



# Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,  
Welcome back to Term 4 everyone.

Mrs Schreuders has returned to school after a relaxing nine week break. Our thanks to Mrs Keegan who did a wonderful job in Room 12 while Mrs Schreuders was on leave.

Yesterday I met with Education Department Staff and the architect who is designing our kitchen classroom. We are happy with the designs and work is expected to commence early in the new year. Mr Matthews is looking forward to commencing cooking sessions with the middle and senior classes in our new purpose built kitchen next year.

I am very proud to announce that I awarded **thirty one Lexile Certificates** at our Assembly this morning. Our Lexile Library Book Program is a personalised Year 3 to 7 reading program where children read books at their individualised level. We ask all children to read at least four Lexile books with quizzes each term. (Books with quizzes will have a Q next to the Lexile level). Certificates are awarded for the number of quizzes that children complete successfully - Blue Award – 3 Books, Red Award – 5 Books, Bronze Award – 10 Books, Silver Award – 25 Books, Gold Award – 50 Books. Keep reading everyone!



Term 4 is a **NO HAT, NO PLAY IN THE SUN** term and all children are expected to wear their blue bucket hats as a part of their school uniform. **Please remember to write your child's name inside the hat so we can reunite lost hats with their owners.**



## IMPORTANT DATES

### OCTOBER

28	Interschool Athletics Carnival—am
29	P&C Meeting 2.30pm
30	Dance Program

### NOVEMBER

6	Dance Program Newsletter
7	Fremantle Literature Visit Yrs 5,6 & 7
8— 29	Swimming Lessons
13	TED Assembly Dance Program
20	Dance Program Newsletter
21	Yr 7 Orientation—Darling Range Sports College

This week's newsletter contains our **2013 Chaplaincy Survey**. Each year I am required to complete a report to the Australian Government and your feedback will form part of my report. **Please return the survey to the Administration by Monday 4th November.**

All parents are invited to the next **P&C Meeting on Tuesday 29th October at 2.30pm** in the staffroom. We hope to have enough parents present to pass the purchase an installation of refrigerated drink fountains for the Junior Cluster and Pre Primary.

The Darling Range Learning Community has approved the following **School Development Days for 2014**

TERM 1—30th/31st January

TERM 2—28th April,

TERM 3—21st/22nd July

TERM 4—13th October and 19th December.

These days have been endorsed by our School Council. Please place them on your calendar for next year.

*Diane Greenaway - PRINCIPAL*

### **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

Last weekend Hayden Peters went to participate in a motorbike competition at Westdale about 1 hours drive from Perth.

On Saturday morning Hayden was registered for his competition, and headed off for his practice runs.

In-between practices his bike's back tyre got a puncture. His dad had a look and tried to fix the puncture but it was unfixable. With no spare and 1 hours drive from Perth Hayden had to come to the fact that he would not be racing.



Upon completion of the days racing it was time to present the trophy's for the riders, Hayden's name was called out. When he went to collect his trophy one of his team mate's sister who is 4 was crying and all upset because, even though she raced, she did not receive a trophy. Upon collecting his trophy he said to the man presenting him this that I didn't get to race so I shouldn't take the trophy and offered to give his trophy away to the little girl who was upset.

The presenter said to Hayden it was one of the best displays of sportsmanship that he had seen and went away and came back with a bigger trophy and said to him that this one he is for you for being a good sport.

In one day, Hayden was upset for not racing but also made a little girl's day, with a wonderful display of sportsmanship.

### **CONGRATULATIONS CALLUM SHARP**

Year 6 student Callum Sharp was recently mentioned in the Sport section of the West Australian for his third place in the 85cc A Grade WA Junior Motor Cross Club Competition results.

Well done Callum.



### **\*\*UNIFORM SHOP NEWS\*\***

The opening times for the Uniform Shop are Wednesdays from 8.30 to 9.00am

We now have summer uniforms and faction shirts in stock.

Uniform order forms are also available from the Front Office.

### **VacSwim December/January School Holiday Programs**

Enrolments are now open. Swimming pools and beaches are part of our Western Australian lifestyle. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim's December/January school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water.

For information and to enrol, visit [det.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://det.wa.edu.au/swimming). For further information, telephone VacSwim on 9345 4007 or email [vacswwim@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:vacswwim@education.wa.edu.au).



### **SCHOOLS AND YOU**

The first years of school are so important. It is a time when children discover the wonder and excitement of learning, exploring and imagining.

It is vital that you are involved in your children's learning during these important years as continuing their learning at home helps build confidence at school.

There are many fun and easy ways to support children's learning. To assist you, a series of booklets and factsheets is on the Department's parent website Schools and you.

Designed for busy families, these resources include fun activities you can include in your daily routines both in and outside your home.  
<http://det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou/detcms/portal/>



## STUDENT ASSEMBLY

This morning's student assembly was a celebration of student achievement. Ms Greenaway presented thirty one Lexile certificates to students in Year 3 to 7 who have reached an award level. (Their photographs can be seen on the front page of our newsletter.) Mr O'Connor also awarded the trophies from last term's Faction Carnivals. Congratulations also to all students who were awarded Honour Certificates this fortnight.



### Lexile Awards

Blue Star Award	Kuini Bavadra, Brett Anderson, Brittany Cugini, Saint Barnes, Katika Criddle, Jayden Cugini, Yarren Jacobs, Omid Juma, Pooja Karumuru, Ebonie Kickett, Lloyd MacArthur, Brian Richards, Shenali Rodrigo, Trinity Stacey, Brenday Schiller, Walter Woods
Red Star Award	Bianca Batty, Christian Bavadra, Zion Dehar, Cayleb Kingi, Dylan Harvey, Bradley Mills, Xavier O'Brien, Billy Peters
Bronze Star Award	Sian Lopez, Jacob Gilbert, Braeden Dehar, Anshika Mehla, Joseph Solimen, Isaiah Solimen
Silver Star Award	Mary Solimen

### Honour Certificates

Rm 2	Bradley Mills, Jake Dalziel
Rm 4	Keisha McRae, Dustin Brown
Rm 9	Alyna Cooper-Wineera, Raven Stanton
Rm 12	Simran Qambari, Bradley Little
Rm 13	Zuzanna Murawska, Alexis Cooper-Wineera
Rm 16	Hope Nishimwe, Katrina Rynbeek
Music	Braeden Dehar, Emma Aspinal

## THANK YOU MRS THOMPSON

Last term we hosted a group of educators from Japan who were visiting the Child Health Promotion Research Centre at Edith Cowan University to learn about the Friendly Schools Plus Program. Following the visit, Mrs Thompson sent me a thank you note and commented that our school was the highlight of their visit. She also sent me a gift

voucher for \$100 which will be used to purchase a set of saucepans for our kitchen.



## CONGRATULATIONS JAYDA

Year 4 student Jayda Abraham has won an Equal Opportunity Commission Poster competition. Her poster, entitled, Fairness for Everyone, shows a kind child asking a child sitting on their own if they would like to play.



## MAKING AND STAYING FRIENDS!

Today I suddenly realised that our beautiful 2013 school garden calendar is getting near its use-by date! As I lifted the page to look at next month's dates, the last page and pictures of the year jumped out at me, highlighting to me the swift passing of the last 12 months. Some of our calendar children graduated to High School last year, and others will be leaving us soon. In fact, at the end of next year we will have to say goodbye to both the year fives and the year sixes from this year. As far as I am concerned this is one of the saddest parts of school life – the departure of children and families that have become part of us as a school community.



The other day I was talking with the stoical year seven teacher from my other school, and she confessed that every year she tries unsuccessfully not to cry when she farewells her students on their last day of primary school. For me as a child, those separating feelings were very familiar, having shifted around to seven different towns and primary schools from years K-7. However, these days I often meet children who have moved past my record even before they turn twelve. Perhaps my bad experiences of constant relocation as a child have persuaded me to stay in one place (Forrestfield / High Wycombe) for the last thirty-three years.



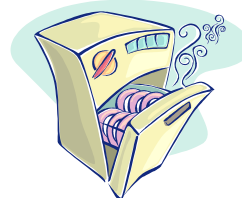
It is healthy to have lots of good friends in our lives, some of whom we may not see very often. But the most beneficial type of friendship is one that is constantly nurtured over the weeks and months and years. That type of friend can really get to know us, and help keep us sane and real. They can understand us and be an emotional and practical support. Half the battle with our depressive or negative thoughts and emotions comes from loneliness or a lack of close friendships. The trouble is, we need to be a friend in order to make a friend, and that is usually a scary and demanding road to walk. However, the rewards of persisting in such a relationship far outweigh the effort required to become friends. And having and being a friend who cares and shares covers a lot of the griefs and sorrows of life.

I do wish you and your dear family rich and healthy friendships in your lives, from your school chaplain Paul Johnston, a friendly face here for you at Forrestfield Primary on Mondays and Tuesdays.

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## WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK- Run your dishwasher full

Dishwashers can be thirsty. Even a dishwasher with a lower water use rating can use the equivalent of two sinks of water per wash. Older models can use more —up to 40 litres. New water efficient models can use 64% less water than older dishwashers and also save energy. The way to save water is to operate your dishwasher only when it's full. This way you will also save on your power bills, as well as water. When buying a new dishwasher, look for a 4'Star' rated model which uses as little as 15 litres per wash.



## 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 **HONESTY** and our focus behaviour is **"Relief Teachers"**

We ask parents to reinforce these behaviours.



Expected Behaviour for Relief Teachers

When your teachers away...



the rules don't change!

