



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

The new fencing around our Kindy/Pre Primary play area is coming along nicely and parents can get a feel of how the enlarged play area and enclosed bike rack compound will look. All gates will be self-closing and, once in place, external gates will continue to be locked during the day.



The large marri tree at the entrance to the school has been removed and the area will be brick paved. Sections of the tree have been positioned in our nature strip for children to play on.

A warm Forrestfield welcome to Mrs Deb Pattison who is our new **School of Instrumental Music (SIM)** electric guitar teacher. Mrs Pattison will be teaching our Year 6 students on Thursday afternoon.



Swimming lessons commence for all students in Pre Primary to Year 6 next Monday. All students will participate in nine lessons at Aqua Tots Maida Vale. We hope that rescheduling lessons to term 1 will assist parents budgeting.

REMINDER—Student Health Care Summary and Social Media Request due back to school urgently.

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

11	School Banking—Account Opening Day
14	Swimming Lessons commence
16	Student Assembly
25	Swimming lessons conclude
25 –29	Easter Holidays

APRIL

6	Room 2 TED Assembly P&C AGM Parent Newsletter
8	Anzac Ceremony Last day of term.

TERM 2 STARTS TUESDAY 26TH APRIL

I received two nominations for **School Council**; Mrs Emma Jane Grierson and Mrs Nicole Fernie-Keep. As both parents were valued members of Council last year and are keen to continue, they are elected to Council for a two year period. Our first School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th March commencing at 2.00pm.

All parents are welcome to attend our next **Student Assembly** on Wednesday 16th March commencing at 8.50am in the covered assembly area then join us for morning tea in the kitchen following the assembly.

The **next meeting of the P&C** will be held on Wednesday 16th March following the assembly. As this meeting is the AGM, I urge as many parents/family members as possible to join us so we can elect office bearers for 2016.

Diane Greenaway **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 COUNCILLORS AND FACTION CAPTAINS



Congratulations to our new Student Councillors: Halle-Ross Abraham, Alyssa Hill, Anshika Mehla, Senugi Rodrigo, Jazlyn Peters, Kaiden Smith, Jack Coffey and Saint Barnes.

Congratulations also to our new **House Captains and Vice Captains** of our factions:

Hawtin: - Captains - Jazlyn Peters, Gage Woods

Vice Captains - Senugi Rodrigo, Ben Sullivan

Hale: - Captains - Alyssa Hill, Kaiden Smith

Vice Captains - Emmalee Finlay, Brenton Wedge

Forrest:- Captains - Haylee Clemett, Saint Barnes

Vice Captains - Ella McIntosh, Jack Coffey

Honour Certificates	
Rm 1	Jack Coffey, Gage Woods
Rm 2	Isaac Arnold, Savannah Garcia, Harley Jarosz
Rm 4	Badel Kabamba, Casey Slater
Rm 12	Noah Garcia, Alexandra Shields
Rm 13	Bree-Anna Vidich, Ashlyn Forrest
Rm 14	Lachlan Bruce, Jhet Herve-Perham
Rm 17	Avneet Bhullar, Dino Calabro

Virtues—Respect	
Rm 1	Jeanelle Peyroux, Kaiden Smith
Rm 2	Ella McIntosh, Saira Finlay
Rm 4	Alicia Toleafoa, Adrian Howe
Rm 12	Tanaka Chiwawa, Ataullah Rohullah
Rm 13	Kaitlin Bavadra, Shivani Anandkumar
Rm 14	Ritika Bist
Rm 17	Tiffany Little

Deputy's Diary

Another big fortnight at Forrestfield Primary School and the long weekend was much needed and came at exactly the right time for staff and students alike. We had a visit from the Fremantle Dockers who spoke to the older students about goal setting and making good lifestyle choices to give yourself a better start in life, and were told by Fremantle Full Back Zac Dawson that is you want to be really popular and famous, you need to play in the forward line and not as a defender.

It is going to be an action packed end of the term with a nine lesson swimming program starting next week. We do apologise for the late notice on this year's program, but we had to wait for confirmation from In Term swimming before we were able to send home the notes. The reason for the change is to lighten the financial burden to parents at the end of the year and to reduce the interruptions with programs such as EduDance and the graduation preparations running simultaneously.

We are delighted with the great attendance at the start of the year, the best in six years, but encourage you to keep the students coming every day. Students frequently attending school is one of the greatest indicators to improving performance and even missing a few days can have a negative impact. This image was supplied by the Western Australian Primary Principal's Association and is a good indicator of how missing school impacts on students in the long term. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Steve Matthews Deputy Principal

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses.....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's.....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	nearly 1½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/She is only missing just.....	That equals.....	Which is.....	& over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	nearly 1½ weeks per year	nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1hr 40mins per week	over 2½ weeks per year	nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	nearly 1½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	over 2½ years

FORRESTFIELD ACTIVITY CENTRE

Come and join the fun in Room 5, had by both children and parents on Thursdays between 9am-12pm.

Last Thursday the parents made Easter Bunny Ears while their children happily played various activities. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Morning tea and coffee provided.



News from the Chaplain



Term 1 has been a busy term, everyone settling in, making new friends and catching up with old friends. Summer is ending and we are getting into the cooler months. This year I would like to make my office space open on a Tuesday and Wednesday, lunchtime, for students to come and hangout, play games and just chat.

What I would love is if you had any old board games, Lego, soft toys or really anything fun (and is safe) laying around that you would like to donate to make the environment more enjoyable for the kids? If you do please feel free to come and see me on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

My office space will be a safe space for students to come and hang, make friends and be themselves. The students will be supervised and they will come in after they have eaten their lunch. Normal school rules will apply.

If you have questions about this or anything else, feel free to contact me at the school or via email

chrisj@youthcare.org.au

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P & C News

No school banking this Friday: students will be unable to bank their money at school on Fridays until a replacement is found for our School Banking Coordinator Sarah, who has broken her leg and is on doctor's orders to rest. The registration day for new members has also been delayed.

Easter Raffle: Please remember to send in your donation for the Easter Raffle by **next Monday, 14th March**. Raffle tickets have also been sent home. Each student will get 10 tickets to sell for \$1 each. **Ticket stubs are due back by next Tuesday 15th March**. The winners will be drawn at the Student Assembly on Wednesday, 16th March.

Canteen Update: A new selection of hot meals has been added to the canteen menu on Fridays. The pasta dishes will be available for \$4 each.

Forrestfield Primary P & C Annual General Meeting is on **Wednesday 16th March**. Everyone is welcome.

Corymbia Multicultural Festival

Saturday 12 March 2016, 2.00pm—7.00pm

The annual Corymbia Festival is returning to Hartfield Park on Hale Road in Forrestfield on Saturday 12 March 2016 from 2.00pm to 7.00pm offering a variety of free activities and entertainment, as well as multicultural food vans and market stalls for the whole family to enjoy!

Immunisation Clinics

Covering: Forrestfield and Surrounding Areas

Woodlupine Family and Community Centre, 88 Hale Road Forrestfield is holding immunisation clinics every 1st and 3rd Thursday in the month from 9.30am—12.00pm. Appointments are required and can be made by phoning **6151 1308**. Please bring your baby's purple book to the appointment. The next clinics will be held on Thursday 17th March and 7th of April.

WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK—Install a bore

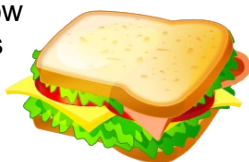
In the warmer months up to 70% of all household water is used on the garden. Installing a garden bore will give you huge savings on your scheme water use and you may even be eligible for a Waterwise Rebate. If used responsibly and located in an area away from the ocean, river systems and wetlands, bores can be an environmentally friendly way to keep your garden healthy.

ZERO WASTE LUNCH DAY

Every Wednesday this year our School is holding Zero Waste Lunch Day !!!!!

We encourage all children to bring their lunch and recess in a re-usable container— like a lunch box or takeaway plastic food container. Please try not to use any plastic wrap like Gladwrap, plastic wrappers, plastic bags etc.

Zero waste lunch days are linked to our Sustainability Focus for 2015 and makes kids and parents aware of what we throw out and our need to recycle as much as possible.



SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

A reminder that School Contributions and Text book levies are now due.

Voluntary Contributions for 2016 are \$50 per child.

P & C Contributions for 2016 are \$10 for one child and \$20 for two or more children.

Text book levy for years 1 - 6 is \$25.

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.

