



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,
Last Friday I had the pleasure of attending the **Darling Range Sports College Commemorative ANZAC Day Service** with Student Councillors Zachary Purtle and Kuini Bavadra. The college held its service three weeks early this year as they hosted visitors from Belgium including two Menin Gate buglers who played The Last Post during the service. Last year Darling Range Sports College took students on a tour of the Western Front and another tour is being organised this year.



(Our Student Councillors with ex Forrestfield Primary School students.)

Our **ANZAC Ceremony** will be held on Friday 11th April commencing at 9.00am. We hope all parents will join us.

My thanks to everyone who attended our first **P&C Meeting** today.

Our P&C executive for 2014 are;

President: Alex Woods

Vice President: Kathryn (Kat) Hannan

Secretary: Sarah Sheffield

Treasurer: Joan Kidd

Committee: Michelle Barnes, Tonia Gilbert, Cheryl Cugini and Katy Grosser

P&C Rep on School Council: Kat Hannan

Congratulations to all Office Bearers.

Please get behind our first P&C fundraiser for the year - their **Easter Raffle**. Donations of Easter Eggs and raffle ticket monies can be dropped off at the office.

Last Friday we held a **Pink Stumps Fundraiser**. Our wonderful P&C also contributed to this worthy cause by making and selling pink cup cakes.

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

26	Darling Range Sports College Year 7 (2015) Parent Night 7.00pm
28	DRLC Summer Carnival

APRIL

2	Room 12 and 13 excursion to Kanyana
9	Parent Newsletter
11	ANZAC Day Assembly—9.00am Last Day of Term

TERM 2 Commences

Tuesday 29th April 2014



This week's newsletter contains a letter about the "**Community Day of Action**" on Tuesday 1 April 2014. If you have any questions, please contact me on 9453 6277.

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 who were awarded Honour Certificates at this morning's student assembly.



Honour Certificates	
Rm 2	Callum Sharp, Shenali Ridrigo
Rm 4	Gage Woods, Kaiden Smith
Rm 9	Jayde Little, Alyna Cooper-Wineera
Rm 12	Abbas Akbari, Alexis Duffy
Rm 13	Casey Slater, Alexis Cooper-Wineera
Music	Jack Kelly, Germano Masino
LOTE	Breehanna Lampard, Divine Niyera, Germano Masino, D Plese, Katelyn Holland, Raven Stanton, Madelyn Duff, Happiness Ninahazwe,

GARDEN GUARDIANS.

Today our new Garden Guardians were awarded their badges. These students will meet once a term with Mr Gear and the Admin Team to discuss new developments in the garden. They will also be responsible for reminding students in their class to turn off lights and recycle food and paper scraps appropriately. Garden Guardians will also be required to show special guests to our school around the garden. We are finally getting some cooler weather and the vegetables in our garden are appreciating it by growing beautifully.

Please drop by any time to see what the kids have been planting. If anyone would like to help during garden sessions please contact Mr Gear before or after school.



SENATE ELECTION

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL

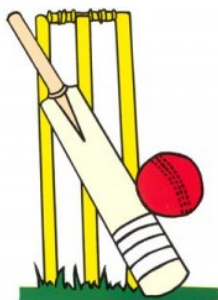
Parents may be aware that the new Senate Election will be held on Saturday 5th April. Forrestfield Primary School will again be a polling booth for the area. Mrs Fowler and Mr O'Connor will be running a sausage sizzle on the day.

Thank you to those parents who have indicated their willingness to be involved and to help out. We look forward to seeing many parents as they come to vote and maybe buy a drink and something to eat.



SUMMER SPORTS CARNIVAL

The Summer Sports Carnival will be held this Friday – 28th March at Maida Vale Reserve from 9.30 am till 2.30 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend to support the Forrestfield teams. The canteen will be open on the day. Good luck to all students involved.



DARLING RANGE SPORTS COLLEGE YEAR 7 & 8 PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

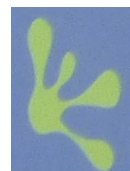
We would like to invite parents of all Year 7 and 8 students to attend our **Parent Information Session** in the College stadium,

Year 7 (2015) - Wednesday, 26th March at 7.00pm

Parents of Students Year 8 (2015) may also attend this session.



Excursion to the Advanced Water Recycling Plant



Who or What is a School Chaplain?

Here is a reminder (or if you are new to Forrestfield Primary, an introduction) about your local school resource, the School Chaplain, available here on Mondays and Tuesdays. My name is Paul Johnston, and I have been involved in our school community since July 2008. As part of the team of people who support the children, parents and carers in our learning community at Forrestfield PS, I have a unique role, being an invited guest in the school, employed outside of the main education department bureaucracy. This means that I am able to be a neutral and available supporter of all members of our school community, from the Principal right through to our youngest students.

Although I am employed by YouthCARE as a Christian representing the various Christian Churches of WA, my main role is not a religious one at all. My first priority as School Chaplain is to support all members of our community regardless of race, creed or religion. This role is called "pastoral carer" which in our school is about being a good listener and being someone who cares personally about the needs and wellbeing of each individual. I can be an optional link to other support people, resources and organisations within and outside our school. In practice, this role can only happen if and when anyone chooses to talk with the Chaplain, as all such interactions are purely a voluntary option.

As part of the National Code of Conduct, School Chaplains "must contribute to a supportive, safe, inclusive and caring learning environment within the school." One way that I do that is to give out birthday cards to each child I get to meet in the school. If any parent or primary carer does not wish for their child to receive a card from the Chaplain on their birthday, just notify the school office. Any other concerns or questions about the Chaplaincy role here would best be discussed with our Principal.

Once you get to know me, you will find that I do not bite. I am a quiet, gentle type who cares about people, especially those who are doing it tough, which is most of us at some stage! My background is strongly family-focussed, having raised five adult children with the support of my wife Jennifer, and now involved as grandfather to twelve with four more due this year! As you can imagine, I am familiar with many of the pressures, heartaches and challenges of raising a young family. I do not pretend to have pat answers to the struggles of home life and children growing up, but I do believe it can be quite helpful to talk about things and have a caring listener in our lives. Please consider saying hello and making use of me, your own School Chaplain, just to have another neighbourhood friend in your own life. From time to time we all could do with an extra listening ear and a caring heart around us.

The Chaplaincy position at Forrestfield Primary School is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations under the *National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Programme*. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.



WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK— Early in the morning is best

Water only once on your watering day, ideally early in the morning (plants do not absorb water during darkness), so that gardens are charged with the water they need during the warmest part of the day. During autumn and spring our gardens only need to be watered once a week. With cooler nights, morning dew and low evaporation, your garden will retain the moisture it needs. When rain is forecast or if it has rained, remember to turn off your reticulation. During the cooler winter months, lawns and many European plants are dormant so they need very little water. Usually the rainfall received during our mild winters are enough and any more just tends to promote weed growth. Remember there are now winter sprinkler bans in place.



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.



PINK STUMPS DAY FUNDRAISER

On Friday 14th March, students dressed up in their best pink outfit to raise money to support the nurses who provide care for women with Breast Cancer through the Glenn McGrath Foundation.

It was a wonderful event and even many of the teachers got involved in the spirit of the day. A big thank you to all students who participated.

On Friday 4th April, there will be another Pink Stumps fun day. All students will take part in a fun game of cricket. There will be wrist bands and hats available to purchase. There will also be a raffle for a signed Glenn McGrath cap. Wristbands will be \$1, Hats will be \$4 and tickets for the raffle will be 50 cents each. We hope all students support this very worthy cause.