



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

This week's newsletter features photographs from Room 12 and 13's visit to **Kanyana Rehabilitation Centre** in Lesmurdie. Our Junior children had a wonderful time learning about our native animals, their adaptations, body coverings and how they are classified. We thank all the staff from Kanyana for making this excursion possible and for making us feel so welcome.



A warm welcome to **Mrs Sheree Keys** who is our **Education Assistant in Room 9**. Mrs Keys comes from Beechboro Primary School and has extensive experience working with children. We also welcome **Pre Service teachers Ms Amy Church** (Room 13), **Mrs Kendra Buss** (Room 4) and **Mrs Justine Stevens** (Room 2). Our Pre Service teachers will continue their teaching practice next term.



Our **School Council** have met to approve this year's Operational Plan and Budget. Our School Council is an important part of our school and meets each term to formulate and approve school policy and procedures, review our objectives, priorities and whole school performance. Our School Council Representatives are; Parents -Cheryl Cugini (President) , Nicole Fernie-Keep, Emma-Jane Grierson and P&C Rep Kathryn Hannan.

Staff - Stephen Matthews and Carolyn MacKay.

I look forward to working with all members of Council this year.

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL	
11	ANZAC Day Assembly—9.00am Last Day of Term
	TERM 2 Commences <u>Tuesday 29th April 2014</u>
MAY	
7	Parent Newsletter Student Assembly
13-15	NAPLAN
20	Student Council Meeting
21	Parent Newsletter
28	Room 4 TED Assembly TED's 5th Birthday



All parents are invited to our **ANZAC Ceremony on Friday 11th April commencing at 9.00am**. This year our focus is **Women in War**. We hope you will also join us for morning tea after the ceremony.

Our school community will also be represented by student councillors at the **Kalamunda RSL ANZAC Day March and Ceremony on Saturday 19th April**. The march to the Kalamunda War Memorial commences at 11.00am from the corner of Haynes Street and Railway Road. We hope to see you there.

We wish all our families a very Happy Easter and a safe holiday break. We look forward to seeing everyone back on **Tuesday 29th April**.

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.

P AND C NEWS

Reminder: Thursday is the last day for returning raffle tickets and for Easter Hamper donations. We still have a few books of tickets for sale—please see the front office.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn at 2.30 on Friday 11th April in the Undercover area.

Our P&C now has a Facebook Page so that we can share information and inform everyone of school events. Please like us on Facebook to be informed of future P&C events.

PINK STUMPS DAY

Last Friday the school held the second event in the Pink Stumps Fundraising campaign. The Pink Stumps Fun day was a lot of fun. The student councillors set up and ran several fun games with student from all year levels. The students purchased items from the stall. In total, our school raised \$468.40. This is a fantastic achievement for such a small school and I sincerely thank all parents and students for their support of this worthy cause. Well done everyone!



CONGRATULATIONS SHANICE

Pink Stumps Day was personally significant to Year 5 student Shanice Robertson. Shanice donated \$30, all the money she had saved in her piggy bank, to buy raffle tickets for the Pink Stumps Raffle. She won first prize—the Glen McGrath autographed hat. Congratulations and thank you Shanice.



STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

Our student councillors met this week to discuss, plan and organise their duties for next term. We look forward to their report in future newsletters.



FACTION REWARD

Today, Gold faction received a reward of a sausage sizzle and a fruit drink for lunch. Well done to Gold faction for always listening to your teachers' and Faction Captains' instructions.





Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre



HOW OUR FEELINGS COME ACROSS

Over these next school holidays we will have public holidays and remembrances for both Easter and ANZAC Day. It is quite unusual for both events to happen in between school terms here, but this does not change their significance in our Australian calendar. It actually gives us adults and families an opportunity to make the most of each occasion as they come along during the school break. Speaking personally, in their own way each of them will mean a bit more to me this year at this time.

Firstly, the weekend of Easter will be a fresh reminder for me of the passing away of my Mum just one month ago. The Easter bunnies everywhere will remind me of the lovely little watercolour cartoon animal scenes, such as Bambi, she used to create on each card she would make for loved ones. And all the chocolate at this time will bring to mind the chockie biscuits and hot drinks she would share with those who came to visit her over the years. Meanwhile, hot cross buns and the crosses of Easter will remind me of her faith and hope that filled her life with joy and contentment.

Secondly, ANZAC day will have fresh significance to me this year as my 25 year old son Timothy is to graduate as a soldier in the Australian Army this Friday. My wife and I are travelling to Wagga Wagga to see his march-out and spend some time with him for the first time since the start of this year. Having a son in the Army makes ANZAC services very personal and meaningful. Both of my grandfathers served and were wounded in the First World War, and my Dad was in the RAAF, but now the value of our Defence Forces seems here and now, very near and dear.

To me, the common factor in these two coming special events is grief even in our gratitude. Grief over the loss of loved ones into the unknowable distance of eternity, and grief over the sacrifice and loss of war. I have been reminded that one of the first and strongest emotions of grief is anger. Anger that is too painful to hold in or be polite, and too personal to be able to empathise with others. So I remind myself and us all that grief is natural and good, but it tends to be unhelpful to get cross with each other too much. So during this season of crosses may we all find peace, contentment and thankfulness in our own personal heartache and in our remembrances together.



Happy, safe holidays 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— Visit a Waterwise Garden Centre

All Waterwise Garden Centres have a variety of information on how to make your garden waterwise, including garden designs and plant species. They will also give you great ideas on how to plan, prepare and plant your garden so it uses less water. The garden centres also stock a large range of products such as mulches, soil conditioners and soil wetting agents to further assist in conserving water in your garden. To find your nearest Waterwise Garden Centre call the Water Corporation on 13 10 39.



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.



When we go to the bathroom . . .



We respect the privacy of others.

We use and flush the toilet.

We are hygienic and wash our hands.

We immediately report misuse of the bathroom to the teacher.

