



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



A harmonious innovative environment nurturing excellence.

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone and a warm welcome to all our new families who have joined us this term. It's been a very smooth start to the term and we are all focused on learning programs and the busy term ahead.

EduDance has started for all classes Kindy to Year 6. Each Tuesday Miss Botje will teach our children a part of their dance which they will perform at our end of year concert on Tuesday 12th December. (Kindy children will have their concert during their final lesson at school on Tuesday morning.) We can see the cumulative improvement in coordination each year as students take part in this outstanding program. Page 3 provides a snapshot of our children's first lessons.



A warm welcome to **Pre Service teachers**, Mr Ryan Borbas, Ms Gabrielle Kee, Ms Jessica Peek, Ms Sarah Wallace and Ms Anna Curelic. Our visiting teachers will be working in Rooms 1, 3 and 13 over the next five weeks.



IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

Every Tuesday	EduDance Runs all Term 4
16 - 20	Multicultural Week
25	Student Assembly
26	Hockey Clinic
27	Year 6 Transition to DRSC

NOVEMBER

1	Parent Newsletter
3	1.30pm Kindy 2018 parent meeting
8	TED Assembly— Instrumental Music and Choir

This week we are learning about some of the cultures which make up our wonderful school. Students enjoyed their multicultural lunch today, tomorrow they will be learning about Latvian and Polish culture and then on Friday Bel Cox, from the Department of Parks and Wildlife will be sharing Noongar culture. We thank all our families who have helped us celebrate our Multicultural heritage this week.

Term 4 is **No Hat, No Play in the Sun** and all students are to wear their blue buckets hats when playing outside. Please support our sunsmart policy and help you child develop good sun protection habits. Bucket hats can be purchased from the office for \$10.00.

To help us plan for 2018, I request that you contact the school office by Friday 20th October if you are planning to move between now and the beginning of next year. Similarly if you know of anyone moving in to the area or who are parents of Kindy aged children, please remind them to start the enrolment process.

Diane Greenaway

Principal

SCHOOL SECURITY

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

ATTENDING SCHOOL EVERY DAY IS IMPORTANT

Western Australian law stipulates that all school-aged children must go to and attend school every day.

Developing the habit of going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning. Did you know:

- missing half a day of school each week equates to one month of missed learning per year
- the attendance habits set by your child when they first start school continue throughout their school life
- if your child misses half a day of school each week between Pre-primary and Year 10, they would miss almost one full year of learning
- learning is cumulative – if your child misses a day, it is harder for them to catch up.

You can help by arriving and collecting your child on time; making sure they get nutritious meals and enough sleep; making appointments with doctors, dentists and specialists, and making holiday plans during school holidays and not during the school term.

If your child is unwell and unable to go to school, let the school know straight away. If they miss a day it is important you talk with their teacher to find out how you can help them catch up.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but

If your child misses...	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is...
1 Day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 11
1 Day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 10
2 Days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 7
3 Days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years	Equals to finishing in grade 4

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

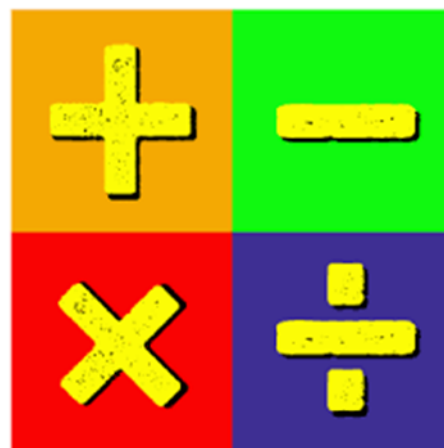
Term 4 – Maths Focus

Helping children learn the basic facts is an important goal in the everyday Mathematics curriculum. Most children should have developed an automatic recall of the basic addition and subtraction facts by the end of Year 2. Times tables knowledge is also extremely important.

This term we have started “Mad Minute” in all classrooms. Students are encouraged to do as many basic fact sums as they can in one minute. They then record and graph their results at the end of the week. This will allow students to set their own personal goals and see how much they can improve over time.

Sam Reich

Deputy Principal





EDU-DANCE



P & C NEWS

The next P & C Meeting is next Wednesday, 25th October at 2pm

Everyone is invited to join us in the Meeting Room in the Undercover Area.

We've got some great fundraising events planned for the last Term.

The meeting will finish in time for after school pick up.

CANTEEN OPEN THIS THURSDAY

The Canteen will be serving recess and lunches this Thursday – and EVERY Thursday for the rest of Term 4.

Students must order their lunch at the canteen BEFORE school to avoid disappointment.

School Banking is also open this Thursday at Canteen.

SCHOOL HATS AVAILABLE AT UNIFORM SHOP or FRONT OFFICE

It's Term 4 which means No Hat, No Play at School.

The Uniform Shop has the Blue School Bucket Hats available for sale in a range of sizes. The Uniform Shop is open 8.30-9am on Wednesdays.

HOME MADE			
PASTA BOLOGNESE			4
SUSHI			450
CHICKEN/TUNA			
SAUSAGE ROLL			2
WRAPs / ROLLs			450
HAM/CHICKEN & SALAD			
FRUIT CUP			50
HOT DOG	3	BEEF PIE	3
2 PARTY PIES	2		

News from the Chaplain**SHARING A FOOTHILLS CHRISTMAS!**

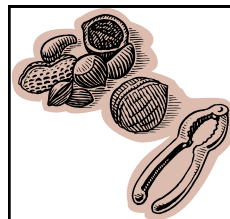
We at Forrestfield Primary again have the opportunity to share in the collection of Christmas food and gifts for those in our area who may be worse off than ourselves. We are all invited to bring in an item or two from the lists below, to help brighten up someone else's Christmas time. The Food and Gift Parcels will be put together and delivered by the team of volunteers at "Sharing A Hills Christmas" from churches in our district. **Our donated items can be left at school, in the reception area, starting Week 1 Term 4 until the last week of school.**

Thank you in advance for taking part in this opportunity to share the load of trying to make ends meet, so that some other families can have a nicer Christmas time. Meanwhile, don't forget that I am here for you. I am available for a chat or for appointments at school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

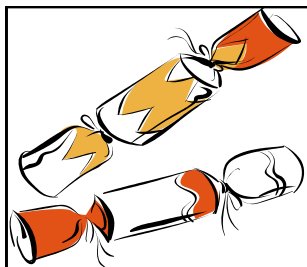
Best wishes from your school chaplain, Chris Judd.

Food Parcel Items

Christmas Puddings; Christmas Cakes
Tinned Food; Tinned Meat; Tinned Hams; Tinned
Tinned Vegetables (corn, peas, etc); Tinned Fruit
Custard; Cream (long life); Milk (long life)
Tea; Teabags; Coffee
Cool Drinks; Cider (non al.); Cordial
Lollies; Potato Chips; Pretzels; Nuts
Bon Bons; Fruit Mince Pies; Stuffing
Shortbreads; Biscuits; Tinned Biscuits
Wrapping Paper; Curling Ribbon



Fish

**Gift Items for**

Adults: Talcum Powder, Biscuits, Chocolates, Soap, Tea Towels, Notepaper, etc

Teenagers: Toiletries, Makeup, Books, Games, CD's, etc

Children: Toys for various age groups, Books, Games, etc

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Switch to a water efficient showerhead

Switch to a WELS 3 star or above water efficient showerhead. By switching to a water efficient showerhead you can reduce your shower water by a quarter.

**VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS**

Our focus virtue is currently **HONESTY**

and our focus behaviour is **"When we enter and exit school grounds we..."**

We ask parents to reinforce these behaviours.



When we enter and exit school grounds we ...

1. Walk onto, and away from school grounds in a respectful, responsible and safe manner.
2. Carry our bag, and other belongings responsibly.
3. Are not to play on playground equipment before or after school.
4. Report to the front office if you have not been picked up.

