



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

It has been a busy two weeks at Forrestfield Primary School and we are preparing for what is looking like a jam packed Term 3. Our Interschool Cross Country team is heading to Dawson Park on Friday and we are confident they will do a fantastic job of representing our school and competing to the best of their ability.

At Wednesday's assembly we had a visit from Cass from Kanyana to whom we presented a cheque following our colourful Onsey fundraiser. Mr Rob Lyons from Rotary thanked us for our contributions to the ring pulls for limbs project. It is pleasing to see the positive impact our school has on the wider community.



Next week is Book Week, and this year we are again organising a series of fun filled activities for students. Some of our classes will have the opportunity to travel to Forrestfield Public Library to attend a workshop with a guest author. We will have a lunch time reading group, a visiting judge from the Children's Book Council, and most importantly, on Friday, students will be encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. Parents are also invited for a special Book Week luncheon on Friday August 22nd which will follow the dress up parade. We would love to see as many parents as possible there.

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

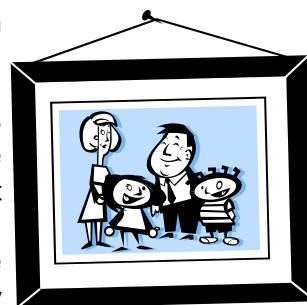
14	Bunnings Workshop Rms 12 &13
15	DRLC Interschool Cross Country
19	School Photos
20	TED Music Assembly/Open Night
21	Write a Book in a Day—TAGS
25	Faction Jumps
27	Faction Carnival
28	Art Exhibition Zig Zag Gallery

SEPTEMBER

2	Massed Choir Rehearsal
3	Massed Choir Rehearsal and Performance Night

We are looking forward to having a great turn out at our School Open Night on Wednesday August 20th. After a fantastic turn out at the Welcome to Forrestfield Night, our teachers have kindly offered to come in and open up their classrooms so parents can look at the great work students have achieved over the year. The school will be providing a Sausage Sizzle, and drinks will be for sale on the night.

A reminder to parents that school photos are being taken next Tuesday 19th August. Orders and money are due back to the school by Friday 15th August.



Steve Matthews **ACTING PRINCIPAL**

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all our students on a wonderful start to the Term. Our Massed Choir have been for their first practice, new students have settled in and the Faction Carnival is fast approaching. Well done to our Honour Certificate Recipients who were presented with their Certificates at the Assembly.

Our next Assembly is the TED Music Assembly on 20th August.
All family and friends are welcome.



Honour Certificates	
Rm 2	Beverley Harris, Jake Lyons
Rm 4	Haylee Clemett, Mohammed Kennedy
Rm 9	Bobby Kelly, Muru Makiha
Rm12	Jeanelle Peyroux, Celeste Pereira
Rm13	Hope Nishimwe, TEukava Finau
Rm 16	Aimee Ward, William Kelly, Rick Vidich
Music	Jordan Woods, Ethan Vidich
Cooking	Breanna Alone, Selena Toleafoa, Damien Bradshaw

'MAKING A MARK' EXHIBITION

All Parents and Friends are welcome !!!

"Making a Mark" is an exhibition of paintings and prints by year seven students at Forrestfield Primary School. Twelve students from the school's Talented and Gifted Art Program meet once a week for an hour and a half to engage in different challenging art projects.

For this new and exciting exhibition each student has made a painting, an etching and a multi coloured lino print. Students have been asked to create works that connect with their audience at an emotional level. They have done this through the use of colour, contrast of dark and light and their chosen subject matter.

Five students have had their coloured lino prints entered into the Silk Cut Lino Competition which is an Australian wide competition run by Glen Eira City Council in Hawthorn, Victoria. This competition is open to all Primary, Secondary, Tertiary and professional artists throughout Australia. The winners of the respective sections form a collection which is presented to the National Gallery of Australia. Forrestfield Primary School is fortunate to have the work of two students in the National Gallery of Australia's collection from previous exhibitions.

"Making a Mark" is a wonderful opportunity for these young aspiring artists to exhibit their work within a real gallery context. It will enable them to obtain an understanding of what it means to be an artist. They will be able to empathize with the process of creating, executing and selling an artwork and how that artwork is ultimately received by an audience.



You are cordially invited to attend the Official Opening of

MAKING A MARK

An exhibition of paintings and prints by Forrestfield Primary School
Year 7 Students – Talented and Gifted Art Program

Official Opening at 6:00pm on Thursday 28 August 2014

Exhibition continues until Monday 1 September

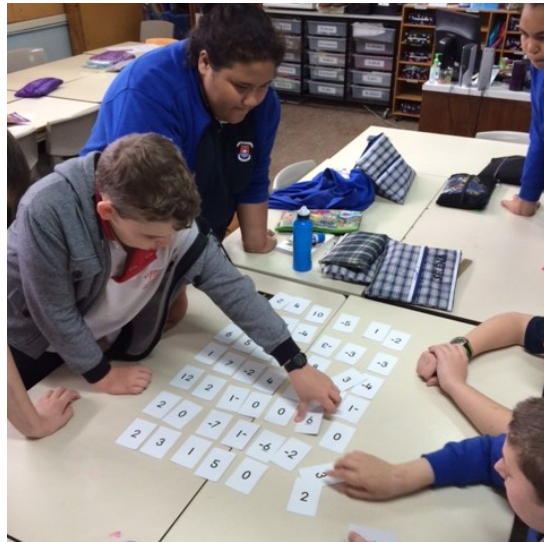
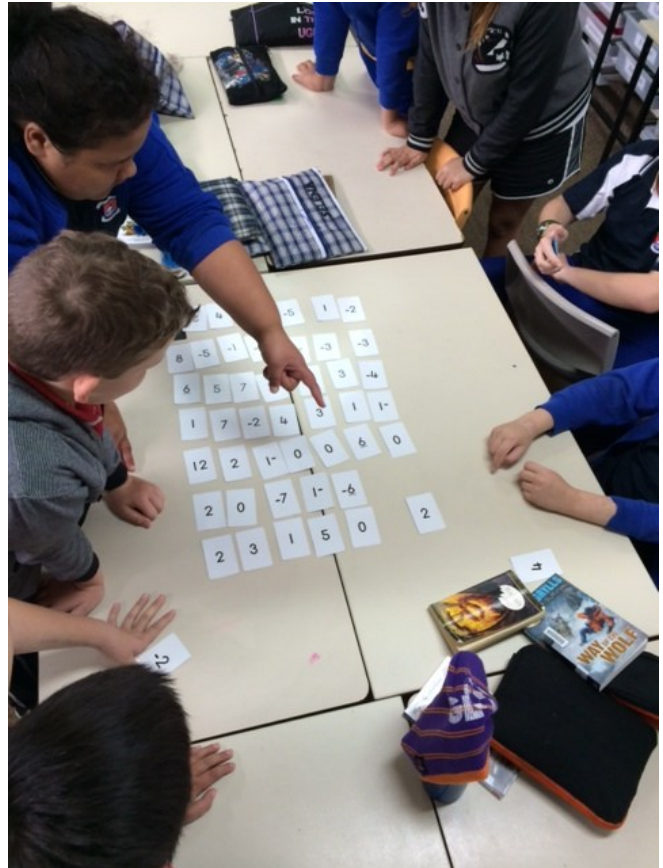


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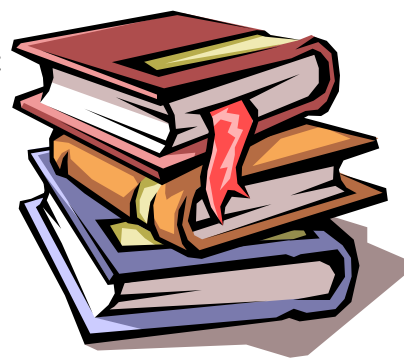


Fun with Maths



WHY READ A BOOK?

Once again our annual Book Week is upon us, and books are still a very important part of life and education. Even in our day and age of electronic media and instant access internet, the value of reading books has not faded or gone away. Although there is some feeling nowadays that reading is not as necessary as it once was, our saturation in modern communications media has not necessarily enhanced our understanding of the world we live in. Perhaps we know more about the world than we used to, and that is good. But we do not have to know everything about something in order to understand it. Too many facts are often as much an obstacle to understanding as too few. In one sense today we are inundated with facts to the detriment of understanding.



One of the reasons for this situation is that the media we use are designed to make thinking seem unnecessary, although this is only an appearance. The things we watch, review, and listen to are presented with a whole complex of elements, including carefully selected data, statistics and ways of saying things, all to make it easy for us to “make up our own mind” with the minimum of difficulty and effort. But the packaging is often done so effectively that the viewer, listener, googler, or interactive reader does not make up his or her mind at all. Instead, he or she inserts a packaged opinion into their mind, just like a memory stick for a computer. He or she can then play back the opinion whenever it seems appropriate to do so. They have not needed to think at all.

The beauty of reading a book is that in books we can gain information and also discover understanding for ourselves! No matter what a book is about, it gives us the opportunity to absorb facts and think about how they are presented at our own pace. We can learn about our world, about people and places, events and ideas,

in all sorts of books from biographies and science books to historical novels and science fiction. A good book is a book that makes us think, wonder, imagine, or understand for ourselves. Don't forget, our public libraries are free. There are so many good books out there, why not exercise our brains and do some old-fashioned book reading as a family!

Thoughts adapted from “How to read a book” by Adler and Van Doren, 1972. Wishing you and your dear family lots of joy shared around books together, from your school chaplain Paul Johnston, here for you on Mondays and Tuesdays.

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WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK— Cars and driveways

If you are taking your car to the carwash, choose one that recycles water and uses high pressure cleaning units. If you wash your car at home, park on the lawn and use a bucket, as a running hose wastes up to 20 litres of water a minute. When you need to clean driveways or paving, use a broom. Using a hose or pressure washer is a fast way to waste water and attracts a fine if caught.



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

