



# Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



A harmonious innovative environment nurturing excellence.

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Congratulations to all of our Year 3 & 5 students who did a tremendous job of their NAPLAN testing last week. NAPLAN can be a stressful time for students but the great preparation from our teachers and the positive energy the students brought to the testing week was outstanding. We are very proud of all of their efforts and look forward to getting the results back in September.

Term 2 is shaping up as a busy one at FPS with a number of classes organising incursions and excursions. Room 1 is heading off for Tree Planting next week as a fundraiser for end of year activities, and also a way of further reinforcing our schools sustainability focus. Here is hoping the weather is kind or there may be some muddy shoes and socks making their way home that afternoon. Room 2 is heading off to the Fremantle Prison on Thursday May 26th to link in with their History studies this term.

Next week's assembly is a celebration of TED's 7th Birthday. Our Pastoral Care Committee has some great activities planned. We will have a Birthday cake to share with all and look forward to seeing a big number of families and caregivers at 9am to join us in both the celebration and the morning tea to follow. TED is not getting any younger, and we are looking forward to hearing what interesting activities he got up to over the School Holidays.

Our school admin team will be out of the school Thursday & Friday of this week to attend out next 2 day Fogarty workshop session. The Fogarty Program is providing the school with some invaluable feedback through surveys and helping us to align our direction for the next 3 years to ensure that we are always looking for ways to improve the quality of education we offer to all of our students at FPS. Mrs Mason will be sitting in the Principals position, so we know the school is in great hands.



## IMPORTANT DATES

MAY	
18	Parent Newsletter
25	Room 12 TED Assembly TEDS' 7th Birthday
JUNE	
6	WA DAY HOLIDAY
7	School Development Day <b>Students do not attend school</b>
15	Student Assembly P & C Meeting Parent Newsletter
24	Winter Carnival
29	Room 4 TED Assembly

Thanks to the tireless members of the P&C who ran the Mother's Day stall this year. The opportunity for students to browse and purchase gifts was great and it generated a lot of excitement around the school. Also thanks for the great job being done in the canteen. This week was National Volunteer Week and we recognise that these generous people provide a fantastic service to our school and they have our thanks. Please remember to use the canteen on a Friday, as all the funds go back into providing valuable opportunities for your students. The rolls are sensational.

Thanks for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing all parents and caregivers at and around the school in the next couple of weeks.



## SCHOOL SECURITY

We ask parents to ring **School Security on 1800 177 777** if you see suspicious activity after hours.

## Mother's Day Afternoon Tea.

The Junior Cluster student's, ably assisted by their teachers, held a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May for all their 'wonderful mums'. The Afternoon Tea was a great success and their mums enjoyed a gourmet spread made by the students. The students made scones with jam and cream, beautifully iced and decorated mini cupcakes, delicious slices and a fruit platter. In addition the students pampered their mums, with a Nail Bar, Photo Booth and with hand massages. A Big thank-you to the mums who attended and to all the staff who worked so hard to make the day the success it was.



## Deputy's Diary

The language experiences that children have before they start school help to form multiple and powerful brain connections. These connections are used for language, thinking and understanding. Without activities like talking, singing and reading, the brain doesn't develop this rich network of connections.

Over the next 6 newsletters we will include an article on one of the topics listed below, expanding on tips you can use to assist your child to become proficient readers.

Literacy is most commonly understood as reading and writing. Before children can read and write, they need to learn about sounds, words, language, books and stories. You have a vital role to play in helping your child with early literacy development. There are six essential stages of developing Literacy skills and awareness.

- Encouraging literacy development.
- Communicating; its importance to literacy development.
- Reading; its importance to literacy development.
- Rhyme; its importance to literacy development.
- Signs of early literacy difficulties.
- Helping your school aged child with literacy development.



### Encouraging Literacy Development

The growth of literacy skills is a vital part of your child's overall development. It's the foundation for doing well at school, socialising with others, developing independence, managing money and working.

But before your child learns to read and write, they need to develop the building blocks for literacy. That is the ability to speak, listen, understand, watch and draw.

With time, and your support, your child will also come to understand the connection between letters on a page and spoken sounds. For this to happen, they'll need plenty of experience with:

- pictures and objects – how you can use words to talk about them.
- letters and words – their shapes, sound and name sounds – how words can rhyme, begin and end with the same letters, can be broken up into parts; for example, syllables can be formed by blending different sounds, and so on.

This will prepare your child for school, when they start learning the more formal aspects of literacy. You can help your child's literacy development by communicating with them, reading with them and teaching them about sounds in ways that are fun for both of you.

Deputy Principal  
Steve Matthews





# Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mums.





## P & C News

### Mother's Day Stall.

We hope all our Mums and Grans had a wonderful Mother's Day recently! The P & C's Mother's Day stall sold a staggering 167 gifts over the two days. It was wonderful to see the students thoughtfully purchasing their presents for mum.

### School Banking

School Banking is now every fortnight. That means students can make deposits every second Friday at Canteen. The next School Banking Day is THIS FRIDAY

### Book Club

Orders are due back to school TOMORROW! Not only is it a great way to encourage your kids to read, part profits from the Book Club go back to our school!

### Canteen

The Canteen has some great winter warmers for these cooler days and healthy lunches to keep those colds at bay. Homemade Sausage Rolls are available for \$2 each, Pies for \$3 and Party Pies for 2 for \$3. Our Ripper Rolls and Super Sandwiches have a salad option of tomato, cucumber, carrot, lettuce and cheese. A healthy end to the week!

### Volunteers

You might have noticed some new faces in the canteen lately.

It's been wonderful to have some extra volunteers!

We have a canteen roster in the School Office. If you would like to help out, please put your name and phone number on the dates when you're available and we'll be in touch!

### Uniform Shop

Zip jackets, windcheaters and tracksuit pants are available in a range of sizes right now.

The uniform shop is open every Wednesday morning.

The Next **P & C Meeting** is Wednesday 15th June following the Student Assembly.

## ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES

### HELPING HANDS OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

A survey form went out with our last newsletter from **HELPING HANDS OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)** to get feedback from our families regarding opening a centre in our school. Please complete this survey and return it to the Administration Office by **Friday 20th May 2016**. There are additional copies of the survey available at the front office if required.



### WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK—

#### Waterwise Tip - Waterwise Gardens

Keep planted areas dense and consolidated and group plants according to their water requirements. Sparse scattered plants are more difficult to water efficiently than those in defined areas.

Make use of windbreaks, pergolas, screens, lattice, shade cloth and vines to shelter the house, outdoor living areas and plants.

- Maximise the use of non-planting treatments such as paving and mulches whilst at the same time being aware of the risk of creating hot spots due to large areas of unshaded paving.

Regularly check your irrigation system is working correctly and when replacing broken sprinklers, always replace like with like.

### VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Our focus virtue is currently  
**Courtesy**  
and our focus behaviour is

**“When we have assembly we...”**

We ask parents to reinforce these behaviours.

