



# Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,  
Welcome back to school everyone and a warm Forrestfield welcome to our new families.

It has been a very smooth start to the year with all students quickly settling in to their new classrooms. The children are to be praised for the way they have positively transitioned into their new classes and I am pleased to report that generally their behaviour have been impeccable. A BIG thank you to parents for ensuring students arrived on the first day wearing their school uniform. They look wonderful! Thanks to the P&C members who opened up the Uniform shop to make this possible.

Also a BIG thank-you to our Teachers and Education Assistants who worked so hard to ensure that their classrooms looked exciting and bright places to learn in when our students returned to school. Our school and grounds were clean, tidy and sparkling thanks to the efforts of our cleaners and gardener. So an EXTRA thank-you to all.

As you are aware there have been some changes in staffing and classroom structures. The Kindergarten class, in Room 16 is now being taught by Ms Young, with Ms Dunbar and Mrs Gough as Education Assistants. Year 1 is being taught by Ms Andrews and Year 1/2 by Mrs Mackay. Mrs Wisson is teaching Year 3/4, Mr O'Connor Year 4/5 and Mrs Fowler Year 5/6. We welcome Ms Nicole Baradziej back for the first 4 weeks of Term 1, teaching in Room 1, replacing Mrs Fowler whilst she is acting Deputy Principal. We are also very pleased to welcome back Mrs Rogers as our Science and Phys Ed specialist Teacher and DOTT provider to the Pre-Primary and Room 12.

We hope you enjoy the photos of our happy Kindy children on their first day of school and also our Pre-Primary students on their first day 'in the big school' on page 3. Any parent who would like a copy of a photo please contact the school office.

The 'Welcome Back to School Barbecue' will be held on **Wednesday 22nd February from 5.30pm—7.00pm** in the School Garden. We have organised a sausage sizzle and entertainment and invite our families to join us for this informal get together to meet your child's teacher. All teachers will be sending home their **Classroom Information**. If you have any questions, please catch up with them at the barbecue or ring the office to make an appointment. **PLEASE NOTE: This is an alcohol and non smoking family event.**

## IMPORTANT DATES

### FEBRUARY

15	Student Assembly P&C Meeting ( <i>following the assembly</i> )
22	Welcome to Forrestfield Barbeque 5.30pm—7.00pm
22	Parent Newsletter

### MARCH

1	Room 1 TED Assembly
6	Labour Day Holiday
8	Parent Newsletter
15	Student Assembly
20-24	Swimming Lessons Week 1
27-31	Swimming lessons Week 2
29	Room 3 TED Assembly

### APRIL

5	ANZAC Ceremony
7	Summer Carnival
7	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1</b>

Would you like to become a member of our **School Council**? Our Council is comprised of school staff, parents and community members and meets at least once a term with the aim of enhancing the education for all our students. I have included a nomination form with the newsletter. **Nominations close at 3.00pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

The **Term 1 planner** is also included with the newsletter. Look out for changes to dates or additional activities in the **Important Dates** section (above) each fortnight.

### SCHOOL SECURITY

We ask parents to ring **School Security on 1800 177 777** if you see suspicious activity after school hours.  
Please help us look after our school

## CLASS STRUCTURE 2017

Kindy	Rm 16	Ms Georgia Young
PP	Rm 14	Mrs Arriane Matthews
Yr 1/2	Rm 13	Ms Leah Andrews
Yr 2/3	Rm 12	Mrs Carolyn Mackay Mrs Sam Rodgers (Tuesdays)
Yr 3/4	Rm 4	Mrs Rita Wisson
Yr 4/5	Rm 3	Mr Dylan O'Connor
Yr 5/6	Rm 1	Ms Leighanne Fowler Miss Nicole Baradziej (Weeks 1 - 4)

### Our Specialist Teachers are:

Art	Mr Rob Gear
Garden/TAGs Art	Mr Rob Gear
Music	Mr Paul Borbas ( Tues and Wed)
Physical Education	Mrs Sam Rodgers
Science	Mrs Sam Rodgers

### Our Support Staff are:

AIEO	Mrs Sheree Pracy (Mon—Frid)
School Psychologist	Mrs Philippa Molloy (every second Tues)
School Nurse	Mrs Judy Stocks
School Chaplain	Mr Chris Judd

### Our Educational Assistants are:

Mrs Gaynor Gough	Mrs Sheree Keys
Miss Ciaira Dunbar	Mrs Jennifer Lanzon
Miss Danika Beatty	

### The Administration Staff are:

Principal	Ms Diane Greenaway
D/Principal	Mrs Janine Mason (Term 1)
Registrar	Mrs Karen Peel
School Officer	Mrs Marcia Squire
Library Officer	Mrs Marcia Squire
Gardener	Peter Batory
Cleaners	Mr Max Worung, Mrs Wati Nairube, Mrs Nicolette Bavadra.

## Deputy's Diary

I would like to wish everyone a big welcome back to Forrestfield Primary School for 2017. Hopefully everyone has had a great break and they are coming in with the batteries charged and ready for a busy year of learning.

Attendance is again a big area of focus for us at FPS, and it is important to remember, that if a student misses school, they are missing out on necessary learning. We require a minimum 90% attendance for the year, so if a student misses a day a fortnight, they will find themselves in an at risk category. If you have events coming up or perceive any issues which may impact on your student becoming at risk, please speak with the school so we can give you some direction on how to work through the problems.

Classes are back in full swing this week with exciting learning opportunities for students across the school. There has been movements between the classes this year, and both Staff and students are settling in well. Parents are always welcome to volunteer in their child's class. Ways to support your student at home can include asking them about their day and their learning, listen to them read, and in the older grades, do a little bit of times tables practice. These simple tasks can have a big impact on student learning and help them to improve their outcomes.

The annual Welcome to Forrestfield BBQ is being held on Wednesday 22nd February. Posters will be up around the school in the coming week with more information. We look forward to seeing all of our families in the Garden for this event.

Just a reminder that this year swimming again will be in Weeks 7 & 8 of Term 1. We are heading to Maida Vale Pool which we found worked well for the students last year.

Have a great week,

**Leigh Fowler**

## We are Swimming This Term

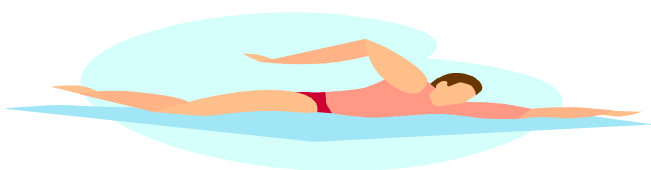
The cost is **\$50** per student PP to Year 6.

Lessons to be held at the Maida Vale pool.

Permission forms will be sent home next week.

Payments or part payments can be made at the school office any time.

In-term swimming commences Week 8 (20th March)  
and finishes end of Week 9 (31st March)



## SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES

Parents are reminded that children should not arrive at school until **8.30am** when classrooms are open and children are supervised by class teachers. Children attending Breakfast Club can arrive from **8.05am**





# OUR FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL!





### 3 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN AND PARENT GROUP

This year parents with or without young children are invited to attend our parent group. Drop into Room 5 every Thursday morning between 9am and 11.30am.

The children will have Pre-Kindergarten activities to do, while Parents will be able to get to know each other over a cuppa

This is a fantastic opportunity for parents and children to begin their schooling journey together. Computers will be available for personal banking and filling out form use only.

We will have members from different Agencies i.e. Health Professionals, Banks, Polytechnic, Local Government coming in throughout the year to assist with any questions you may have always wanted to ask.

Our first session this year will be on **Thursday 9th February**.

Mrs Sheree Pracy  
A.I.E.O.



## P & C News

Welcome back to school for 2017 to all our Forrestfield families.

We hope everyone had a great holiday!

### CANTEEN

The Canteen is back this Friday – serving a range a yummy recess & lunch options.

You should receive the Term 1 menu as an insert with this newsletter.

Canteen will only run once a week.

Students **MUST** order their lunch before school starts on Fridays to avoid disappointment.

### SCHOOL BANKING

School banking resumes this Friday.

Students with a Dollarmites account with Commonwealth Bank can deposit their savings with Sarah at the Canteen.

### UNIFORM SHOP

Have your kids outgrown their uniforms? Need new sizes?

The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesday 8.30-9am weekly, selling school shirts, faction shirts, bucket hats, jumpers and more.

Old uniforms can also be dropped at the Uniform Shop for the second-hand rack.

### WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK—Manage your irrigation control panel

It is easy to 'set and forget' your reticulation so it is important to continue to check that the system is working correctly.

As seasons change, so too does the water demand of the plants. In spring and autumn for example, you need only water once a week for 10 minutes per station and in winter, you don't need to water at all.

Also, check the back-up battery is fully charged. In a power black-out, if the battery is not charged, the settings revert to the factory settings and you may be watering outside your sprinkler days.

### VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Our focus virtue is currently

#### RESPECT

and our focus behaviour is

**"When the Siren Goes".**

We ask parents to reinforce these behaviours.



On the  
First siren



1. Stop your game
2. Pick up your equipment
3. Go to the toilet
4. Get a drink
5. Get ready to line up at your classroom door



### SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

A reminder that School Contributions and Text Book charges are now due.

Voluntary Contributions for 2017 are \$50 per child.

P & C Contributions for 2017 are \$10 for one child and \$20 for two or more children.

Text book charges for years Pre-primary - 6 is \$30.

**Your contributions are extremely important and supplement all school programs and activities. Please help us to provide the best education possible for your child/children.**

Your contributions, by part/full payment, can be paid at the office at any time by Cash, Cheque or Eftpos. Direct debit to our bank account can be made from home.

