



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,
Term 3 is our Faction Carnival Term and children are currently training for our **Faction Cross Country on Friday** and **Faction Carnival on Wednesday 27th August**.

Teachers spent a very productive two days last week during our **School Development Days**. On Monday we joined teachers from schools in the Darling Range Learning Community at Edith Cowan University, Mt Lawley Campus, for the DRLC Expo. On Tuesday our focus was Mathematics with renowned educator Dr Paul Swan presenting highly informative sessions full of activities to develop student understanding of numbers. All classes are now using these activities.



Yesterday, notes were sent home about **School Photos. Orders** and payments are due back to school by Friday 15th August.

Our **Open Night** will be held on **Wednesday 29th August from 4.00pm to 6.30pm**. Please put this date on your calendar. We will send out further information closer to the event.

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

1	Faction Cross Country
6	Student Assembly
12	8.45am Massed Choir rehearsal
13	Newsletter
14	Bunnings Workshop Rms 12 & 13
15	DRLC Interschool Cross Country
19	School Photos
20	TED Music Assembly Open Night

Yesterday we said goodbye to Mrs Schreuders who has retired after teaching for over forty years, eighteen years of which were spent at Forrestfield. Mrs Schreuders is a much loved and respected member of our Teaching Staff and we will miss her.

We welcome Mrs Jennifer Lanzon who is our Education Assistant in the Pre Primary.



Diane Greenaway **PRINCIPAL**

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

It has been very pleasing to see the steadily rising rate of consistent attendance at the school over Semester 1. We know that as the mornings get darker and colder, it gets harder and harder to get kids out of bed and ready for school on time. As a school, we really appreciate the effort you are making as parents and caregivers. At Forrestfield PS we only just missed hitting the 90% attendance figure for Semester 1, with the figure coming in at 88.73%.

Whilst the Department of Education sets the minimum target at 90%, we really want to see every student, every day. The most pleasing statistic has been the move of students from mild or moderate absenteeism to regular attenders. Due to your perseverance and hard work, we have managed to increase the number of regular attendee's by 26 in a single semester and this is a great improvement for the school.

Thanks again to Mrs Peel for her outstanding efforts and tireless phone calls, checking in on the welfare of students and enquiring how we can help getting your children to school. Just remember that the minimum of 90% attendance means that students are missing 4 weeks of school a year. Over 9 years this equates to a whole year of school missed. We look forward to working together with you to have every student here, every day.

Steve Matthews
Deputy Principal



FACTION LONG DISTANCE

We will be running the Faction Long Distance races this Friday afternoon, 1st August from 1pm. All students from Years 3-7 will be encouraged to participate and earn points for their faction. Parents are also encouraged to come down and support their child.

As the weather at the moment is unpredictable, and we will not be rescheduling the races, please ensure your child has a warm change of clothes their bag just in case.



KALAMUNDA MUSIC ACADEMY

The Kalamunda Music Academy is a community of university-qualified musicians and educators. All teachers hold current Working with Children Checks and Police Clearances.

As Forrestfield Primary School is local to KMA, **all our students are being offered a \$10 discount** when they enrol for instrumental music lessons with them.



- ✓ Learn from qualified Musicians and Educators
- ✓ All Teachers have Working with Children Checks and Police Clearances
- ✓ Result? You receive the **highest quality lesson at an affordable price!**



"Experience it, Play it, Live it!"

For more information call Daryl Eagle: Senior Instructor

0434 362 902

Redeem this flier for \$10 off your first lesson!

Academy Location:

Forrestfield Primary School
45 Sussex Road, Forrestfield WA, 6058





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BUZ Life Skills Programs are aimed at growing confident children in a positive environment. They enable children to develop important life skills such as emotional competence, relationship skills, empathy and respect, conflict resolution, protective behaviours, grief management and bully-proofing. Over several years we ran the Rainbows program for small groups of children here. Instead this year Forrestfield Primary is running the **BUZ Hope** program for our entire year 5/6 classroom, facilitated by our School Chaplain Paul Johnston.

The focus of the BUZ Hope program is to help children develop skills to handle grief, loss and change in their lives. These skills include: understanding that grief, loss and change are a normal part of life; understanding, naming and expressing feelings associated with grief, loss and change; the ability to use and create metaphors and symbols to help overcome grief, loss and change; useful journaling skills and the ability to build a personal sense of hope and positivity.

Children experience grief substantially. They may not experience it in the same way as an adult, but their grief is very real, and it has a big effect on how they see themselves. Everyone has storms in their life - this could be the loss of a pet, the death of a grandparent, moving house or school or other difficult event in your life. The BUZ Hope program has been created to help children build the life skills to handle these difficult times in their life. In the BUZ Hope program we call these difficult times 'storms'. These times include grief, loss and change.

In the BUZ Hope program the children get to share something of their grief experiences, but focus more on their abilities and strengths that help to overcome the grief or loss. In BUZ Hope we call this 'Overcoming the Storms of Life' or in other words, 'looking for the rainbow after a storm'. Each child receives a BUZ Hope Journal for the program and learns useful journaling skills. They are encouraged to keep their journal and continue using it for any future storms in their life. If you have any questions about the program, please drop by and have a chat with me about it. Best wishes to you and your family from your School Chaplain Paul Johnston, here for you on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The Chaplaincy position at Forrestfield Primary School is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education under the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Programme. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government Department of Education.



WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK— Pool covers

Using a pool cover not only keeps your pool warmer and cleaner but it cuts the evaporation rate between swims. With more than your entire pool's volume of water being lost every year through evaporation, you can save water and money by regularly using a pool cover. With 85,000 swimming pools in the Perth metropolitan area, topping up pools to compensate for evaporation uses more the 4 billion litres of water every year! By keeping your pool cleaner, pool covers can also reduce the need to backwash your filter, which can waste water at a significant rate.



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

Our focus virtue is currently **PERSEVERANCE**
and our focus behaviour is
"Delivering Messages"

We ask that
parents
reinforce these
at home with
their children.

When we go to the office we . . .



1. Walk
2. Wait Quietly
3. Respond Politely
4. Speak Clearly
5. Listen Carefully
6. Say Thank you
7. Return to class quietly

