



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,
Alas the holidays are over and we all have to come back to reality. However from a parent point of view you might be celebrating that the holidays are indeed over and you are more than ready to hand your children over to our care.

Hello; my name is Brendan Hodge and whilst Diane Greenaway takes some unplanned leave I will be Principal of Forrestfield PS. It is my absolute pleasure to be here; so far my experiences have been overwhelmingly positive. I have found the Forrestfield staff to be supportive of each other, flexible in their approach and genuinely interested in supporting your children both academically as well as socially. My interactions with your children has been a delight, and it is a credit to you all that each child is in uniform, they have all their new resources for the year ahead and they appear to be very keen to start the year. I am particularly impressed with our two new Kindy groups, both settled really well with only a couple of minor separation anxiety issues – Once again it is a credit to you as Kindy parents and to the professionalism of the Forrestfield staff.

Just a few housekeeping items I would like to run through with you; attendance, punctuality and being sun smart. It is essential that your child attends as many school days throughout the year. Last year Forrestfield PS' attendance was 91.35%. Even though this is a very good percentage, it still meant that on average each student missed approximately 20 school days, which equals one whole month away from school. Punctuality is also vital; in 2017 there were 1286 recorded late slips given to students. If students arrive late then they run the risk of missing the start of either a Literacy or Numeracy learning block, which is very disruptive to the class, the teacher and the student themselves. We still have a couple of very hot moths ahead of us, so please ensure your child has a school drink bottle and that they always have their school hat so they can be protected at break and sports times.

For 2018 I would like to welcome the following new staff members to Forrestfield PS. Jessica Howe-Smith who will be working in Kindy and Pre Primary, Edward Melville who will be teaching Science across the school and on Mondays he will be teaching in Room 12. Some of you might already know Laura Bezant who did a lot of relief at Forrestfield last year, this year Ms Bezant will be taking PE and working in Room 1 on Fridays – A warm Forrestfield welcome to you all!

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

14	Student Assembly P&C Meeting (<i>following the assembly</i>)
21	Welcome to Forrestfield Barbeque 5.30pm—7.00pm
21	Parent Newsletter
28	TED Assembly

MARCH

5	Labour Day
7	Parent Newsletter
14	Student Assembly
21	Parent Newsletter
30	Easter Good Friday

APRIL

2 - 3	Easter Monday and Tuesday
4 - 6	Swimming Lessons Week 1
9 - 13	Swimming Lessons Week 2
11	ANZAC Ceremony TBC
13	LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Please note our 'Welcome to Forrestfield BBQ' is on 21 February starting at 5.30pm, all of us would love to meet with as many parents, carers and community members as possible. So see you on the day!

Thanks

Brendan Hodge

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 2018

Kindy	Rm 16	Ms Georgia Young Jess Howe-Smith (Monday)
PP	Rm 14	Mrs Arriane Matthews Jessica Howe-Smith (Wednesday)
Yr 1	Rm 13	Ms Leah Andrews
Yr 2	Rm 12	Mrs Sam Rodgers Mr Edward Melville (Monday)
Yr 2/3	Rm 4	Mrs Rita Wisson
Yr 4/5	Rm 3	Mr Dylan O'Connor
Yr 5/6	Rm 1	Ms Leighanne Fowler Mrs Laura Bezant (Friday)

Our Specialist Teachers are:

Art	Mr Rob Gear
Garden/TAGs Art	Mr Rob Gear
Music	Mr Paul Borbas (Tues and Wed)
Physical Education	Mrs Laura Bezant (Wed and Thur)
Science	Mr Edward Melville (Tues)

Our Support Staff are:

AIEO	Mrs Sheree Pracy
School Psychologist	Mrs Philippa Molloy (every second Tues)
School Nurse	Mrs Judy Stocks
School Chaplain	Mr Chris Judd

Our Educational Assistants are:

Mrs Gaynor Gough	Mrs Sheree Bennison
Miss Ciaira Dunbar	Mrs Jennifer Lanzon

The Administration Staff are:

Principal	Ms Diane Greenaway
D/Principal	Mrs Melissa Grantham
Registrar	Mrs Karen Peel
School Officer	Mrs Marcia Squire
Library Officer	Mrs Marcia Squire
Gardener	Mr Peter Batory
Cleaners	Mrs Nicolette Bavadra. Mr Max Worung, Mrs Wati Nairube,

D

eputy's Diary

I would like to wish everyone a big welcome back to Forrestfield Primary School for 2018. Hopefully everyone has had a great break and they are coming in with the batteries charged and ready for a busy year of learning.

Attendance is again a big area of focus for us at FPS, and it is important to remember, that if a student misses school, they are missing out on necessary learning. We require a minimum 90% attendance for the year, so if a student misses a day a fortnight, they will find themselves in an at risk category. If you have events coming up or perceive any issues which may impact on your student becoming at risk, please speak with the school so we can give you some direction on how to work through the problems.

Classes are back in full swing this week with exciting learning opportunities for students across the school. There has been movements between the classes this year, and both Staff and students are settling in well. Parents are always welcome to volunteer in their child's class. Ways to support your student at home can include asking them about their day and their learning, listen to them read, and in the older grades, do a little bit of times tables practice. These simple tasks can have a big impact on student learning and help them to improve their outcomes.

The annual Welcome to Forrestfield BBQ is being held on Wednesday 21st February. Posters will be up around the school in the coming week with more information. We look forward to seeing all of our families in the Garden for this event.

Just a reminder that this year swimming again will be in Weeks 10 & 11 of Term 1. We are heading to Belmont Oasis Pool which we found worked well for the students in the past.

Have a great week!

**ONLINE Registrations
NOW OPEN**

All Age Groups Welcome
Auskick Pre Primary to Year 2
Juniors – Year 3 to Year 6
Youth – Year 7 to Year 10
Female Youth Year 7 to Year 8

To register for 2018, access the registration link at
www.forrestfieldfootballclub.com or find us on Facebook
For Further Information contact registrar@forrestfieldfc.com.au

**SCHOOL ARRIVAL
TIMES**

Parents are reminded
that children should not
arrive at school until
8.30am when
classrooms are open
and children are
supervised by class
teachers. Children
attending Breakfast
Club can arrive from
8.05am





P & C News

Welcome back to school for 2018 to all our Forrestfield families.

We hope everyone had a great holiday!

WELCOME BACK MORNING TEA

There will be a welcome back morning tea held after the Student Assembly on

Wednesday 14th February. We would love to meet all our new parents over a cuppa and cake.

CANTEEN

There is NO Canteen at Forrestfield Primary School this year.

SCHOOL BANKING

Unfortunately we are unable to offer school banking this year.

UNIFORM SHOP

Have your kids outgrown their uniforms? Need new sizes?

The Uniform Shop is open on **Wednesday 8.30-9am** each week, selling school shirts, faction shirts, bucket hats, jumpers and more.

Old uniforms can also be dropped at the Uniform Shop for the second-hand rack.



Kalamunda Night Market
6:00pm to 9:00pm
Friday 16 February 2018
Central Mall and Haynes St, Kalamunda

A great selection of multicultural street food, desserts and local artisan food, giftware and crafts, local businesses and community group stalls. Live entertainment and activities for the kids. Fun for the whole family!

admin@kalamundanightmarket.com.au

www.kalamundanightmarket.com.au



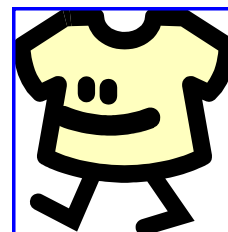
Do a full wash

Using the washing machine only when you have a full load will greatly reduce the water used in your laundry. And be sure to use the half load or express options if available.



WANTED FOR OUR ART ROOM

Do you have any old T shirts or shirts, towels, tea towels, face cloths and even old sheets that you are not using which can be used in the Art Room. Thank you! Mr Gear



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



SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

A reminder that School Contributions and Text Book charges are now due. Voluntary Contributions for 2018 are \$50 per child. P & C Contributions for 2018 are \$10 for one child and \$20 for two or more children. Text book charges for years Pre-primary - 6 is \$30.

Your contributions are extremely important and supplement all school programs and activities. Please help us to provide the best education possible for your child/children.

Your contributions, by part/full payment, can be paid at the office at any time by Cash, Cheque or Eftpos. Direct debit to our bank account can be made from home.

