



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



A harmonious innovative environment nurturing excellence.

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

This week is **Book Week** and to celebrate the theme, **Australia: Story Country**, we have great learning activities organised across the week to celebrate the joy of books and reading. All classes will be visiting Forrestfield Library to meet authors, our teachers are reading to different classes and we are having a dress up parade on Friday. **We also invite all families to join us for lunch after the Book Week Parade and then take part in a reading activity.**



Our school has been the recipient of a \$5000 grant from Perth Airport and Dymocks Charities. Fiona Lander, Executive General Manager External Affairs & Information Technology, Perth Airport and a representative of Dymocks will attend the Book Week Parade on Friday to present the books we have selected.

Our lost property basket has been overflowing with school jumpers and despite our best efforts to find owners, many items have remained unclaimed. **Please help us to return items to their owner by writing your child's name in their school clothing.** Lost property collected during Term 3 will be on display outside the office from Wednesday 21st September. At the beginning of Term 4, all unclaimed items will be washed and distributed to students who need a school uniform.

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

22—26	BOOK WEEK Australia : Story Country
31	Student Assembly

SEPTEMBER

2	School Council Meeting
5	Faction Jumps and Throws
7	Faction Carnival
14	Interschool Jumps and Throws (at Forrestfield Primary)
16	Interschool Carnival (Scott Reserve)
21	Room 14 TED Assembly
23	Last Day of Term 3

**TERM 4 starts
Tuesday 11th October**

(You can ask at the office at any time if your child has misplaced items.)

I am pleased to inform our school community that Mr Matthews will be the Principal of Avonvale Primary School in Northam commencing Term 4. Mr Matthews has been our Deputy Principal since 2013 and we will all be happy for him but also sad that he is leaving us.

All parents are invited to our **Student Assembly** on Wednesday 31st August and we extend an invitation to join us for morning tea after the assembly.

Diane Greenaway

Principal

SCHOOL SECURITY

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

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Last week Room 13 ran the school Assembly. The announcers spoke clearly and confidently to their audience. Their item about sea animals complemented Their Under the Sea classroom theme. I am sure the teachers enjoyed their roles as various sea animals. Next the children joined Mr Borbas in singing a verse from 'Octopus's Garden'. I am very proud of you all, well done. Mrs Wisson

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates at the assembly.



Virtues—Perseverance

Rm 1	Emmalee Finlay, Mervyn Woods
Rm 2	Isaac Arnold, Rowan Dyson
Rm 4	Cherie Smith, Isaiah Minchin
Rm 12	Rick Vidich, Mia Cooke
Rm 13	Bree-Anna Vidich, Tyrece Narrier
Rm 14	Aiden Munday, Shahr Banu Ekhlesi

Honour Certificates

Rm 1	Hannah Thomas, Mervyn Woods
Rm 2	Ashira Rintramee, Rowan Dyson
Rm 4	Adrian Howe, Maison Smith
Rm 12	Elexis Crook, Charissa McDonald
Rm 13	Ava Peters, D'Andra Plese
Rm 14	Cameron Marshall, Kevin Bennell
Science/Sport	Jarrod Ryder, Breehanna Lampard



Deputy's Diary

Missing school adds up:

As winter has well and truly settled 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.

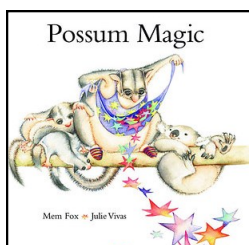
If a child misses two days a week of school (from years 1 to 10), then they will miss almost four years of school.

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".

Deputy Principal.



BOOK WEEK

Australia: Story Country

Rooms 1 and 2 visited Forrestfield Library to meet Australian science writer, teacher and editor Chris Burne. Chris is a Perth-based children's author of many adventure fiction for kids aged 8 to 12. This is what they learnt.



'I learnt that Author Chris Burne uses experience to influence her work'. **Alyssa Hill**

'I learnt that it takes a while to write a story but if you write 3 pages a day its easier'. **Anika Fry**

'Chris Burne never gave up. She entered every writing competition she could'. **Ben Sullivan**

'I learnt that when you're writing a book your character has to solve all the problems and do all the dangerous stuff'. **Halle-Rose Abraham**

'The best part about the visit was learning how to write books and how to make the characters interesting'. **Oliver Gilbert**

'The best part about the visit was learning about Japanese Myths'. **Senugi Rodigo**

P & C News

Uniform Shop

With just a few weeks until the Faction Carnival, the Uniform Shop has stocked up on red, green and gold shirts.

They are available in all sizes.

We also have plenty of school shorts and bucket hats in stock.

The uniform shop is open every Wednesday from 8.30am-9am.

Carnival Stall

The P & C will again sell hot and cold refreshments at next month's Carnival.

This year we plan to cook hamburgers as well as a sausage sizzle.

Hot and cold drinks will be served throughout the day.

Cakes – donated by parents - will also be sold to raise funds for the junior school end of year activity.

Canteen

The Canteen will be open this Friday for the Book Week Parade.

Parents can also put in an order if you will be visiting your kids at lunchtime.

Please note ALL lunch orders must be received BEFORE school.

School Banking

There will be school banking this Friday.

Students can deposit their money before school, see Sarah at the Canteen.

VacSwim October 2016

Enrolments closing soon for VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons

It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons are run by instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water.

To enrol or find out more visit

www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming

WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK—

Hand watering

Invest in a trigger hose or watering can for more accurate aim and less wastage while moving around the garden. Running a hose that you have little control over wastes water as you tend to water things that don't need watering. With a trigger spray, you can choose what you want to water. Aim the water at the base of the plants where the roots are. When you simply water the leaves, it evaporates off and is wasted.

News from the Chaplain

Some Helpful Tips for Parents

Talk with other parents about how much freedom and responsibility they give their child. It's helpful to know what other parents think is okay.

- Take a moment to think back to when you were a child. This will help you understand what it's now like for your child. What sorts of things did you worry or feel scared about? Listen and talk to your child about their concerns, even if they don't seem a big deal to you.

- Next time your child does something you don't like, focus on what they did and not their character or ability. Let them know how you would like them to behave next time. If you don't like your child's choice of friends talk to them about it. Allow your child to have their friend over to your house, but agree they're not allowed to spend time at their friend's house.

- Start talking to your child about next year, don't leave it until the day before Year 7 starts. What are they most looking forward to? What are they most worried about?

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VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Our focus virtue is currently **Self Discipline**

and our focus behaviour is

"In the garden we..."

We ask parents to reinforce these behaviours.

