



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



A harmonious innovative environment nurturing excellence.

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

This week's newsletter highlights a very successful Year 5/6 Camp held at **Camp Geographe**, Busselton. Students and teachers had a wonderful time and I believe that many late nights were had by all as we can see by the exhausted students and teachers when they returned to school on Friday. Our thanks to Mrs Fowler and Ms Andrews for organising a great camp and all staff for giving of their time over the three days.



Last week Di Wilcox, the founder of the **Seedlings Program**, talked to all Pre Primary to Year 6 students about growing healthy friendships. She spoke about healthy and unhealthy friendships and about friendship weed control; THINK, AVOID MAKING THINGS WORSE, SAY HOW YOU FEEL, LISTEN TO HOW THE OTHER PERSON IS FEELING, BRAINSTORM IDEAS TO FIX THE SITUATION and FORGIVE AND FORGET.



IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

22	EduDance
25	12.30pm School Council Meeting
29	EduDance
30	Parent Newsletter

DECEMBER

7	TED Assembly
12	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
13	Reports home End of Year Concert and Awards Night
14	Parent Newsletter
15	Last day of school

**2017 School Year commences
Wednesday 17th FEBRUARY**

Di will be returning on Wednesday 30th November to talk to everyone about bullying and to work with our teachers so we are all using the same language to assist students to make friends and solve their problems. Look out for the Friendship Weed Control posters around the school and Parent Seedlings sessions in 2017.

A final reminder to parents that, 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 **by Friday 18th NOVEMBER 2016**. All requests must include sound educational reasons.

Similarly, if you know that you will be **leaving our school next year**, please inform the school office.

Diane Greenaway

Principal

SCHOOL SECURITY

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

SCHOOL OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (SIM) TED ASSEMBLY

Our thanks to SIM teacher Ms Deb Pattison for accompanying electric guitar students—Senugi, Jazlyn, Sarah and Halle-Rose at last week's assembly. Students performed the Theme from Harry Potter, Ariba, Song of Joy, Another Dime and Basic Blues. We were all very impressed as to how well they played. Well done girls! Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Honour and Virtues Certificates.



Virtues - Honesty

Room 1	Jay Cato, Mikyla Malaluan
Room 2	Dayna Plese, Germano Masino
Room 4	Jackia Little, Leon Redclift
Room 12	James Wynn, Noah Garcia
Room 13	Taliyah Minchin, Leigh Norton
Room 14	Bienaima and Joanna Kabamba

Honour Certificates

Room 1	Sarah Duff, Oliver Gilbert
Room 2	Connor Nicholas, Isaac Arnold
Room 4	Teukava Finau, Cherie Smith
Room 12	Natasha Badoola, Chris Pereira
Room 13	Aleysa Willis, Tracey-Anne Colbung
Room 14	Coby Blackman, Shannon Kirkpatrick, Nelah Hulton-Toleafoa
Science/Sport	Alicia Toleafoa, Noah Garcia

Deputy's Diary

The Problem of School Absenteeism:

What You Need to Know At a Glance

- Kids are considered chronically absent when they miss 10% of days in a school year for any reason. That equals 20 days of school.
- Many parents aren't aware of how many days their child is missing or the impact that can have on school success.
- Kids with learning and attention issues are more likely to be chronically absent from school.

The Role of Parents in School Absenteeism

- Parents often aren't aware of how much school their child is missing over the course of the school year. A missed day here and there may not seem like a big deal compared to missing several days in a row. But a few days every month can quickly add up to a lot of missed school in a year.
- Parents may think that if their child does the class work at home, it doesn't matter that he missed the instruction. They may also believe that regular attendance isn't as crucial in the earlier grades. Because of that, parents may be less hesitant to keep their child home from school.

The Impact of Missing School

- Missing school in the early grades can have a snowball effect. It sets kids up to fall behind in the fundamental reading skills they need in order to move on to more complicated work.
- Research shows how great the impact can be. A study in California looked at kids who were chronically absent in both kindergarten and first grade. By the end of third grade, only one in six of them was a proficient reader. But of the kids who missed less than 5 % of school, two-thirds were proficient.
- A study looked at kids who were chronically absent in kindergarten. In later grades, they scored 20% lower than their peers in reading and math.
- For some kids, frequent absences can become a long-term habit. Research shows that kids who are allowed to miss school when they're young are more likely to skip school when they're older. And that can lead to other consequences.
- Being chronically absent affects high school graduation rates and the chances for success in college. In a study only 11% of high school students with chronic absences made it to post-secondary education. That's compared to 51% of students who didn't miss that much school.
- Kids with learning and attention issues are even more vulnerable to the impact of chronic absences. It can be hard enough for them to master the lessons in school with the support of the teacher or aide. Trying to do it at home can make the work even harder.

Plus, each day of learning builds on the previous day. When kids miss a few days in a row, it can be hard to follow subsequent lessons. And when kids aren't in school, they're missing the opportunities to be identified for intervention and extra supports.

Remember 'every students needs to attend every day'



Highlights of the Year 5/6 camp



P & C News

Uniform Shop

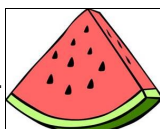
With only a few weeks to go until holidays, update your kids uniforms for 2017. School shirts will be going up in price next year – but you can still buy them now for \$25 each. Uniform Shop is open Wednesdays from 8.30-9am. Donate old uniforms to the Uniform Shop for re-sale through our second-hand sales.

Friday is Canteen Day

Hot Dogs (\$3) are back by popular demand for the rest of Term 4.

We're also selling watermelon for 20c a slice at recess and lunchtime.

Don't forget to order lunches at canteen before school on Fridays.



School banking

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



KIDS HOLIDAY COOKING CLASSES

Building a healthy relationship between your children and food is important and we are here to help!

In this 3-hour, fun filled kids cooking class, not only do we get your kids cooking up delicious and nutritious food but we get them doing some amazing food science experiments to show them what food that is high in sugar and salt does to their growing bodies.

We will have them gasping in horror at what goes in to processed meat and teach them how to make up nutritious smoothies, cookies and sausage rolls they will gobble up with ooh's and aah's and mmm's.

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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 Tuesdays and Wednesdays. *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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