



# Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

I am delighted to welcome **Mr Todd Fishwick** to our teaching staff. Mr Fishwick is our **SIMS guitar teacher** this year and will be teaching on Wednesday afternoon. My thanks to Mr Mike Kingham for all his hard work setting up our electric guitar program last year.



Our new **Science Program** has commenced and our budding scientists are enjoying their science lessons in Room 17 with Ms Graham. We hope that you enjoy the photographs from Room 2 and 4, especially their "mad scientist" photographs which were taken for their science books.



As our Year 3, 5 and 7 classes are preparing for **NAPLAN testing** in Term 2, I ask all parents to place **14th, 15th and 16th May** on your calendars and ensure that children attend school on these days. This week, we have included a NAPLAN Information Brochure for parents with children in these years.

Term 1 and 4 are "**No Hat No Play in the Sun**" terms and all children are expected to wear their blue bucket hats. To ensure that we can return lost hats to their rightful owner, I remind parents to place their child's name clearly inside the hat.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MARCH

1	Clean up our school day
4	Labour Day holiday
6	Parent Newsletter Room 2 TED Parent Assembly
8	<b>REMINDER—Parents to return health forms</b>
21	Visit from <b>His Excellency and Mrs McCusker</b> (details to be advised)
28	<b>School Development Day</b> <b>Students do not attend School</b>

**Friday 29th March—Tues 2nd April**

**Easter break**

**Children resume Term 1 on Wednesday**  
**3rd April**



All parents are invited to our **Parent Assembly on Wednesday 6th March** when Year 6/7, Room 2 will be presenting their item. TED will come out of hibernation to present our awards for Respect and we will announce our student councillors for 2013. All parents are welcome to join us after the assembly for tea or coffee in the kitchen.

*Diane Greenaway - PRINCIPAL*

### SCHOOL SECURITY

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

## STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Our first Assembly for 2013 was held on Wednesday 20th February. It was the first assembly to be run by our new Year 7's and they did a wonderful job as compares. Faction Captains and Vice Captains were announced and they were presented with their faction badges.

Mr Borbas led the school in singing some classic favourites—'She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain" and "Frog Went Walking" - which were enjoyed by all staff, parents and students.

Congratulations to our Honour Certificate winners who are listed below.

Thanks Mrs Cheryl Cugini from our hardworking P&C for setting up a delicious morning tea following the assembly, it was a lovely way to start the year.

Our next Assembly will be held on 6th March and all welcome.



### HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Rm 2	D'Arcy Harris, Dylan Harvey,
Rm 4	Isaiah Solimen, Saint Barnes
Rm 9	Emma Aspinall, Natasha Williams
Rm 12	Carlisha Bennell, Ella McIntosh
Rm 13	Reyan Lopez, Saira Finlay



### FACTION LEADERS

RED	C: Anthony Russell, Ally Hammond
	VC: Bradley Mills, Jordan Woods
BLUE	C: Mitchell Hubbard, Maddison Walsh
	VC: Brian Richards, Bianca Batty
GOLD	C: Omid Juma, Ebonie Kickett
	VC: Jake Dalziell, Katelin Holland
GREEN	C: Joseph Solimen, Giada Masino
	VC: Christian Bavadra, Mary Solimen



## 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



## ENGLISH NEWS

We are now in Week 4 of Term 1 and all children should regularly be taking home reading books. Parents if you haven't sighted your child's reading book please check with them.

Students from Year 4 to 7 have Lexiled Library Books to read and we have received a new large order of books for Lexiles 2013 which are available in our library.

Library book borrowing has also been possible in the last few weeks.

The Federal Government has just announced a "Blitz on Reading" as it is perceived that reading ability amongst Australians is declining.

There are many possible reasons, including increased time spent watching television and playing electronic games.

Whatever the reasons, please encourage your children to challenge themselves by making it a goal to read more books and to read books which are at a higher level of difficulty.

READING.....enjoy it !!!

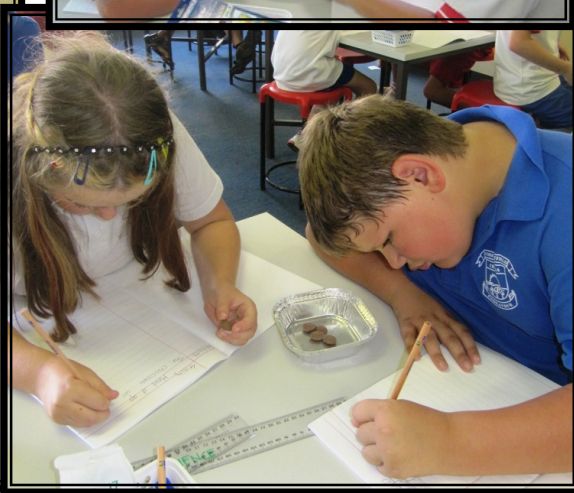
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(Literacy Co-ordinator)





# Science Lessons



## 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.

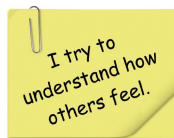
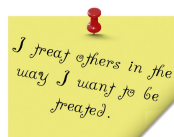
Contributions can be paid at Administration at any time by Cash, Cheque or Eftpos.

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.



## OUR FOCUS VIRTUE



As we continue to teach Virtues across the school, we ask parents to reinforce and model these statements at home.

Our current Virtue is Respect, and students are receiving vouchers at school and proudly displaying their results on classroom charts.



## CHANGE

Here we are well down the road of another year already, and the familiar way things were seems to quickly fade away as the days go by. Everything has moved on from the old year. We realise that we have accepted the new Year sevens as our most senior students and our memories of last year's large group or cohort begins to be replaced. We see the growth in stature and maturity of all the children from the ex-Kindy Pre-Primaries right through to the upper school teenagers. We quietly notice the missing faces that have moved away and the many bright new faces that now call our school their own. And we all adapt and settle into a new timetable for a new set of experiences as we press on into the weeks and months ahead of us in 2013.



There are many changes that come with the start of a new year, and we have our fair share of them here. We now have the privilege and benefit of our full-time Deputy Mr Matthews assisting our busy Principal Ms Greenaway. Meanwhile, Mrs Mason has moved back into teaching our new batch of Kindy children. We also now have our own specialist science teacher, Miss Graham in a revitalised Room 17, and this year we have Ms Young team-teaching the Pre-Primaries with Mrs Mackay. Plus we have Mrs Caddy back here in various roles, and Mrs Jeffreys is helping out with music lessons. Having Ms Andrews now in Room 2 with the Year 6/7s reminds us that we are sorely missing Mrs Parker, with Room 1 waiting at the gate for her return.



Many things will continue to vary or change as time goes by. Other things will remain as they are, either by tradition, by our stubbornness, or because of our values. After a very fruitful year, drastic changes to our community garden have proven the value of our water supply. Whatever we value the most shouldn't change without good reason. As we continue to value each other, value our own boundaries, and value the life we have in each moment, we can make the most of today with each challenge and change that comes our way. Our school motto is "all different, all valued". May we always be a school community that truly values people, no matter how young or old. Best wishes still coming to you from our school chaplain and now grandfather of twelve, Paul Johnston!

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### WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK— Taking showers

Long, hot showers not only waste water but heaps of energy too. Showers account for 36% of all water used inside the home, so an easy way to save is to keep your showers short. A 10 minute shower each day in a conventional 12 litres a minute shower uses approximately 43,000 litres of water each year. A 7 minute shower would use approximately 30,000 litres of water a year, a saving of approximately 13,000 litres

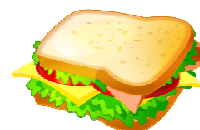


## ZERO WASTE LUNCH DAY

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.



## CANTEEN REMINDER

**A reminder to parents that the Canteen is now operating every Friday with a limited menu. Funds raised from these Friday's will go toward the Canberra 2013 trip for the Year 6's and 7's. Many thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who have made this possible.**