



# Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



A harmonious innovative environment nurturing excellence.

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

We have had a great start to Term 4 with new staff and students joining us. A warm welcome to our new families and to Education Assistants Ms Danika Beattie and Mr Joshua Lloyd.



**Mrs Mason** has been appointed as **Deputy Principal** this term and **Mrs Fowler** will be our **Curriculum Leader**, working in the office and across the school Monday to Wednesday then teaching Room 1 on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Samantha Rogers will teach Room 1 and our music program as Mr Borbas takes leave for the remainder of the year.

This term Mr Russell Lindsay (Room 2) and Ms Nicole Baradziej (Room 4), Pre Service Teachers from Edith Cowan University, Education Assistant Sarah Attfield and volunteer Yasmin Purtle are also working with us. We welcome them all to our school.

**EduDance** commenced yesterday and I urge all families to support this outstanding program. Each class' Edudance routine provides spectacular entertainment and supports our end of year award concert. Fundraising monies and a school subsidy have been used to keep costs down for parents.

Next week is **Multicultural Week** and students will be taking part in activities to learn about Indian, Aboriginal, Indonesian, Italian, Fijian and Polish culture. Our thanks to all families who are supporting this year's event and sharing their culture with us all. We invite everyone to join us for the **Multicultural lunch next Friday**. (*More details to follow.*)

Following our very wet and windy winter last term, our Australian flag was damaged. To ensure respect and dignity for our nation's most important symbol a new one was required. Our thanks to Mr Ken Wyatt MP, Federal Member

## IMPORTANT DATES

### OCTOBER

24 - 28	Multi-Cultural Week
25	Edudance
26	Student Assembly P&C Meeting
27	Darling Range Sports College Transition Day—Year 6 students

### NOVEMBER

1	Edudance
2	Parent Newsletter
2-4	Year 5/6 Camp

for Hasluck for providing our school with a new flag.



This week's newsletter includes a letter inviting you to participate in the **2016 National School Parent Survey**. You can access the survey via the link on our Website and Facebook page using your unique code included in the letter. I urge all parents to participate in this survey.

We invite all parents to our **Student Assembly at 8.50am on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October** and to join us for morning tea in the kitchen after the assembly.

*Diane Greenaway*

*Principal*

### SCHOOL SECURITY

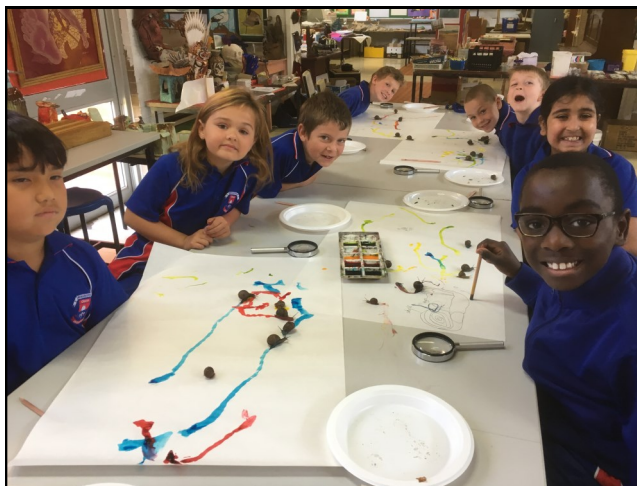
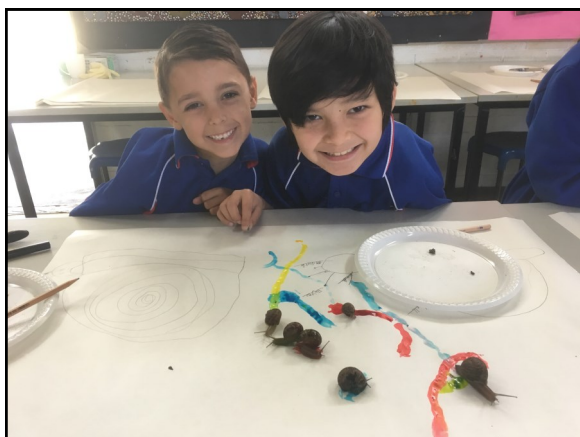
We ask parents to ring **School Security on 1800 177 777** if you see suspicious activity after hours.

### SNAILS, SNAILS, SNAILS

As part of the Garden and Writing Programme Room 12 have been looking at snails and learning about their unique characteristics. The students began the lesson by brainstorming what they knew about snails then watched a short film about snails to add to their already impressive knowledge.

They used magnifying glasses to identify the different body parts and watched snails sliding over their desks, hands and pencils. Mr Gear demonstrated how a snail is able to slide over a razor blade without being cut or hurt due to its ability to secrete slimy mucus from the front of its foot.

Room 12 students then dipped their snails into non-toxic food colouring and watched as the snails moved slowly over their paper to create some interesting, colourful, crazy snail art.



### Deputy's Diary

#### Every day Counts -- Research into school attendance

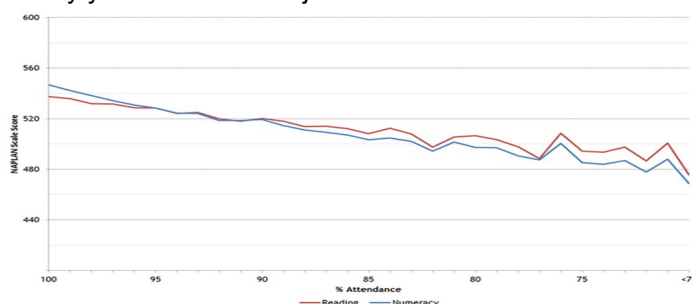
As Term 4 starts I was reading an article on school attendance and came across some interesting facts I would like to share with you.

Research shows that poor school attendance is associated with the following worrying statistics:

- lower attendance rates equates to low academic achievement including literacy and numeracy
- Students with school attendance rates of 70% or below are 5 times more likely to leave school before Year 10
- Those that do continue to Year 12 leave school with fewer qualifications
- These students face reduced opportunities and access to educational resources, further limiting achievement.
- High absenteeism rates in the high school years correlate to higher rates of criminal behaviours and convictions.

The increased use of alcohol, tobacco, and substance abuse in adolescents correlates to those with high absenteeism rates in school

This graph compares the Queensland state school attendance rate for Semester 1 2016 with Year 7 NAPLAN 2016 scores for reading and numeracy. The graph shows that as attendance rates decrease, so does the NAPLAN scores for reading and numeracy. This trend between attendance rate and achievement level is consistent at every year level and subject.



The above graph is pretty compelling evidence to make sure that your child attends school every day. We have 42 days left of school for 2016, all of which are filled with lots of fun activities to enhance your child's learning. Hopefully we will see your child for each of these 42 days.





# Pirate Morning Tea





## P & C News

Welcome back everyone and a big hello to all new families.

The next P & C Meeting is next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October following the Student Assembly in Mrs Parker's Pantry. Join us for a cuppa, cake and to chat about what we're doing for our school.

### Friday is Canteen Day

The Term 4 Menu will be sent home soon. Nachos. Macaroni Cheese. Spaghetti Bolognaise – all homemade, all back on the menu in Term 4, all \$4 each. We are also selling watermelon by the slice for 20c each. Refreshing on those hot days.

**School banking** is this Friday. Drop your deposits to Sarah in the Canteen.

### Uniform Shop

Term 4 means no hat, no play. School bucket hats will be available from the Uniform Shop on Wednesday morning before school and from the school office at other times. School hats are \$10. We also have summer school shirt, shorts and skorts in stock in a range of sizes

## Darling Range Sports College Transition Day for Year 6 Students

Just a reminder to Year 6 parents that Darling Range Sports College will be holding a transition day on **Thursday, 27 October** commencing at **8.50am** and concluding at **2.30pm**.

Students will need to arrive at the College by 8.50am, wearing their primary school uniform and are required to bring:

- Food for recess and lunch
- Water bottle, sunscreen, hat and school bag

Students will be required to be picked up at the conclusion of the day.

## ART SHIRTS WANTED

Due to the fire outside of the art room all our art shirts have been lost.

Do you have any spare shirts, towels, tea towels etc that you can donate to the school to replace these damaged items for the students to use.



## News from the Chaplain

### SHARING A FOOTHILLS CHRISTMAS!

We at Forrestfield Primary again have the opportunity to share in the collection of Christmas food and gifts for those in our area who may be worse off than ourselves. We are all invited to bring in an item or two from the lists below, to help brighten up someone else's Christmas time. The Food and Gift Parcels will be put together and delivered by the team of volunteers at "Sharing A Hills Christmas" from churches in our district. Our donated items can be left at school, in the reception area, as soon as possible and before the last week of school.

Thank you in advance for taking part in this opportunity to share the load of trying to make ends meet, so that some other families can have a nicer Christmas time. Meanwhile, don't forget that I am here for you. I am available for a chat or for appointments at school on Mondays and Tuesdays. *Best wishes from your school chaplain, Chris Judd.*

### Food Parcel Items

Christmas Puddings; Christmas Cakes  
Tinned Food; Tinned Meat; Tinned Hams; Tinned Fish  
Tinned Vegetables (corn, peas, etc); Tinned Fruit  
Custard; Cream (long life); Milk (long life)  
Tea; Teabags; Coffee  
Cool Drinks; Cider (non al.); Cordial  
Lollies; Potato Chips; Pretzels; Nuts  
Bon Bons; Fruit Mince Pies; Stuffing  
Shortbreads; Biscuits; Tinned Biscuits  
Wrapping Paper; Curling Ribbon

### Gift Items for

**Adults:** Talcum Powder, Biscuits, Chocolates, Soap, Tea Towels, Notepaper, etc

**Teenagers:** Toiletries, Makeup, Books, Games, CD's, etc

**Children:** Toys for various age groups, Books, Games, etc

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