



# 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 our end of year events.

All parents are invited to our end of year **Concert and Awards Night** on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Kindy children will have their special concert and awards followed by a parent morning tea on the Tuesday morning and are then most welcome to join their parents for the concert night. The **Year 6 Graduation Ceremony** will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am. Students will also attend a dinner at school on Monday night.

As a part of the **Fogarty Edvance Program**, the **Hawaiian Group** which owns Forrestfield Forum, provided us with an excursion to the **Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research**. With a focus on "science as a human endeavour", students in Year 5 and 6 met medical researchers and learnt how they work to find cures for cancer and then explored the visual and multimedia display of the Institute's discoveries. Students spoke very highly of their time at the Institute and everything that they learnt and we thank the Hawaiian group for their gift to our students and scientists at the Institute for providing an insight in to the life of a medical researcher. The pictures on page 3 of this week's newsletter show our young scientists of the future and who knows, we may have a future Nobel Prize winner amongst our student group!



Last Tuesday night, I had the pleasure of attending the **Darling Range Learning Community's (DRLC) Citizenship Awards** at Darling Range Sports College. Through this program, our students focus on their active citizenship at school, at home and in the wider community.

Congratulations to;  
1st Prize—Ella McIntosh  
2nd Prize ---Alya Rohulla  
3rd Prize — Jason Bai

## IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER	
6	TED Assembly
11	9.00am Graduation Ceremony 5.45pm Year 6 Student Dinner
12	Kindy Concert End of Year Concert and Awards
14	Last Day of School for Students
2018	<b>SCHOOL STARTS WEDNESDAY 31st JANUARY</b>



School Council met on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November and approved our **Contributions and Charges** schedule which is included in this week's newsletter. Our **2018 School Development Days** have been set as follows;

**Term 1** - Week 1 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

**Term 2** – Week 1 - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 3** – Week 1 – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**Term 4** - Week 1 – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October and Week 10 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Please add these dates to your 2018 diaries.

*Diane Greenaway*

*Principal*

## CHOIR EXCURSION TO DONOVAN RETIREMENT VILLAGE



## Deputy's Diary

Follow these tips to support your child's writing at home.

- Provide a place for your child to write. ...  
Create a writing centre with paper, pencils and crayons
- Read, read, read! ...  
If your child reads good books, he will be a better writer. Reading exposes students to general vocabulary, word study and content-specific vocabulary. Through reading, students see a variety of authors' techniques that they can use in their own writing.
- Encourage your child to keep a reflective journal. ...  
This is excellent writing practice, as well as a good outlet for venting feelings.
- Provide authentic writing opportunities for your child. ...  
Have your child write his own thank-you notes, party invitations and letters to family. Let your child make the grocery list.
- Be a writing role model. ...  
Make sure your child sees you as a writer. Point out times that you use writing to communicate with others.
- Start a vocabulary notebook. ...  
Teach your child new words each week and encourage her to use them. Make it into a game and give points for using the new words.
- Ask questions.  
Always ask your child questions when he writes. Ask specific questions about your child's writing such as: "How did that happen?" "How did that make you feel?" "Can you tell me more about that..." "What are some other words you could use to describe...?"

*Sam Reich*

*Deputy Principal*



# OUR YOUNG SCIENTISTS OF THE FUTURE

Jonah : Harry Perkins accidentally discovered DNA cells and was amazed.



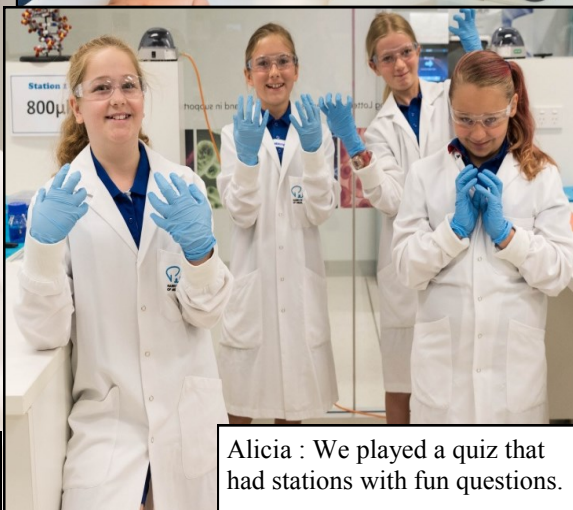
Harley : We learnt how to use a microscope.



Dani : In the lab we used pipettes to measure water in microlitres.



Alexis : We talked about heart disease, diabetes, DNA and cancer.



Alicia : We played a quiz that had stations with fun questions.



Ella : My favourite part of the day was when we were in the lab.

Photos courtesy of Hawaiian

**P & C NEWS****FINAL 2017 P & C MEETING**

The P & C met this afternoon for the final time this Year.

After nearly two years of fundraising, we were proud to donate \$10,000 to the School today for the new School Playground.

It's the end of an era for the Committee, with the Vice-President and Secretary positions now vacated.

The P & C is also looking to appoint a new Canteen Manager and School Banking Coordinator in 2018.

To find out more about joining the P & C Committee next year, message us on our Facebook page or let the office know.

**CANTEEN UPDATE**

**The Canteen will open as usual on Thursday in Week 8 (tomorrow) and Week 9.**

Students must order their lunch at the canteen BEFORE school.

On the final day of school in Week 10, which is also a Thursday, a special lunch fundraiser will be held to raise money for next year's Year 5/6 Canberra trip.

Details will be available closer to the day.

School Banking is also open this Thursday at Canteen.

**SCHOOL HATS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE UNIFORM SHOP AND THE FRONT OFFICE.**

Got a school shirt, jumper or jacket that no longer fits?

The Uniform Shop will gladly accept donations of uniforms still in good condition.

The uniforms are recycled for our second hand range.

**The Uniform Shop is open most Wednesdays from 8.30-9am.**

**News from the Chaplain****SHARING A FOOTHILLS CHRISTMAS!**

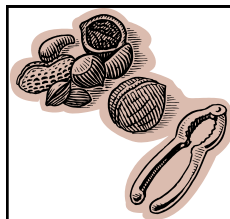
We at Forrestfield Primary again have the opportunity to share in the collection of Christmas food and gifts for those in our area who may be worse off than ourselves. We are all invited to bring in an item or two from the lists below, to help brighten up someone else's Christmas time. The Food and Gift 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, starting Week 1 Term 4 until 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.

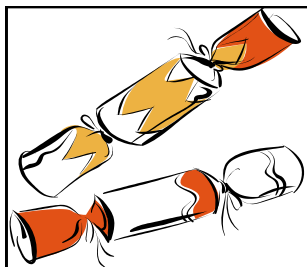
*Best wishes from your school chaplain, Chris Judd.*

**Food Parcel Items**

Christmas Puddings; Christmas Cakes  
Tinned Food; Tinned Meat; Tinned Hams; Tinned  
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



Fish

**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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**Fix leaking taps and toilets**

Fixing a leaking tap or toilet is usually simple and a licensed Waterwise Plumber can do the job. These leaks can waste up to 10,000 litres of water a year.

**VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS**

Our focus virtue is currently **Kindness**

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.

