



# Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



A harmonious innovative environment nurturing excellence.

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,  
Welcome back to Term 3 everyone and a warm welcome to new families who have joined us as well as our new staff member, Mrs Samantha English.

Elections for Semester 2 Student Councillors has been conducted and we congratulate Year 6 students Isaac Arnold, Jay Cato, Oliver Gilbert, Sariah-Dawn Hulton, Harley Jaroz, Ella McIntosh, Mitchell Petersen and Tyrell Taylor.



I look forward to working with our Student Councillors this semester.

Yesterday students in Pre Primary to Year 2 celebrated 100 days at school with Kindy children celebrating 50 days. Students and teachers dressed up as a 100 year old person and participated in some great maths activities. Thank you parents for supporting the day and for all the wonderful costumes.

Don't forget to check out Class Dojo and look out for photos in our next newsletter.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### AUGUST

2	Student Assembly <b>Open Night 5.30—7.30pm</b>
8	School Photos
9	Parent Newsletter
16	Room 13 TED Assembly
21 - 25	Book Week
23	Parent Newsletter Book Week Parade
30	<b>Faction Carnival</b>

Semester 1 reports were sent home on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June and we hope you were pleased your child/children's progress. To complement the reporting process, we invite all parents to **Open Night** next Wednesday night from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. The Art room and Music room will be open as will Room 7 where we will be running some **basic facts games**. We invite you to join us to learn a maths game and then take a game home to practise and build basic fact speed and accuracy. I'm sure we'll have lots of fun! Mr Judd will also be cooking a **free sausage sizzle**.

Although Open Night is not a time for lengthy conversations with your child's teacher, we invite you to make an appointment should there be any aspect of your child's progress or work you would like to discuss further.

We invite all families to our **student assembly** next Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August commencing in the undercover area at 8.50am. You are also welcome to join us for morning tea in the kitchen after the assembly.

Once the weather fines up, new line markings will be painted in the staff car park. This will include a "**kiss and ride**" section for parents. We hope that this will streamline morning and afternoon drop off/pick ups for all families.

## SCHOOL SECURITY

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

## ROOM 3 ART DISPLAY

In Room 3, we are learning about Aboriginal Art and Culture. Aboriginal people use art to record information and tell stories.

Art is associated with ceremonies where the transfer of knowledge takes place.

In this activity, we learned that circles in artwork represent campfires, family and resting places and that wavy lines represent dreaming tracks, sacred journeys and rivers or creeks. The different colours used often represent one of the six seasons.



## *D*eputy's Diary

### Chronic Absenteeism

Fixing the problem of chronic absenteeism can be difficult especially when the extent of chronic absenteeism is not well documented.

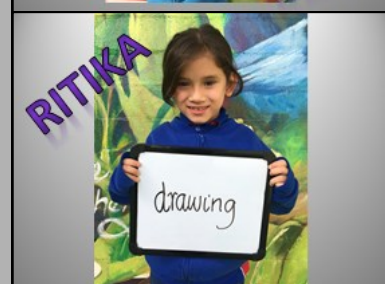
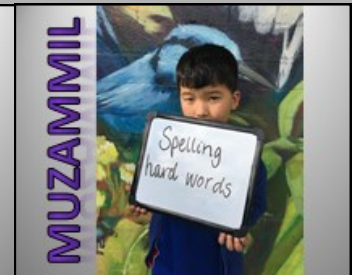
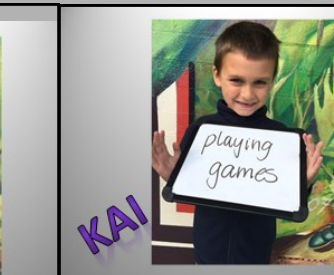
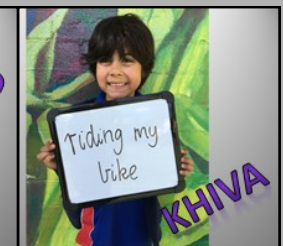
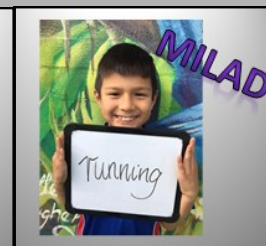
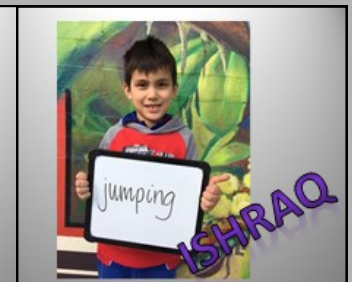
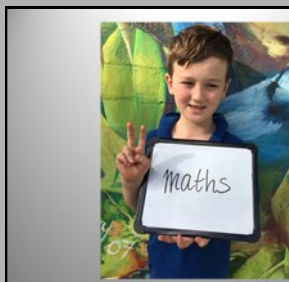
Chronic absenteeism, defined as missing more than 10% of school in a year, is not a statistic any school wants to see represented in its Attendance Data. The problem, however, is daily attendance doesn't capture the whole picture: daily attendance measures how many total students are in school on a given day, whereas chronic absenteeism measures how many of the same students attend school across many days.

In other words, "a school can have average daily attendance of 90 percent and still have 40 percent of its students chronically absent, because on different days, different students make up that 90 percent". The Chronic Absenteeism figure reflected in our Attendance Data for First Semester 2016 indicates we have over 60 students attending our school whose attendance patterns fall within this range. This is not acceptable. All children must attend school unless they are sick.

Everyday away from school is a day of lost education. Please ensure that your children attend school daily, as you are helping to give them one of life's greatest gifts; the gift of a good education!



# ROOM 12'S SPECIAL ASSEMBLY: OUR PERSONAL STRENGTHS...





## P & C News

### Canteen Update

This Friday's Specials at Canteen are:  
 Recess: Hash Browns – 50c (Recess Only)  
 Lunch: Chicken Rolls - \$4.50  
 Apple Pie & Ice Cream - \$3  
 The usual Canteen Menu is also available  
 Order your lunch before school at Canteen to avoid disappointment!

### Book Club

The latest Book Club catalogue went home with students last week. Spare copies are available from the office.

Orders are due in next week by Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

### T-Shirt Trade-In

Have you heard about the Uniform Shop's new T-Shirt Trade-In?

Next time your child outgrows their school shirt, if you don't need it for a hand-me down then HAND-IT-IN to US!

For shirts in good condition, the Uniform Shop will deduct \$5 off the cost of a new School T-Shirt.

This offer is ONLY available through the Uniform Shop on Wednesdays between 8.30-9am.

**The next P & C Meeting will be in the School Kitchen immediately following the Student Assembly, next Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. All are welcome to join us.**

## News from the Chaplain

Every morning Forrestfield Primary School runs a free breakfast club in Mrs Parker's Pantry (Kitchen).

We provide children with a free nutritious breakfast (toast, eggs, pancakes, cereal, fruit, milk, Milo) with all food donated by Manna.



Research has shown that children who have had breakfast will perform better and longer in the classroom.

We open the doors for breakfast at 8:00am and close them at 8:25am, which means the students have enough time to make it to class.

We have a staff member that runs the morning breakfast club so your children are supervised at all times.

If you would like to have a chat with me about anything at all, I am available Tuesday and Wednesday, or you can email me at [chrisj@youthcare.org.au](mailto:chrisj@youthcare.org.au)

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## School Photographs 2017

Midland Photographers will be taking our 2017 School Photographs on **Tuesday 8th August**.

A letter and an order envelope went home with each student last week. If required, extra envelopes are available at the front office.

Please return the envelope with payment to the school office by **Friday 4th August 2017**

All family photos will be taken early in the morning at approximately 8.30am in the Library



### Choose waterwise plants

Choose waterwise plants that are best suited to your region. Waterwise gardens need less water and less maintenance making your life a little bit easier.



## ENROLMENTS 2018

We are now taking **enrolments for Kindy 2018**. Please let your family, friends and neighbours know. To ensure your child's place, please come to the school office **ASAP**.

Families need to apply to enrol their children in a public school for 2018 if they are:

- starting Kindergarten – 4 years old by 30 June 2018
- starting Year 7 (first year of secondary school) and changing schools.

## VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Our focus virtue is currently **Perseverance**

and our focus behaviour is **"When delivering messages we..."**.

We ask parents to reinforce these behaviours.

