



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

A warm welcome back to school everyone and a special welcome to our new families who have joined us this year. I am delighted to welcome our new staff ; Mr Stephen Matthews (Deputy Principal), Ms Georgia Young (Pre Primary) and Ms Claire Graham (Science teacher). *A list of our staff can be found on page 2 of our newsletter.)*

I am pleased to report that it has been a very smooth start to the year with all children settled in to their classes and focused on their learning programs. As you can see, we have added a science program to our specialist teaching areas. Ms Graham has been very busy setting up Room 17 and before/after shots will feature in our next newsletter.

All staff spent two very productive **School Development Days** focusing on the **Australian Curriculum (Number and Algebra)** , updating our knowledge to ensure we maintain our **Asthma Friendly School** status and learning about the **Friendly Schools Plus Program** which will be implemented across the school this year.



Attached with the newsletter is an invitation to parents to our **"Meet your child's teacher" Meetings** which will be held next week. Our Term 1 planner is also included for you to add activities which are organised during the term. Look out for these in the **Important Dates** section each week.

Diane Greenaway - PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

18— 22	"Meet your child's teacher "Meetings. (Refer to letter/website for times)
21	Student Assembly (followed by tea/coffee get together in the kitchen. All parents welcome.)
27	Parent Newsletter

MARCH

4	Labour Day holiday
6	Parent Newsletter Room 2 TED Parent Assembly

THANK YOU PARENTS AND WOOLWORTHS

Last year many parents and community members helped us by collecting tokens from Woolworths. A display of all the learning materials can be viewed in the Library.



SCHOOL SECURITY

We ask parents to ring **School Security on 1800 177 777** if you see suspicious activity after school hours.
Please help us look after our school.

CLASS STRUCTURE 2013

Kindy	Rm 18	Mrs Janine Mason
PP	Rm 16	Mrs Carolyn Mackay Ms Georgia Young (Wednesday/Friday)
Yr 1/2	Rm 13	Mrs Rita Wisson Mrs Claire Caddy (Mon)
Yr 2/3	Rm 12	Mrs Leone Schreuders and Mrs Claire Caddy (Wed)
Yr 3/4	Rm 4	Mrs Leighanne Fowler
Yr 5/6	Rm 9	Mr Dylan O'Connor
Yr 6/7	Rm 2	Ms Leah Andrews

(Mrs Julie Parker on leave Term 1)

Our Specialist Teachers are:

Music	Mr Paul Borbas (Wed) Mrs Jacqueline Jeffreys (Tues)
Art/TAGS/Community Garden	Mr Rob Gear
LOTE	Mrs Silvana Costanzo
Science	Ms Claire Graham
Learning Support Coordinator	Mrs Janine Mason

Our Support Staff are:

AIEO	Mrs Sheree Pracy
School Chaplain	Mr Paul Johnson
School Psychologist	Mrs Clelia Tedeschi (Mon)
School Nurse	Mrs Judy Stocks

Our Educational Assistants are:

Mrs Carol Downes	Miss Ciaira Dunbar
Mrs Gaynor Gough	Mrs Claire Worung
Ms Erin Candlish	

The Administration Staff are:

Principal	Ms Diane Greenaway
D/Principal	Mr Stephen Matthews
Registrar	Mrs Heather Jackson
School Officer	Mrs Karen Peel
Library Officer	Mrs Marcia Squire (Tues/Thurs)
Gardener	Peter Batory
Head Cleaner	Mrs Jo MacArthur
Cleaners	Mr Max Worung, Mrs Wati Nairube

INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF FOR 2013

A warm Forrestfield welcome to—



Mr Steve Matthews—Deputy Principal



Miss Georgia Young—Pre-Primary



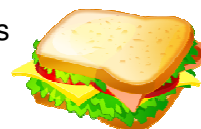
Miss Claire Graham—Science Specialist

ZERO WASTE LUNCH DAY

Attention Mums, Dads and Students—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.





Our First Day at Kindy!



SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

A reminder that School Contributions and Charges are now due.

Voluntary Contributions for 2013 are \$40 per child. P & C Contributions for 2013 are \$10 for one child and \$20 for two or more children.

Contributions can be paid at Administration at any time by Cash, Cheque or Eftpos.

Your contributions relate directly to the provision of materials and equipment to be used by all the children.

Part payments can also be made. Please call into the Office at any time to make arrangements.



WANTED

The Art Room is in desperate need of old towels or tea towels and small plastic tubs to use for water containers.

We would also love any old shirts for students to wear as art shirts.



Thank you to all our parents and guardians who have already paid their contributions and charges for 2013. We really appreciate your promptness, which allows us to use funds for the continued education, learning and resources for your children.

WHO OR WHAT IS A SCHOOL CHAPLAIN?

Here is a reminder (or if you are new to Forrestfield Primary, an introduction) about your local school resource, the School Chaplain, available here on Mondays and Tuesdays. My name is Paul Johnston, and I have been involved in our school community since July 2008. As part of the team of people who support the children, parents and carers in our learning community at Forrestfield PS, I have a unique role, being an invited guest in the school, employed outside of the main education department bureaucracy. This means that I am able to be a neutral and available supporter of all members of our school community, from the Principal right through to our youngest students.



Although I am employed by YouthCARE as a Christian representing the various Christian Churches of WA, my main role is not a religious one at all. My first priority as School Chaplain is to support all members of our community regardless of race, creed or religion. This role is called "pastoral carer" which in our school is about being a good listener and being someone who cares personally about the needs and wellbeing of each individual. I can be an optional link to other support people, resources and organisations within and outside our school. In practice, this role can only happen if and when anyone chooses to talk with the Chaplain, as all such interactions are purely a voluntary option.

As part of the National Code of Conduct, School Chaplains "must contribute to a supportive, safe, inclusive and caring learning environment within the school." One way that I do that is to give out birthday cards to each child I get to meet in the school. If any parent or primary carer does not wish for their child to receive a card from the Chaplain on their birthday, just notify the school office. Any other concerns or questions about the Chaplaincy role here would best be discussed with our Principal.

Once you get to know me, you will find that I do not bite. I am a quiet, gentle type who cares about people, especially those who are doing it tough, which is most of us at some stage! My background is strongly family-focussed, having raised five adult children with the support of my wife Jennifer, and now involved as grandfather to eleven with one more due this week! As you can imagine, I am familiar with many of the pressures, heartaches and challenges of raising a young family. I do not pretend to have pat answers to the struggles of home life and children growing up, but I do believe it can be quite helpful to talk about things and have a caring listener in our lives. Please consider saying hello and making use of me, your own School Chaplain, just to have another neighbourhood friend in your own life. From time to time we all could do with an extra listening ear and a caring heart around us.

The Chaplaincy position at Forrestfield Primary School is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations 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, Employment and Workplace Relations.

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.



COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Kalamunda Kickboxing and Martial Arts Centre: Promotes the responsible teachings of karate in an environment that encourages self-confidence, discipline, respect and focus. Call Murray 0430 963 034

Forrestfield Football Club National Registration Day: Austkick/Modified Rules/Amateurs. Registration Sunday 17th Feb 2013, 8.00am—4.00pm Reid Oval Clubrooms—Call 0427 611 331

Kalamunda & Districts Basketball Association: Programs for 2013 now available. Boys and Girls, Years 1 and above. Ray Owen Sports Centre. Girls—0439 936 536, Boys 0417 173 550

