



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Our first school event of the year, **Welcome Back to Forrestfield**, was a huge success and I thank everyone who joined us for a sausage sizzle in the garden. Special thanks to our staff who cooked and served the barbecue dinner and to Mr Borbas who organised the entertainment. I hope you enjoy some of the pictures from the evening on page 3.



A warm welcome to Mr Wayne Slater who is our new **School of Instrumental Music (SIM)** electric guitar teacher. Mr Slater will be teaching our Year 6 and 7 students on Thursday afternoon.



I am delighted to announce our **Student Councillors** for Semester 1 2014 are: Tamsyn Barnes, Brittany Cugini, Caleb Kingi Zachary Purtle, Bianca Batty, Kuini Bavadra, Madelyn Duff, Jordan Woods, Dylan Harvey and Michael Russell. Our councillors were elected by their peers and Mr Matthews and I look forward to working with them this semester.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

27	Rugby League Clinic
28	Clean up our School Day

MARCH

3	Labour Day Holiday
5	TED Assembly 2.00pm Lexile Reading Parent Information Session
11	P&C AGM 6.00pm Waterwise Excursion
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This week's newsletter contains a flyer for our **Lexile Reading Parent Information Session**, to be held on **Wednesday 5th March at 2.00pm** in the Library. Ms Jo Greenway from Scholastic Australia will be explaining the Lexile Framework and showing you how you can assist your child with home reading and comprehension. She will also assist you to guide your children to choose suitable books to read.

All parents are invited to the **P&C Meeting and AGM** on Tuesday 11th March commencing at 6.00pm in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students on receiving Honour Certificates at our last Assembly.

Honour Certificates	
Rm 2	Oliver Gilbert, Saint Barnes
Rm 4	Bianca Batty, Michael Russell
Rm 9	Sian Lopez, Tarleigh Tuckett
Rm 12	Breehanna Lampard, Alicia Toleafoa
Rm 13	Lachlan West, Sarah Jafari
TAGS	Katelin Holland, Jordan Woods
MUSIC	Bol Augustino, Jason Bai
LOTE	Breehanna Lampard, Sean Mandizvidza, Mervyn Woods, Reyan Lopez.

COMMUNITY GARDEN AND KITCHEN UPDATE

We are pleased to inform you that our kitchen classroom will be built over the next few weeks. There will be updates as to its progress in our next newsletter.

All students are busy in the garden planting new seedlings with Mr Gear. Our healthy, school grown vegetables will be used in our cooking program later in the term.



FACTION CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who are our Faction Representatives.

<u>Red</u>	<u>Blue</u>
Cayleb Kingi (FC)	Josh Summerfield (FC)
Caleb Huata (VC)	Zach Purtle (VC)
Shenali Rodrigo (FC)	Bianca Batty (FC)
Happiness Ninahazwe (VC)	Brittany Cugini (VC)
<u>Green</u>	<u>Gold</u>
Danny Harris (FC)	Dylan Harvey (FC)
Raven Stanton (VC)	Callum Sharpe (VC)
Kuini Bavadra (FC)	Katelin Holland (FC)
Madelyn Duff (VC)	Kelly Esldon (VC)

Our faction captains were elected by their Faction and I'm sure you will agree, they will lead their respective factions with pride during the year.



LOST—RAINBOW LORIKEET PARROT

Name - "Egor"

Missing since Sunday evening from near Hale Road and Albizia Close.

Reward Offered

Phone 9359 0101 or 0419 191 375

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.

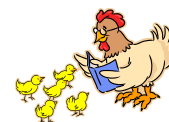


****WANTED****

Magazines suitable for use by junior children.

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

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.





Welcome Back To School

Our thanks to everyone for making this evening so special



BIRTHDAYS!

Last weekend my youngest grandchild Tianah had her first birthday party. Her two brothers and ten of her little cousins were there, as well as a few other children of family friends. It was quite a hot day but we all enjoyed sitting out on the front verandah and watching the little ones play. They all made their own party hats and coloured them in, and the older ones had lots of fun playing chasey around the verandah. Later on the water pistols were given out and everyone including the adults got cooled down from all directions! By then the children were hyperactive from eating too much party food and lollies, so it was very noisy and non-stop fun.

Birthdays are great and they are especially important for children as milestones on their journey to adulthood. As adults, we don't need reminders of our age, but to our kids each birthday is a big deal. It is good to celebrate the birth of our child each year and to make a special fuss over them on their day. We Mothers and Fathers also have our Day each year, as well as our birthdays. So in our family of five when the kids were young we used to organise a second special day for them about six months after each one's birthday, where the day would be all about the child. They could pick what we would do on the day, such as going to a park or the beach or a picnic. They would choose their favourite meal at home for us to share together. And when they got older, they could pick a favourite video for us to watch as a family. So often we forget to show our appreciation to the important people in our lives, and to make a point of making them feel loved and valued. Birthdays are a good opportunity to do just that, not necessarily with expensive presents and outings, but with time spent together and in having fun doing family things that we hardly ever get around to. Joining together for a family game of cricket, playing a favourite game of cards or board game, or enjoying a simple unhurried meal around the kitchen table, all make for great family times and helpful emotions. When it gets to the cooler months, you can all sit around a fire and talk about good memories while everyone cooks marshmallows on a stick. Whatever we do, we can make each other feel special together as a family. And when it comes to our kids, every year everyone deserves a happy birthday!

Happy (Birth) days to you and your family, from your school chaplain Paul Johnston, here for you on Mondays and Tuesdays.

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WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK— Water the garden _not the road

Ensure that your reticulation is watering the garden and not the road, driveway or pavement. Not only does your garden not get watered, thousands of litres of water are wasted. Remember to check your system regularly and replace worn nozzles or broken seals. Installing a tap timer will help you to control the amount of water you apply to your lawn or garden, so no water is wasted unnecessarily. Remember in summer any more than 15 minutes watering goes below the roots and is wasted.



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 we move between classrooms ”.

We ask parents to reinforce these key messages at home.

