



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

This week's newsletter features photographs from our first family event—**Welcome back to Forrestfield Family Barbecue**. Over ninety people joined us for a sausage sizzle in the garden and the smiling faces on page 3 say it all. Thank you everyone for coming and thank you staff for cooking and serving on the night.

Mrs Mason and staff in our Junior cluster have been busy setting up activities for our **Perceptual Motor Program**. PMP works to develop children's gross and fine motor skills—balancing, hopping, hand eye coordination etc that provide the foundations necessary for success in their early school years.



Between **three and four years of age** children should be able to— balance on one leg for a short time, stand on tiptoes for 10 seconds, walk downstairs one step at a time using alternate feet, gallop and kick a large rolling ball. Can your child do these things?

A warm Forrestfield welcome to Mr Robert Graham who is our new **School of Instrumental Music (SIM)** electric guitar teacher. Mr Graham will be teaching our Year 6 students on Monday afternoon.



IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

2	Labour Day Holiday
4	Room 1 TED Assembly (Launch of School Banking)
11	Parent Newsletter Student Assembly
25	Parent Newsletter
27	DRLC Summer Sports Carnival

APRIL

1	Room 4 TED Assembly
2	End of Term 1

TERM 2 STARTS TUESDAY 21ST APRIL

I am delighted to announce our **Student Councillors** for 2015 are: Chaana Plese, Hayden Peters, Kahlan Fernie-Keep, Dustin Brown, Lloyd MacArthur, Sian Lopez, Katika Criddle and Shanice Robinson. Congratulations students. Our councillors were elected by their peers and Mr Matthews and I look forward to working with them this year.

Our next **TED Assembly** will be held on **Wednesday 4th March**, commencing at 8.50am when the children from Year 5/6, Room 1 will be presenting the assembly. School Councillor and Faction Badges will be presented to our new **School Banking**. Parents and family members are welcome to join us and stay for morning tea following the assembly.

Diane Greenaway

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 COUNCILLORS and FACTION CAPTAINS



Congratulations to our new Student Councillors: Shanice Robinson, Kahlan Fernie-Keep, Chaana Plese, Katika Criddle, Sian Lopez, Lloyd MacArthur, Hayden Peters and Dustin Brown (absent).

Congratulations also to our new House Captains and Vice Captains of our new factions: Hawtin (Red), Hale (Gold) and Forrest (Green)

Hawtin		Hale		Forrest	
Captains	Vice Captains	Captains	Vice Captains	Captains	Vice Captains
Jayde Little	Senugi Rodrigo	Chaana Plese	Emily Finlay	Kahlan Fernie-Keep	Michaela Elbourne
Hayden Peters	Gage Woods	Steven Little	Kaiden Smith	Dustin Brown	Sian Lopez



THE FORRESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL APP

Forrestfield Primary School now has a new app which will send the latest school news directly to your phone.

For iPhones – Go to the App Store – Search Forrestfield PS and download the app.

For android devices – go to Google Play Store and download the app.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

A reminder that School Contributions are now due.

Voluntary Contributions for 2015 are \$40 per child.

P & C Contributions for 2015 are \$10 for one child and \$20 for two or more children.

Students in Years PP - 6 \$18.95 Text Book Levy.

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.



P & C UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Our new look faction shirts are now available in the Uniform Shop.

Shirts are \$20 each and they are available in all sizes.

The Uniform Shop is open each Wednesday morning from 8.25 or orders can be placed with the office staff.



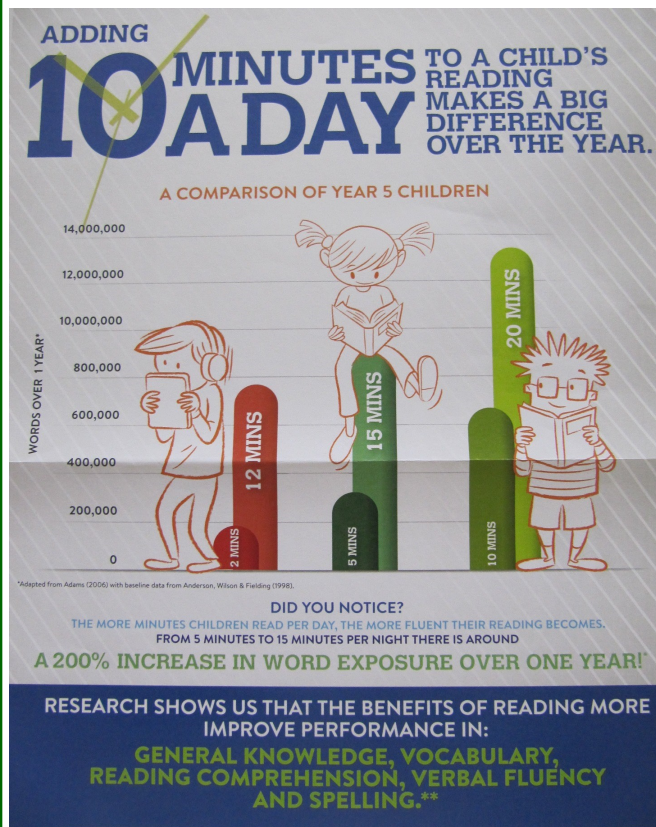
Welcome to 2015 Family/Staff Barbecue



LITERACY PRO READING PROGRAM

All children Years 3 - 6 have sat their Literacy Pro Test and will be borrowing their Lexile Reading Books from the Library.

Teachers will be sending home letters to inform you of your child's Lexile level. A parent session on how to support your child will be held soon.



The CommBank School Banking program is available at your school.

Ensure your child starts two great journeys at once.

The program teaches kids about money and smart saving – and the rewards they can bring. It's also a great fundraising activity, as CommBank offers your school commission for your child's first School Banking deposit as well as deposits made as a part of the program.

Having taught Australian children the value of saving for more than 80 years, the program is not only a great opportunity for your kids, it's great for your school as well.

To be involved, all your child needs is a Youthsaver account. They can then make regular deposits at school on banking day and will even be rewarded along the way. So, get ready to meet the Dollarmites and keep your eyes peeled for more School Banking information at the beginning of Term 1 next year.



To find out more about the program, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



SCHOOL BANKING Commencing 4th March. Accounts can be opened at the school with supporting documents.

WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK— Check your meter

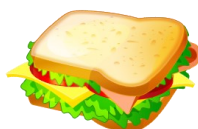
Reading your water meter regularly and keeping a simple record of your water use can help you alter your water usage habits to suit your budget. It can also help you detect possible leaks. To investigate for leaks; *Turn off all taps *Turn off any equipment which uses water *Check if the meter is continuing to register whilst water is not being used at the property. This can be done by taking a reading of the meter, left to right, including the red numbers (for more information on how to read your water meter, visit Being Waterwise at watercorporation.com.au)

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 2015 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 rooms”

We ask parents to reinforce these behaviours.

