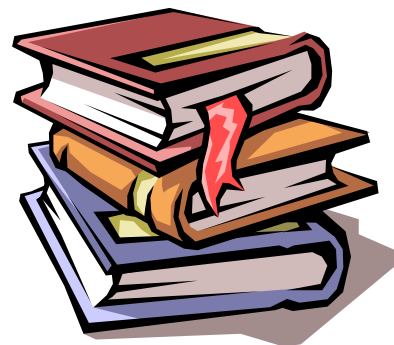
Congratulations to the following students:

Room 13 Ben Tuilawa and Naveed Juma

Room 12 Senugi Rodrigo, Shane Willmott and Halle-Rose Abraham

Room 4 Isaiah Solimen and Keisha McRae

Room 1 The Whole Class



Leone Schreuders (Literacy Co-ordinator)

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Due to the uncertainty of the storm damage we postponed our Student Assembly from 9am till 2.30pm.

The whole school was involved singing the song "Jaws", which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Birthday wishes to our students who have recently celebrated a birthday, and Congratulations to all our Honour Certificate winners.

Our next Assembly will be held on Wednesday 27th June in the Undercover Area.

All parents, family and friends are welcome to attend our last Assembly for Term 2.

Honour Certificates

Rm 1	Sana Qambari, Harris Gerrard, Taylor Slater
Rm 2	Zion Dehar, Happiness Ninahazwe
Rm 4	Jessica Robson, Brooke Walsh
Rm 9	Anthony Russell, Dylan Harvey
Rm 12	Walter Woods, Sarah Duff
Rm 13	Naveed Juma, Bradley Little
Music	Trinity Stacey, Sean Mandizuidza

TREE PLANTING

Rooms 1 and 9 were invited by the Perth Airport to take part in some rehabilitation of the surrounding wetlands. The students were taken on an Aboriginal Culture walk through the bush by Trevor Wally. It was a very hands-on experience as students were able to carry traditional tools and weapons during the walk. The staff from Greening Australia then showed the students how to plant the seedlings and erect the wind guards. The students had a great time and were all very well behaved and I am sure enjoyed putting their knowledge of sustainability into practise. Thank you to all the staff and students who braved the wintry conditions to take part!!



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.

Darling Range Learning Community

Citizenship Award

The award will be launched on Tuesday 19th June at 2.00pm in our school Library.

This is an exciting opportunity for our senior students to think about how they can contribute to society in a positive way.

Students in Yr 6 and 7 from all schools across the Darling Range Learning Community, will be asked to collect evidence which demonstrates the values of **Participation, Leadership and Excellence**.

The evidence is stored and displayed in a Portfolio/folder.

The Portfolio's are submitted for judging in October.

Winners will be announced at a Presentation Ceremony where the Citizenship Award will be presented with a DRLC Citizenship Medal.

Joe Isaia the coordinator of this project will be here on Tuesday to explain fully.

Parents are encouraged to attend this session.



ENROLMENTS 2013

Enrolments for **Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Years 1-7** in **2013** are now being taken.

Please let all your family and friends with school age children know or pass on our details.

Please call into the Office or call 9453 6277 for an application form and information pack to be posted out.

It is a legal requirement that Birth Certificates and Immunisation Records be presented at the time of Application.

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!!



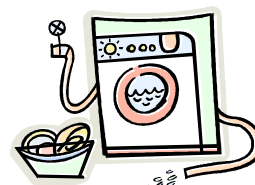
WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK—Check your meter

Reading your water meter regularly and keeping a simple record of your water use can help you alter your water usage habits to suit your budget. It can also help you detect possible leaks. To investigate for leaks;

*Turn off all taps

*Turn off any equipment which uses water (i.e. washing machine, etc)

*Check if the meter is continuing to register whilst water is not being used at the property. This can be done by taking a reading of the meter, left to right, including the red numbers (for more information on how to read your water meter, visit Being Waterwise at www.watercorporation.com.au)



CYBERSAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Reinforce that there is **no privacy** on the Internet

