



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

Term 1 seems to have flown by, and with our six day Easter break, our children are managing the eleven week term well.

This week's newsletter celebrates our amazing Easter Hat Parade and I hope that you enjoy all the colourful photographs on page 3. Thank you everyone for your support of this annual event, and I congratulate you all on your creative ideas. Our thanks to everyone who donated Easter Eggs and sold Raffle Tickets for the P&C Fundraiser. I believe that approximately \$1100 was raised. Our goal this year is to buy and install refrigerated drink fountains for the Junior School, Pre primary/Kindy and Garden.

You may see some new faces around our school over the next four Wednesdays. A warm welcome to Edith Cowan University Pre Service Teachers; Mr Benjamin Parkin (Room 13), Miss Sam Stotter (Room 4) and Miss Monique Varnavides (Room 2).



Last week we were very pleased to welcome Mr Nathan Morton and Mr Jeff Solliss to our school. Mr Morton was declared as our local member in a short assembly and then joined our Year 7 students for morning tea in the kitchen. After morning tea Mr Moreton visited our art room where Mr Gear and our TAGs Art students explained the process of designing a lino print for the upcoming Silk Cut Competition.



IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

11	SERCUL Frog Incursion
12	Summer Lightning Carnival
17	8.50am Student Assembly 1.00pm ANZAC DAY Ceremony
19	Last day of school for students.

MAY

6	Term 2 commences
8- 9	Mothers Day Stalls (Mothers Day is Sunday 12th May)
14-16	NAPLAN Testing

Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion has commenced again and we ask all families who shop at Woolworths to collect tokens and bring them to school. (Don't forget to ask your family and neighbours to collect for us to!) Last year we received a range of construction kits which are now being used in classrooms.

Next Wednesday we have a small student assembly at 8.50am to present awards and certificates. Parents are welcome to attend.

All parents are invited to our **ANZAC Ceremony on Wednesday 17th April commencing at 1.00pm**. This year our focus is the 10th Light Horse Regiment. We hope you will also join us after the ceremony for an ANZAC afternoon tea.

Diane Greenaway - PRINCIPAL

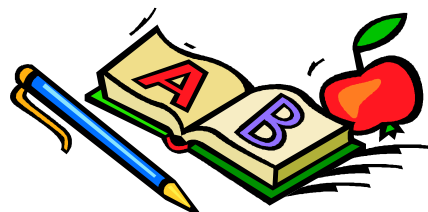
PS DON'T FORGET THAT TERM 2 COMMENCES ON **MONDAY 6th MAY**.

SCHOOL SECURITY

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

Did you know? That for a child to be deemed to have regular attendance they must be at school in excess of 90% of the time. Factors that commonly affect a your child's attendance are:

- Illness
- Bereavement
- Medical Appointments
- Lateness
- Family Vacation.



Missing time from school, even short periods can have a lasting impact on a child's education and make it very hard to "catch up".

Students should be in a routine of attending school on a regular basis from an early age. It becomes very easy to fall into a pattern of regularly missing a day from school each week or fortnight. Unfortunately it is not always as easy to break this habit.

Students late to school on a regular basis do end up losing significant portions of critical learning time. When this lateness continues for extended periods this time adds up very quickly indeed.

It is important to ensure that your child attends school regularly and only misses days for legally legitimate reasons.

ENGLISH NEWS

This week children have been completing Persuasive Writing texts as part of Writer of the Month. Persuasive Writing is the text form used to assess children's writing in the Naplan tests which commence in the Week 2 of Term 2. Writer of the Month samples will be on display in the entry to the school next week.

Michelle Landy the author of 'The Confidence Workout' provides some food for thought in encouraging your children to improve.

"If we only give praise, they don't learn to recognise when they need to put in effort or work harder. When we highlight what they are doing right, they can repeat that".

In a U.S. study, children who were praised for their intelligence during one test and given the option of following it with an easy or a hard test tended to choose the easy test so they kept looking smart. But children who were praised for the effort they put into the first test were more likely to choose the more challenging option for the second.

The advice directly contradicts the attitude adults have adopted for years – that the more you tell a child they are clever, the higher their self-esteem and the better equipped they are for life. Praise effort and the work it has taken to achieve something.

L.Schreuders (Literacy Co-ordinator)

P & C NEWS

The P & C will be holding their annual **Mother's Day Stall** on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th May in time for Mother's Day on Sunday the 12th May.

All gifts are wrapped and are great value at \$6.00 each.

All children will have a chance to attend the stall and choose their gifts.



Tee Ball

A great display of good sportsmanship by the Year 3 children was evident in sport time last Friday. Everyone put effort into the game and although one team overwhelmed the other in scores, all the children enjoyed the game and encouraged each other.

Ethan and Gage were enthusiastic captains, the best fielder was Denver and the most improved batter was James.

Well done Year 3 !!

Mrs Schreuders

DARLING RANGE LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWS

This Friday 12th April, students from years 5-7 will take part in the DRLC Inter-School Lightning Carnival, organised and run by the Darling Range Sports Association. The carnival will be the first opportunity for students from within all schools in our network to meet and compete against one another. The Darling Range Learning Community would like to thank all staff involved in organising this event and the many volunteers who have offered to provide support on the day. A special thank you to the students from Darling Range Sports College who will be umpiring on the day.

We look forward to the ongoing success of such network initiatives and wish all competitors the best for the carnival.

Matt Pinkard

Darling Range Learning Community Network Coordinator





EASTER HAT PARADE



At Last, Autumn is Here!

To celebrate the arrival of my favourite season, Autumn, and to prepare us for the Term one holidays coming up soon I would like to share with you a poem I wrote a while ago. As well as being the busy grandfather of 12 children under five, I am a member of the WA Bush Poets and Yarn-spinners, and they have a poetry competition every year. This time the theme was Autumn, and each poem had to be a maximum of 16 lines. Here is my little ditty for your enjoyment (or not)!

Autumn's Best

Four seasons come around so quick,
So now I'll tell which one's my pick.
I like the months that temper down,
As greens get mixed with hues of brown.

At last the night winds still, outside;
Our Easterlies have crossed and died.
Egged on too much, we exercise,
To stroll beneath dusk's glory skies.

We get to watch some Aussie Rules,
Then sleep more sound as night time cools.
There's something sweet out in the air,
When rain wets land that's thirsty, bare.

This change permits my heart's desire;
The joy of yarns round open fire.
We'll head away and rest a bit –
In my life stage, yes Autumn's it!



This is Paul Johnston, Forrestfield Primary's school chaplain, wishing you and your dear family a safe, happy and enjoyable Term break.

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WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK— Brushing your teeth

There is no need to leave the tap running while you brush. It uses up to 20 litres of water a minute. Simply wet your toothbrush before you begin and use a glass of water to rinse your mouth.

Running water while brushing your teeth for two minutes each day uses approximately 14,000 litres a year. Using a cup (250ml) of water while brushing your teeth uses approximately 180 litres a year. This means you will save 14,000 litres a year.

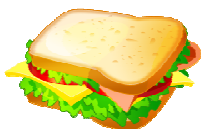


ZERO WASTE LUNCH DAY

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

Over the next five weeks we are learning about being **responsible** and our focus behaviour is on how to eat properly.

We ask all parents to support and reinforce these points at home.



When we eat we ...

1. Sit in the correct area.
2. Eat with our mouths closed.
3. Put all rubbish in the bin.
4. Pick up any other rubbish we see lying around.

