



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

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. Soft drinks and bottled water will also be available. 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.)**

We would love to see all of our school community members attending on Wednesday night to help celebrate the beginning of the school year. Please note children and students can not attend unless they are accompanied by a supervising adult.

We have several school events coming up in the next month or so which you might like to add to your calendars. Wednesday the 15th March is the tentative date for the Summer Sports Carnival. Most students in years 4-6 will be attending and the cost of the bus fare to and from the event will be \$4.00 per student. When this date is confirmed with all schools in the DRLC notes and permission slips will be sent home next week.)

On Friday the 17th of March schools in the DRLC will hold a swimming carnival at Darling Range College. To participate students must have passed level 8 swimming certificate or above. The event will take place at Darling Range College and there is no cost to the students attending. The event will run from approximately 10 to 11.30am on the day. (Notes will be sent home with the identified students participating next week.)

NO HAT NO PLAY POLICY

I respectfully request that all parents ensure that their child has a school bucket hat or a wide brimmed hat to wear at recess and lunchtime and during outdoor sports. Peak caps are not acceptable. The Department of Education has a strict policy of enforcement with their 'No Hat no Play' policy and children who do not have a hat must play in the shade or in the undercover area. Having restricted play areas causes distress to some students. Your cooperation with this appreciated.

From the Principal's Desk

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

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	Tentative date for the Summer Sports Carnival
17	Darling Range College Swimming Carnival
22	Student Assembly (Moved from the 15th to accommodate the carnivals)
20-24	Swimming Lessons Week 1
27-31	Swimming lessons Week 2
29	Room 3 TED Assembly

APRIL

5	ANZAC Ceremony
7	LAST DAY OF TERM 1

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.

Nominations close at 3.00pm on Friday 24th February and must be handed to the Principal

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

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all our award winners at our last Student Assembly. Our next TED Assembly is Wednesday the 1st of March at 9.00am. All parents, families and friends are welcome.



Honour Certificates	
Rm 1	Jack Fernie-Keep, Atiya Rohullah
Rm 3	Jaxon Stone, Rowan Dyson
Rm 4	Tanaka Chiwawa, Tori Blackman
Rm 12	Jorja Groococh, Rhys Fahy
Rm 13	Cody Blackman, Jack Bai
Rm 14	Skylar Peyroux, Enele Bavadra
Sport/ Science	Jack Moodie, Casey Slater, Cody Blackman

Chris from Swan Districts Football Club and Greg from Forrestfield Football Club came along to talk to the students about the new football season that is about to start. Chris asked some questions of the students and some lucky students won prizes. As registration day was last Sunday, parents can still register by going to Hartfield Park and speaking with the club officials.



Deputy's Diary

It's been a busy few weeks at Forrestfield Primary School with heaps of exciting work being done in the classrooms and wonderful work being brought to the office. There is nothing better to brighten our day than an office full of students excitedly showing off their efforts. I certainly hope to continue seeing this well into the year.

I have loved seeing the sea of blue bucket hats and uniforms in the playground and at our assemblies. I have been extremely pleased with the standard of dress so far this term. And I commend parents on helping your children remember to wear school uniform, bring their hats and the lunches...just WOW! I have seen some remarkably delicious lunches in my travels around the school and I have been in awe of parents' culinary skills.

Attendance so far this year has also been commendable. Our top attendance class had an outstanding 96% attendance and it was very closely followed by the other classes. Please remember to provide your class teacher with a note if your child is absent as soon as possible after the event.

Keep sending in the health forms which are important for the appropriate care for your child while at school and for any excursions they may take and we are still taking fee payments through the front office. The lovely ladies in the office are always happy to help or answer any queries you may have.

I am looking forward to seeing our parents, grandparents and students (past and present) at the Welcome to Forrestfield BBQ this afternoon in our amazing garden.

Leigh Fowler



Common Room Rules

- 15 Minutes on Wii
- No Running
- No Yelling
- No fighting
- No sports equipment
- No Inappropriate Language
- Shoes must be left on at all times
- Show respect to staff and other students
- The use of the room is dependant on in

Years 5 & 6 Common Room



News from the Chaplain

Every morning Forrestfield runs a free breakfast club in the old canteen, near the uniform shop. We provide children with a free nutritious breakfast (toast, eggs, pancakes, cereal, fruit, milk, milo) with all food donated by Manna.



Research has shown that children that have breakfast will perform better and longer in the classroom. If you want some reading on the subject check this link out:

<http://healthyeating.sfgate.com/benefits-eating-breakfast-students-7697.html>

We open the doors for breakfast at 8:00am and we close them at 8:25am, which means the students have enough time to make it to class. We have a staff member present so your children will be supervised.

If you would like to come and check out what we do we would love to invite you to have a cuppa and see our breakfast club in action.

If you would like to have a chat with me about anything at all, I am available Tuesday and Wednesday or you can email me at chrisj@youthcare.org.au

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P & C News

The first P & C Meeting for 2017 will be held next Monday, 27th February.

All parents – even grandparents – are warmly invited to join us for a cuppa, cake and a chat about how we can help make a difference for our school.

The meeting will be held in the Staff Room at 9am.

If you have younger children, please feel welcome to bring them

CANTEEN

Canteen will be serving recess and lunch this FRIDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

Lunches must be pre-ordered at the Canteen BEFORE school.

There will be NO canteen on FRIDAY 3rd AND 10th MARCH.

There will also be **NO school banking** on the SAME dates.



UNIFORM SHOP

A limited range of discounted second-hand uniforms are on sale on Wednesdays from 8.30-9am.

Good-quality school shirts, faction shirts, jumpers, jackets, shorts and skirts can be donated to the Uniform Shop at the same time or drop them at the office.

WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK—Water the garden -not the road

Ensure that your reticulation is watering the garden and not the road, driveway or pavement. Not only does your garden not get watered, thousands of litres of water are wasted. Remember to check your system regularly and replace worn nozzles or broken seals. Installing a tap timer will help you to control the amount of water you apply to your lawn or garden, so no water is wasted unnecessarily. Remember in summer any more than 15 minutes watering goes below the roots and is wasted.



LESMURDIE
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Lesmurdie Extension and Acceleration Program (LEAP) an Approved Specialist Program in Science and Mathematics for students from Years 7 to 9 gives children opportunities to explore their talents and extend their learning at a specialist level. If your child is entering Year 7 in 2018 you can apply for selection. Testing will take

place at the school on **Saturday 25th March 2017**, commencing at 8.45am.

Information and application forms are available on the LEAP page at lesmurdie.wa.edu.au or telephone Jessica Cabbage LEAP Coordinator, on 9291 1247.



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.

