



# Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



A harmonious innovative environment nurturing excellence.

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

What a great week we all had last week learning about Indian, Aboriginal, Italian, Polish and Indonesian culture and celebrating our **All Different, ALL Valued** motto. My sincere thanks to our parent community for the wonderful support we received during the week and of course providing all the delicious food. Special thanks to parents Tonia Gilbert, Ivonne Sukiman, Katarzyna Murawska, Nikki Bavadra and Wati Nairube and all our mums who came along to help us with lunch on Friday. We couldn't do it without you!



Page 3 of our newsletter captures some of the fun we all had!

Students from Year 5 and 6 and their teachers departed for camp this morning and will spend three nights at the **Camp Geographe** in Busselton. Over the three days students will visit Busselton Jetty and the Underwater Observatory, Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse and Ngilgi Caves.



Next week, all students will be participating in the first **Seedlings Assembly—Dealing with Friendships**. The program is sponsored by the Hawaiian Group, the owners of Forrestfield Forum. Assembly 2 will focus on **Dealing with Bullies** and teachers will also participate in an after school professional learning activity. The Seedlings Program has been designed to cultivate a positive school community where children grow with good character and care for their peers, family and the wider community. For more information about the program go to; <http://seedlingskids.com/>

## IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER

2-4	Year 5/6 Camp
4	1.30pm Kindy 2017 New Parent Meeting
8	EduDance
9	SIM Music TED Assembly Seedlings Assembly—Dealing with Friendships
16	Parent Newsletter
22	EduDance
25	12.30pm School Council Meeting
29	EduDance
30	Parent Newsletter



### Student Wellbeing Hub

The **School Well Being Hub** is a valuable resource for parents and children and can be accessed via the following link.

<https://www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/parents/primary#/>

The parent section includes useful information about many topics including starting school, developing strong home school links, the Kidsmatter program, bullying and online safety which may be helpful to support us to make your child's experience at school a happy one.

In preparation for **2017**, I am seeking **requests from parents as to class placement next year**. At this stage classes will be Kindy, Pre Primary, Year 1, Year 1/2, Year 3/4, Year 4/5 and Year 5/6. Please send me your request in writing by letter or email. All requests must include sound educational reasons.

All parents are invited to our next TED Assembly on Wednesday 9th November at 8.50am when the School of Instrumental Music (SIM) teacher, Deb Pattison and Year 6 electric guitar students will be performing for us.

*Diane Greenaway*

*Principal*

### SCHOOL SECURITY

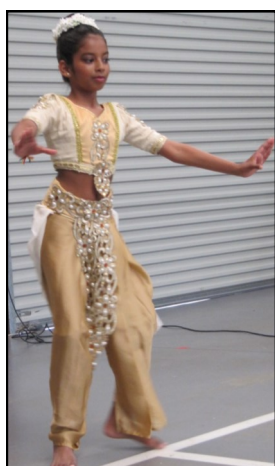
We ask parents to ring **School Security** on **1800 177 777** if you see suspicious activity after hours.

## STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Honour and Literacy Pro Certificates at last week's assembly. A special thank you goes to Senugi Rodrigo who looked beautiful as she performed a Sri Lankan dance called 'Mona Karumayado' meaning "Wake Up Sri Lanka".



Honour Certificates	
Room 1	Ethan Vidich, Anika Fry
Room 2	Ellouise Daisley-Green, Amir Alami, Daniel Branut
Room 4	Teukava Finau, Djiva Knight
Room 12	Tori Blackman, Mia Cooke
Room 13	Travis Websdale-Taylor, Milad Juma
Room 14	Jhourwon Rehu Ta'avale, Emelia Pilling Bland
Science/Sport	Isaac Trinidad, Jack Fernie Keep



## Deputy's Diary

### Missing school really adds up:

As the school year for 2016 enters its final 7 weeks, please consider the following statistics if you are tempted to let your children stay home for any reason other than illness. We still have almost 35 days of school attendance for this year left and a lot of important learning is still to occur. Also Term 4 is very important as end of year assessments take place and this is particularly important for our Year 6 students, as they transition to high school.

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".**





# Multicultural Week





## P & C News

### UNIFORM SHOP

#### Blue Bucket Hats AVAILABLE

Term 4 is NO HAT, NO PLAY

Bucket hats are available in a range of sizes for \$10 each. Available from the Uniform Shop 8.30-9am each Wednesday, and from the Front Office at other times.

### CANTEEN DAY IS FRIDAY

#### Keep cool with new summer treats in Term 4

We are now selling watermelon slices for 20c each, Icy poles for 50c and ice creams for \$1 are available at lunchtime.

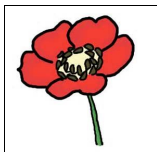


### SCHOOL BANKING

Friday is School banking. Students can deposit their money with Sarah at the Canteen.

### Poppies Available for Sale at the Front Office

For a gold coin donation poppies are available from the front office in memory of our soldiers who died as a result of war. All proceeds will be going to the Kalamunda Returned and Services League.



### Enrol now for VacSwim summer school holiday swimming lessons.

It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim December/January 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 [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming).

Enrolments close on Monday 28 November for the earlier programs and Monday 5 December for the second January program.

### WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK— Waterwise Specialists

As climate change continues to affect the amount of rainfall we receive, we can no longer rely on rainfall to charge our dams and ground water storage. This is why the Water Corporation is developing water sources, like desalination, that will not rely on rainfall in the future. As a community, we too are doing our best to teach our children to conserve our most precious resource.

You can do your bit by using a Water Corporation endorsed Waterwise Specialist wherever possible. Our Waterwise Specialists have been trained in the latest water saving techniques and can help you save water and money. Call 13 10 39 or visit [www.watercorporation.com.au](http://www.watercorporation.com.au) to find a Waterwise Specialist.

## News from the Chaplain

### Coping with Peer Pressure

As children become teenagers, the influence of their peers increases. They want to dress the same, act the same and do the same thing as the "in crowd".

**This is a normal part of growing up.** Your child's peers have an important role to play in their life. While much of the influence of their peers is positive, some of it is not. Peer group pressure can be very stressful for children. They want to fit in. Resisting Peer Pressure can mean being excluded from the group, so it can take a lot of courage for a child to refuse the "in crowd". You can help your child think about ways to deal with Peer Pressure. Starting a conversation is the start to helping grow your child's trust.

Here's an activity for you to try at home. You'll need about 15 minutes.

#### Talk to your child about peer pressure and share some of your own experiences. Ask...

- Have you ever been pressured to do something you didn't want to do? How did you feel about that and what did you do?
- What things might you be pressured about at high school?
- How would you refuse an offer of a cigarette or pressure to miss class?

You can even try practising how to deal with peer pressure at home. It may seem a bit odd at first, but your child will find it helpful.

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### Thank you from all of us!

A HUGE thank you to Katy Grosser for all her help teaching the students how to bead Australian animals for N.A.I.D.O.C. day during Multicultural Week, and to all families who cooked, prepared, supplied or helped with many other activities throughout Multicultural Week.

## VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Our focus virtue is currently **Honesty**  
and our focus behaviour is

**"When we enter and exit school grounds we..."**

We ask parents to reinforce these behaviours.

### When we enter and exit school grounds we ...

1. Walk onto, and away from school grounds in a respectful, responsible and safe manner.
2. Carry our bag, and other belongings responsibly.
3. Are not to play on playground equipment before or after school.
4. Report to the front office if you have not been picked up.