



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

This term we have made some staff changes. Mrs Mason is on leave and Mr Gear will be Deputy Principal Monday to Thursday and Mrs Fowler on Friday. Mr Keith Mackay has joined our team and will be working with Mr Gear taking art and supporting whole school programs.



Our wonderful staff have worked together to take on roles, ensuring our school continues to operate effectively and there is minimal disruption to class learning programs.

My thanks to all parents of students in Years 3 and 5 for ensuring that children were at school for **NAPLAN testing**. We are very proud of all students for trying so hard during the test sessions and look forward to receiving the results in September.

Parents of students in Pre Primary, Year 1 and 2 will receive reports today from last term's **On Entry Literacy and Numeracy** testing. This testing, which occurs in Term 1, differs from NAPLAN in that it is assessing for learning rather than of learning. Testing is one-on-one, with your child's teacher assessing key Literacy and Numeracy skills, the results of which guide the planning and delivery of targeted learning programs. Please make an appointment with your child's teacher should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's results.

Our thanks to our wonderful P&C Mums who ran the **Mother's Day Stall** this year. Students were very proud of their purchases and we hope everyone enjoyed their specially selected gifts.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

19	Yr 6 Interschool Basketball Carnival
24	Room 4 TED Assembly TED's 8th Birthday
31	Parent Newsletter

JUNE

5	WA Day Holiday
9	School Council Meeting
14	Parent Newsletter
23	Winter Carnival
28	Room 12 TED Assembly Parent Newsletter



All parents are invited to next week's **TED Assembly** when the children in Room 4 will be presenting the item. This is a special day for TED as it is his 8th Birthday. We hope you'll join us for morning tea after the assembly to celebrate with us.

Diane Greenaway
PRINCIPAL

ROOM 12 GEOGRAPHY

During term one the students in room 12 have been studying Geography. We have looked at all the different continents in the world (7 to be exact!) and where they are in relation to us. We had lots of fun getting our hands messy making some paper mache globes and then we consolidated our learning by gluing all of the continents on. We then looked at our connection to our immediate and distant surroundings focusing on students: individual selves; street; suburb; state; country; continent and; planet. The end result of all our hard work is an outstanding display in the wet area next to our classroom. Come and check it out if you have the time!



Deputy's Diary

Writing Program Term 2

Dear Parents

Due to unforeseen circumstances Mrs Mason will be absent from school for the remainder of this term. I have been asked by Ms Greenaway to replace her for this period of time.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you regarding our writing program.

We have adopted a whole school approach to use the community garden as a stimulus for innovative and real life learning. Once a week the students will participate in a garden session taken by me, where they will listen for 15 minutes to the topic of the day. They will then participate in individual and collaborative learning experiences for 30 minutes then write for 45 minutes in small groups. This session is supported by Admin and Ms Greenaway has enjoyed working on writing skills with her small groups of students.

The purpose of these sessions is to focus on specific writing skills. We have been using a technique called "Quick Writes" which are shorter writing tasks that can be completed in one session.

These quick writing sessions support all students, even the reluctant writers, by giving them a real sense of being successful by achieving the task on the day. The quick writes also offer all students some variety in their writing program.

If you wish to discuss our writing program with me or you have any other issues to discuss please see me before or after school.

Kindest regards





P & C News

Uniform Shop

Update your children's uniforms for winter. We have school jackets, windcheaters and track-pants in stock in a range of sizes. The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday 8.30-9am. We also have school shirts and faction shirts available.



Canteen

Got some spare time on Friday mornings? Why not help out in the School Canteen. See Sarah at the Canteen to find out how you can get involved. Canteen only runs on Fridays – serving recess morning teas and lunches. Canteen will be open this Friday – remember to get your orders in before school!

Book Club – Orders due back NEXT THURSDAY

The latest Book Club issue went home last week. If you didn't get one – ask at the Office. Remember all orders – go towards getting new books for our school.



News from the Chaplain

"Children are sponges, soaking up every verbal and nonverbal interaction." – Asa Don Brown

Lately I have noticed this true in my own life with my two boys. They have started saying phrases that my wife and I say, using similar body language, copying actions that we make. We joke about we don't want to parent the way our parents did, but we often do because that was what was modelled to us.

Children soak in information from the stimuli surrounding them. Between birth and 3 years of age, the human brain increases to 80% of its adult size.

We as parents need to be careful at what we model to our children, what we are watching when our kids are around, what games we are playing. Our kids are precious, each one of them, and we need to protect them. I hear stories every day in school of kids that watch/play non-age appropriate material and they come to me scared or need to talk about stuff they watch/play.

Let's protect our little treasures and let them grow up in their own time.

I am available every Tuesday/Wednesday for a chat, and I offer an opt-out system for your children. If you don't want your kids to see me, feel free to contact the office and let them know.

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Open Saturdays 9.30am to 11am
Forrestfield Library
Cnr Strelitzia Ave & Salix Way

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*Allows parents to loan high cost toys outside their budget
A community service provided by parents as volunteers
A provider of puzzles, games & resources to assist in school readiness
A warehouse of toys that saves storage space at home
Develop gross & fine motor skills through play
Suitable for kids 0-8yrs*



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OPEN DAY

Friday 19 May


Tour starts at 9.30am

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YEARS PARTNERSHIP
PRESENTS

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An evening with Developmental
Paediatrician & Clinical Professor
Dr Trevor Parry

Come and learn about the
development of your child's
brain and how they gain an
understanding of the world!

TUESDAY 23 MAY 2017
Maida Vale Baptist Church
24 Edney Road, High Wycombe
6:30pm - 8:30pm

6:30pm - Early Years Expo & Live Music
7:00 - 8:15pm - Dr Parry's Presentation
8:15 - 8:45pm - Early Years Expo & Supper

TICKETS \$5 - INCLUDES SUPPER
Don't miss out - reserve your tickets online!
Visit the Shire of Kalamunda website or
Eventbrite.com

For more information or to register -
Phone: 9257 9968
Email: youth@kalamunda.wa.gov.au
Website: www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au

DOOR PRIZES

EARLY YEARS EXPO

Maida Vale Baptist Church
Shire of Kalamunda



Winter Sprinkler Ban

A permanent winter sprinkler ban applies to all scheme and bore water users in Perth, Mandurah and some parts of the South West and Great Southern from 1 June to 31 August each year.



VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS


Our focus virtue is currently

COURTESY

and our focus behaviour is

"At Assembly we ..."

We ask parents to reinforce these behaviours.



At Assembly we ...

- ✦ Sit with our legs crossed and hands in our lap
- ✦ Look at the person speaking
- ✦ Stand, sit and move quietly when instructed