



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



A harmonious innovative environment nurturing excellence.

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

With eleven school days to go before the end of the school year classes are hard at work finalising programs and preparing for the end of year events.

As we plan for end of year celebrations, we are also planning for 2017. **Based on our current numbers**, proposed teacher placement and classes will be;

Kindy – Mrs Georgia Young Room 16

Pre Primary – Mrs Arriane Matthews Room 14

Year 1 – Ms Leah Andrews Room 13

Year 1/2 – Mrs Carolyn Mackay Room 12

Year 3/4 - Mrs Rita Wisson Room 4

Year 4/5 – Mr Dylan O'Connor Room 3

Year 5/6 – Ms Leighanne Fowler Room 1

With student numbers constantly changing due to enrolments and transfers, classes are always subject to change, and we will update you in our first newsletter next year.

I had the pleasure of attending the **Darling Range Learning Community's Citizenship Awards** last Thursday night.

As a part of our leadership program, students in Year 5 commence their citizenship portfolio which is then completed in Year 6. Through this program, our students focus on and build leadership skills and active citizenship at school, at home and in the wider community.

Congratulations to;

1st place—Senugi Rodrigo

2nd place ---Saint Barnes

3rd place— Emmalee Finlay



Darling Range Sports College Principal Mr Peter Noack and award winners.

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

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| 7 | TED Assembly |
| 12 | 9.00am Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 5.45pm Year 6 Graduation Dinner |
| 13 | Reports home End of Year Concert and Awards Night (Students 5.30pm, Concert starts 6.00pm) |
| 14 | Parent Newsletter |
| 15 | Last day of school |

**2017 School Year commences
Wednesday 1st FEBRUARY**

Certificates of Commendation were also presented to Halle-Rose Abraham, Jazlyn Peters and Kaiden Smith (*present on the night*) and Haylee Clement, Anika Fry, Gage Woods, Mikyla Malaluan, Alyssa Hill and Olivia Garcia. .

Congratulations to all medal winners and well done all students who completed their portfolio.

Contributions and Charges for 2017 were sent home with all students yesterday. You will also receive 2017 **Personal Items Lists** in the next few days.

All families are invited to our final **TED Assembly** for the year **next Wednesday** commencing at 8.50am. TED will present certificates for Kindness and Ms Joelle Greenway, State Manager, Scholastic Australia will present our final Literacy Pro certificates and prizes.

Diane Greenaway

Principal

SCHOOL SECURITY

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

News from the Chaplain

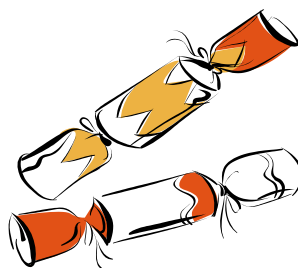
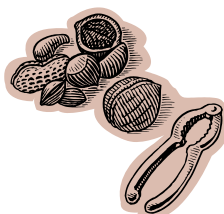
SHARING A FOOTHILLS CHRISTMAS! Please bring in Items by Wednesday the 7th of December

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 Finishing Wednesday the 7th December 2016

The Chaplaincy position at Forrestfield Primary School is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations under the *National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Programme*. The views expressed herein do not necessarily

Deputy's Diary

Study finds no safe level of missing school.

Missing just one day of school has negative consequences for a student's academic achievement, the first major study linking poor attendance to lower NAPLAN results has found. School attendance patterns established as early as year 1 can predict how often a student will show up to class right throughout high school, according to the research.

Australia is alarmingly slack when it comes to school attendance, with high school students skipping more days of school than almost any other developed country. Next Monday, the harmful effects of that absenteeism will be detailed by the results of a study to be presented at the Australian Council for Educational Research's annual conference. An analysis of the attendance records and NAPLAN results of more than 400,000 students from Western Australia found any absence of school leads to a slip in academic performance. The study dispels the common belief there is a safe level of absence students can get away with before their grades will suffer. "We were able to show that actually every day counts and days that you're missing in year 3 and year 5, we can detect that all the way through to year 9," the report's co-author Professor Stephen Zubrick from the University of Western Australia said.

"A 10 day period of unauthorised absence in a year is sufficient to drop a child about a band in the NAPLAN testing." The most startling finding, he said, was that students arrive in year 1 "with their school attendance careers already in their pockets". "For most children, year 1 sets the pattern for what school attendance will look like in the future," Dr Zubrick said. **"You're learning more than reading and writing. You're learning to show up."**

Please consider the above facts before allowing your child to have a "Day off School", as the research shows every day a child does not attend school impacts on their educational success. As we still have almost 3 weeks of school left in 2016 it would be great if we could see every student every day.



P & C News

Next meeting

The last P & C meeting is **THIS FRIDAY, 2nd December**.

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Staff Room from 2pm.

We'll be finished in time to collect the kids from class.

Join us for a cuppa and to hear how we've supported our kids' school this year.

Book Club – Orders due TOMORROW

Some great last minute Christmas ideas in this month's Book Club.

It's last one of 2016.

Remember all orders – go towards getting new books for our school.

So help out Forrestfield Primary – and finish your Christmas shopping.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on the last TWO Wednesdays of Term 4.

Remember school shirts will be increasing in price next year – so grab the next size-up for your kids before the end of 2016.

The Uniform Shop is also accepting donations of old uniforms for the Second Hand Shop.

Holiday Program!

Creative holiday fun January 2017



WHERE: Hartfield Park Recreation Centre
WHEN: Mondays & Fridays
6, 9, 13, 16, 20 & 23 January 2017
TIME: 9:15am – 12noon
COST: \$20 per child, per session
Enrol early as places are limited!

An interactive school holiday program for kids 5-12 to keep active and creative by engaging in a range of sports and crafts.

Hartfield Park Recreation Centre
P: 9359 1700
E: recreation@kalamunda.wa.gov.au
www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au/recreation
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A healthy morning
tea supplied!



ONLINE Registrations NOW OPEN

Auskick – Pre Primary to Yr 2
Juniors – Yr 3 to Yr 6
Youth – Yr 7 to Yr 10
Amateurs – WAAFL E Grade

To register for 2017, access the registration link at www.forrestfieldfootballclub.com or find us on Facebook
For further information contact registrar@forrestfieldfootballclub.com

COACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

AMATEURS – APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31 December 2016
JUNIORS/YOUTH – APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15 January 2017

Please forward all coaching applications to:
PO Box 99, FORRESTFIELD WA 6058 or
email to president@forrestfieldfootballclub.com

WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK— Taking showers

Long, hot showers not only waste water but heaps of energy too. Showers account for 36% of all water used inside the home, so an easy way to save is to keep your showers short. A 10 minute shower each day in a conventional 12 litres a minute shower uses approximately 43,000 litres of water each year. A 7 minute shower would use approximately 30,000 litres of water a year, a saving of approximately 13,000 litres



I show I care about
others and the
Environment.

