



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

After my four week holiday break, it was a joy to return to school and see happy smiling faces, classrooms focused on learning and literacy support programs operating effectively across the school. My thanks to Mrs Mason and Mrs Fowler for their leadership, our teaching and support team for all their hard work and of course all parents and guardians for ensuring students are at school with their personal items and are dressed in school uniform.

This week's newsletter features our **Welcome Back to Forrestfield Family Night**. I enjoyed meeting new families and chatting to everyone and it was great to see so many families join us in the garden for the sausage sizzle.

I am pleased to announce our Semester 1 Student Councillors, Faction Captains and Vice Captains. All students were presented with their badges at last week's assembly.

Student Councillors for Semester 1 are: Ella McIntosh, Alexis Duffy, Atiya Rohulla, Harley Jaroz, Oliver Gilbert, Bradley Little, Jay Cato and Jonah Capewell.



Faction Captains and Vice Captains for Semester 1 are:

Forrest : Captains - Ella McIntosh, Isaac Arnold
Vice Captains - Zuzanna Murawska, Jack Fernie-Keep

Hale : Captains - Atiya Rohullah, Bradley Little
Vice Captains - Saira Finlay, Wellington Chiwawa

Hawtin : Captains - Sariah Hulton, Jay Cato
Vice Captains - Breehanna Lampard, Jack Moodie
(In Sariah's absence Bree will be captain and Celeste Pereria Vice Captain)

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

13	Dental Therapy Centre screening—PP, Yr 3 and 6
15	8.55am Student Assembly P&C AGM—following the assembly
17	DRLC Summer Sports Carnival School Council Meeting —TBC
22	Parent Newsletter DRLC Year 5/6 Parent Night Swimming Lessons begin
29	Room 1 TED Assembly
31	Swimming lessons conclude



I am delighted to report that four parent nominations were received for the vacant **School Council** position. In accordance with our Terms of Reference, we are posting voting slips to all families with each parent having voting rights. When you receive your election letter, please tick one candidate, place it in the envelope provided and return to the school office by Friday 24th March. Good luck candidates.

All parents are welcome to attend our next **Student Assembly** on Wednesday 15th March commencing at 8.50am in the covered assembly area. Our P&C will be holding their AGM following the student assembly and I urge as many parents/family members as possible to join us so we can elect office bearers for 2017.

Diane Greenaway **PRINCIPAL**

TED ASSEMBLY

Room 3 has been learning about State and Federal Government. As a part of their learning they presented a lively discussion showcasing how Ministers debate issues before laws are made. Congratulations students and congratulations also to all our award winners .



Virtues—Respect	
Rm 1	Wellington Chiwawa, Alexis Duffy
Rm 3	Sophie McIntosh, Noah Garcia
Rm 4	Tori Blackman, Rick Vidich
Rm 12	Audrey Ugle, Avneet Bhullar
Rm 13	Mikayla Mitchell, Cole Bamford
Rm 14	Charlotte Overton

Honour Certificates	
Rm 1	Breehanna Lampard, Oliver Gilbert
Rm 3	Jemima Dhungala, Noah Garcia
Rm 4	Mikaela Finlay, William Kelly
Rm 12	Eva Browne, Ava Peters
Rm 13	Nayab Jaffari, Joanna Kabamba
Rm 14	Mariam Rauf, Annabelle Daisley-Green
Sport/Science	Charlie Grierson, Rick Vidich

Deputy's Diary Everyday at School Matters

I would like to start by thanking all parents for supporting our school's 'Attendance Drive' as we currently have 85% of students in the regular attendance category at the moment. I still want to see this figure increase to well above 95%, so please ensure that your child attends school every day, unless they are sick. Often as parents we tend to think that letting children, especially the younger ones, have a day off school here and there will do no harm. The article below clearly outlines the impact on your child's academic success, that having such an approach to school attendance can have on your child's educational outcomes and is food for thought.

Although students must be present and engaged to learn, thousands of this country's youngest students are academically at-risk because of extended absences when they first start school. Nationally, an estimated one in 10 kindergarten and Year One students are chronically absent (i.e. miss nearly a month or more of school over the course of a year). Absenteeism in the early years of schooling can reach even higher levels in particular schools and districts. The good news is that chronic early absence can be significantly reduced when schools, communities and families join together to monitor and promote attendance, as well as to identify and address the factors that prevent young students from attending school every day.

A new study commissioned by Attendance Works suggests that attendance in the early grades is critical to sustaining the school readiness skills that preschool or Head Start programs can help children to develop. This study examined the progress of 640 young children where research has consistently shown a strong correlation between a high score on their local school readiness assessment measure and third grade reading proficiency. But students who arrived at school academically ready to learn but then missed 10 percent of their kindergarten and first grade years, scored on average, 60 points below similar students with good attendance on third-grade reading tests. In Mathematics, the gap was nearly 100 points.

Just another reason to support the argument that 'Every Day at School Matters'!



Welcome Back to Forrestfield Primary School Barbeque



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 we have opened up a Common Room for the Year 6's, a brilliant idea from Ms Keys. This is a safe place for the Year 6's to come and be themselves.

Normal school rules apply to the common room, and the students are supervised. What we would love is some more things for the students to do in the room. If you have old board games, cards etc. that you are no longer using, please donate them to the school.

We are also looking for volunteers that have a Working With Children's check that would be willing to come and help during Breakfast Club time. We would love anyone that is willing to give up time in the morning to help feed some of the students. If that sounds like you, please contact the office for more details.

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

chrisj@youthcare.org.au (Chris Judd)

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P & C News

The P & C will hold its Annual General Meeting next **Wednesday 15th March** after the Student Assembly. Please join us in Mrs Parker's Pantry as we enjoy a cuppa and cake, while we also elect the P & C Office Bearers for 2017 and begin to plan for the next 12 months.

Fundraising

At last week's P & C Meeting, it was agreed that our first fundraising event for 2017 will be the Easter Raffle and Colouring-In Competition.

All families are asked to donate Easter Eggs or other Easter-themed chocolate for the prizes. A note with more information will be sent home soon.

Uniform Shop

Did you know that the Uniform Shop accepts donations of old uniforms that your kids have outgrown?

Pre-worn uniforms are washed and then added to our Second Hand Rack at a heavily discounted price. The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesday 8.30-9am.

Canteen

The Canteen will again be CLOSED this Friday. Instead, the school is running a Pie Day - to raise funds for next year's Year 5/6 Camp.

A note went home last week advising that pies and sausage rolls would be available for \$3, as well as juice boxes and water for \$2.



Lunches must be ordered before school. There will be no food and drink service at recess.

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.



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 Cubbage LEAP Coordinator, on 9291 1247.



VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Our focus virtue is currently

RESPONSIBILITY

and our focus behaviour is

"Transition between classes".

We ask parents to reinforce these behaviours.

