



# Forrestfield Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

As I am writing our final newsletter for the term, the final edits are being made to Semester 1 student reports and the final preparations for our Year 6/7 student trip to Canberra are being put in place.

Last week **Mr Joe Isiah** from Darling Range Sports College came to audition students in Years 6 and 7 for the upcoming **DRLC Arts on Show** event. We had seven students audition and Mr Isiah led the students through warm up activities before reading parts.



Last week we were also honoured to have **His Excellency Malcolm McCusker**, Governor of Western Australia, Mrs McCusker, their daughter Mary and Young Australian of the Year, **Akrim Azimi** visit our school. Mr and Mrs McCusker told the children all about the role of the Governor and Government House and Mary stole the show by displaying pictures.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### JUNE

27	<b>Parliament House Visit Reports Home—Kindy Only</b>
28	<b>Winter Sports Carnival Reports Home—PP to Year 7</b>

### JULY

1-5	<b>Yr 6/7 Canberra 2103 Trip</b>
2	<b>Scitech Incursions Rooms 9 &amp; 4</b>
5	<b>Last Day of Term Term 3 Starts <u>Tues 23rd July</u></b>
30	<b>School Photos</b>
31	<b>Parent Newsletter</b>
5—9	<b>WAMSE Testing</b>

Mr Azimi told the children about Kids Helping Kids and about his amazing experiences with Aboriginal and African Communities. Our guests then joined us in the garden where Mr McCusker planted some cabbage seedlings before having morning tea with our Student Councillors and Garden Guardians. We have included pictures of His Excellency in this week's newsletter.

We are currently taking **Kindergarten enrolments for 2014**. Please let your family, friends and neighbours know and ask them to come to the office to fill out an enrolment form. **Enrolments close on Friday 26th July.**

A reminder to all families that **school commences next term on Tuesday 23rd July**. Happy holidays everyone!

*Diane Greenaway* - PRINCIPAL

## SCHOOL SECURITY

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

## SEMESTER 2 STAFF CHANGES

As this term draws to an end, we sadly farewell **Ms Claire Graham**. Ms Graham has been our Science and ATAS support teacher this semester. Ms Graham has single-handedly set up our Science Program in Room 17 and it has been a joy to see our students carrying out investigations and talking about variables. We will miss you Ms Graham and hope to see you back in the future.

**Mrs Schreuders** begins her well deserved Long Service Leave at the end of Week 1 next Term. We welcome Mrs Kira Keegan to our teaching staff for the nine weeks.

I am pleased to announce that **Mr Borbas** joins our permanent teaching staff and will return to his two day a week music role at the beginning of 2014. Congratulations Mr Borbas.

Our Pre Service teachers; **Mr Ben Parkin**, **Ms Sam Stotter** and **Ms Monique Varnavides** complete their Teaching Practice on Friday. We have enjoyed their company and their contribution to our school over the past few months and wish them all the best in their future teaching careers.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 2013

Midland Photographers will be taking our 2013 School Photographs on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013**.

We are again offering a family portrait pack (Option G) which we hope will be popular with our families.

A letter and an order envelope which outlines the variety of options available have been sent home with each child. The back of the envelope outlines the photographs in each option. Please select the option that you wish to purchase, tick the appropriate box, and return the **envelope with payment to the school office by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013**.

If you have any questions about the process this year, or you require more envelopes, please don't hesitate to contact the school on 9453 6277.



## ENGLISH NEWS

With school holidays coming up soon be sure to check out what is happening at our local libraries.

Our local Forrestfield library in Strelizia Avenue will have fliers available advertising library activities during the holidays.

Our own school library is looking colourful and updated with new shelving and television, and more new books and a selection of new games will soon be available.

Parents... language development, improved communication skills and an enriched vocabulary are some of the benefits of encouraging your children to develop a love of reading.

When you are listening to young children reading, read with them and talk about the words, the main idea of the story and the illustrations. Help them read the longer more difficult words and tell them the words they can't figure out.

Be encouraging and make reading fun !!!

L. Schreuders



## Positive Parenting Program Reminder.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**



## STUDENT ASSEMBLY

At today's assembly we had as special guest, Mr Ian Bresland, President from Morley Rotary, presented thirty microscopes to our school. We thank Mr Bresland and look forward to using them in our Science Program next semester.

Staff and parents were entertained by our students singing 'Home Among the Gum Trees', which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Congratulations to all our Award winners, and well done on your achievements.



### Honour Certificates

Rm 2	Michael Russell, Mitchell Hubbard, Jake Lyons
Rm 4	Kahlan Fernie-Keep, Isaiah Solimen
Rm 9	Jacilyn Hadley, Cayleb Kingi
Rm 12	Oliver Gilbert, Jack Coffey
Rm 13	Dayna Plese, Ellouise Daisley-Green
TAGS/ART	Selena Toleafoa, Lloyd MacArthur
MUSIC	Alfred Kamara, Bianca Batty

## VISIT FROM OUR GOVERNOR, HIS EXCELLENCY MR MALCOLM McCUSKER





## GIVING AWAY SELF-RESPECT

Having been to a few too many Memorial Services for departed friends lately, it struck me how little we compliment the dear people in our lives about their ways. Why do we wait until someone dies before we admire them? My middle daughter has told me that she doesn't want anyone saying anything *about* her at her funeral that they haven't said *to* her while she is alive. What a pity that we so often and so routinely neglect to express our appreciation of one another.



Now I'm not suggesting that we make things up and flatter people with slippery words. I think that we can actually respect others more deeply and naturally by being real about the things we appreciate in them. The little things in life are often the most meaningful and heart-warming. We always notice the kind or caring ways of others, but seldom say anything to affirm these dear people in our day. Sometimes it is the normal behaviour of a friend, just the way they are, that we really appreciate but never tell them.

People in our everyday lives can be our dear friends and hardly realise it because we forget to tell them or express our delight with their company. When we tell our loved ones how thankful we are to have them around, we are showing that we are truly grateful for them and their lives. There is something healthy and refreshing about encouraging others – we actually feel better ourselves for making the tiny effort it takes to tell someone how we value them. There are so many people in our lives who barely realise what joy they bring to us simply by being around.



When it comes to our own children, they literally thrive on our interest in them and our delight in their achievements. Even more than that, their much-needed self-respect can really be built up to empower them as a young person. They grow confidence, hope and perseverance through our personal expressions of their unique value and dearness to us. All it takes is a little word of encouragement once in a while, and it makes all the difference in a fellow-traveller's life. When it all boils down, even on our good days we all could do with a little bit more practical words of affirmation – which I suspect is the common love language of many of us! Meanwhile, dear parent, loads of self-respect coming your way from your school chaplain, Paul Johnston!

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## WATERWISE TIP OF THE WEEK—

### Install an in-tap flow regulator

Installing an in-tap flow regulator can help to save water by taking the place of regular tap washers and allow water to flow at predetermined rates. These could save up to 50% of the water you use and they also provide softer water with less splashing.

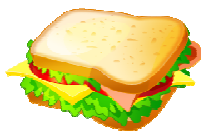


## ZERO WASTE LUNCH DAY

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.

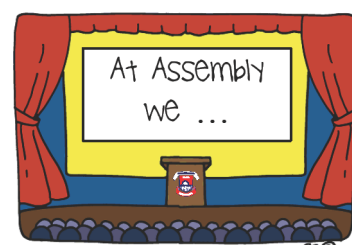
Zero waste lunch days are linked to our Sustainability Focus for 2013 and makes kids and parents aware of what we throw out and our need to recycle as much as possible.






## VIRTUES AND BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Over the next weeks we are learning about **Tolerance** and our focus behaviour is **“Assembly Behaviour.”**

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



-  Sit with our legs crossed and hands in our lap
-  Look at the person speaking
-  Stand, sit and move quietly when instructed

