



# Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Welcome back to school everyone and a special welcome to our new families who have joined us this year. I am pleased to report that it has been a very calm start to the year with all children settled in to their classrooms and focused on their learning programs.

I am delighted to welcome our new staff ; **Ms Carol Paget** (Teacher, Room 12) and **Mrs Maria Pennington** (Italian). Mr Matthews has commenced teaching cooking with Room 2 and 9 and will be starting this program with Room 4 in the near future.

*(A list of our staff can be found on page 2 of our newsletter.)*

This term we have organised a **'Welcome to Forrestfield Barbecue'** on Tuesday 18th February from 5.00pm—7.00pm in the school garden. We have organised a free sausage sizzle and entertainment and invite our families to join us for an informal get together to meet your child's teacher. All teachers will be sending home their **Classroom Policies** on Friday. If you have any questions, please catch up with them at the barbecue or ring the office to make an appointment.  
**PLEASE NOTE:** *This is an alcohol and non smoking family event.)*



All children will be bringing home their newsletters today in their **communication folders**. Teachers will ensure that all newsletters, school notes, and other information are sent home in the folder and we ask parents to use the folder to return notes to the teacher.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### FEBRUARY

12	Parent Newsletter
18	Welcome to Forrestfield Barbecue 5-7pm
19	Student Assembly Microscope Incursion Years 3—7
26	Parent Newsletter
27	Rugby League Clinic Rooms 2, 4 & 9
28	Clean Up Our School Day

### MARCH

3	Labour Day Holiday
5	TED Assembly 2.00pm Lexile Reading Parent Information Session

Would you like to become a member of our **School Council**? Our Council is comprised of school staff, parents and community members and meets at least once a term with the aim of enhancing the education for all our students. I have included a nomination form with the newsletter. **Nominations close at 3.00pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

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**

### 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 2014**

<b>Kindy</b>	Rm 18	Ms Georgia Young (Weeks 1—3)
<b>PP</b>	Rm 16	Mrs Carolyn Mackay Ms Georgia Young (Wednesday/Friday)
<b>Yr 1/2</b>	Rm 13	Mrs Rita Wisson Ms Georgia Young ((Mon)
<b>Yr 2/3</b>	Rm 12	Mrs Leone Schreuders and Ms Carol Same (Wed and Friday)
<b>Yr 3/4</b>	Rm 4	Ms Leah Andrews
<b>Yr 5/6</b>	Rm 9	Mr Dylan O'Connor
<b>Yr 6/7</b>	Rm 2	Mrs Leighanne Fowler

(Mrs Julie Parker continuing on leave)

**Our Specialist Teachers are:**

Music	Mr Paul Borbas ( Tues and Wed)
Art/TAGS/Community Garden	Mr Rob Gear (Mon—Thurs)
LOTE	Mrs Maria Pennington (Mon)

**Our Support Staff are:**

AIEO	Mr Chris Williams (Wks 1-3) Mrs Sheree Pracy
School Chaplain	Mr Paul Johnson
School Psychologist	TBA
School Nurse	Mrs Judy Stocks

**Our Educational Assistants are:**

Miss Ciaira Dunbar	Mrs Claire Worung
Mrs Gaynor Gough	Mrs Anna Simmons

**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, Mrs Nicollette Bavadra.

**INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF FOR 2014**

A warm Forrestfield welcome to—



Ms Carol Paget (Year 2/3)



Mrs Maria Pennington- Italian

**SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES**

A reminder that School Contributions and Charges are now due.

Voluntary Contributions for 2014 are \$40 per child.

P & C Contributions for 2014 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.

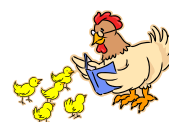
Your contributions relate directly to the provision of materials and equipment to be used by all the children. Part payments can also be made. Please call into the Office at any time to make arrangements.

**\*\*WANTED\*\***

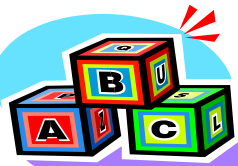
The Art Room is in desperate need of old towels or tea towels, kitchen sponges and small plastic tubs to use for water containers.

Parents are reminded that all children need an old shirt to use as an art shirt.

We are also looking for **volunteers** to help with mounting artworks and **volunteers** to work in the garden. Please see Mr Gear or leave your name in the front office if you can help.







# Our First Day at Kindy!

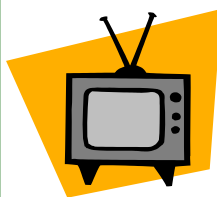




## Growing Up

Another year has begun and our children have all graduated up to the next year level. Some have left us and have headed off to the "joys" of High School. Others have moved up into different classrooms with lots of new experiences and challenges. Many have stayed in the same room but are now the older group of students in their class. Some of the students that I met in kindy back when I started here have now reached year five. A few of those who last year finished Primary School I have known since they were much smaller, as year twos back in Room 14!

One aspect of our children growing up is the extra height they gain each year and the maturing of their facial features. I really notice these differences in my own tribe of little grandchildren as they quickly change from babies to toddlers to kindies. And here at school, it is fun to look back at the old school photos to see some of these changes over the years. The children used to love spending time finding themselves or their friends in earlier versions of the whole-school poster of student photos when they used to be hanging on my wall here.



As kids grow up, their tastes in everything change, from food to music to TV shows to games. Unfortunately in our society they grow up too quickly and tend to lose their childhood innocence far too early in my opinion. In all their changes children need someone safe to talk to about their feelings, worries and uncertainties when they want to. We as their parent or carer need to be around and available as a good listener before they get to this stage. They may or may not confide in us about their feelings, but at least they can go through their growing journey with someone who cares by being there.

We the adults in the lives of our children have a huge influence on their character and confidence as they develop. As we think about another year of input into our dear growing children, I have a little poster on my wall that reminds me how important the everyday things we contemplate, say and do are. It says, *Keep your thoughts positive because your thoughts become your words. Keep your words positive because your words become your actions. Keep your actions positive because your actions become your habits. Keep your habits positive because your habits become your values. Keep your values positive because your values become your destiny.* By our daily example, we can build self-esteem and strength into our children. And they will benefit greatly from our patient, listening guidance as they get older and begin to prepare to eventually leave the nest and grow up.

I do wish you and your dear family a safe and enjoyable start and settling in to the year, from your school chaplain Paul Johnston, back here again for you on Mondays and Tuesdays.

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## WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK— Manage your irrigation control panel

It is easy to 'set and forget' your reticulation so it is important to continue to check that the system is working correctly. As seasons change, so too does the water demand of the plants. In spring and autumn for example, you need only water once a week for 10 minutes per station and in winter, you don't need to water at all.

Also, check the back-up battery is fully charged. In a power black-out, if the battery is not charged, the settings revert to the factory settings and you may be watering outside your sprinkler days.



## 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 **RESPECT** and our focus

behaviour is **"When the Siren Goes"**.

We ask parents to reinforce these behaviours.



## On the First siren



1. Stop your game
2. Pick up your equipment
3. Go to the toilet
4. Get a drink
5. Get ready to line up at your classroom door

