



Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

We are almost halfway through Term 2 and teachers are busy preparing Semester 2 reports.

Our thanks to our school community for the sports equipment which arrived last week from last year's **Coles Sports for Schools Promotion**.



We will be adding this equipment to our class Sports bins to be used by all students at play times.



As I mentioned last term, my focus this term is to encourage **all children to read each night at home**. Our early childhood children take home a reading book to read and our middle and senior children have a Lexile Library book. I can't stress enough that one of the most important things that you can do to support your child is to develop a love of reading. Reading is not only fun, it's an essential skill that helps children succeed at school. Special congratulations to **Mary Solimen, our first Lexile Certificate winner**. Mary was awarded a blue certificate for reading sixteen books and completing the associated quizzes. Well done Mary.



IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

31	FRIDAY School Development Day (Children do not attend)
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JUNE

2	SUNDAY Fundraiser Sausage Sizzle Bunnings Maddington
3	MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY—WA DAY
5	TED's 4th Birthday Assembly Room 9
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Next Wednesday, **TED turns 4** and I invite all parents to the **TED Parent Assembly** to wish him happy birthday and then join us after the assembly for coffee and birthday cake.

This Friday we have a **School Development Day** and I remind parents that children **do not attend on Friday of this week or Monday of next week** which is WA Day.

If you are not going away for the long weekend, come down to **Bunnings Maddington on Sunday for a sausage sizzle**. Teachers will be running the school fundraiser with all monies going to our Canberra 2013 Year 6 and 7 Camp. Our last camp fundraiser will be a student disco next Thursday. (*Details were sent home yesterday.*)

Diane Greenaway - PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL SECURITY

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

LITERACY

In the last couple of years we have been fortunate to build up the school's reading resources with the Key Links, Into Connectors Connectors and Lexile series of books.

The library has also been able to make extensive book purchases and has recently added updated and modernised bookshelves to provide a more appealing area for the children.

As purchases have increased the number of books available, older books have been culled from the library and the reading resources. Some of these are being used in classrooms as 'take home' reading books or as a class library.

An opportunity arose to give other books as a donation to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Between 30 and 40 boxes of books have been packed to send to "Hope for Children" an organization which runs a library and school in a poor area in Ethiopia.

Their school caters for children from Pre-primary and they are particularly pleased to be getting some reading series from us.

Reading is such an important skill to learn and to improve, please check that your children are reading their take-home reading books or their Lexiles regularly.

Mrs L.Schreuders



Positive Parenting Program.

We are pleased to announce that in Term 3 we will be running a Positive Parenting Program at our school. This is a fantastic opportunity as this is a free service to parents or guardians. This program teaches strategies which will help you to raise happy and confident children, through small changes and simple routines. Parents and guardians whose children attend Forrestfield Primary School have priority, as participant numbers in the course are limited. The course's target audience is for parents and guardians of children aged 7 and under. Please see the flyer in this week's newsletter for booking details. Creche facilities will be available at the school.

The course commences on Thursday 1st of August and will run between 9am and 11am for 8 weeks.

To enrol in the course please phone 0428730286.

If crèche facilities are required please contact the school on 94536277

I hope many of you will take this opportunity as the program will identify a range of strategies designed to make parenting easier. **Janine Mason - Learning Support Co-ordinator.**

KINDERGARTEN 2014

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten for children born between 1/7/2009 to 30/6/2010.

Application forms are available from the School Office or from our Website: www.ffps.wa.edu.au

If you have any questions or would prefer a form posted to you, please call the school on 9453 6277

COMING SOON

SCITECH INCURSION IN WEEK 9!

There will be exciting shows and hands-on activities for all classes except Kindergarten.

The cost will be \$2.50 per student.

A note will be sent home in week 7 with more information.



PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT YEARS 5 - 7

Darling Range Sports College
would like to invite you to attend a

Year 5 - 7 Parent Information Night

7pm, Wednesday 5th June 2013
in the College library

Please RSVP to the College on
9453 0100 by Monday 3rd June 2013

Come along and learn more about high school and
our Academic and Specialist Programs

(This is a repeat session for those parents who were
unable to attend the one held in Term 1)

E: darlingrangesc@education.wa.edu.au

W: darlingrangesc.wa.edu.au

T: 9453 0100

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Last Wednesday we held a Student Assembly. Congratulations to our students who earned Honour Certificates. Yarren Jacobs was awarded a certificate for being a finalist in the "Banners in the Terrace" Competition being run by the Shire of Kalamunda.

All of our students sang "The Calling Song", with great guest solo performances from Xavier O'Brien, Callum Sharp, Jacilyn Hadley and Mr O'Connor.

Attendance Awards were also presented at the Assembly for Term 1 Weeks 9 10 & 11

- Explained absences runner up - Room 2
- Explained absences winner – Room 13
- Best Attendance runner up - Room 16
- Best Attendance winner – Room 4
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Regular attendance and consistent engagement with school are vital for students to do well. At Forrestfield Primary School, attendance is one of our priorities and we would encourage all parents and caregivers to ensure their children are at school every day, rested and ready to work.

Our next Assembly will be run by Room 9 and will be held on TED's 4th Birthday on June 5th.

Please come along for the Birthday Fun!

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Rm 2	Zion Dehar, Selena Toleafoa, Katelin Holland
Rm 4	Ethan Dehar, Nikiesha Little
Rm 9	Aurora Clifford, Koopah Kickett
Rm 12	Elizabeth Milsom, Gage Woods
Rm 13	Mitchell White, Milly Bitkash-Cunningham
TAGS	Mervyn Woods, Breehanna Lampard



COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

Congratulations to Richie Rynbeck & Milly Bitkash-Cunningham (Room 13), Gage Woods & Elizabeth Milsom (Room 12), Jacob Gilbert & Zac Purtle (Room 9), Trinity Stacey & Aidan Walters (Room 4) and Cody Polsen & Kuini Bavadra (Room 2) who have been elected by their class to be Garden Guardians this term.

In addition to garden duties, our Garden Guardians meet to discuss sustainability issues across the school.

They also make sure class lights and computers are turned off, paper is placed in the recycling box and food scraps go in the chook bucket.

Next Thursday afternoon our school is hosting a Waste Wise Schools Workshop to share our sustainability activities.

We look forward to sharing this wonderful program and our student work with teachers from other schools.

HEALTHY SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR KIDS

Unfortunately, the social networking and cyber bullying subject is often not viewed in the whole context of relationships, conflict, and lack of respect. There is a lot of misleading information and a tsunami of inflammatory stories on cyber bullying. Sometimes there is so much focus on cyber bullying by the media, school departments, and parents that little attention is paid to general relationship skills. Some of the major apparent bullying issues between children on the social sites have actually arisen from unresolved conflict in day-to-day relationships that spill over into social networking sites. I believe that face-to-face is the most effective and the most respectful way to resolve conflict. It's interesting that Facebook is called what it is; actually, if you think about it, it really is 'Facelessbook'. Part of the reason why people use social media to pick on, show disrespect, and bully people is because it is faceless. Many children have told me that the reason others bully online is because they are gutless to say it to the other person's face.



There is a saying that goes like this, 'Any words spoken in anger are words that may be regretted later.' The same could be said for any words *written* in anger. The whole world of social media, Internet, personal tablets, PCs, mobile phones, digital cameras, and the cyber world is like a Pandora's Box for children. Children are mostly sensible, aware, and savvy enough to keep themselves safe. What I have come across is a fairly large degree of self-regulation amongst children in the cyber world. The reality is, in time, that they will relate the same values system in the cyber world as they do in the real world. Sometimes I have seen a greater sense of sticking up for someone or speaking out when something is not right amongst children online. However, I have seen a particular nasty and vindictive side as well.



Here are some social networking hints for our kids: Don't use social sites to sort out fights with others. It can often make it worse. It is best to do this face-to-face; it is much more respectful. If someone continues or starts a fight with you online, you could say to them, 'Can we meet to talk about this?' Think carefully before posting anything – once it's posted, it may be difficult to remove. A question to ask yourself before posting a comment is 'Would I like someone saying this to me?' Keep your user name and password to yourself (don't even share it with your best friend). Keep private – private – be careful about what you share online. If you don't feel comfortable about something, it could be a good sign that it is not safe or right. If you are not feeling right or safe about something, talk to an adult you trust. Be respectful of other people's content in the same way you would

like people to respect your content. Remember – once the 'ENTER' button is pressed, it's almost impossible to stop it. So *don't* press it if you are really angry or upset with someone!

Thoughts taken from *Bully Proofing: the Art of Social Confidence for Children*, by Steve Heron, 2013. Happy and healthy social networking to you and your family, from our school chaplain Paul Johnston.

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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 (i.e. washing machine, etc)
- *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 www.watercorporation.com.au)



CONGRATULATIONS CALLUM SHARP

Congratulations to Callum, who recently took out second place in the "Eric Walter Cup"

This is an annual event held by the WA Junior Motorcross Club.

Bike riders from around the state entered this prestigious event, and Callum showed off all his skills to win the second place.

Well done Callum and congratulations on your win!



VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Over the next weeks we are learning about **courtesy** and our focus behaviour is "When we go to the Bathroom."

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

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.

