



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Welcome back to Term 3 everyone.

A warm welcome to Mrs Kira Keegan, who is replacing Mrs Schreuders in Room 12 while she is on long service leave this term, and Ms Jessica Zabel who is our new Science and support teacher.



Term 3 is our faction and interschool carnival term. Our **faction cross country** will be held on Friday 2nd August with the **interschool cross country** on Friday 9th August. Our faction Carnival days have changed this year so please place these dates on your calendar.

Faction Jumps – Friday 30th August

Faction Carnival – Wednesday 4th September

The last week of Term 2 was a very busy one for us with our Year 6/7 camp to Canberra. While our students and teachers were learning all about our Nation's capital, students back at school were learning about solids, liquids and gasses when Scitech visited our school. We hope you enjoy the pictures of these events this week.

Scheduling Parent Interviews for all classes after the reports was impossible last term, so we are organising a **Parent Open Night on Tuesday 10th September** for you to visit your child's classroom and view their work. I will provide more details closer to the event.

Our next **P&C Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 5th August at 2.30pm. We hope you will join us.

Diane Greenaway - PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

2	School Cross Country
5	P&C Meeting 2.30pm
5 - 9	WAMSE Testing Years 5 and 7
6	Darling Range Information Evening For parents of students in Year 4,5 and 6. (see below)
9	Interschool Cross Country
14	Parent Newsletter
18 23	BOOK WEEK
21	TED Assembly

DARLING RANGE SPORTS COLLEGE

YEAR 7 - HIGH SCHOOL 2015

All your questions answered.

Parents of students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend an Information Evening to be held at Darling Range Sports College on **Tuesday, 6th August 2013** commencing at **7.00pm** in the College Library. Come along and find out about -

- moving from primary school to high school
- the new building
- curriculum
- exciting opportunities for students
- support for students
- plans for transition
- how to enrol
- and answers to your questions.

We look forward to meeting you on the night.

Please RSVP the College by phoning 9453 0100 to confirm your attendance and the number of people attending.

SCHOOL SECURITY

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

FORRESTFIELD PRIMARY CANBERRA EXPERIENCE

Students from Forrestfield Primary recently undertook an educational tour of our Nation's capital. While on this tour they participated in a number of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The students also took a trip out to Kosciuszko National Park to experience a day of fun in the snow. In all of the years since the school first opened in 1927, this is the first ever interstate excursion to be undertaken.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contributed \$240 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme towards the travel expenses incurred. This contribution was paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

The school community worked very hard to raise money for the trip. We held a disco, Bunnings sausage sizzle, raffle, canteen days and we sought donations from businesses and community members. We would like to acknowledge all of the people who helped to make this excursion a reality. The fundraising reduced the cost to parents by over 50% which is a fantastic result.



As always, the students' behaviour was exceptional at all times. We received many compliments from tour guides, the coach driver and even the Head Steward from QANTAS who commented on the respect and courtesy shown by all students.

We hope that the excursion was a rewarding and educational experience for all students. We are certain that the memories of the trip will last a lifetime.

Positive Parenting Program Reminder.

We are pleased to announce that in Term 3 we will be running a Positive Parenting Program at our school. This is a fantastic opportunity as this is a free service to parents or guardians. This program teaches strategies which will help you to raise happy and confident children, through small changes and simple routines. Parents and guardians whose children attend Forrestfield Primary School have priority, as participant numbers in the course are limited. The course's target audience is for parents and guardians of children aged 7 and under. Please see the flyer in this week's newsletter for booking details. Creche facilities will be available at the school.

The course commences on **Thursday 1st of August** and will run between 9am and 11am for 8 weeks.

To enrol in the course please phone 0428730286.

If crèche facilities are required please contact the school on 94536277

I hope many of you will take this opportunity as the program will identify a range of strategies designed to make parenting easier. **Janine Mason - Learning Support Co-ordinator.**



SCITECH VISIT

BRING SELF-RESPECT ANYWAY!

I was recently reminded of this old ditty from 1968, by Kent M. Keith. This is the original version, and it encourages us all to avoid peer-pressure and take negativity in very small doses. It also inspires a great attitude to life and its ups and downs that we all encounter as we rub shoulders with others on our journey each day. So here it is for your enjoyment, with wishes of positive self-respect to you and all your family, from your school chaplain, Paul Johnston!

*People are illogical, unreasonable,
and self-centered. **Love them anyway.***

*If you do good, people will accuse you
of selfish ulterior motives. **Do good anyway.***

*If you are successful, you win false friends
and true enemies. **Succeed anyway.***

*The good you do today will be forgotten
tomorrow. **Do good anyway.***

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

Be honest and frank anyway.

*The biggest men with the biggest ideas
can be shot down by the smallest men
with the smallest minds. **Think big anyway.***

People favour underdogs, but follow only top dogs.

Fight for a few underdogs anyway.

*What you spend years building may be destroyed
overnight. **Build anyway.***

*People really need help but may attack you
if you do help them. **Help people anyway.***

*Give the world the best you have
and you'll get kicked in the teeth.*

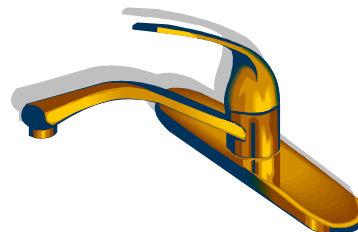
Give the world the best you have anyway.



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WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK—SAVE WITH LEVER MIXER TAPS

Single lever mixer taps are also recommended because the lever action mixes hot and cold water and makes it available instantly. This allows you to find the right water temperature quickly and you won't waste water trying to get the balance right.

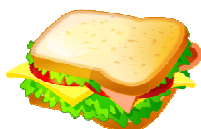


ZERO WASTE LUNCH DAY

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 2013 and makes kids and parents aware of what we throw out and our need to recycle as much as possible.



VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Over the next weeks we are learning about **Perserverance** and our focus behaviour is **"When we go to the Office"**.

