



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

This week our newsletter features some of the photographs from our **School Clean Up Day**. All classes were allocated a part of the school and classified the rubbish they collected. They then wrote poems, letters and journals about what they had learnt.

Last week I announced our **Student Councillors for 2013**. Congratulations to **Ebonie Kickett, Madison Walsh, Brian Richards, Joseph Solimen, Anthony Russell and Christian Bavadra**. Our Councillors will meet with me each fortnight to discuss student activities and plan special events.



Our **Junior Literacy Program** is now well underway with all children busy reading, writing and learning their sounds and spelling words. Ms Candelish, our Junior Primary Education Assistant, is working with children in Rooms 12 and 13 teaching small groups and assessing children. Our small group literacy support programs have now commenced with Mrs Pracy and Ms Graham. We will keep you informed of other programs as they are set up.



IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

13	REMINDER—Parents to return health forms
14	Spineless Wonders Incursion
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20	P&C Meeting—6.00pm All welcome
21	Visit from His Excellency and Mrs McCusker (details to be advised) Parents Welcome for Morning Tea
28	School Development Day Students do not attend School

Friday 29th March—Tues 2nd April

Easter break

Children resume Term 1 on Wednesday 3rd April

APRIL

10	Parent Newsletter
17	ANZAC DAY Ceremony
19	Last day of school for students.

Mathletics is now available to all children at school and at home. All children should know their Mathletics log on password. **Are your children logging on at home to practise their basic facts?** If they don't, please contact your child's teacher. The Mathletics program is funded by our school and our P&C.

Would you like to become a member of our **School Council**? I have included a nomination form for our School Council with the newsletter. **Nominations close at 3.00pm on Wednesday 27th March.**

All parents are invited to our next **P&C Meeting** on **Wednesday 20th March at 6.00pm**. 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.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to our Year 6/7 students from Room 2 who performed a series of skits at last week's TED Assembly. They presented: Water, David Jones, My Horse She Ain't Looking So Good and My Centipede. (We won't give you the fine detail about how Mr O'Connor became rather wet. What did that centipede do?)

Well done to all our Certificate Winners and Writers of the Month.

All parents are invited to the next Student Assembly on Wednesday 27th March.



WRITER OF THE MONTH

Rm 2	Dylan Harvey, Shenali Rodrigo
Rm 4,	Ethan Dehar, Hayden Peters
Rm 9	Xavier O'Brien
Rm 12	Elizabeth Milsom, Ella McIntosh
Rm 13	Richie Rynbeek, Alicia Toleafoa

Virtues—Respect

Rm 2	Mitchell Hubbard, Cody Polsen
Rm 4	Isaiah Solimen, Lloyd MacArthur
Rm 9	Jayden Cugini, Bianca Batty
Rm 12	Haylee Clemett, Tadiwa Ndabambi
Rm 13	Raymond Bennell, Alicia Toleafoa

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Rm 2	Kuini Bavadra, Giada Masino, Billy Peters.
Rm 4	Mitchell Blake, Kahlan Fernie-Keep.
Rm 9	Jaydee O'Donnell, Jayden Cugini.
Rm 12	Bradley Little, Jazlyn Peters.
Rm 13	Jack Fernie-Keep, Tanya Blessy-Suku

VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Over the next five weeks we are learning about **RESPONSIBILITY**. It's lots of fun to be awarded a Virtues Voucher when we act responsibly in our class, when we move around the school and in the playground.

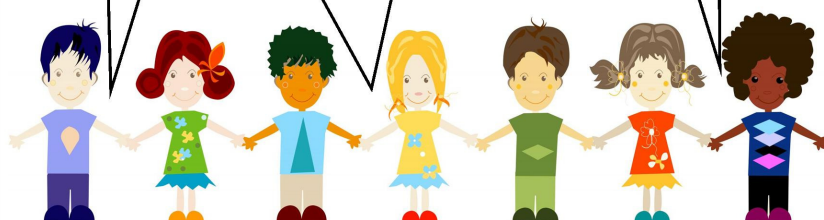


When we move between classes we . . .

Move in straight and tidy lines.

Keep our hands, feet and equipment to ourselves.

Walk quietly with our group.

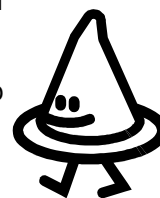


LOST PROPERTY

There are many items of clothing, lunch boxes etc. in our Lost Property.

It is extremely important to **Label** everything, especially HATS and JUMPERS.

Without a name on an item of uniform it may become swallowed up in the deep swamp that is the lost property basket, never to return home again!!





CLEAN UP OUR SCHOOL



Clean Up Australia Day

We put on gloves and put the rubbish in a bucket.
We collected the most rubbish out of everyone. Our group was Pareao, Brad, Gage, Jay and me too.
We found a sock and a chip packet. I was not surprised.
At the end I did not sort it, other people did it.
It was sorted into a glass bin, a paper and cardboard bin and a metal bin.

Elizabeth (Year 2)

Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday we had a big thing happening.
It was cleaning up the school.
We had a captain. My captain was Haylee. She had the scrap bucket, and we put on gloves because we would get dirt on our hands.
I found a McDonald's bag.
At the end all the rubbish went into the undercover area to get sorted.

Ella (Year 2)

VOTING DAY

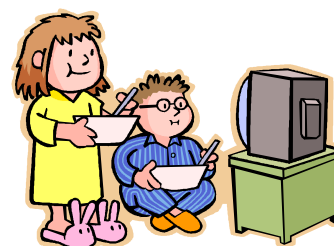
At last voting Saturday is behind us! We have all had enough of politicians' faces and of choking in election adverts. The letter box has been brimming with junk mail from every political party under the sun, and the phone has been ringing off the hook with recorded messages of promises and prophecies for our future. Every channel of the TV has been relentlessly blaring out political messages both negative and positive. Now all the placards and posters can come down, and we can get back to normal - without those rows of in-your-face intrusions living along our streets.

There is a strange thing about voting. State elections only come around every four years, and we are glad that it is not more often. We also have local council elections and the big federal elections to contend with. The publicity and the fanfare of these events make us feel like they are the only times that we have to vote, because at these times we are voting for people to represent us in public life and in our society. However, there is another type of voting that we all do and that we cannot avoid doing.

The voting I am talking about is the support we choose to give (or not) to various things in our lives and our society. For example, the shows that we get on our TVs are the ones that most people will watch, as determined by the networks who closely monitor their viewers' choices. We vote for or against all sorts of things every day, such as the extent and way that we choose to use things like Facebook and twitter count toward the overall value and influence of our social media. When we support our school in things such as sports days or in P&C meetings or canteen duty, we are voting for our school. Even our personal choices about what we consider right and wrong all contribute to decisions about changes in our society. May we realise today what a powerful influence for good we can be, as we daily vote for the good of our society and the children who will inherit our decisions.

Meanwhile, best wishes to you for the week ahead, from Forrestfield Primary's school chaplain (Mondays and Tuesdays), Paul Johnston.

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WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK— Catch the cold water and reduce the pressure

Most of us don't like getting into a cold shower, but by waiting for the water to run warm, thousands of litres of water are wasted each year in every household. Keep a bucket near the shower and use the 'warm up' water on the garden or indoor plants. High water pressure increases flow rates from showers and taps. If you have extremely high water pressure, a registered plumber can fit a pressure reduction valve at your property boundary.



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.



P & C EASTER RAFFLE

We now have our Annual Easter Raffle up and running. Ticket sales are going well, and extra tickets are available from the front office if you need them.

Donations for prizes are still needed. The more eggs we have, the more prizes there are. Please drop of your donations to the school office.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support!