



# Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

As Term 3 draws to an end and our **Faction and Interschool Carnivals** are over for another year, I thank parents for your support of both events and our wonderful P&C for providing refreshments and organising fundraising activities. Congratulations to our Interschool team for winning the **DRLC Handicap Trophy** on Friday. Page 3 of this week's newsletter showcases the colour and fun of our Faction Athletics Carnival. I hope you enjoy the photos.

Our first **FIRS/ Forrestfield Primary Meet Your Neighbour** community event was held on Saturday 13th September in our community garden. The morning was lots of fun and I thank those families, members of the community and teachers who joined us to weed, mulch and tidy our garden. Our thanks to the Bendigo Bank and sponsors.



My focus this term has been reminding our students who ride bikes to wear their helmets to and from school. Sergeant White from Perth Police Centre spoke to all students about road safety and then checked students' bikes for good brakes and tyres, a bell and reflectors. We ask for parent support to ensure bikes are safe and children wear their helmets.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### SEPTEMBER

26	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
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**TERM 4 STARTS**  
**TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER**

14	Edu-Dance—all classes
21	Edu-Dance—all classes
22	Parent Newsletter Student Assembly
28	Edu-Dance—all classes DRSC Year 7 Transition Day
29	DRSC Year 6 Transition Day
30	Official Opening of our Kitchen All welcome

Permission slips have been sent home for **Edu-Dance** which **commences on Tuesday 14th October, the first day back next term**. Over the nine lessons, all classes will learn a dance and perform it at our end of year concert. We trust that all children will participate in this enjoyable whole school activity.

A reminder to all families that **all absences must be explained** and you can do this by a note, telephone call or email. We also ask our families to inform me if you are planning holidays during the school term. **Our goal is for all students to achieve 90% attendance over the year.**

We wish all children and their families a happy and safe holiday and we will see you back at school on **Tuesday 14th October**.

*Diane Greenaway* **PRINCIPAL**



## ROOM 13 TED ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the Year 1/2 students in Room 13 for their wonderful song, "We're Going on a Bear Hunt " with all the actions. Mr Matthews led the expedition and made sure the children all got home safely. Congratulations also to all our Honour Certificate, Virtues and Writer of the Month winners pictured below.



**INTERSCHOOL SPORTS CARNIVAL:** Congratulations to our Interschool Sports team on their wonderful efforts and results at the recent Spring Carnival. We are now the proud recipients of the Darling Range Learning Community John Day Athletics Cup for 2014.







# FACTION SPORTS DAY



We are right in the middle of our athletics competition and we had a tremendous 2014 Faction Carnival. All the students competed well and the day was taken out by **Blue Faction** by the narrowest of margins. Congratulations to all of the students who participated and thanks to all of the staff who helped out making the day a wonderful success.



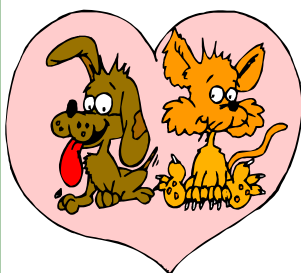


## WHAT A WONDER-FULL WORLD!

This weekend I had the wonderful joy of the safe birth of another grandson, our third one this year. Meanwhile, six months have now passed since the death of my dear Mum. A little treasure that I have, to remember my Mother with, is a short book by Graham Cooke called *Living in dependency and wonder*. It was precious to her, and has her own little markings all thorough it. I thought it might be good to share some of those wonder-inspiring thoughts here.

Socrates said that wisdom begins in wonder. However, we are in control of our own sense of wonder. When our hearts are bitter, hard, callous, unfeeling, cynical, judgmental, angry, suspicious, closed, wary, distrustful, jealous, sceptical, derisive, contemptuous, pessimistic, unbelieving, sarcastic, or scornful, we hurt ourselves – these things are corrosive to innocence. Our hardness grows as we protect ourselves from people and situations. We get hurt and we begin to insulate our hearts from taking another chance on someone or something. We close ourselves off relationally. I want to live astonished and amazed. If that makes me naïve – and even stupid in some people's eyes – so be it. We must look for the good in people. Life has taught us to be suspicious, distrustful, wary, cynical, contemptuous, and watchful. But these attitudes of the heart harm us, and we need to renounce them.

Children perceive on a different level than adults. Far more trusting, children are open to mystery; they live, wide-eyed with astonishment. Fyodor Dostoevsky said that the soul is healed by being with children. Children believe in things no matter what happens. Adults, however, tend to spent their time tearing down anything that's too good to believe. Albert Einstein wrote "He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed."



G.K. Chesterton said, "To be thankful is the highest form of thought and gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." Here are some simple ways to strengthen our sense of wonder. Spend a day with a child, take them to a playground or toy store, and watch how they love new things. Write a letter to your children or grandchildren, thanking them for something they have recently shown you; tell them things that you love about them. Connect with nature. Listen to some music you wouldn't normally listen to. Enjoy the company of good friends.

Wishing you and your dear family wonderful times in the holidays together, from your school chaplain Paul Johnston, here for you again next Term.

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## WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK— Specialists

As climate change continues to affect the amount of rainfall we receive, we can no longer rely on rainfall to charge our dams and ground water storage. This is why the Water Corporation is developing water sources, like desalination, that will not rely on rainfall in the future. As a community, we too are doing our best to teach our children to conserve our most precious resource. You can do your bit by using a Water Corporation endorsed Waterwise Specialist wherever possible. Our Waterwise Specialists have been trained in the latest water saving techniques and can help you save water and money. Call 13 10 39 or visit [www.watercorporation.com.au](http://www.watercorporation.com.au) to find a Waterwise Specialist.



## 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 **SELF DISCIPLINE**

and our focus behaviour is

**"Canteen Behaviour"**

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



**When we eat we . . .**

1. Sit in the correct area.
2. Eat with our mouths closed.
3. Put all rubbish in the bin.
4. Pick up any other rubbish we see lying around.

